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says Trump; his Facebook, Instagram accounts blocked till inauguration

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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 lovalists 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 paraphernalia pro-Trump 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 vinu express then mination to carry out what they called a constitutionally sacrosanct function. They refused, by resounding bipartisan majorities, to deliver Trump the election reversal he demanded.



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...'

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



ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS, **SABRINA TAVERNISE** & EMILY COCHRANE 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. .unningiy, the 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 out," our way said Representative Jason Crow, Democrat of Colorado and a former Army Ranger in Iraq, who

found himself captive in the House chamber.

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INSURRECTION

BY AMITABH MATTOO

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

AANCHAL MAGAZINE 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 monthslong nationwide lockdown, is deeper than the 7.5 per cent contraction estimated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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 REPORTS, PAGES 3, 5

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 Narendra Singh Tomar on Thursday met religious leader Baba Lakha Singh, one of the heads of the Nanaksar Sikh sect based in Puniab. While Baba Lakha Singh, who has been organising langar at the protest sites, said he wished to mediate between the government

Friday's talks will be between a ministerial committee including Tomar, Food Minister Pivush Goval and Minister of State for Commerce and ndustry Som Pr 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**

and the protesting farmers,

Tomar played down the meet-

ing and the farm unions said

the religious leader wasn't

speaking for them.

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

DONALD TRUMP **US PRESIDENT**

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

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**

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 BUSINESS AS USUAL **By UNNY**



AMERICA ATTACKS AMERICA BY PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

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Horrific scene... not America at its **THE EDITORIAL PAGE** 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

coming out of news 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



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

ing 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 to start using the period

Joshi says all it will take is for

women too."

Thane shows the way, slum marks a room for menstrual hygiene PAGE 1 **ANCHOR** block, Jyoti Shinde, 30, is also do-

MAYURA JANWALKAR MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

IN THE grimy, narrow alleys of Thane's Lokmanva Nagar, a onestorey 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 lajjaspad 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 vet. Muse Foundation, an NGO

'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

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

New Delhi

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

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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Pak anti-terrorism court issues arrest warrant for JeM chief Masood Azhar

MZULQERNAIN LAHORE, JANUARY 7

AN ANTI-TERRORISM court in Pakistan on Thursday issued an arrest warrant for Masood Azhar, chief of the banned Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), on charges of terror financing. This comes days after another terrorist, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, was arrested on similar charges.

The anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Gujranwala issued the warrant against Azhar during a hearing in a terror financing case instituted by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of Pakistan's Punjab police against some members of the JeM.

"ATC Gujranwala judge Natasha Naseem Supra issued an arrest warrant for Masood Azhar and directed the CTD to arrest him and present him in the court. The CTD told the judge the JeM chief was involved in terror financing and selling jihadi literature," an official told PTI.

He said the ATC judge issued the arrest warrant for Azhar on the request of a CTD inspector.

Azhar is believed to be hiding in a "safe place" in his native town of Bahawalpur. Sources in New Delhi said that under pressure

from global terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Pakistan has acknowledged Azhar's presence on its territory. Pakistan is trying to improve its global standing and to wriggle out of the FATF's grey list.

Following the Pulwama terror attack in February 2019 in India, Pakistan's Punjab province police had launched a crackdown on terrorism financing, and in this connection, arrested six activists of the JeM in Gujranwala, some 130 km from Lahore.

The CTD said its teams raided the whereabouts of the JeM's "safe house" and arrested its members -Muhammad Afzal, Muhammad Amir, Allah Ditta, Muhammad Iftikhar, Muhammad Ajmal and Muhammad Bilal Makki - and recovered lakhs of rupees from their possession.

"The suspects were collecting funds to finance activities of JeM. The chargesheet against them has been submitted to the Anti-Terrorism Court Gujranwala and they are being interrogated," the CTD said.

Following immense international pressure

FROM PAGE ONE The invasion

the House chamber, with police officers drawing their weapons. A pro-Trump protester casually monkeyed around at the dais of the Senate. Intruders in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's suite overturned desks and smashed photos. Others ripped artwork in Senate hideaway offices.

"This is what the president has caused today, this insurrection," Senator Mitt Romney, Republican of Utah, said as he and other senators were hustled off to a secure location.

Some of the protesters gawked at the grand and storied building they had unlawfully flooded while others looked at it with contempt.

"I don't trust any of these people," said Eric Martin, 49, a woodworker from Charleston, S.C., as he marvelled at the opulence of the Capitol and helped a friend wash pepper spray from his eyes. "Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

But if some only stared at the Capitol, others resorted to violence. The Capitol Police fatally shot a woman inside the building, according to Chief Robert J. Contee of the Metropolitan Police Department, and multiple officers were injured. Another woman and two men around the Capitol died from separate medical emergencies as the mob charged to the building.

Two explosive devices were found around noon near the headquarters of the Republican National Committee, then destroyed by a bomb squad. And the federal authorities arrested a 70-year-old man from near the Alabama Capitol with a firearm and materials to make several Molotov cocktails.

By Wednesday evening, the scene outside the Capitol had calmed, after Capitol Police, supplemented by FBI agents and Department of Homeland Security officers with members of the National Guard on their way, squeezed protesters from every corner of the building to the majestic Rotunda, then persuaded them to leave. Before that was mayhem. At one point, as lawmakers and staff members were rushing out of a Senate chamber under assault, aides scurried back to grab hold of boxes containing the Electoral College certificates, making sure that the protesters could not literally steal the results of the election. On the east side of the complex, people banged on the glass windows. Crowds charged past the front columns, and some pressed their faces into the glass. Others in camouflage used poles to batter an entrance to the building, breaking it open. The crowd then rushed through, passing through metal detectors as one man blared a Trump speech about the "stolen" election through a speaker. As debate progressed in the House chamber over a Republican protest of Arizona's Electoral College votes for President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr., few lawmakers knew of the commotion. But Capitol Police officers were quietly locking down the building, instructing everyone in the hallways to shelter in place and preparing reporters for the possibility of doing so in the chamber.

US Congress confirms Biden win sults lodged by Senators Ted Cruz

of Texas and Tommy Tuberville of

A challenge to Pennsylvania's

results backed by Hawley ended

in defeats, as well. Skipping debate

altogether, senators voted to reject

it 7 to 92. The House moved more

slowly, but eventually voted 138 to

day when Democrats secured a

stunning pair of victories in runoff

elections in Georgia, winning ef-

fective control of the Senate and

the complete levers of power in

Washington. And it arrived as

Congress met for what would nor-

mally have been a perfunctory and

ceremonial session to declare

weekslong campaign by Trump,

filled with baseless claims of fraud

and outright lies, to try to overturn

an election that he lost. He fought

the result in court with dozens of

spurious lawsuits that he lost. He

outright pressured Republican

leaders in key battleground states

to reverse the will of the voters.

The siege was the climax of a

The upheaval unfolded on a

the election results.

282 to do the same.

Biden's election.

made Biden's victory official just after 3:40 am in Washington, declaring that Biden had received 306 electoral votes to Trump's 232 and would be inaugurated the 46th president on January 20.

'To those who wreaked havoc in our Capitol today, you did not win," Pence had said earlier. "Violence never wins. Freedom wins. And this is still the people's house.' Senator Mitch McConnell,

Republican of Kentucky and the majority leader, said the "failed insurrection" had only clarified Congress's purpose. "They tried to disrupt our

democracy," he said. "They failed." In a statement just before 4 am

Thursday, the President finally conceded, saying, "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."

Still, the process opened bitter wounds within the Republican Party that are unlikely to quickly heal. While some Republicans who had planned to join the effort to overturn Biden's victory agreed to drop their challenges after the Capitol siege, Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri pressed forward, keeping both chambers in session well past midnight An objection to Arizona's re-

young man put a framed picture of the Dalai Lama in his backpack.

"We're claiming the House, and the Senate is ours," a sweaty man in a checked shirt shouted, stabbing his finger in the air.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES PM Modi

Washington DC was "not America". He also expressed belief in the strength of American democracy".

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the violence "should never succeed in overruling the will of the people".

German Foreign Minister Heiko laas said Trump and his supportAnd he fought, at last, to turn the congressional counting into the site of his final stand

Alabama just before the violence broke out in the Capitol failed over-Far from discouraging conwhelmingly in the Senate, 6 to 93. frontation, Trump had encouraged The House turned it back on a vote his supporters earlier Wednesday to confront Republican lawmakof 121 to 303, but more than half of that chamber's Republicans ers going against him to side with supported the effort to overturn the Constitution.

"We will never concede," he told a group of thousands gathered near the White House, inveighing against members of his own party preparing to finalize his loss as weak Republicans, pathetic Republicans" whose leadership had gone "down the tubes." He then repeatedly told them to march to the Capitol where the vote tallying was about to get underway. The violence began a little more than two hours later.

In a speech just before the violence broke out, McConnell, the most powerful Republican on Capitol Hill, rebuked Trump and members of his own party, warning that the drive to overturn a legitimate election risked sending democracy into "a death spiral."

"The voters, the courts and the states have all spoken," said Mr. McConnell, the majority leader. "If we overrule them all, it would damage our republic forever.'

Biden, in his own remarks, demanded that Trump intervene to tamp down an "unprecedented

India "the most fascinating country in the world" and "many countries rolled up into one".

GDP

its December 4 monetary policy re-

The projected contraction reflects a loss of Rs 11.3 lakh crore of

assault" on democracy. He called for a TV address by Trump to "fulfil his oath and defend the Constitution and demand an end to this siege."

"This is not dissent. It's disorder. It's chaos. It borders on sedition, and it must end now," Biden said. "I call on this mob to pull back and allow the work of democracy to go forward."

Trump initially stayed quiet as the mob rampaged through the Capitol. When he did make himself heard, it was to call for support for law enforcement in a tweet that concluded, "Stay peaceful!" But not long after, he released a brief video repeating his disproved claim that "the election was stolen" and speaking in sympathetic and affectionate terms to members of the mob. Later, he absolved the mobsters of their gross assault, effectively arguing that their actions had been warranted.

"These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously & viciously stripped away from great patriots who have been badly & unfairly treated for so long," Trump wrote Wednesday evening in a tweet, which Twitter later removed. "Go home with love & in peace.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

previous year. GDP in nominal terms, which factors in inflation, is estimated at (-)4.2 per cent as against a growth of 7.2 per cent in 2019-20.

chargesheet against an Army offi-With the lower nominal GDP cer and two civilians over the killing of three labourers from growth rate, the government's fiscal math is also expected to take a Rajouri in another "encounter" at hit. The Budget estimate for 2020-Shopian in Iulv. 21 had pegged GDP at Rs 224.89 lakh crore, while the first advance estimates have pegged the nominal GDP at Rs 194.81 lakh crore. A sector-wise breakup of data for FY21 shows the sharpest fall in "trade, hotels, transport, communication and broadcasting services" at (-)21.4 per cent from 3.6 per cent growth last year. This is followed by 12.6 per cent contraction in the conhe said. struction sector as against a growth of 1.3 per cent last year. The Finance Ministry in its statement said the movement of various high frequency indicators in recent months points to the "broad based nature of resurgence of economic activity". The NSO said the GDP estimates were likely to undergo "sharp revisions", as the data collection for the underlying macroeconomic indicators like IIP and CPI used in the national income estimates were impacted due to restrictions imposed in March last year in view of the pandemic.

that." Asked if he will meet other religious leaders from Punjab to mediate with the protesting farmers, the minister said, "I will meet everyone -- be they farmers or leaders.' Tomar also claimed to have known Baba Lakha Singh from before. "I used to talk to him... But today he came to meet me in Delhi, so it became news." Srinagar

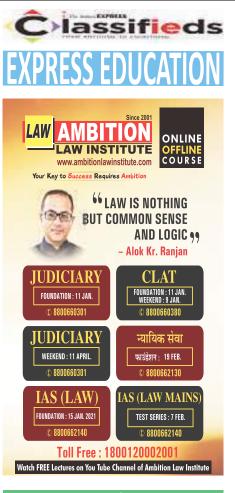
Remember this day forever!

ter the Pulwama attack, the Pakistan government had arrested over 100 members of banned militant outfits including the IeM chief's son and brother. The government also took control of the JeM, Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed's Jamaat-ud-Dawah (uD) and Falahai Insaniat Foundation (FIF) properties including seminaries and mosques across the country.

JeM had claimed responsibility for the Pulwama terror attack that killed 40 CRPF soldiers.

Pakistan's Punjab government claimed to have taken over the administrative control of the JeM headquarters - comprising Madressatul Sabir and Jamae-Masjid Subhanallah — in Bahawalpur.

According to the government, some 600 students are studying there and none of them is associated with any banned outfit or involved in any terror activity. PTI



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Just after 2.30 pm, a police officer stepped on the dais and informed lawmakers that they might need to duck under their chairs.

"We now have individuals that have breached the Capitol building," he said, warning them to be prepared to relocate to the cloakrooms. "They are in the Rotunda."

A wooden chest was pushed in front of the main doors to the chamber. Security officers drew their guns, pointing and shouting at the entrance, as lawmakers, staff aides and reporters cowered in the top levels of the chamber. There was a bang, and everyone was told to get down.

In a surreal scene of chaos and glee, hundreds of Trump loyalists roamed the halls, taking photos and breaking into offices. No police officers were in view. In a room where there were images of mountains and maps of Oregon on the wall, a man in a leather jacket ripped a scroll with Chinese characters. A

about rioting and violence in Washington DC. Orderly and peaceful transfer of power must continue. The democratic process cannot be allowed to be subverted through unlawful protests," Modi posted on

Twitter. These remarks come amid growing disguiet in New Delhi over the manner in which Trump responded to his electoral defeat and his refusal to concede the elections. Sources said there was considerable concern at the highest levels in the Government over the "instability" and "unpredictability" in the US since the November elections.

Besides, President-elect loe Biden is a known commodity for India's America hands – External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and Indian ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu have dealt with him in his previous roles.

On November 17, as soon as it became clear that Trump was losing the elections, Modi was among the world leaders to congratulate Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on their victory

Until then, India had engaged proactively with the Trump administration over the past four years -Trump was the key guest at two public events, in Houston in September 2019 and in Ahmedabad in February 2020.

At the Howdy Modi event in Houston, the Prime Minister, who has referred to Trump as a "true friend of India". had famously remarked: "Abki Baar Trump Sarkar".

Major US allies like the UK, France, Germany, Australia, EU condemned the Capitol violence.

NATO secretary general lens Stoltenberg said: "Shocking scenes in Washington, D.C. The outcome of this democratic election must be respected."

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson described the storming of the Congress as "disgraceful". "The United States stands for democracy around the world and it is now vital that there should be a peaceful and orderly transfer of power," he said.

French President Emmanuel Macron stood before French and US flags to state that what happened in ers "should finally accept the decision of the American voters and stop trampling democracy"

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, another close ally of the US, condemned the "acts of violence and looked forward to a peaceful transfer of government to the newly elected administration in the great American democratic tradition".

US envoy

in the end of 2017. During his term, the India-US relationship has transformed, especially in defence, security and energy cooperation.

Speaking about his India stint, Juster marked out three incidents as "low points": the Pulwama terrorist attack in February 2019, the desecration of the Mahatma Gandhi statue outside the Indian Embassy in Washington DC last summer, and the Galwan Valley incident in which 20 Indian soldiers were killed in violent clashes with Chinese troops.

On the air strikes in Balakot, Juster said the US was concerned about the possibility of escalation.

"Whenever there's a potential conflict or an actual engagement, we are always concerned that something could escalate. And all parties are hoping that there can be restraint shown and the situation can de-escalate. That's been our perspective with the border disputes with China – that people want to try to resolve the issues peacefully. Now, on terrorism issues, it's also understood that countries may need to take some responsive action when that occurs. If that's the case, you're hoping it would be proportionate to that incident," he said.

He also spoke about the trip hosted by the Centre for diplomats to Jammu and Kashmir in January 2020, following the bifurcation of the state, and called it an "important and valuable" opportunity. He said that the US has publicly expressed its hope for restoration of full access to the Internet in J&K, and for the realisation of economic benefits that have been discussed by all parties.

