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### **HEARING IN SUPREME COURT ON MONDAY**

# No headway, Govt wants us to go to SC or form panel: farmer unions; next round of talks Jan 15



Farmer union leaders leave after their meeting with the government, in New Delhi on Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

Sought option other than repeal, court hearing did come up during talks: Tomar

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & RAAKHIJAGGA NEW DELHI, LUDHIANA, JAN 8

TALKS BETWEEN the Centre and farmer unions opposed to the new agriculture laws failed to make headway Friday after the unions insisted on repeal of the laws, only to be told by the gov-

ernment to "suggest an alternative other than repeal". While the two sides agreed to sit across the table again on January 15, all eyes are now on the Supreme Court where hearing on a clutch of petitions is scheduled January 11.

Leaders of the unions claimed they were told by the government to go to the Supreme Court or form a committee with representatives of the two sides.

Minister Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of State Som Prakash,

who along with Food Minister Piyush Goyal have been negotiating with the farmers, said reference to the Supreme Court hearing on January 11 did come

up during the talks. Last month, the Supreme Court, while noting that the Centre's talks with farmer groups did not appear to be vielding results, had said it would form a committee comprising representatives of the Centre and farmers organisations to try and resolve the impasse - farmer unions, the majority from Punjab, have been camping at the gates of Delhi since November 26.

Two days ago, a three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde posted the matter to January 11 after Attorney General K K Venugopal told the court that "there are chances of the parties coming to some sort of an understanding"

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### **DAY AFTER AZHAR WARRANT**

## 15 years' jail for 26/11 planner Lakhvi, India points to FATF

Lashkar ops chief sentenced in terror finance case

**MZULOUERNAIN** LAHORE, JANUARY 8

MUMBAI ATTACK mastermind and Lashkar-e-Taiba operations commander Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi was sentenced to 15 years in jail Friday by a Pakistani antiterrorism court here in a terror financing case, amidst growing international pressure on Islamabad to bring to justice terrorists roaming free in the country.

UN proscribed terrorist Lakhvi, 61, who was on bail since 2015 in the Mumbai attack case, was arrested by the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of Punjab province last Saturday.

"The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Lahore convicted Lakhvi for commission of offences of terrorism financing in a case registered by the CTD for 15 years under different sections of the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997," a court official told PTI after the hearing.

Judge Ejaz Ahmad Buttar sentenced Lakhvi to five years of rigorous imprisonment each on three counts with a fine of PKR 100,000 (approximately USD 620) each on three counts.

"In default of payment of fine, he will have to undergo an im-



Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi after a court appearance in Islamabad in Jan 2015. AP file

prisonment of six months each on three counts. He has been sent to prison to serve the sentences," the official said.

(ENS reports from New **Delhi:** The Ministry of External Affairs, in its remarks on Lakhvi's sentencing, said: "The timing of these actions clearly suggest the intention of conveying a sense of compliance ahead of the APJG (Asia-Pacific Joint Group) meeting, and the next FATF (Financial Action Task Force) plenary meeting in February 2021. It has become routine for Pakistan to come up with such farcical actions, prior to important meetings."

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Aurangzeb not

secular, says

Aurangabad

**VISHWAS WAGHMODE** 

Congress sparred Friday over the

name of Aurangabad, where

civic polls are slated to be held

this year, with Chief Minister

refer to the city as Sambhaji

Nagar and saying that while the

coalition's agenda adheres to

secularism, Mughal Emperor

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MUMBAI, JANUARY 8

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### UK air arrivals stranded as Delhi orders quarantine without notice

**PRANAV MUKUL** & ASHNA BUTANI NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

A DAY after Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal urged the Centre to extend its ban on all flights from the UK, his government announced stringent conditions for passengers arriving from that country, including seven days of institutional quarantine even if they test negative at the airport.

However, the decision, which was announced in an order issued Friday, took the nearly 250 passengers who arrived on an Air India flight (AI 112) in the morning by surprise as they were bunched in groups to be taken to two hotels in Aerocity – JW Marriot and Aloft — for institutional quarantine.

Till 9 pm, official sources told The Indian Express, about 150 of them had been tested, with one positive case reported.

When the flight took off from London at about 9.40 pm Thursday local time, the prevalent rules in Delhi allowed for arriving passengers to exit the airwas the first flight from London following partial resumption of India-UK flights after the Centre temporarily suspended arrivals to prevent the spread of a highly contagious variant of the coronavirus in that country.

However, a relative of one of the affected passengers said, "there was chaos" on landing at 10:30 am as none of the passengers was prepared for institu-

tional quarantine. Gouri Shankar Das, who was on the flight, tweeted from the airport: "... I am one of the passengers of flight AI112 from London with my 4.5 months old daughter...There is no food for CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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THE RETURN OF **BIRD FLU** 

**LALMANI VERMA** 

DEHRADUN, JANUARY 8

THIS NOVEMBER, as a gesture of

thanks to local residents who had

helped out during the wedding

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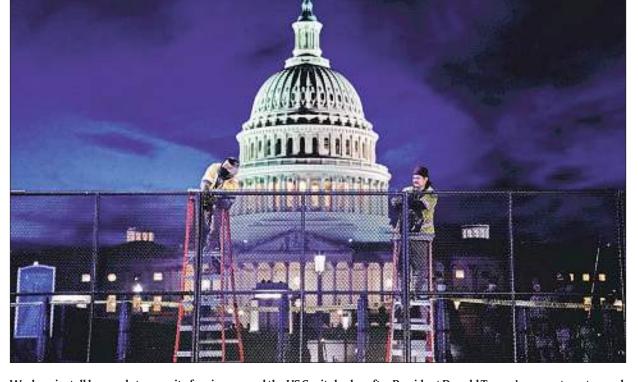
two daughters, primary school teacher Mahesh Singh of Ratir

Kethi village in Uttarakhand's

Bageshwar district promised

them liquor instead of money, as

per a local tradition.



Workers install heavy-duty security fencing around the US Capitol a day after President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the building, in Washington DC on Thursday. Reuters

## As Democrats push to impeach him, Trump says won't be at inauguration

MAGGIE HABERMAN. & GLENN THRUSH WASHINGTON, JANUARY 8

AFTER BEGRUDGINGLY conceding defeat less than two weeks before he is due to leave office, US President Donald Trump announced on Twitter that he would not be attending President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration.

"To all of