The envoy signalled that he was leaving on a happy note as he called

GDP in real absolute terms from last year.

Out of a total eight sectors, agriculture and electricity generation are the only two that are projected to be in positive territory, with an estimated growth rate of 3.4 per cent and 2.7 per cent respectively.

On the expenditure side, except for government final consumption expenditure, which has been estimated to increase 5.8 per cent in FY21, other drivers of demand are down sharply: private consumption expenditure is expected to contract 9.5 per cent, and gross fixed capital formation - an indicator for private investment – is expected to contract 14.5 per cent.

The (-)7.7 per cent GDP estimate rests on the assumption of government expenditure rising 17 per cent year-on-year in the second half of the fiscal from the 3.9 per cent contraction seen in the first half. This, economists said, would be crucial for the sustainability of the overall FY21 GDP estimate.

"A 3.7% contraction in GVA of public administration and mere 5.8% growth in GFCE (lowest in last seven years) at a time when the economy is facing its worst is a bit intriguing. Imputed GVA growth of public administration (3.3%) and GFCE growth (17.0%) in 2HFY21 suggests that these estimates are contingent on government (both central and states) spending.

"If GFCE growth slows down to 10% from 17% in 2HFY21, 2HFY21 GDP contraction will increase to 0.4% from 0.1% and FY21 contraction will widen to 7.9% from estimated 7.7%," Sunil Kumar Sinha, principal economist, India Ratings & Research said.

Dharmakirti Joshi, chief economist at CRISIL Research, said, "Excluding agriculture and public administration, GVA growth stands at (-)10%. On the expenditure side, excluding government consumption, GDP growth stands at (-)9.5%."

The growth rate in terms of gross value added (GVA) - which is GDP minus net product taxes, and reflects growth in supply – is seen contracting to 7.2 per cent in 2020-21 from 3.9 per cent in the

Tomar

With the government insisting that there was no question of agreeing to the farmers' demand of repeal of the laws, Minister of State, Agriculture, Kailash Choudhary said more reforms were planned for the agriculture sector, and these could also face protests. 'The farm unions are agitating under the influence of arhatiyas (commission agents). This is the beginning. Going forward, the pesticide Bill (Pesticides Management Bill, 2020) and seed Bill will also come. At that time too, they (farmers) can be misguided... So, this is the beginning of transformation for farmers," he said.

Baba Lakha Singh said he had told the farmer unions about his meeting with Tomar, and asked them to get back if they had any message for the government. On what Tomar told him, he said, "It would not be wise to discuss anything in public. It would dilute the purpose.'

Asked how the meeting had come about, he said it was not

Sinha, however, said the administration needs to "maintain a fine balance" to ensure that "the morale of security forces" is not lowered since "Jammu and Kashmir is a sensitive Union Territory". "All the details have come to me and I am looking into them. You will get an appropriate answer at the appropriate time,"

important if he was invited or

met Tomar on own. "What is

important that I want this

matter resolved. I want to work

as a mediator between the

government and farmers. I had

a good meeting with Tomar,"

extended support to the farmer

agitation much before they took

their protest to the Delhi

borders. He also claims to have

known the religious leader of

the Nanaksar sect who killed

himself on December 17 near

Kundli, leaving a suicide note

saying he was pained over the

given the religious leader any

proposal. "The government has

said that if there is any proposal

other than repeal, it can discuss

to announce a scheme to boost in-

dustry in the Union Territory with

after the families of the three

youths killed in Lawaypora in the

early hours of December 30 alleged

that the incident was a "staged

gunfight" and that their children

days after J&K Police filed a

The incident happened four

were innocent.

The L-G's comments come days

an outlay of Rs 28,400 crore.

Tomar said they had not

suffering of the protesters.

The religious leader had

Baba Lakha Singh said.

According to police, the three vouths -- Zubair Ahmad Lone (20) of Turkwangam in Shopian, and Athar Mushtaq (16) and Ajaz Maqbool (22) of Pulwama -- were killed in an operation launched by the Army based on inputs. The families, however, said the

youths had gone to Srinagar for some work. While Zubair's two brothers are working in J-K Police, Ajaz was the son of a policeman.

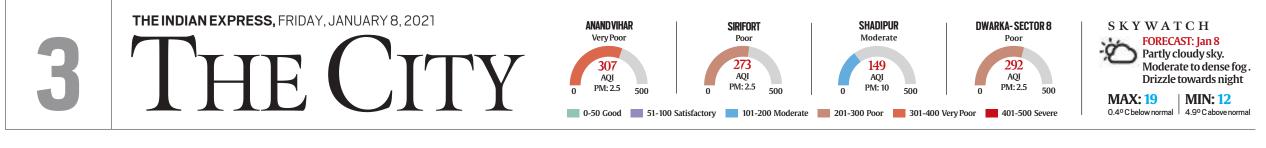
"My brother was home that day (December 29) till 2 pm. How could he become a militant within two hours (when the alleged gunfight started)? There was no record with any security agency against him. We want a probe. There was a similar incident in Shopian. There also they claimed to have recovered weapons from the dead militants. But they, too, turned out to be civilians," said Mohammad Shafi Lone, brother of Zubair.

The families have also demanded the return of the bodies of the youths. "I want justice. I don't need money. I only want the body of my son. He was only 16," said Mushtaq Ahmad, father of Athar Mushtaq.

On January 4, J-K Police released two videos on Twitter that purportedly showed soldiers making announcements and asking the three youths "to surrender". However, while GoC(Kilo Force) H S Sahi said that when given the option to "surrender, the militants opened fire", the videos do not include the sound of any bullet being fired or any other response.

Replying to another question about restoration of 4G mobile data services in J&K, Sinha said that a court committee is examining the issue. "Hopefully, there will be good news soon in the coming days," he said.

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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 back



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 Sonipat 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 cholerice for farmers at Tikri border. Farmers said the difficult bit

was planning and coordination. Bhupender 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)

Homeguard killed, cop few days ago in Gurmukhi, en-



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



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 said. 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 Punjab's Fazilka district, who grief; of losing your fellow consumed pesticide at the Tikri protest site; and Kashmir Singh farmers," Kataria said. "It has been 40 days since Dass, a septuagenarian, who they have been here, so there is hanged himself at the Ghazipur protest. Niranjan Singh from burnout. There is also a major Punjab's Tarn Taran district atproblem with sleep; many are not able to sleep and are going tempted suicide at the Singhu through mood swings. For border by consuming pest control tablets. 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

ment. "We had done a recce and found that because of the cold. many old people were facing bone and muscle issues," he The three cases of suicide have been of Sant Baba Ram

Ghazipur with leg massagers

and other physiotherapy equip-

Singh (65), a religious leader from Harvana's Karnal district who shot himself near Kundli; Amarjit Singh Rai (63) from

Police claim 'meeting of minds' between Umar, Tahir

SUPPLEMENTARY CHARGESHEET FILED IN NE DELHI RIOTS CASE

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-

legedly 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 men-

also on part of police...," he said.

to file a reply by January 14 on

how the chargesheet was al-

CMM Kumar directed police

tions another public witness who was examined regarding finan-

cial transactions made by Hussain last January for "preparation of anti-CAA protests and riots". In his statement, this witness

named two people from whom

closure statement, media rehe allegedly took cash and gave ported that I had admitted my it to Hussain. "It has transpired that Tahir Hussain transferred role. When I go through the chargesheet, it is written below this money from his company acmy so-called disclosure statement count to accounts of other com-- 'refused to sign'. Despite that, it panies... and used (the public witis leaked and ... reported like this ... ness)... to bring the money back A thing first comes in the public to him. This cash was then used domain in an unprofessional way by Tahir Hussain to organise riots...," the chargesheet states. and then... to the courtroom... I don't expect this to be the last time 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.

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.'

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

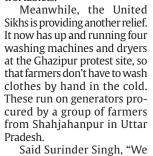
Police said Singh recently

couraging 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,



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.'



New Delhi

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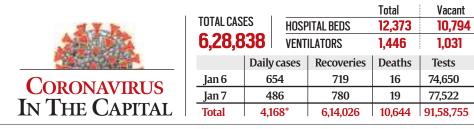
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BRIEFLY —

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. OPGalhotra, 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



news of bird flu elsewhere af-

too reported a fall in prices by

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

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Salman, another trader at the

fects demand."

by around 20 per cent.'

around Rs 20 to Rs 30.

At the Ghazipur poultry market on Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHL 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 capifluctuating.

tal – fell by Rs 10-Rs 15, with Salim Illahi, owner of Alsha owners fearing a further dip in chicken shop in Ghazipur, said, coming days. A live bird costs Rs 100; the price is now Rs 75 to 90. "It takes some time to hit the re-Mohammad Salim, general tail market ... prices will decrease secretary of the Ghazipur murga over the next two-three days, mandi and owner of Bombay when the stock is compiled." He poultry store, said: "Supply has said authorities have taken samnot been affected so far. While ples of birds from the market. there are no cases in the market,

In a meeting with officials of the Animal Husbandry unit of the Development Department Thursday, Sisodia called for inmarket, said, "Sales have been hit tensive monitoring across Delhi, largescale sample collection and regular reports on testing.

On Thursday, retail markets Sisodia further directed officials to monitor poultry coming At Laxmi Nagar, Mohammad 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 Sthal Lake, Sanjay Lake, Bhalswa horseshoe lake, Delhi zoo, and smaller water bodies in DDA parks among others.

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Situation in UK very serious, extend flight ban till Jan 31: Kejriwal to Centre from January 8. There will be 15 have brought Covid situation in

flights per week, as against over

60 during usual times, on this

route for the first two weeks af-

ter resumption, it had said, while

also outlining a fresh Standard

Management Authority (DDMA)

has already directed authorities

to implement the SOP. Keiriwal

took to Twitter to oppose the de-

cision, observing that the situa-

tion in the UK is "very serious".

"With great difficulty, people

While the Delhi Disaster

Operating Procedure (SOP).

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Thursday urged the Centre to keep flight services between India and the United Kingdom suspended till January 31 to prevent the transmission of the new variant of the coronavirus.

The Centre had on January 1 announced a graded resumption of flights on the India-UK route

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

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

cent, and convert four Covid dedicated private hospitals to partial Covid facilities.

in the wake of reduced occupancy of Covid-19 ICU beds in

of cases in the national capital. The Delhi High Court, which has been hearing a petition filed

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.

sion 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



The decision has been taken in view of declining cases

above the minimum limit prescribed if they so desire," it said.

On September 12 last year, 33 major hospitals were directed by the government to reserve 80 per cent of ICU/HDU beds for Covid patients. A similar order was later passed for 42 private hospitals on November 19. On December 26, reservation was reduced from 80 to 60 per cent.

The status of Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital as a Covid dedicated hospital shall remain unchanged, as per the government order.

mit self-declaration forms and control. UK's Covid situation is get tested through the RT-PCR very serious. Now, why lift ban method at least 72 hours before and expose our people to risk? their scheduled travel.

"Passengers testing positive

shall be isolated in an institutional

facility in a separate (isolation)

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 sus-

pended until December 31, which was then extended until January 7. According to the SOP, all incoming passengers have to sub-

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

in hospitals and that medical **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** colleges be reopened. NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

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

ernment has said. First-year students will be the first ones to rejoin, the order stated. Medical colleges in the was also marked to CM Arvind city have been shut since March Kejriwal, the association highlast year, when a nationwide lighted how medical students lockdown was ordered. have not been able to complete their training for clinical activities,

FIRST-YEAR MBBS and BDS stu-

dents in the capital will return to

college "with immediate effect".

an order issued by the Delhi gov-

"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 Satyendar Jain said.

Doctors at the Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC), which is attached to Lok Navak Hospital, had staged a protest in December, demanding that

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 col-

which in turn is hampering aca-

According to the order, first-

demic skills of students.

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

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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

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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
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उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड <u>ई-</u> निविदा/ सामान्य निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु कार्य/ आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदायें/ सामान्य निविदाएं दो भागों में (जी.एस.टी.) में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से ऑनलाइन ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाईट 'http://etender.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 पारेषण मण्डल, मुरादाबाद के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, मुख्य शाखा-मुरादाबाद में संचालित चालू खाता सं.-10896364702, IFSC Code- SBIN 0000682 (MICR No. 110024101) 부 निर्धारित 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 कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। <u>ई-निविदा खुलने</u> का दिनांक- 08.02.2021 1. ई-निविदा संख्या-115/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. मुरादाबाद-रामपुर लाइन-द्वितीय एवं गुलाबबाड़ी-सी.बी. गंज लाइन पर लोकेशन नं. 285-282 (रामगंगा रिवर क्रोसिंग) पर स्थापित पुराने व खराब वुल्फ कंडक्टर को बदलने एवं टावरों की अर्थिंग से संबंधित कार्य। धरोहर राशिः रु. 6000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 1180/-, 2. ई-निविदा संख्या-116/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र अगवानपुर पर वार्षिक अनुरक्षण से संबंधित विभिन्न कार्य। धरोहर राशिः रु. 8500/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 1180/-, 3. ई-निविदा संख्या-117/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड-प्रथम, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र ठाकुरद्वारा पर वार्षिक अनुरक्षण

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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 BIP 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

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," CJI 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 Ramasubramainan 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 farm-

ers 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

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 Gandhinagarwhose lands were acquired for

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

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 stead of 100

To boost industries in J&K, Centre clears Rs 28,400-cr scheme physical assets (service).

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



a maximum of seven years on L-G Manoj Sinha at a press loans up to Rs 500 crore for inmeet in Jammu, Thursday. vestment in plant and machinery (manufacturing), or ten years

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

sure 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.

Political message,

THE MERGER of the existing J&K cadre of IAS, IPS and IFS of-

message of total integration of J&K with the Centre while

region's statehood. The move is also seen to have been ne-

cessitated by the reluctance of J&K cadre officers to serve in

ficers is both a political and administrative move. It sends the

putting a question mark on the time it may take to return the

administrative move

According to Sinha, units

with investment up to Rs 50

crore will be eligible for the in-

centive -- the maximum incen-

tive available in areas under Zone

A is Rs 5 crore and under Zone B

per cent interest subvention for

for construction in building and

all other durable physical assets

said, the Government has pro-

vided for a GST-linked approach

under which financial incentive

will be based on Gross GST to en-

Simplifying the scheme, he

The scheme provides for 6

Rs 7.5 crore.

(service).

Centre merges J&K cadre

officers with AGMUT Officers from UTs can now serve in J&K and vice-versa **DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** national highway expansion. NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

and not the state government.

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 CENTRE on Thursday

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

for retention of I&K cadre for ex-

isting officers and stated that

new officers posted in the state

would henceforth come from UT

cadre. The ordinance has now

next step because now it's a UT.'

MoS. PMO and Personnel

well with UT cadre.

Act, 2019.

Ladakh. It gives government a larger talent pool for the UTs. and Kashmir and Union territory pointed day, shall continue to

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 inister N

Sukhbir says 40 farmers who died were Akalis; unions trash his claim

RAAKHI JAGGA LUDHIANA, JANUARY 7

THE SHIROMANI Akali Dal (SAD) chief Sukhbir Singh Badal Thursday claimed that 40 out of the 54 farmers who have died during the protests at Delhi are from the party cadre. Farm union leaders rubbished the statement.

Badal said his party workers are heavily involved in the ongoing agitation for the repeal of the three central farm laws.

"Our rank and file is at Delhi borders protesting against farm laws, not as SAD workers but as farmers," Sukhbir said. He added that 65 of the party's constituency in-charges are at Delhi. "Our youth workers have made a tent city at the borders. A number of them are party officebearers at the block and village level," he claimed.

Farmer union leaders exessed their



AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 7

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 BIP 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

Nagrale gets addl charge as Maharashtra DGP

MOHAMED THAVER MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

HEMANT NAGRALE, a 1987batch 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

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.

Sukhbir's claims. Sukhdev Singh Kokrikalan, general secretary of BKU (Ugrahan) said, "It is news for me that 40 of the deceased are from SAD cadre. A few farmers may be voters of a party but

you can't term voters as cadre."

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**

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.

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

about houses in the capital city

Marathwada

Sambhajinagar will come true

and the urbanization will hap-

second tweet.

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 Thackeray mentioned 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 Congress. I have fulfilled," read one tweet.

tweet, Congress had reacted "The common people's dream strongly with Balasaheb Thorat, Revenue Minister and state party president, saying that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government pen in a better way..." said the runs on the Common Minimum Program (CMP) and renaming of cities is not part of it.

The tweets came a day after

like

"Sambhaji Nagar" while announcing another Cabinet decision on Twitter. The tweet had tagged Medical Education Minister Amit Deshmukh of the Soon after Wednesday's

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

Express.

government said the President Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, has promulgated an ordinance Mizoram and Union territories to amend J&K Reorganisation cadre for which necessary modifications may be made in corre-The Act had made provision sponding cadre allocation rules'

EXPLAINED

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

merged the existing J&K cadre as Sources said the ordinance is likely to have significant bearing "It's a follow-up to J&K turnon the administration of the two ing into UT and merging into the UTs. "It will give the government mainstream. It was an obvious access to a larger talent pool at a time it is trying to quicken the pace of development in the erst-Jitendra Singh told The Indian while state," a senior Union government functionary said.

The ordinance has replaced Sources in J&K administrasub-sections 2-6 of the law with tion 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-

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 savs: "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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Rahul a warrior, rulers in Delhi fear him: Sena

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

PRAISING CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi's attacks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Shiv Sena Thursday described him as a "warrior" standing against the Centre and said that the "rulers

in Delhi" were afraid of him. In an editorial in mouthpiece

Saamana, Sena said that despite the "weak leader" campaign against Rahul Gandhi, he was still standing and attacking the government at every opportunity. "The rulers in Delhi fear Rahul Gandhi. Had it not been the case, there would not have been government campaigns to defame the Gandhi family," the editorial said.

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 an-

New Delhi

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 nounced by the then chief minis-

expanded to benefit the poor from all communities.

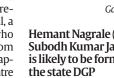
According to Murthy, Rs 14 crore has also been set aside to help students from poor Brahmin families in the form of scholarships, payment of fees and providing training to those who have passed the preliminary stage of examinations such as the UPSC.

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.



Subodh Kumar Jaiswal. He is likely to be formally made

missioner, 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.





Hemant Nagrale (left) with

the Navi Mumbai police com-

state level – should be included.

Public representatives from pan-

chayat up to Parliament should also be included, as they are all

working(amid the people) in the

fight against the pandemic,"

tion? When will those below 50

years get the vaccine," Naba

Kerala's K K Shailaja said:

...There is no template for elderly

data collection in the Co-Win port-

al. We should add the template for

the elderly registration." She also

suggested that doctors and health-

care providers working in private

clinics and home should also be

TS Singh Deo sought the Centre's

help in two critical areas: "We

might have to airlift (people) from

some areas if an adverse reaction

following immunisation is repor-

ted. We might need an air ambu-

lance. Wherever there is no direct

electricity, we will require solar di-

rect drive (vaccine refrigerators).

In CHCs without internet, can

On poor connectivity, a senior

official from the J&K L-G's office

said, "We have serious connectiv-

itvissues because our UT is under

2G internet network. In the dry

run to update the status, we were

taking too long. Can there be an

offline mechanism, where we

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could update the data later??"

VSAT(satellite-based telecommu-

nication) be provided?"

Her Chhattisgarh counterpart

registered in the priority group.

Kishore Das of Odisha asked.

The states also asked the

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'4 yrs of ambition, achievement... US-India ties strong, positive'

As he wraps up his stint in New Delhi ahead of the Joe Biden Administration taking charge, US Ambassador to India KENNETH I JUSTER speaks to SHUBHAJIT ROY



US AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

Ambassador, as you saw the scenes of protests and the siege of Capitol Hill, what were your thoughts? It was very sad to see the

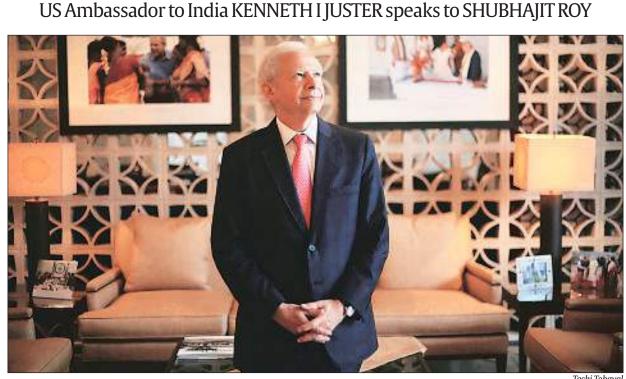
news coming out of Washington, D.C. when we woke up on Thursday morning. While protests in our country are part of our democracy, it is unacceptable for there to be violence associated with them. and the storming of the US Capitol was a horrific scene. This is not America at its best. Lawlessness and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

What is that one thing you're proud of after spending three vears in India as the US Ambassador?

...What I am most proud of is that I have been involved in this (India-US) relationship for 20 years in various capacities, and I've seen it progress significantly from year to year...the past four years have been a time of further ambition and achievement. And I believe that I'm leaving this partnership in a very strong position for the next Administration. I believe the U.S.-India strategic partnership is strong, positive, and on an upward trajectory.

You expressed concerns on trade and investment, where you talked about "frustration and friction.'

During my three years, trade and investment have continued to grow in a positive direction. But I have still felt that, given the size of our respective economies, there's more potential...trade and investment would really take off strategically if we could



achieved, if not an ambitious trade deal?

We discussed a range of particular products. I'm not going to get into the details of the internal negotiations. But it was my view that even reaching a small deal would send a very positive signal to the marketplace that India was open for more business and would reassure US companies that were looking to invest more money in India. And. regrettably, despite our best and persistent efforts, we were unable to conclude a deal.

When you were here, India conducted the air strikes in Balakot...Were you concerned that the situation

might escalate between India and Pakistan? Whenever there's a potential

conflict or an actual engagement, we are always concerned that something could escalate. And all parties are hoping that there can be restraint shown and the situation can de-escalate. That's been our perspective with the border disputes with China - that people should try to resolve the issues peacefully. Now, on terrorism issues. it's also understood that countries may

– Kashmiris, political people across the spectrum, and the Government of India's perspec-

Collectively, this information feeds into our own understanding and analysis of the situation. And then, if we have concerns, we express them privately with the Government of India. We have expressed publicly that we hope for a restoration of full access to the Internet, and for the realization of the economic benefits that have been discussed by all parties. That is our hope.

Do you think that hope has been realized?

I have not been to Kashmir since that visit in January 2020. I cannot give you an assessment on the ground. I think there's still a way to go to realize the type of economic development that has been discussed. How much progress has been made? I am not able to give you a thorough answer.

(On Russia) you spelt out how it can compromise technology, platforms, systems, which the US is providing to India. But India

other equipment. It is ideal to have inter-operable equipment. At some point, the level of sophistication of the various types of equipment that India may be purchasing could create a problem if the equipment is from two countries that don't see eye-toeye and could lead to compromising technological know-how. That's just a fact of life and technology. Maybe there will be technology fixes to that challenge, but maybe there will not be. This is something about

which technical experts need to consult with each other. As India makes purchases of

Whenever there's a potential conflict or an actual engagement, we are always concerned that something could escalate. And all parties are hoping that there can be restraint shown..."

individual pieces of equipment, it may also need to have a broader strategic vision as to where it is going with its overall systems. Because one piece of equipment may not integrate with another and, in fact, may create a vulnerability for the suppliers that could ultimately limit what else it can nurc

President Obama. Minister Modi is an extremely charismatic and personable leader. He is able to strike up a good personal relationship with his counterparts, including President Obama and President Trump.

with President Obama during the Republic Day events, and also I saw it with President Trump. I have seen it in my own interactions with the Prime Minister. He is extremely personable and thoughtful, and strikes a very comfortable rela-

> have Master's degrees. That has not changed at all. Indians, despite the fact that it's a global program, have been able to garner about 70 percent of the H-1B visas. That hasn't changed either. And there's no lack of applications. The program has contin-

ensure that the positions being illed are high -auality iobs low-quality jobs. And that visas

are going to companies that are

involved in real work. There has

been a suspension of the H-1B

program because of COVID-19

but this is a challenge that coun-

tries all over the world are facing.

With tremendous domestic un-

employment, you have to give

priority, at the outset, to restore

the employment situation in

vour own domestic population.

pension going on indefinitely. The

H-1B program has been very ben-

eficial to both countries and it's

been a huge boom for India. As I

said, Indians receive about 70 per-

cent of the H-1B visas. That ratio

But I do not envision that sus-

Vardhan reviews vaccine dry run, state ministers offer ideas

KAUNAIN SHERIFFM NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

tragic on its own, but especially

the terrorist attack and the at-

tacks in Galwan Valley because

they also raised concern about

If you were to tell two things

Well, our relationship with

India is so broad and covers so

many areas that, inevitably, there

are going to be issues where we

do not see eye-to-eye or where

we have to work through dis-

agreements, and my successor

simply needs to persevere and

work through that...That would

be my advice: have a vision, as-

pire high, and be prepared to

With regard to a note of cau-

without being discouraged.

to your successor: pep talk

and one note of caution?

what they could lead to.

Provision of an air ambulance to address possible adverse reactions in tribal areas.

Bihar's Mangal Pandey said. An offline mechanism to update vaccine data in Kashmir val-Centre about registration of the ley to due 2G restrictions. second priority group - those Include elected representaabove 50 years. "When will the 50-plus age group begin registratives in the vaccine's second pri-

ority group. These were among the key

suggestions offered by state health ministers during an interaction with Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan on Thursday, a day before the Covid-19 vaccination dry run in 736 districts. The interaction was to review preparedness on ground for the dry run. The most common question

posed to Vardhan was on the date of the vaccine's roll-out, to which the Health Minister replied, "You work through difficult issues will get the answer, soon.... You will receive clarity on all guidelines well before the actual roll-out."

tion - again, do not get discour-Rajasthan Health Minister Dr aged with particular issues. I Raghu Sharma raised the issue of think this relationship is going to public confidence, with the two be critical to the Indo-Pacific remanufacturers — Serum Institute and Bharat Biotech – slamming each other in public. He said. "...the vaccine manufacturers are terming each other's vaccine as 'water'. This weakens people's confidence in vaccines. Such activities should be stopped."

Health ministers of Bihar Odisha, and Telangana requested the Centre to include elected representatives from all levels in the vaccine priority population. "In the second priority group of frontline workers, all government officials - from panchayat up to the

> TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE CASES: ACTIVE CASES: 2,28,083 1,03,95,278 DEATHS: 1,50,336 TESTS: 17,84,00,995 | RECOVERIES: 1,00,16,859 CASES DEATHS RECOVERIES TESTS JAN6 20.346 222 19.587 9,37,590

Tashi Tobgya Prime

gion and the world more Modi's relationship with broadly. The United States supports India's rise as a global power, and a strong and democratic India in this region is an important pillar in the world. We need to continue to work with India not just on a bilateral basis, but on issues in the region and the world more broadly - to con-

From a distance, I saw this tinue to see where we have a convergence of our thinking. If problems arise, address them. There was a concern that in the Trump Administration,

the US's reputation for being a destination for jobs, for education has been affected. I honestly do not think it has been adversely affected. The fact is that the H-1B program is a global program. The number of visas issued is 65,000, plus another 20.000 for people who

tionship that obviously helps the broader bilateral relationship. Countries are made up of human beings and if we have a warm feeling toward those with whom we are dealing, it helps in addressing issues of concern, solving problems, and doing things

ued to be oversubscribed. There has been an effort to

have a broader comprehensive trade agreement that would ensure market access for both countries.

We are the Number One market for India and I would think that they'd want to lock in that benefit. Even as we adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic and try to learn the lessons that lead some countries to say that they want to reduce globalization so that they're not simply getting in the cheapest goods from anywhere in the world, we still need to work with other countries in the international trade environment. I think we would want to work especially with trusted, like-minded partners, and that's how I would characterize both India and the United States.

So what was the low-hanging fruit that you could have

SHAJU PHILIP

Sreeramakrishnan.

legislator M Ummer under Article

179(c) of the Constitution.

According to the resolution, the

Speaker had maintained suspi-

cious affinity and personal rela-

tionship with persons accused in

the gold smuggling case. His pres-

ence at the inauguration of a

workshop of one of the accused

in the smuggling case was against the dignity of the Speaker's post,

it said. The Speaker has failed to

uphold the dignity of the House

and should be removed from the

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

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need to take some responsive action when that occurs. If that's the case, you're hoping it would be proportionate to that inci-

dent. During your time, Article 370 was revoked and you had the opportunity to visit J&K a few months later. Your view looking back?

able to have that opportunity to travel there. We were part of a group. But the Embassy has tried, with regard to the situation in Kashmir, to gather information from all concerned parties

India? Union and with Russia in terms of obtaining military equipment. That is a fact of life. No one is assuming that India will have to

It was important and valu-

time to time, to fill the strategic needs it might have. These procurements will likely involve sophisticated technology. Sophisticated technology has software that can often "talk" to

destroy that equipment. There

are future procurements that

India will need to make from

🛃 ...the H-1B program is a global program. The number of visas issued is 65,000, plus another 20,000 for people who have Master's degrees. That has not changed at all."

equipment. How do you may want to purchase equipaddress that concern for ment that will enhance interoperability and lead to the next India has had a long relationship historically with the Soviet

level of more sophisticated equipment, as opposed to procuring a piece of equipment that could artificially constrain what else it can purchase. These decisions for the are Government of India.

I recognise that, from India's perspective, there are also benefits to having equipment from diverse suppliers. So, there may need to be trade-offs among these various objectives. That is a potential issue down the road.

How would you analyse Modi's relationship with President Trump vis-a-vis his relationship with President **Obama?**

In all candour, I did not closely follow Prime Minister

SC to hear plea to bar

disqualified lawmakers

Every US Ambassador has had at least one sleepless night in Delhi. Which one was yours?

together.

Oh, I'm not a good sleeper in general, so I had a number of sleepless nights. But there have, in fact, been a few low points. When the Pulwama terrorist incident occurred in February 2019, that was hard for me. It was tragic, both what happened to those killed, and what could happen after that. This past summer, when we had some unrest in the United States and the Gandhi Statue outside the Indian Embassy in Washington, D.C. was desecrated, that was a low point. Then, when the Indian troops were killed in Galwan

has not changed. The number of people going to the United States Valley in June 2020 — for the first has not changed. And the interest time in 45 years there had been in the program has not changed. casualties due to Chinese attacks. **FULL INTERVIEW ON** www.indianexpress.com Each of these incidents was

Bihar: Manjhi claims another minister, MLC berth for party

Patna: Amid posturing from the RJD and Congress, former Bihar CM and Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) head litan Ram Manjhi has pressed claim for another ministerial berth and an MLC position for his party. mentioned

Manjhi's son Santosh Kumar Suman is a minister in the Nitish Kumar-led government, and the party has four MLAs in the Assembly, including the former CM.

At a party meeting Wednesday, Manjhi said, "We are expecting one more ministerial berth and MLC position. We are sure CM Nitish Kumar would fulfil our demands." Cabinet expansion is expected any time after January 14.

HAM(S) spokes person Danish Rizwan said. "Let us not read political meaning to our leader's demand. We had been promised two ministerial berths earlier.... There is no political instability; the NDA is as strong as ever." ENS

STATES WITH RISING ACTIVE CASES						
	ACTIVE CASES	RISE IN LAST WEEK				
Ladakh	219	30				
Puducherry	372	9				

STATES WHERE ACTIVE CASES ARE DECLINING

	ACTIVE CASES	DECLINE IN LAST WEEK
Vest Bengal	8,868	3,513
hhattisgarh	9,109	2,830
arnataka	9,163	2,447
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STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES						
	ON JAN 6	TOTAL				
Kerala	6,394	7,90,883				
Maharashtra	4,382	19,54,553				
Chhattisgarh	1.050	2.85.586				

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM DEATHS

	ON JAN 6	TOTAL
Maharashtra	71	50,986
Kerala	25	3,317
West Bengal	22	9,863

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

Indian vaccine makers moved really quickly, says top vaccine scientist

approval process of the vaccines

by Drugs Controller General of

India. Responding to questions on

Covid-19 vaccines during a webi-

nar organised by the National Cou-

ncil of Applied Economic Research,

which hosted authors Kang, AIIMS

director Dr Randeep Guleria, and

Dr Chandrakant Lahariya on their

new book 'Till We Win: India's

fight against the Covid-19 pan-

demic', Kang, however, tried to

drive home the point that none of

these vaccines is "innovation that

has suddenly came to light be-

ments and efforts by scientists

around the world over years made

these vaccines possible. "That is

why we have the vaccines, and

these will be a game-changer during the next pandemic. If this time

a vaccine was made in 10 months.

then next time it will be a matter

of asking why not make it in six

months. We need to be prepared."

She explained that invest-

cause there was a new virus".

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS PUNE, JANUARY 7

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TOP VACCINE scientist Dr Gagandeep Kang on Thursday expressed amazement at how quickly Indian vaccine companies moved during the Covid-19 pandemic. stating that they have made "phenomenal efforts to partner for technologies they did not have".

Indian vaccine manufacturers, Kang said, were known for highvolume and low-value vaccines. "What they did very quickly was partner around the globe for every kind of technology platform and made sure they had multiple shots. So now, Serum Institute of India has four different products and so does Bharat Biotech," she said.

Kang, vice-chair of the Board of Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, has been speaking of her concerns related to the

UDF moves notice for resolution

seeking removal of Kerala Speaker

P Sreeramakrishnan

Sreeramakrishnan said the I would be summoned by the

post, said the resolution.

Assembly would take an apt decision on the notice. "I have been a public figure for the last 40 years. Throughout these years, I haven't faced allegations of even a single rupee. I am sure that I haven't committed any mistake. So I am least afraid about the controversies. I don't think that

Customs," he said. The notice for the resolution was moved after Customs sum-

moned the Speaker's assistant private secretary in connection with its probe into the smuggling case. However, assistant private secretary Ayyappan did not turn up before the Customs for questioning, citing legal protection for the office of the Speaker.

Legislative Assembly secretary S V Unnikrishnan Nair told the media that permission from the Speaker is mandatory to

> question his staff members. The Opposition, however, said Constitutional protection for legislators does not cover staff of the Assembly. Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala said the Speaker had misconstrued the norms to protect his staff. "If the

Speaker has nothing to hide, why is he trying to impede the Customs probe," asked Chennithala.

from bypolls to same House EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

THE SUPREME Court will examine if those disgualified under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution for defection be barred from re-contesting by-elections in the remaining term of the House to which they were elected.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde on Thursday issued notice to the Election Commission and the Centre on a plea by Madhya Pradesh Congress leader Jaya Thakur who has sought this relief.

The plea, which comes in the wake of many party MLAs in the state leaving the Congress to join the BJP, says that defecting lawmakers seeking re-election under a new political flag has made the anti-defection law redundant.

Thakur has contended that a member of the House who incurs

disqualification under the Tenth Schedule "cannot be permitted to contest again during the term for which" they are elected. "Article 172 makes a membership of a House co terminus with the term of 5 years of the House except in circumstances

therein," the plea said. The petitioner said that the Tenth Schedule read with Article 191(1) (e) of the Constitution makes it clear that a member disqualified under the Tenth Schedule cannot re-contest during the term for which he or she

was elected and stressed that this has to be implemented so as to ensure that the object of the law

against defection is not defeated. The plea has said Paragraph 2 of Tenth Schedule uses the words "disgualified for being a member of the House". The term of the House(Parliament or Assembly) is for five years and hence the disqualification would apply, it has said.



EXPRESS NETWORK

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

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

External Affairs in October 2018. not questioned. Later in arguments The submissions were made to try and raise a doubt with reby senior advocate, Geeta Luthra, gards to Mr Akbar having or not on behalf of Akbar before Addithaving a reputation is neither here ional Chief Metropolitan Magisnor there," she told the court. trate Ravindra Kumar Pandey. Her 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.

IDBI Bank Ltd. Website: www.idbi.com **(i) IDBI** BANK

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. Sd/-

Chief General Manager Place: Kolkata Kolkata Zone 44, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata-700017 Date: 8th January, 2021

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:-

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	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.



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 ir 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 Interes 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 he 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

Name	Name of the	Name of the	Description	Date of	Amount
of the	Account/	Owner of	of the property mortgaged	Demand	outstanding
Branch	Borrower	the property		Notice/Date	as on date of
				of Possession	demand notice
				Notice Affixed	
Dalmia	M/s	Mohan	Land and Building situated at		₹47,03,880.90
Nagar	Barsana	Prasad	(1) Sale Deed No.1377 dated	14.10.2019/	(Rs. Forty seven
	Trading	Gupta and	02.03.2009, Mauza-Makrine, P/s-	05.01.2021	lac three thousand
	Prop.: Alok	Alok Kumar	Dehri, Thana-146, Ward No3/1,		eight hundred
	Kumar &		Holding No.386, Khata No.5, Plot		eighty and paise
	Housing		No.786, Area-1.562 decimal (10		ninety only.) +
	Loan		Dhur), Boundrty: North-Kanhai		Interest and other
	Alok Kumar		Ram, South-4 feet Rasta, East-		charges
Jagdish I	Ram, West-Ra	am Bachan Ra	m in the name of Mohan Prasad Gu	ipta and Alok Ku	imar.
(2) Sale	Deed No.114	89 dated 22.0	8.2004, Mauza-Makrine, P/s-Dehri,	Thana-146, W	ard No09 old/new
11, Khata	a No.5, Plot N	o.786, Area-1	.406 decimal (09 Dhur), Boundrty: N	North-Kanhai Ra	am, South-Kachcha
Rasta, E	ast-Suman De	evi, West-Niz I	Mukir in the name of Alok Kumar S/c	Mohan Prasad	Gupta.

(Authorised Officer) Puniab National Bank

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Railway Electrification, Lucknow

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REGARDING ENERGISATION OF PILIBHIT (EXCL.) TO TANAKPUR (INCL.)SINGLE LINE SECTION

OF IZZATNAGAR DIVISION OF NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY otice is hereby given to all users of Reliway lines and premises situated on t completed section of the under noted section of the North Esstemi Railway of Izzatnagar Division that 25600 Volts, 50 Cycles AC overhead traction wires will be energized 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 o unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said verhead lines.

Section	Division	Kilometer (From)	Kilometer (To)	Date of Energization
Pilibhit (Excl.)- Tanakpur (Incl.)	tzzatnagar	Loc PBE/T5 Km 0/552.00	Loc 62/15 Km 62/721.50	15.01.2021
No: LKRE/EL/PBE- Tanakpur(Incl.) Dat No.PR/634/2021	e: 30.12.2020		Chief Project D ly Electrification	
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SUGARFED PUNJAB

WALK-IN INTERVIEW The Punjab State Federation of Cooperative Sugar Mills Limited invites applications for the following posts to be filled up on outsource basis : No. of Posts Maximum Age Sr.No. Name of the Post Cane Adviser 01 65 Years Technical Adviser (Engg.) 01 65 Years Manager (Finance & Commercial) 01 65 Years The detailed terms and conditions along with required qualification experience etc. are available on Sugarfed website www.punjabsugarfed.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- pb197789@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



रिक्त पदों पर भर्ती की सूचना

भारतीय सचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईआईटी) पुणे एक राष्ट्रीय महत्व का संस्थान है जिसे संसद के एक अधिनियम, शिक्षा मंत्रालय (एमओई), भारत सरकार के पब्लिक प्राइवेट–पार्टनरशिप (पीपीपी) मोड के तहत स्थापित किया गया है। पोग्य उम्मीदवारों से निम्नलिखित विज्ञापनों के विरुद्ध आवेदन आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

अनु.क्र.	विज्ञापन संख्या	विवरण
1	IIITP/AM&DS/Faculty/ Adv/2021/2414	अनुप्रयुक्त गणित और डाटा साइंस विभाग में सहायक प्रोफेसर ग्रेड-२ (वेतन स्तर-१०) के पद के लिए भर्ती विज्ञापन
	Date : 07/Jan/2021	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	इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और संचार इंजीनियरिंग विभाग में सहायक प्रोफेसर ग्रेड-२ (वेतन स्तर-१० और वेतन स्तर-११) के पद के लिए भर्ती विज्ञापन
	Date : 07/Jan/2021	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
<u> </u>		गइट www.iiitp.ac.in पर उपलब्ध हैं । कोई भी अपडेट या
संशाधन	कवल संस्थान का वेबसी:	इट पर प्रकाशित किया जाएगा । सहायक रजिस्ट्रार आईआईआईटी पूणे

Department of Women and Child Development Govt. Of NCT of Delhi

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.

questioned or that I joined the Ministry of External Affairs was Railway Electrification, Lucknow No: LKRE/EL/PBE-TPU/EIG/28/Pilibhit (Excl.)-Tanakpur[Incl.] Date: 30.12.2020 INTRODUCTION OF 25000 VOLTS AC TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

ATTENTION

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 crected at all the level crossings with clear beight 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 whiches do not infrince the height gauges under any circumstances.

- The dangers of alload of excessive height are as follows:-
- 25 Danger to the materials or equipment carried on the vehicle itself.
- 3) Danger of fire and risk of file due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors

Railway Electrification, Lucknow "SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE"

SHRI KRISHNA AYUSH UNIVERSITY, KURUKSHETRA **ADMISSION / COUNSELING NOTICE**

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL START FROM 11.01.2021 TO 18.01.2021 It is for the information of all the concerned that online applicaions are invited for admissions to BAMS/BHMS Courses for the AYUSH Institutes in the State of Haryana & U.T Chandigarh including Shri Krishana Govt. Ayurvedic College, Kurukshetra; MSM Institute of Ayurveda, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidalya, 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. NOTE: As soon as Ayujyoti Ayurvedic College & Hospital, Jodhpuria Distt-Sirsa, C.D.L. Ayurvedic College, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Gaur Brahman Ayurvedic College Assthal Bohar, Řohtak, Seth Murari Lal Rasiwasia Ayurvedic College, Hospital, Charkhi Dadri, National College of Ayureda, Dhani, Barwala (Hisar), Baba Mastnath Ayurvedic College Asthal Bohar, Rohtak, Faculty of Indian System of Medicine, SGT University, Chandu-Budhera Gurugarm, Shri Dhanwantry Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Sector 46-B, U.T Chandigarh & J.R. Kissan Homeopathic College & Hospital, Old Sunderpur Road. Distt. Rohtak and Gangaputra Ayurvedic College, Kandela (Jind) will get the permission from CCIM, Department of AYUSH, Government of India, they will be included in the counseling schedule and information will be uploaded on Shri Krishna AYUSH University Kurukshetra website www.skau.ac.in REGISTRAE

 Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the Railway line.

No.PR./635/2021 **Chief Project Director** Satya Adv

BAMS FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-2021

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Public Auction Notice

Debts Recovery Tribunal A, B & F Wings, Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna – 800 025 State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, 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:

SI.N. / Lot No.	Description of Property	Reserve Price	EMD	Date and time of Auction
1.	Thana-Phulwarisarif, Serial No. 22126, Book	Rs.	Rs. 86,100.00	03/02/2021
	No.1, Token No.22637, Deed No.21192 dated	8,61,000.000	(Rupees	between 12.30
	01.08.2013, Area-3.90625 Decimal, Mauza-	(Rupees Eight	Eighty Six	P.M. to 4.00
	Kandap, Pragna-Azimabad, Sarve Thana-	Lac Sixty One	Thousand One	P.M. with auto
	Phulwarisharif, at present Thana-Gaurichak,	Thousand only)	Hundred only)	extension
	Sub & Sadar Registry & District-Patna, Thana		on or before	clause in case
	Code-191, Thana No.129, Tauzi No.6273, Khata		01/02/2021	of bid in last 5
	No.702, Survey Plot No2839 Part. Boundary:		upto 4.00 P.M.	minutes before
	North-6 Feet Road, South-Bali Singh, East-Imroja			closing, if
	Kharidar, Binod Kumar Sharma, West-Anand Rai.			required.

Details of e-auction agency

Company Name/address:- M/s E-procurement Technologies Limited, A-801, Wall Street-II, Opp-Orient Club Nr. Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujrat, India.

-mail Address:- bihar@auctiontiger.net, vivek@auctiontiger.net, support@auctiontiger.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-mai ID: arunjay.sharma@sbi.co.in ACCOUNT DETAIL FOR ONLINE MONEY TRANFER

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

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE:-

. The property shall be sold "as is where is basis"

. The intending bidders should register the participation with the service provider well in advance and ge user ID and password for participating in E-auction. It can be procured only when the requisite Earnest Mone Deposit be paid by prescribed mode.

3. To take part in Auction, each bidder shall deposit Earnest Money (EMD) @ of 10% of the Reserv 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 decument confirming representation/attorney o 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 Instution'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 undersinged 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% or 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 resh 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 of 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.

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) Dated : 02.01.2021 **Recovery Officer**

(An English Medium co education school) Tele : 0565-2401742 (Army Number -6933)

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Place of	Vacancies	Pay Scale (Approximate)
Work		
Army Public School	TGT- Hindi, English, Maths, Science, Social Science, Computer, Science, Physical Education	Basic Pay-Rs. 35,723/- pm
Mathura	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	Consolidated-Rs. 20,700/- pm
	(a) UDC	
	(b) LDC/ Receptionist	Consolidated-Rs. 20,700/- pm

Note : DA applicable as per school/AWES norms

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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 by Laws.

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(a)	TGT	Graduation/ Post Graduation	B.Ed Minimum	Fresh Candidate:-
		with 50% Marks	50% Marks, CTET qualified	Below 40 years as on 01 Apr, 2021.
		/	B.Ed Minimum	Experienced Candidate:-
(b)	PRTs	Graduation/Post Graduation	50% Marks.	Below 57 years.(Should
		with 50% Marks	CTET qualified	have minimum 5 years
(c)	PRT (Computers)	B.Tech in Computer Science/B.		teaching experience in the
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		(c) RDBMS with programming.	Proficiency in	Below 57 Years (Should
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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 10.00 AM 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)
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8 **EXPRESS NETWORK**

Key accused in rape-murder case, Badaun priest arrested

AMIL BHATNAGAR BADAUN, JANUARY 7

FOUR DAYS after a 50-year-old woman was allegedly gangraped and abandoned outside her home at a village in Uttar Pradesh's Badaun district, the local temple priest, the main accused in the case, was arrested from a nearby village in the district late on Thursday, the police said.

The priest, identified as Satyanand, was hiding in the house of one of his followers in a village from where he was picked up and arrested, PTI requoting District ported, Magistrate Kumar Prashant.

Dropped outside her house on Sunday night, allegedly by the priest and two associates, the woman later died in hospital due to excessive bleeding.

The two other accused were arrested on Wednesday. A day later. three UP Police constables were deployed outside the temple

A local resident said the victim was known to visit the temple regularly, but no one could say what had transpired on Sunday. The temple is situated close to the main village road, near a sprawling farm. Satyanand, the local residents

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Women shouldn't step out alone in the evening: NCW member

Commission for National Women member Chandramukhi Devi, who visited the village on Thursday, said the incident would not have happened had the woman not stepped out alone in the evening. "This is a crime that has shamed humanity, but I would also like to say that women should not, under the influence of anyone, step out

said, lived in one of the rooms inside the temple.

Local residents Satyanand had come to the village around five years ago, and largely kept to himself. "People knew him since many come here from nearby ar-

really interfered in the temple's activities or asked much about the priest. We sometimes saw him outside the temple premises, but his visits were limited,"

Nandu, a local resident, said. People who visited the temple said Satyanand offered to conduct rituals for them in the temple. He reportedly also offered concoctions for aches and

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untimely." she said. "I feel had the woman not stepped out in the evening, or one of her children had accompanied her, the incident would not have oc-

curred."NCW Chairperson Rekha Sharma said, "I don't know how and why the member has said this but women have the right move on their will whenever and wherever they want to." ENS

pains.

"The two men arrested said maintain that they found the woman in an injured state and wanted to help her. I carried out an inspection of the crime site, and as per evidence we are treating it as a case of gangrape and murder," Badaun SSP Sankalp eas. But until this incident, no one

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Sharma said. The woman's family rejected the arrested duo's assertion. Her son-in-law said, "If they wanted to help, they could have woken up people in the village. But their intention was to leave her dead.... She was a God-fearing lady; we cannot imagine something like this would happen to her in a

temple."

MUZAFFARNAGAR CASE AGAINST 2 MUSLIMS UP tells HC: No evidence under anti-conversion law

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, JANUARY 7

A MONTH after booking two Muslim daily-wage workers in Muzaffarnagar under the anticonversion law, the Uttar Pradesh government on Thursday told the Allahabad High Court that no evidence has been found against them under the new law, although one of them faces less serious charges such as criminal intimidation.

The case against Nadeem (28) and Salman (29) was lodged at Mansoorpur Police Station on November 29, a day after the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance, 2020, came into effect.

In his complaint to police, Akshay Kumar, who works as a labour contractor at a firm in Uttarakhand, alleged that Nadeem used to visit his house, and that he trapped his wife in a relationship and tried to convert her to Islam. He alleged that Nadeem wanted to marry her after converting her and Salman was helping him. Akshay also alleged that both threatened him when he objected to it.

Joint Director (Prosecution)

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

2013 Muzaffarnagar riots.

the court by January 11.

MUZAFFARNAGAR, JANUARY7

A SPECIAL court trying cases involving law-

makers has ordered the arrest of BJP's

Khatauli MLA Vikram Saini for his failure

to appear before it in a case related to the

Saini, Special Judge Ram Sudh Singh di-

rected police to arrest and produce him in

Issuing non-bailable warrant against

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Awadhesh Pandev on Thursdav filed an affidavit in the High Court on behalf of state government, stating that the investigating officer has found no evidence of any offence relating to provisions of the anti-conversion law.

During investigation, it was filed against him accordingly.

The chargesheet was filed on December 31 and the investigator has not found any evidence under UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance, 2020, said the affidavit.

Nadeem told The Indian Express: "I was falsely accused by wrongdoing, he made up a story His lawyer Syed Farman

ment's affidavit stated that Salman has been given clean chit while no evidence under the

anti-conversion law was found against Nadeem.

Station House Officer of Mansoorpur police station Kushal Pal Singh said the woman in her statement denied charges of any conversion attempt on her. She told the police that her husband wrongly suspected that she was in a relationship with Nadeem.

Singh said since there was evidence of threats, a chargesheet was filed against Nadeem under IPC sections 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) and 506 (criminal intimidation).

After the filing of the affidavit, the High Court, which had earlier staved criminal proceedings against Nadeem, posted the case for fresh hearing on January 15. On December 18, ordering a

stay on the criminal proceedings, the court had said that the couple were adults with fundamental rights to privacy. "There is no material before us that any force or coercive process is being adopted by the petitioner to convert (the woman)... all the allegations are prima facie based on suspicion," it had said.

Sixteen cases have been lodged in UP since the conversion law kicked in on November 28.

Woman denies 'love jihad' charge, mob chases man's family

AVANEESH MISHRA LUCKNOW, JANUARY 7

TENSION PREVAILS at Nagla Mulla village in Firozabad after a Muslim family, one of whose men is facing charges under the anti-conversion law, was chased even as the 19-year-old woman involved in the case gave a testimony countering the allegations. In a statement on Thursday before a magistrate, the woman said she had left home with the Muslim youth, 23, of her own free will, had got married to him

in court and not converted. The police said several people from the woman's village, the neighbouring Jamalpur, gathered outside the house of the accused and chased his family members on Wednesday. The police said they acted before any violence broke out and forces were deployed in both the villages. The woman had left home

with the youth on December 22, and on December 26, a case under the anti-conversion law and of kidnapping was lodged against him. On Monday, the woman was traced and brought back to her family; the police are looking for the 23-year-old. Matsaina Station Officer

Officer said, they got information of an agitated crowd from Jamalpur moving towards the house of the accused in Nagla Mulla, 3 km away. Denying any stone-pelting or violence, he said, "They were stopped. Some who were caught by the police were let off after they claimed they were not from that village. The man's family too confirmed there was no stone-pelting, but they were chased by the locals.'

Vinay Kumar Mishra said, "The

woman said they had a court

marriage before running away. As

per her claims, they had a nikaah.

But we are verifying the docu-

ments provided by her, as they

show her name as Zeenat and she

claims she has not converted...

She is denying the allegations that

she was forced into the marriage.'

woman said she had known the

23-year-old for the past three

Kanaujiya said the 23-year-old

youth didn't get along with his

family and had left home a few

years ago. "After the FIR, we put

them on surveillance and the

woman was found while the

man got information of the po-

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Mishra added that the

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HC reserves order on Sushant Muzaffarnagar riots: Court says arrest BJP MLA

The Muzaffarnagar police had booked

A former Kawal village Panchayat 'prad-

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murder along with 27 others during the

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sisters' plea to quash FIR Saini under sections 153 A and 295 of the IPC respectively for promoting communal enmity and defiling a place of worship in **OMKAR GOKHALE** Kawal village under Jansath police station on February 21, 2013 during communal ri-

MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

Rajput's death. THE BOMBAY High Court Thursday reserved its orcomplaint, had asked the der on a petition by late police to probe if the actor Sushant Singh medications, which fall Rajput's sisters Priyanka under the ambit of the Singh and Meetu Singh, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances seeking to quash an FIR lodged by the Mumbai Act, resulted in the dete-Police against them and a doctor from Delhi's Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital for allegedly procuring psychiatric drugs for the actor without consultation and by using a forged

prescription. The three were booked following a police complaint filed on September 7 by actor

what drove Rajput to die Rhea Chakraborty, who is facing probe by CBI and by suicide. Subsequently, ED in connection to Chakraborty told the Supreme Court that she Chakraborty, in her did not suspect anyone, but later accused them of

negligence, the plea said. Senior counsel Vikas Singh, representing the sisters, said telemedicine practice guidelines permit a doctor to prescribe medicines via online consultation and due to the pandemic, Rajput could not go for physical consultation. The sisters said that the FIR was a counter case and assuming that even such a prescription was procured, there seems to be no evidence against them as per a re-

rioration of Rajput's mental health or his death on lune 14, last year. In their plea, the sisters said that Chakraborty. as per the FIR, had made "contradictory statements" about the actor's death. They added that Chakraborty had first claimed in a tweet on July 16 that she did not know ply filed by the CBI.

HC allows Varavara Rao to stay in Nanavati hospital till Jan 13

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the private hospital fol- since 2018. lowing a court order on The High Court. on November 18. November 19 had allowed Rao to seek treat-The court also directed the hospital to file a ment at Nanavati hospital fresh medical report on for 15 days. This was later Rao by the next hearing. A division bench of Justice S S Shinde and ustice M S Karnik was hearing a writ plea filed by Rao's wife Pendyala Hemalatha, seeking his release from jail. The plea alleged that prison authorities have not been providing Rao appropri-Mumbai, was shifted to ate medical attention he could walk.

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found that Nadeem did not have any illicit relationship with the woman, the affidavit said, adding that her statement had also been recorded. However, it was found that he had threatened the complainant, it said, adding that a chargesheet was

the woman's husband on

Ahmad Naqvi said the govern-

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4.	221/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, D/o Park sector-34, 50, 51, 52 & 61 Noida. (Sh: Dustbin & Garden Bench)	Cost Rs. 44.10 Lacs
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SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

THE BOMBAY High Court on Thursday allowed writer-poet Varavara Rao, arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in the Elgaar Parishad case, to remain at Nanavati hospital in Mumbai till it hears his bail plea on January 13. Rao, who is lodged at Taloja Central Jail in Navi

extended by the court till January 7. When the court enquired about Rao's health and whether he was able to walk, Advocate R Sathyanarayanan, appearing for the petitioner, said that while Rao has recovered substantially, he was not aware of whether



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- The details and conditions for eligibility, Scope of work along with Technical, Financial bid requirement and roles & responsibilities of the Service provider are indicated in the Tender Document. The complete Tender document can be downloaded from below listed websites and no tender fee is charged.
- www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
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ANVAY NAIK SUICIDE Arnab, two others give hearing a miss, police seek arrest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

THE RAIGAD Police has sought arrest warrants against the three men accused of abetting the suicide of interior designer Anvay Naik, including Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami, after they failed to appear before an Alibag court Thursday.

The court had directed Goswami, Feroz Shaikh of IcastX/Skimedia and Niteish Sarda of Smartworks, to appear before it after the police filed a chargesheet against them last month.

Goswami, through his lawyer, cited the Covid-19 pandemic and told the court that he cannot appear before it as he is in Delhi. The two others also cited the pandemic for their inability to appear and filed exemption applications.

Special Public Prosecutor Pradip Gharat, representing the police, said that since it is a criminal trial, their presence is necessary to proceed. He went on to file an application seeking arrest warrants against the three.

The court, however, considered the SOPs in place, which state that adverse orders cannot be passed against parties for non-appearance in such proceedings due to the pandemic. It allowed exemption applications of the accused and adjourned the hearing on the prosecution's warrant application to next month. The Raigad Police had dropped the charge that indicated that the three together conspired to drive Naik to suicide in April 2018 while maintaining abetment to suicide charges.



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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 Raijor Dal, formed recently by the Gogoiled 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

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

HAMZAKHAN 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



PM Narendra Modi flags off the train on Thursday. PTI

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

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

EKTAA 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



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of the first double stacked conta-

iner 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 entrepre-

how they are boosting the stren-

gth of different parts of the coun-

try. He said the Western Freight

Corridor will make farming and

allied businesses in Haryana and

Rajasthan easier and impart new

energy into cities like Mahe-

ndragarh, Jaipur, Ajmer and Sikar.

respective of the party ruling the

government, the expansion of

railways, the development of rail-

ways has been top priority and

should continue to be so. This will

strengthen the economy."

CM Ashok Gehlot said that "ir-

Modi said the Eastern Freight Corridor has started showing

neurs of Rajasthan.

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 jaamdanis, 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

'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 referring 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 CII, 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 inguiries under the 'in-house Procedure' being totally and wholly confidential in nature. Supreme Court never releases information in matters incidental thereto."

Petitions seeking contempt of Reddy's letter to the CII came court proceedings for making at a time the bench headed by public the letter are currently Justice Ramana was hearing a pending before the SC. plea seeking fast-tracking of The SC follows an in-house criminal cases against sitting and

a press conference.

procedure to look into comformer MPs and MLAs. It was afplaints against judges.

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.

cipal advisor Ajeya Kallam re-

leased Reddy's letter to the CJI at

The next day, the CM's prin-

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New Delhi

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 precautionson 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 ENS activist".

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. Ihalawar SP Kiran Kang Sidhu said that "the police filed an FIR suo motu."

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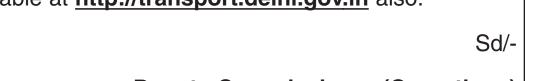
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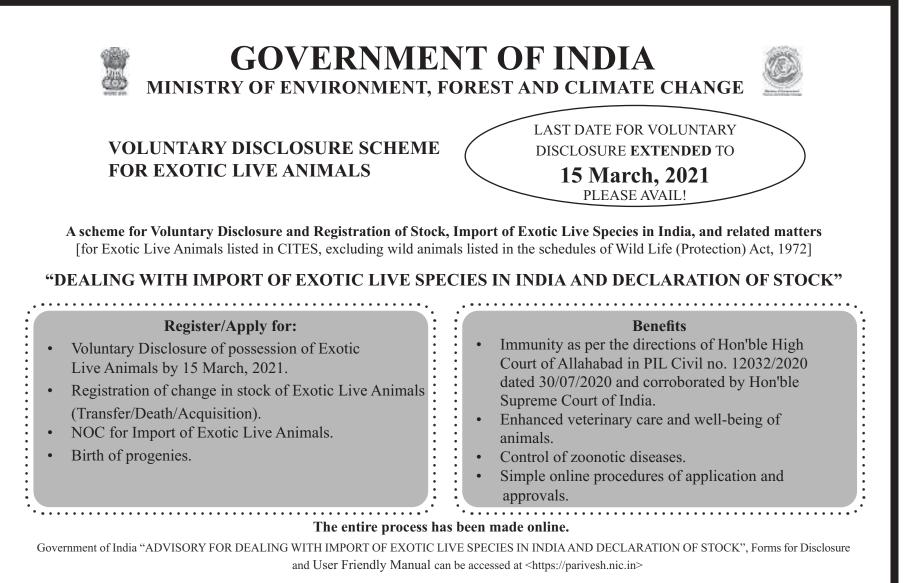
came to India from Pakistan, and he single-handedly changed the language of Indian fashion in the eighties. He blended handwoven textiles with prints, and that's something no one had thought of doing then," said designer

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.



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WORDLY WISE IT IS IRONIC THAT A NATION THAT HAS NEVER EXPERIENCED A COUP D'ETAT SHOULD BE SO OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA OF CONSPIRACY. - GORE VIDAL

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

JANUARY 6

America's day of shame: Don't just blame the mob. Trump lit the fire, his gutless colleagues fanned the flames

HE STORMING OF the US Capitol by a mob of President Donald Trump's supporters, the scenes of violence at the Congress, and the loss of lives have left the world aghast. That this could happen in the oldest democracy, where the transition from one president to the next has always evoked admiration for its ease and precision, is deeply unsettling. And yet hardly surprising. For, the mob that massed at Capitol Hill on the day the Senate was to ratify President-elect Joe Biden's victory may be dismissed as the loony fringe but there is no getting around the fact that the lumpen protesters had assembled on the call of none other than President Trump. What was witnessed on January 6 was that dangerous moment when the fringe is so empowered by the patronage of the powerful, when it is so weaponised by the mainstream leadership, that it takes centrestage.

President Trump's refusal, from the start, to concede the election to Biden, coupled with his call to his supporters to make it clear that they do not accept the result, made him the enabler-in-chief of this sordid episode. Blame must also be laid at other doors - of those who could have prevented this day from coming, whose own acts of commission and omission made it possible. In a system deservedly admired for its intricate checks and balances, the Republican Party proved disturbingly unable to step up to the task of reining in Trump. Its silence in the face of his repeated assertions that the election was stolen from him became a tacit acceptance of his unverified claims. Republican seniors, nervous that the party would lose Trump's support base, played along with his delusions. While some did make it clear they did not support him in his dark schemes to overturn the result, the most powerful Republicans either kept quiet, or did not call him out firmly enough, or openly supported his brinkmanship.

America will overcome this moment, as it has its other big crises. It still has institutions that can stand up to excesses by the country's political leadership, even its highest office. The United States Supreme Court gave a demonstration of its independence last month when it rejected a lawsuit seeking to overturn the verdict, as did many state courts. Trump's suggestion to officials in Georgia state that they should ensure his victory by finding the right number of votes was called out by the officials themselves. The Senate, too, recovered quickly from the assault on the Capitol to certify the victories of Biden and Kamala Harris. The system will certainly rise to the occasion when the time comes to fix accountability for the incidents at the Capitol. For the rest of the world, however, there can be no schadenfreude at the terrible images from Washington on Wednesday. On the other hand, there are lessons to be marked and learnt. One of them is that powerful democracies draw their strength not only from we, the people, but from checks on their power. The world waits to see how its most powerful democracy holds its President to account for going rogue.

A SMALLER DECLINE

NSO pegs GDP contraction at 7.7 per cent. Stronger rebound in economic activity, vaccine rollout, may mean faster pick-up

HE FIRST ADVANCE estimates of national income for the current financial vear. released by the National Statistical Office on Thursday, indicate that the Indian economy is likely to contract by 7.7 per cent in 2020-21. This is in line with the RBI's estimate, which, in December last year, had pegged the decline at 7.5 per cent. Considering that the economy contracted by 15.7 per cent in the first half of the year, these numbers suggest that the NSO believes that in the second half of the year, the economy would be at almost the same level as it was last year. In nominal

PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

ONE OF THE more intriguing quotations associated with the Capitol Hill complex is by Rufus Choate, "We have built no temples but the Capitol, and we consult no common oracle but the Constitution." On January 6, the Capitol was symbolically desecrated, and the authority of the Constitution was challenged. The desecration was not carried out by external enemies, but encouraged by the President of the United States, egging on loutish and armed groups like the Proud Boys to intimidate an elected Congress. They, some of them armed, made it to the inner precincts of Congress and disrupted the proceedings. In one instant, that indelible image damaged the reputation of American democracy.

This breakdown in order was also attended by a confusion in language. What was this: A coup d'etat, an armed insurrection, a violent protest, an act of sedition? Whatever the technicalities, there is no doubt that this was an attempt to subvert the democratic process, and had the full blessings of the Commander in Chief, and of sections of the Republican Party. It is also tempting to see America as a Hollywood movie writ large; a pantomime show full of guns, violence and cartoon characters that fundamentally change nothing. Its institutions have shown great resilience. The electoral process stood up to President Trump's assault. State officials and courts discharged their duty. Revulsion against Trump played a part in giving Democrats control of the Senate. Trump's most powerful enablers, from Mitch McConnell to Mike Pence, withdrew from the precipice. Trump's endgame will soon be over. But there is good reason to think that this storming of the Capitol may be part of a continuing nightmare, not an ephemeral bad dream.

The assault on the Capitol is a sign of many challenges. The first is the racial question. The politics of protest will remain racialised. It is difficult not to wonder if a Black Lives Matter kind of movement would have been allowed to assault the Capitol in this way; there is more than a touch of white entitlement here. But the Right has also convinced itself that it is the victim, The most important transformation over the last few years is the institutionalisation of the infrastructure of hate and demagoguery across institutions, from media to civil society. This infrastructure is not going to vanish easily. Its goals are not just electoral victories. There is also a touch of cultural nihilism in this discourse, a will to cross all boundaries, that is not easily captured by our language of interests. How else does one explain the deep QAnon conspiracist mind-set that has taken more hold in politics than one could have imagined? The Republican Party may have pulled away from the brink. But there is little sign that it will not continue to fuel the politics of resentment.

that it is the Left that condones lawlessness. The distinction between a movement for justice and inclusion and a movement for the subversion of democracy will be lost in this partisan construction of protest.

America attacks America

US might recoil from Capitol siege. But its

democracy will remain riven by internal conflicts

Second, there is now going to be more generalised partisan suspicion of state agencies. If it is true, as appears to be the case, that the police did not do all it could to stop this storming, might even have mildly encouraged it, and is reluctant to arrest protestors, it will expose law enforcement agencies to even more conspiracy theories, about which sections of the state are part of which party's deep state. When the instruments of order are not perceived to be neutral, it is a continuing problem for order. And the challenge is that it is hard to convince citizens of the political neutrality of institutions like the police after visible incidents like these. This is not a new problem, but it now goes to the heart of political partisan-

ship at the highest level. The third challenge is something the brilliant political scientist Paul Staniland has been alerting us to for years: The possibility of the growing militarisation of US politics. The US has always had an infrastructure of armed right wing groups like the Ku Klux Klan. But there now seems to be a reversal to a political climate where the mainstream political process openly legitimises them to an unprecedented degree. In a sense, cultivating a fear of a right-wing backlash is a time-honoured strategy to pressure the centre and the middle. One of the unintended challenges of Democrats controlling both Houses will be that discontent with politics now takes an extra political turn.

The result in Georgia was a testament to what political hard work can accomplish. But governing America, even with Democrats controlling both Houses of government, will not be easy. The most important transformation over the last few years is the institutionalisation of the infrastructure of hate and demagoguery across institutions, from media to civil society. This infrastructure is not going to vanish easily. Its goals are not just electoral victories. There is also a touch of cultural nihilism

in this discourse, a will to cross all boundaries, that is not easily captured by our language of interests. How else would Trump take the place of Jesus? How else does one explain the deep QAnon conspiracist mindset that has taken more hold in politics than one could have imagined?

The Republican Party may have pulled away from the brink. But there is little sign that it will not continue to fuel the politics of resentment. The Democrats will face two challenges. The divisions papered over in the battle over Trump will likely ensure that that small window of opportunity afforded for transformative change may not yield lasting results. And as the pandemic worsens, the convenient narrative of blaming it all on Trump will also begin to fall apart: After all, Democratic states like California and New York also have dismal records. The possibility of growing generalised distrust of the liberal democratic project cannot be ruled out.

Strong institutions can be, for a while, compatible with a deepening civil war of sorts, as conflicts get removed from the arena of bargaining to more fundamental conflicts of identity. But the lines of what is acceptable in politics have also shifted each time. America might recoil from the incident at Capitol Hill, invoke the 25th Amendment to protect the republic from further harm, or impeach Trump to send a message. But that American democracy has come to this is already a sign of its potential for strife.

There is a great deal of creativity in America. Technological disruption and economics have the power to change the narrative. But it is hard to shake off the feeling that liberal democracy in America will continue to come under more stress, riven by its own internal conflicts and confusion of values. The rest of the world might feel some schadenfreude at America's divisions. But regimes in Moscow and Beijing quietly taking succour from the Capitol falling is not good for global freedom either.

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COVID LESSONS IN HUMILITY

Fight against pandemic taught me to listen more, value of collaborative leadership

PREETI SUDAN

terms – this assumes significance as it will form the basis of the upcoming budget numbers - the contraction is pegged to be smaller at 4.2 per cent, with the size of the economy estimated to be Rs 194.81 lakh crore in 2020-21, as against Rs 203.89 lakh crore in 2019-20.

On the production side, the pace of recovery is likely to remain uneven. While agriculture is expected to continue to grow at a healthy pace, not much of an uptick is expected in the manufacturing sector. The construction sector is expected to pick up faster, growing at 4.4 per cent in the second half of the year, after contracting by almost 30 per cent in the first half. On the services side, the badly scarred trade, hotels, transport and communications sector is likely to continue to contract in the second half of the year as well, though the pace of decline is expected to ease marginally. However, both financial, real estate and professional services and public administration, defence and other services are expected to impart a positive impulse to the economy in the second half. The latter is projected to grow at 3.3 per cent, after contracting by 11.3 per cent in the first half. The sharp rise in central government spending in November is indicative of this. On the expenditure side, in the second half of the year, the NSO expects both household demand and investment activity to recover to almost the same level as last year.

As these estimates take into consideration data for only seven to eight months of the year, these numbers are likely to be revised in the months ahead. With the momentum observed in various economic indicators appearing to grow stronger in the period thereafter, and a rollout of the vaccine likely to provide a fillip to economic activity, especially high-contact services, growth in the fourth quarter may well be stronger than what is being expected.

BUSINESS OF DIVERSITY

Germany's quota for women in corporate boardrooms is significant. India's private sector must set itself similar goals

ERMANY'S CABINET HAS approved a law that makes it mandatory for large listed firms in the country to have at least one woman on their boards. The ruling Christian Democratic Union, which had so far resisted forcing the hand of private companies, said it gave in because of slow progress on gender equality in the boardroom. "Not many changes are made voluntarily," said a minister in the Angela Merkel government. Women make up only 12 per cent of management boards in Germany, behind countries such as the US (28.6 per cent), UK (24.5 per cent) and France (22.2 per cent). In 2015, it had legislated a 30 per cent quota for women on supervisory boards of listed companies, which, however, entailed only a non-executive role.

Globally, studies have shown a rise in the number of women in leadership positions in companies. The question remains: Do legally binding quotas work or do they run the risks of state meddling in private enterprise? Germany's experience suggests that while expanding the pool of innovators, talent and perspectives is in the obvious self-interest of industries, the gender bias wired into corporate structures is what keeps the glass ceiling in place. Countries that do better on gender parity than others - Norway, Sweden, Italy – set themselves either informal targets or commit to legal quotas.

In India, SEBI regulations make it mandatory for listed firms to have at least one woman director on their boards. Despite that, the proportion of women board directors in Nifty 500 companies does not even touch 20 per cent, according to a report by Institutional Investor Advisory Services last year. Inequality, whether of gender, caste or income, is a systemic feature of many Indian institutions - and the private sector is no exception. Nor should it be exempt from the expectations of substantive equality. Though it has resisted pressures for affirmative action so far, it must get to work on mechanisms that ensure more women in the boardroom.

IT IS JANUARY 8 again, a year since the first meeting of the Joint Monitoring Group under the Director General Health Services was convened by director, emergency response, to formulate the government's stand on COVID-19 a fast-emerging health threat then. A national task force with experts was also constituted.

Thus began India's battle against a pandemic, which was not just a public health crisis but also one with economic and social consequences. Backed by scientific advice and led by the Prime Minister, India's proactive, preemptive and graded response exemplified the myriad fronts on which the central government coordinated policy and implementation across multiple departments and states.

The first advisory was received on January 17, 2020. DG, ICMR, colleague secretary in the ministry, always a phone call away, ensured that testing was arranged at the ICMR's NIV laboratory. India's first case came on January 30, a student returnee from Wuhan. Personally, till I handed over charge as health secretary to an able successor in end-July, these seven months were life changing. I had served as commissioner, disaster management, in the combined state of Andhra Pradesh, handled two cyclones, seven floods, a drought, and Zika and Nipah outbreaks, but this was unimaginably different. COVID was an evolving challenge, with no known "right way", health infrastructure and human resources constraints, no treatment guidelines or training modules, high dependence on imports for essential protective equipment and testing probes/reagents. There was also an "infodemic" to counter.

These seven months taught me much from lessons in humility to listening more than

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Today, with a population of 135 crore, we have a case fatality rate of 1.45 per cent, a recovery rate of 96.3 per cent, over 15 lakh isolation, 2.7 lakh oxygen and 80,557 ICU beds and 40,627 ventilators. From one lab at the beginning of the pandemic, the country has 2,305 labs, and an enhanced testing capacity of 12 lakh tests per day.

speaking, the value of collaborative leadership, and admiration for the selfless work of colleagues in central and state governments. I came away with respect and gratitude for the efforts of doctors, nurses, ASHAs, frontline workers, including police personnel and the armed forces, who apart from assisting in emergency operations, opened their facilities to civilians, compensating for infrastructure shortages. There was pride at the capability of our scientists and researchers, the pharma and related industry, which quickly re-engineered their processes to "Make in India" the essentials needed to fight the pandemic. Young journalists on the MoHFW beat kept awake all night to cover the news sent by our team, a media shy joint secretary became the face of the MoHFW. More importantly, I was filled with respect for our people who, ungrudgingly, made sacrifices, and a renewed faith in our resilience and ability to stand together.

Led personally by the PM, the states and the Centre worked in harmony to meet the COVID-19 challenge in a spirit of cooperative federalism. Regular interactions of the PM with the chief ministers, Group of Ministers chaired by the health minister, committee of secretaries under the Cabinet Secretary, 11 empowered groups led by secretaries/member/CEO NITI Ayog, and almost daily video conferences of the minister, secretary and officers of MoHFW with states, enabled a focused response.

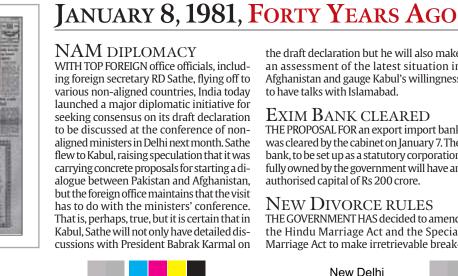
Guidance for public health teams, health facilities and service providers and the lay public was given. Testing, guarantine and isolation norms were framed and surveillance and case management protocols drafted. Guidelines were issued for the use of protective equip-

ment, maintaining essential non-COVID health services, wearing masks and maintaining do gaz ki doori. Free helpline numbers were set up for COVID-related queries, specifically for mental health issues. Training resources for volunteers and frontline workers were created via the iGOT platform and human resources were moblised through covidwarriors.gov.in. Safety net packages for the vulnerable were organised (PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, a Rs 1.70-lakhcrore relief package). Guidelines were also issued for highlighting the inspirational work of COVID health professionals, development of the Arogya Setu App, redesigning e-Sanjeevani for teleconsultation, uploading real-time testing data on the ICMR portal and indigenous manufacturing of Trunat and rapid antigen testing kits. Once an importer of PPEs, masks and ventilators, the country became an exporter of these items.

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On January 3, India approved two indigenously manufactured vaccines, concurrently making extensive arrangements to rollout the world's largest vaccination drive. I am sure, as always, together we can.

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the draft declaration but he will also make an assessment of the latest situation in Afghanistan and gauge Kabul's willingness to have talks with Islamabad

EXIM BANK CLEARED

THE PROPOSAL FOR an export import bank was cleared by the cabinet on January 7. The bank, to be set up as a statutory corporation fully owned by the government will have an authorised capital of Rs 200 crore.

NEW DIVORCE RULES THE GOVERNMENT HAS decided to amend

New Delhi

the Hindu Marriage Act and the Special Marriage Act to make irretrievable breakdown of marriage a ground for divorce. An official spokesman said that the Cabinet while accepting the recommendations of the Law Commission decided to provide necessary safeguards to avoid financial hardship to the wife and children in her custody when a petition for divorces on such grounds is presented by the husband.

CM AND DSP

THE BIHAR GOVERNMENT has suspended a DSP who refused to "close the files" relating to the corruption of former excise officer being favoured by Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra. The CM had earlier refused permission to prosecute this official.







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THE IDEAS PAGE



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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 anneighbourhoods. 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 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

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 progovernment and pro-agro-business econo-

mists, 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 agrobusiness-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 socialcultural 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+Fl+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

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ecdote 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 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 emJaane 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?

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.

The writer is a satirist

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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A House for new India

New Parliament will be a monument to cultural diversity of Indian democracy

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 is a case in point — it will showcase the broad trajectory of growth in the years to come.

The Montague-Chelmsford reforms resulted in the participation of Indians in the governance and administration of the country through the Government of India Act 1919. Public representatives were elected for the first time in 1921. These reforms resulted in the creation of a bicameral legislature. To accommodate the legislators, Edwin Lutyens and Herbert Baker designed the present 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

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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 earthquakeproofing, 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 elaborated 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 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**, Hempur

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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.

Varun Das, Zirakpur

WITH FARMERS

THIS REFERSTO 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



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





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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

I,Tushar Sharma,S/o Mahesh Chand Sharma.Address.42-A. st.no-2,krishna-nagar southanarkali East/Delhi-51,have lost my original-certificate Clss-10 (2016) rollno-8157365 Class-12(2018) rollno-9613334 CBSE-DELHI. 0040559661-5

pd.gupta R/O Titaiganj Tekari Gaya Bihar-824236, have lost my original certificate/ marksheet of class 10th (CBSE, 2015) roll no-7123122, 12th (CISCE, 2017) Roll no-6560149.

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 (333320487427), voter id card(WMU1975085), pan card, Laptop, pen drive on 06-01-2021 at NDLS platform no -9. Contact 0040559575-1

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.

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

I. Devendra Chandra have lost my Class 10th (ICSE) Pass Certificate (Index No.: T/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. 0040559636-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of my clients. Mr Gaurav Takkar & Mrs Nichi Charchar ("Owners"). That. Sml Darshna Rani was the owner of the propetly bearing No. 2242 dGound Floor & First Floor without Roof Rights, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi vide Sale Doed 28/11/2008. Further, Smt Darshna Rani executed WILL dated 2020.2011 in favour of Mr. Surinder Kumar Arora. Unfortunately, Smt Darshna Rani dide. Thereaftar, the said property was Sold to Mr Gaurav Takkar & Mrs Nichi Chachra vide Sale Deed dated 161.22019 Registration No Deed dated 16.12.2019 Registr 25538 in Book No 1 Vol No 4968 or to 78. Now, my clients intend to mor

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLC Not Cle T is to inform to the public al large that. Mr. Vinod Kumar Maurya acquired Residential Land measuring 100 sq. yds. out of Khasra No. 2263, Village Mahiuddinpur Kanawani Pargana Loni, Distt. Ghazibad, U.P. vide Sale Deed dt. 03-04-2019 executed by Mr. Manoi Kumar GPA of Mr. Vinesk 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 oftherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 107 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 the tartent of ul and visit and 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.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby informed that our client (1) Sh. Kamlesh Kumar So Shi Pal(2) Smt. Sangeeta Devi W/o Sh. Kamlesh Kumar Both R/O C-47, Gh.S, Mohan Baba Nagar, Tajpur, Badarpur, Jaitpur, South Delhi, Delhi-110044, have with immediate effect disowned/debarred/disinherited dheir son Mr. Aman Kumar S/o Sh. Kamlesh Kumar R/o C-47, Block-C, Mohan Baba Nagar, Tajpur Village, Mohan Baba Nagar, Tajpur Village Badarpur, Delhi-110044 and his a legal heirs, successors, assigns attorney etc. from all movable an movable assets of our clients an nas also ceased/severed all kinds of elations with them since they ar not under control of our clients of under control of our clients lenceforth, anyone dealing wit hem shall be doing so at his/he wn costs, risks and consequence nd our clients and their famil embers shall not be liable for th ame in any manner and under an ircumstances.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE Out client Sh. Devender Kumar R/o H.No. 1256/57, Chowk Shah, Mobarik Bazar Sitaram, Delhi-110006, is the permanent resident of the said property. And our client has disowned nis son Mr. Manoj Kumar from all of his oveable and immovable property due o his misconduct and discontinued he family relation with him. Our clien Sh. Devender Kumar will not be esponsible for any civil or crimina Acts or conduct of his son in future Bikash 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 clien Durga Devi, age-77, D/O Kisto Chand, currently residing a H-21, Street Number 2, Block H 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 and shall carry out the procedure for name change in Il documents referring to he nder the previous identity of "Animesh Gaba, Advocate 841, Saket Courts New Delhi-110017.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clear Mis. Anita Wio Late Shr Ratan La 5 5/33, Type 1, Jakvihar Colony, Laja gar, New. Delh-110024, has disown he ughter Mis. Meenakshi aged about 31 year the misconduct and threat dono by her o rious occasions, from my client's units property. Properties and shall not b tilled to grant of probate to my client. Meenakshi nesspect to my client. Ing that n his or her own risk, my client an ineral Public take notice. Saf-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sh. Pradeep Kumar S/c Late Sh. Nand Lal & Mrs. Nimala Dev Wo Sh. Pradeep Kumar both R/o H.No 21/A, Hauz Khas Village, New Delhi-16, have debarred their son Mr. Rahul along with his wife Ms. Swati Sharma D/o Kailash Sharma from their movable, immovable properties and assets in

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER Bids are invited by State Bank of India under RFP No. SBI/ACV/2020-21/007 Dated 08/Jan/2021 from the eligible bidders for Procurement of Comprehensive Centrally Monitored Electronic Surveillance Solution for 23,800 Capex ATM sites on Opex Model Basis under Phase - IV. Bidders, who are interested to submit bids may visit **"Procurement News" at https://bank.sbi.** Commencement of download of RFP: From 11:00 am on 08/Jan/2021 Last date and time of submission of bids: Up to 03:00 pm on 02/Feb/2021 Sd/-Place: New Delhi Deputy General Manager (Implementation & Rollout) Date: January 08, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed that Sh. Nafe Singh Son of Sh. Balbir Singh Resident of Village & P.O. Nahri Distt. Sonipat, Haryana-131101 working as MTS in PWD has not been attending his duties since 29.05.2019.

He is hereby directed to join his duties within 3 days failing which disciplinary action under CCS rules will be taken.

Sd/-

Superintending Engineer PWD Circle North West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-56 DIP/Shabdarth/0528/20-21

MH LANSDOWNE

REGISTRATION OF VENDORS FOR SUPPLY OF DRUGS, CONSUMABLE AND CRITICAL CARE EQUIPMENT TO **MILITARY HOSPITAL LANSDOWNE FOR THE YEAR 2021-22**

Applications for registration of vendors for supply of drugs, consumable and critical care equipment to Military Hospital Lansdowne for the year 2021-22 are invited from interested firms with valid drug license for the period and other requisite documents as given in the application form. Application forms are available from the office of Administrative Officer in MH Lansdowne between 09 hrs to 1300 hrs since 12 Jan 2021 to 20 Jan 2021. Last date of submission of completed application forms accompanied by requisite documents is 31 Jan 2021 (1200 Hrs).

> **Commanding Officer** MH Lansdowne



no-8800973694 0070726430-1 203001, have declare that in, my 0040559661-6

Rollno-6255714 CBSE-DELHI. 0040559661-7

Vihar,New Delhi. 0040559601-1

I, Akash Kumar S/O surendra Graduation

Purshotam Lal Garg

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

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

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I.POONAM.D/O- SAGAR CHAND R/O-H.NO-40 BLOCK-MG-1, VIKAS PURI DELHI 110018, changed my name to POONAM SHARMA. 0040559653-5

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.

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I,Suraj Randhawa S/o Gulzar Randhawa R/o G&JU Green Apartment Pitampura Delhi 110034 have changed my name to Levay Randhawa.

I.Mumtaz Sabir w/o-Sh. Abdul Mazid,R/o-91-92, DDA-Quarters, Phase-3, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Mumtaz, for all 0040559653-7

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

purposes.

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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.

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

0070726429-1

I, POOJA VISHAL PANCHAL, D/O MANOJ KUMAR HIRALAL PANCHAL,R/O-30, SHRI.MAHAVIR JAIN SOCIETY NFAR-AMBER CINEMA-BAPUNAGAR SARASPUR AHMEDABAD GUJARAT 380024.HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO PANCHAL POOJA MANOJ KUMAR, FOR ALL PURPOSE. 0040559648-9 I hitherto known as Sudhanshu, S/o Shri Raj Pal Singh, R/o E-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. 0040559562-1 I, Nisha Setia d/o Satender

Kumar, R/o A-111, Sudershan Park, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Sakshi Setia, permanently 0040559607-2 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

0070726425-1 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.

0040559622-7 I,Yogesh Mahraul S/o Mahendra Mahraul R/o Chhapravat, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh-245408, have changed my name to Yogesh Mehrol S/o Mahendra Singh Mehrol, for all future purposes. 0040559602-1 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. Kneej W/o Asgar Ali R/o I-227,288, J.J.Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Kaniz Begam permanently. 0040559651-5

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.

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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

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SMT. ANITA SHARMA . W/O SH.JAI BHARAT SHARMA R/o **BHANDRIYON 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 Koyamu Padathody, R/o 3/135, 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.

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

I, Aditya J George S/O Jiju George, R/o Keezhakathu veedu, Pathirapally P O, Alappuzha, Kerala-688521 have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as 0070726432-Aditya J. ANZAR ALAM, S/O MUNNA.ADDRESS-RZ-1-F-134, MITTAL-COLONY. PUL PEHLADPUR BADARPUR SOUTH EAST DELHI-110044.Changed my name to ANJAR ALAM,

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to 78. Now, my clients intend to mortgage the property tilth Kottak Mahindra Bank Lkui. If an person (s) having any objection regarding th rights/Title Or claim, please raise objection with documentary proof within 15 days. Publication at the below address. Schedu Property 2240 Ground Floor & Finis Floo without Reof Rights, Subhash Nagar, Ne elhi; hereinafter referred to as (* Sd/- AKSHAY SINGH (A

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR AN BASEMENT OF THE FREEHOL PROPERTY BEARING NO. J-2/21, B. DUTT MARKET, RAJOURI GARDER

NEW DELHI-110027 Public at large is hereby informed the captioned property is subject for Bank of India, Bank/ Branch Premise at present the captioned floor(s) property is are owned by my client(s) i.e (1) Shr Dharam Pal Bathla (2) Smt. Asha Ran and (3) M/s Bathla Buildwell Pvt Ltd by and (3) M/s Batha Buildweil Pvt Lt by virtue of registered Sale Deed. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm / company, Bank, SDMC, concerned authorities, financial institution having any claim / objection, any charge, interest or / judgment or otherwise and / or objection thereol, he/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 fir for Bank Premises and no further objection will be enterfaned. SG/- Amit Chaudhary (Advocate) Chamber No 561, 5th Floor, Saket

s, New Delhi Mobile - 9910147876 Email : amitlawyer2007@gmail.cor

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR ANI BASEMENT OF THE FREEHOLI PROPERTY BEARING NO. J-2/6, B.K DUTT MARKET, RAJOURI GARDEN NEW DELHI—110027 DOTI MARKET, KAJOURI GAHDER, NEW DELH-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 Harun Malhotra by virtue of registered Sale Deed. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm / company, Bank, SDMC, concerned authorities, financial institution having any claim/ objection, any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of any objection thereof, he/she/ they may lodger out order / judgment or cherwise and / or objection thereof, he/she/ they may lodger 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 (Advocat Chamber No 561, 5th Floor, Sake urts, New Delhi Mobile - 9910147876 Email : amitlawyer2007@gmail.con

PUBLIC NOTICE The Genral public is hereby informed nat my client Smt. Mam Kour w/o Li Sh. O.P. Rana r/o 18, kavita color nangloi delhi 110041 has served all he elation with daughter in law Smt. Sun ingh w/o Mr. Rajesh Rana, Miss Alic Rana d/o Mr. Rajesh Rana Mr. Akshi Rana s/o Mr. Rajesh Rana and 2nd daughter in law Smt. Meena w/o Mi Rakesh Rana (divorce before fourte ears) Mr. Aryan Rana s/o Mr. Rakes Rana (Mr. Rajesh Rana & Mr. Rakes ana s/o Lt. Sh. O.P.Rana) due to the bad habits. My above named client ha also disowned and debarred all h movable and immovable propertie Anybody dealing with above people w 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. Praveen Rastogi (Advocat

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lauz Khas Village, New Delhi due to the inacceptable behavior and not takin roper care of their parents in the was s they expect. Anybody dealing will lem in future shall do at his own co & risk and responsibilities, they will n e responsible for any of their actions. Dhruv Sharma (Advocate Enrl. No. D-6844/19 Ch. No: D-703, Block-D Karkardooma Court Delhi-3

Mob: 931839531

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to bring to your kind notice that I Mithilesh Kumar, Advocate on behalf of my client Sh. Ranbir Singh Sio Sh. Vazir Singh R/o G-26, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018, do hereby inform that the (1) Beath Certificate of Late Sh. Khacheru & (2) Copy of Noc's of Legal Heirs of Late Sh. Khacheru for Mutation in respect of property bearing no. G-26, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018, in favour of Sh. Sant Singh Sio Late Sh. Khacheru, Village - Gharoli, Delhi, has los somewhere in market of District Center Janakpuri, Delhi on 13.10. 2020 & an FIR to this regard has been lodged in Police Station Crime Branch Delhi no 29.12.2020 & effected Person(6). lodged in Police Station Crime Bran Delhi on 29.12.2020 & effected Personi shall claim within 15 days from the date ublication of this paties on mobile of publication of this notice on mobile no 9810018231. If found by anyone Kind return to the aforesaid address of my clien hilesh Kumar (Advocate) Ch.No. 7 rict Courts Rohini, Delhi- 85 # 98105931

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that my client Sh. Syam Bihari Gupta, Soi Li Sh. Jaqdish Chand Gupta, Ho H. No D-20, Kamla Nagar, Delhi and Mirs Deepil Gupta Wo Sh. Shyam Bihari Gupta Dio Sh. Raj Mohan Bansal NoH No. D-20, Kamla Nagar, Delhi hat severed all kind of relations and has severed all kind of relations and has Sh. Shyam Bihari Gupta, aged 30 year irom his all kind of movable an f any person deals with Mr. Krisha upta, he/she will be doing so at his/he

sk. Sd/- (Shivam Girdhar) ADVOCATE CHAMBER NO. 328, LAWYERS CHAMBER BLOCK, ROHINI COURT, DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clearcal Public Is hereby informed that my client Smt. Seema Wo Late Praveen Kumar Rio D-38. Lord Krishna Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033, has entered ino 'Agreement to Self' with Sunita Jain Wio Rajender Kr. Jain and Pawan Jain No 6 nest and right olice portion). First Floor of Property No. A-49-50. Kewal park Kun. A zadpur. Delhi-110033, admeasuring 50 sq. yards with common entrance, passage, staircase, lift and parking facility. The sale deed in this ergand is to be executed very shorty. If any body/ firm/ bank/ corporate has any bjection/ interest etc. in this property, Jease contact at 9910546505 Sd/- G.P. SINGH ADVOCAT Delhi High Cou Enrl. No. D/1655/0

PUBLIC NOTICE ieneral public is hereby inform iblic notice that my client Shri i S/o Shri Late Shaukat Ullah ar it. Daraksha Begum, R/c cond Floor. Abul Fazal Encla haheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Delh 10025 have severed all kind of the elationship and have disowned an isinherited their son Abdul Hannan age bout 30 Years from all of their movea and immoveable properties, anybod dealing with him shall do it at the cost ris nd consequences of their own. My client hall not be responsible for any act of the

Noor UI Islam (Advocate Ch. No. 671, Lawyers Chamber Block Saket Court Complex, New Delhi-11001

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Tender Value: 9.11.33.061/- (Nin crore Eleven Lakh Thirty thousand Sixty one only), **EMD** 6,05,700/- (Six lakh Five thousand Seven hundred only). Closing of Tender: up to 15:30 Hrs. or

27.01.2021.

For further details/eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the CSTE(Con) SEC Rly. BILASPUR o refer/download tender document which is available on our website www.ireps.gov.in.

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The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and/or downloaded from NMDC website http://www.nmdc.co.in, Central Public Procurement portal http://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app and MSTC portal http://www.mstcecommerce.co.infrom 08.01.2021 to 29.01.2021.

For Accessing the Bid document from NMDC website, the bidder has to register as 'New User' in Bid section at NMDC's website link http://www.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/default.aspx

For accessing the Bid documents from Central Procurement Porta www.eprocure.gov.in, the Tenderer has to click on "Latest active Tenders".

For accessing the bid document from MSTC, bidders to visit website link Tender No: NMDC/HO/49/20-21/ET/582. Bidders are requested to register as 'New Vendor' for downloading the tender document. For further help refer to 'vendor guide' given in MSTC website.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids through online mode and details of ubmission of bid through online are given in NIT.

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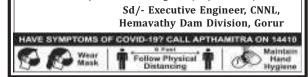
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CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED (A Government of Karnataka Enterprise) Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District

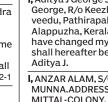
Short term tender NotificationNo.13/2020-21/ Call-2 dated:06.01.2021

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division Gorur- 573120 Hassan Taluk Hassan Dist., As Per **KW-4** Format, invited Percentage Basis tender (Two covers) through e- procurement only vide No. 13/2020-21/call-2 dated 06.01.2021 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL Bangalore from the eligible contractors of CPWD/KPWD/ WRD/ & in any other Central or state government organization as Class I contractor & Enrolled as Cat-1A in CNNL. Details:-Development of important lakes, parks and other infrastru cture works in hassan city, including the development of hannapattana tank as a tourist destination. Approx., Cost out to tender Rs. 12691.00 lakhs, EMD declaration shall be submitted in prescribed format, as uploaded in tenderwizard. stipulated period 24 months, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 07-01-2021 to 18-01-2021 through /ebsite www.eproc.karnataka. gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E – portal (2) Last date for submission of completed Technical and Financial bid is 18-01-2021 upto 16.00 hrs, (3)Pre bid meeting date: 15.01.2021, (4)Opening of Technical bid (Cover-I) 19-01-2021 at 04.30 PM onwards. (if possible) (5)Cover-II (Financial bid) will be opened after approval of Technical bid from the Competent authority. For further information etc., contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in(Department)









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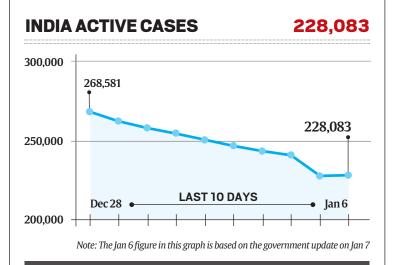
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Covid immunity could last for months: New research clarifies previous findings

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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 Covidspecific 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.

EXPLAINED CAPITOL SIEGE 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?



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 beond the delusions of Trump lies within the



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-THE EXPERT Trump, much of the mes-PROF. AMITABH MATTOO, saging was limited to dog Padma Shri, is one of whistling, the President India's leading specialists was brazen in representon foreign policy. He is ing the Democratic Party professor at the School of as being against God and American values and freedoms (including the right to bear arms), and

International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, and Honorary Professor of International Relations at the University of Melbourne. In October-November 2020. Prof Mattoo explained the United States presidential election in a four-part series published in The

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read them on his author

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

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 inabilities", 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.



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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-

Democrats to undermine the fundamental rights of page at American citizens. In the period after the

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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 pering of key figures of the party from Trump and his follies.

evidence in the distanc-

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

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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 STI Index 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-freguency 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. PLI 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 Dharnidharka.

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



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 highprofile 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.



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".

AWashington-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

US PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden GOP. The party's usual excuses for Trump – he's not a politician and denounced the storming of the

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,

THE NEW YORK TIMES

CHANCELLOR ANGELA Merkel of

Germany on Thursday con-

demned the mob violence at the

US Capitol and blamed the chaos

on the rhetoric of President Trump,

as leaders around the world ex-

pressed concern about the health

gretted that Trump had not ac-

Merkel said she deeply re-

of American democracy.

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JIM TANKERSLEY



(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



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

Trump, who has refused to concede his loss to Democratic 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

WHAT TRUMP SAID

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.

President-elect Joe Biden, had

ON DECEMBER 20

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

AT WEDNESDAY'S RALLY

"We're going to walk down to the Capitol and we're going to cheer on our brave senators and Congressmen and women... We will never give up, we will never concede."

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."

an 'assault on citadel of liberty' lies around the world appalled.

World leaders lament 'tragic' day for US democracy

president can inspire. At their worst, they can incite," Biden said. Delaware as scenes of the armed

"At their best, the words of a "The shocking events of the last 24 hours clearly demonstrate

"This is not dissent," the president-elect said in remarks from that President Donald Trump in-

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.

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 elec-

tion 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

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.

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

Biden addresses the nation President had stoked the mob on Wednesday. AP with his false claims that the 2020

Trump supporters storm the Capitol in Washington on Wednesday. NYT

Biden says storming of Capitol

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

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 at-

mosphere that made the events

of last night possible." she said.

"tragic", but also said that it was

a sign of "hope" that Congress

Macron of France said the chaos

in Washington did not reflect the

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

worked through the night.

President

She described the incident as

Emmanue

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

America he knew. "We believe in

the strength of American democ-

spokeswoman Maria Zakharova

said, "We once again point out

that the electoral system in the

United States is archaic and does-

n't meet modern standards of

democracy, creating the possibil-

ity for multiple violations and the

American media have become in-

struments of political struggle."

In China, a spokeswoman for

Russian foreign ministry

racy," he said.

tends 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

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Hua Chunying, pointedly referred

to American expressions of sup-

port 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, congress-

men 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?"

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

Woman killed in Capitol siege a veteran

who embraced conspiracy theories

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

24 hours... dark to light!'

Capitol

Trump ended a speech on

Wednesday with exhortations to

his supporters to march on the

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

were equally alarming: Coup.

Insurrection. Sedition. Suddenly

the United States was being com-

pared to a "banana republic" and

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 receiving messages of concern weeks for the inauguration of from other capitals. "American President-elect loe Biden. carnage," it turned out, was not The extraordinary invasion of what Trump would stop, as he 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 Wednesdav 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

GABRIELLA BORTER & JONATHAN ALLEN **JANUARY7**

> 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.

account The Twitter @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 and try but the storm is here and it is descending upon DC in less than

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**

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The USTR analysis has

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021 **15** ECONOMY

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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 vear-onvear 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

have stagnated in the last couple of years as companies have been

monetary policy transmission, an increase in credit may not always

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 Paresh Sukthankar, IIM Bangalore professor S Raghunath, IIM Ahmedabad

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

professor Tathagata Bandyopadhyay and IGIDR professor Subrata Sarkar. ENS find its way towards increasing in-

vestments. 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 for-

mation, 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 often 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 costbased 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.

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USTR targets India, Italy, Turkey over digital taxes

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DAVIDLAWDER 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.

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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 digi-

tal taxes imposed by France, India,

Italy and Turkey discriminate

against big US tech firms, such as

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not discriminatory, will take appropriate action field with respect to e-com-**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** merce activities undertaken

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2300 IST

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 Rs2 crore, effectively expanding the scope of equalisation levy that, till last year, only applied to digital advertising services.

The new levy came into efidentified 119 companies likely subject to India's DST of fect from April 1. E-commerce which 86(72 per cent) are US operators are obligated to pay the tax at the end of each quarcompanies, followed by China and the UK with 7 companies ter.

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

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

tion, 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

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

PETROL PRICES reached an alltime 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

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 hike

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

The key reasons behind the

high prices of petrol and diesel, de-

What are spectrum 'Hiring intent for junior auctions & who may be the likely bidders?

AASHISHARYAN 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 B must be sent at designated frequencies to LAIN avoid any kind of interference. The Union

erally set at 20 years. 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?

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 l cities, mainly led by Bengaluru and Delhi with a 10% point rise each

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

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



EX 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 gen-

mm, Bharti Airtel, and Vi are eligible contenders to buy addi-

tional 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.

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, Full report on www.indianexpress.com hours after hundreds of President

REUTERS

NEW YORK/LONDON, JAN 7

RALLY RESUMES DOW IONES WALL STREET hit record levels on A 31,135.87 306.47 points Thursday as market participants bet on more Covid relief aid under S&P 500 a Democrat-controlled Congress **3,805.32** 57.18 points to help the economy ride out a steep pandemic-led downturn. As of 11:47 am ET Economy-linked financials rose

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 31,135.87, 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. Meanwhlie, 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.

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consider its submissions regarding arithmetical errors in the calculations regarding its adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues.

A DAY after Bharti Airtel, Vodafone

Idea (Vi) too moved Supreme

Court seeking modification of its

order so that the Department of

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

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**

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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-Transformer

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(DoT) car rease in international prices crude oil and high taxes on petrol and diesel to shore up government revenues are the key reasons behind the recent hike.

paise per litre on Wednesday, af-

ter holding for 30 days. A steady in-

The price of petrol in Delhi had previously hit the Rs 84 per litremark 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

spite relatively low crude oil pieces, 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.

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 an Kottur Grama Panchavath in Kozhikode District. EMD : Rs. 2.00.000/- each (3Nos) & 500000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 11200/- each (3Nos) & 16800/-, Last Date for submitting Tender : 02 02 2021 05:00.pm, Phone : 0495 2371046

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BRIEFLY — 'I-T surveys Flipkart LIC offers SBI fundraising Mumbai: SBI has raised \$600 million of "Regulation S" bonds at 1.80 per cent. ENS

IL&FSarmdebt

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 Puniab National Bank-IIT Kanpur Innovation Centre. PTI

Muskrichest 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**

revival for arm, Swiggy on tax lapsed 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 plat-

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.

The action is related to charges of bogus ITC claims under the GST regime and related tax evasion, they said

policies The action is related to charges of bogus ITC claims under the GST

India (LIC) has come out with a special revival campaign for its customers to revive their indialso 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.

of specific eligible plans can be revived within 5 years from date of the first unpaid premium subiect 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

LIFE INSURANCE Corporation of vidual lapsed LIC policies. It has Under this campaign, policies

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www.etender.up.nic.in. Tender (Part-I) shall be opened or 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 o 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 tende shall be opened on next working day at the same time.





they are "a law abiding company and are in full compliance with the tax and legal mandates.'

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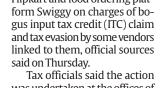
tax and legal requirements," a

spokesperson for Flipkart said.

A Swiggy spokesperson said

"We believe we are in full

subject matter, sources said.



regime and related tax evasion, sources said The probe is primarily

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opened by the Corporation Commissioner (or) his authorized official in the Corporation Office on the same day at 3.30 P.M. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the Tender specified, the Tender will be opened on next working day. The Contractor who wish to participate in the Tender may down load the Tender documents through https://tntenders.gov.in by using E.Token / Digital Signature Cards on or before 18.02.2021 up to 3.00 P.M. Any other information's may be obtained from the Corporation Executive Engineer, Thanjavur at the above office during office hours. The Managing Director & Corporation Commissioner has every right to cancel / postpone the Tender in view of Administrative reasons.

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not be responsible for the delay of the postal department. Late tenders will not be considered. Accordingly, the date of opening of tender part-2 (price bid) will be informed on the http:etender.up.nic.in and departmental website <u>www.gmcazamgarh.com</u>. The Re-etender will be opened on the next working day in the event of a holiday on the date of opening. Detailed information and other amendments etc. can be seen on the e-tendering website http:etender.up.nic.in and departmental website <u>www.gmcazamgarh.com</u>. The Principal will have the right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reason and similarly the right to postpone or not to purchase any item advertised in this tender notice will also be reserved. All questions, disputes or differences arising out of or in-connection with the e-tender, shall be subject to the sculusive jurisdiction of the court governing the territory of the concerned State Medical College, Azamgarh. For detailed description, refer to the tender form. The details mentioned in the tender form will be considered as part of the tender notice State.

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1	PWD BBR, BWINDURGARIE	RENOVATION WORK IN GOVT, COLLEGE AT BAHADURGARH IN JHAJJAR DISTRICT, (ONLY FOR LBC SOCIETY) +1 OTHER WORK	04.01.2021 19.01.2021	36.75 LACS	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	8901333000 pixt-eept- bahadurgarh@hry.nic.in
2	PWD BBR, AMBALA	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 LARE ROB WITH BOW STRING STEEL BEAM IN LIEU OF LEVEL CROSSING NO.118-CP-2 AT KM 250/5-11 IN BETWEEN OLGHESE & KESRI RAILWAY STATION ON SRE-LIND SECTION ON DECC ROUTE IN ANAWA D ISTRUCT, (RECALL OF TENDER)	04.01.2021 22.01.2021	2322.62 UACS	https://atenders.hry.ht.in	5417362482 pad-sept2- ambala@bry.nic.in
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43	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ZILA PARISHAD KARINAL	PURCHASE OF \$12 TRICYCLE GARDAGE RIDKSHAW RUHRI AS PER SPECIFICATION CEO ZILA PARISHID AGRAMA, MAD WALL PAINTINGS ON DOWD AND SWITTERN ETC. + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 19.01.2021	EHD 20000/	https://elenders.try.nic.in	9466290875 proveerig.kr/Q/hry.nic.in
5	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ZILA PARISHAD HISAR	WALL FRANTING WITH LOGO & SLOGARS ON INDIVEDUAL/COMMUNITY PLACES IN DISTT HISAR	07.01.2021 10.01.2021	60 LACS	https://standers.hty.nk.in	CEO (ZP/ DRDA HISAR)
6	CIVIL SURGEON HISAR HEALTH DEPARTMENT	APPOINTNENT OF CONCURRENT AUDITORS. FOR DHEWS HISAR FOR AUDIT OF ALL PROGRAMMES UNDER NHM & NON NHM FOR F.Y. 2020-21	06.01.2021 38.01.2021	NE	https://etenders.hry.nk.in	9034259320 dha csharibhry nic in
7	DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, PANCHKULA	NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR OUTSOURCING MANPOWER IN DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION HARYWA	CLOSING DATE 18.01.2021	1945 50,000	https://etenders.hty.htc.in	9416137471 assistantificectorsfc@gmail.com

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6	Contact Person (for any clarification)	Deputy Director,
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		Jharkhand, Ranchi
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Executive Director, Sports Authority of Jharkhand, Ranchi



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 wellstoried vulnerability against shortpitched 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, concussing and delaying his Test debut.

The reprieve came three overs after Ravichandran Ashwin had induced an



SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND Toss: Australia, chose to bat

AUSTRALIA

W Puckovski Ibw 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 (nb1)	1
Total (55 overs)	166/2
FoW: 1-6 (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;	

outside edge, that thudded out of Pant's cast-iron left glove. The curly-haired Victorian, thereafter, marched to his halfcentury, before becoming Saini's first wicket in Tests, when he swiped across his sharp in-swinger. A rare burst of exuberance undid him, but Australia would not quibble. They seem to have unearthed a genuine long-term, old-fashioned opener.

The wicket was the last drop of relief India enjoyed on a tiresome day, as Labuschagne laid siege and Smith dusted up some of his characteristic splendour to combine an undefeated 60-run partner-

" 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

ship that dragged the game away from the visitors. For much of their stay, they hardly

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 ploy, 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'

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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.

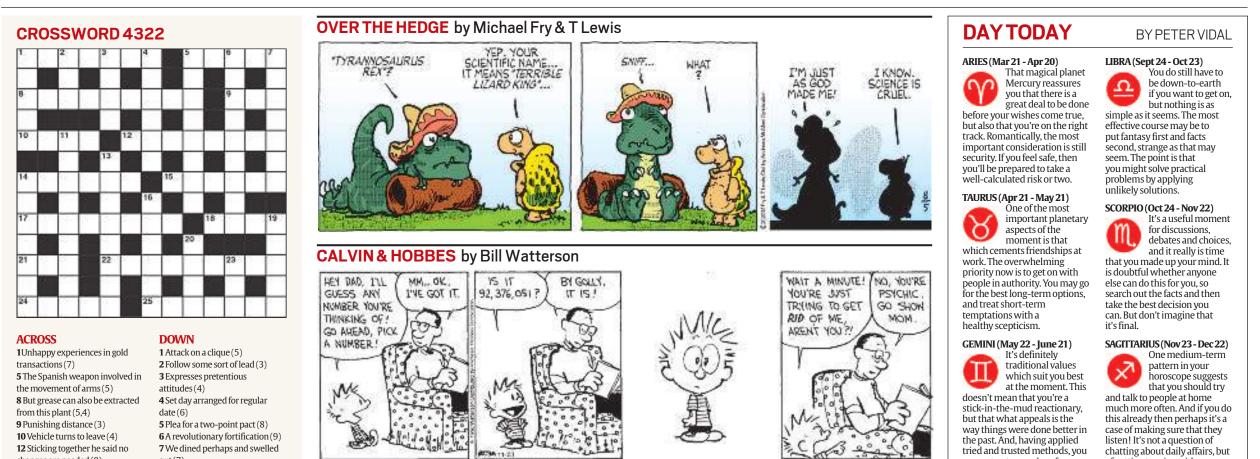
FORMER INDIA WICKET-KEEPER

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 offstump, 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 lefthander 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!"



couple of boundaries away." STEVE SMITH. AT THE END OF DAY 1

looked like being defeated either.

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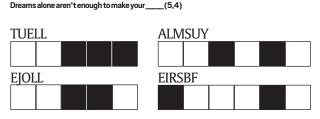
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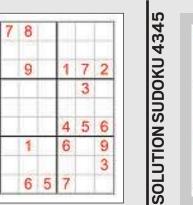


SOLUTIOM: TULLE, JELLO, ASYLUM, BRIEFS Answer: Dreams alone aren't enough to make your **belly full**

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



Difficulty Level 5s Instructions 8 To solve a Sudoku puzzle. 3 every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the 5 8 9 nine vertical columns. in 2 6 each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes. 1 4 8 5 1 **Difficulty Level** 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium: 4s = Hard 6 5 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



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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.

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.





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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 Goncalves died while competing in the Dakar 2020. Hero MotoSport withdrew from the rally after the death of Goncalves. 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 secondhalf 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 Brondby 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 savs.

"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 Brondby, for instance, had established himself in the club's senior team as did Thomas Delaney, a fellow trainee at Copenhagen.

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

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.'

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GABBA TEST

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.

India complain about

strain reaches Brisbane

'5-star jail' as UK 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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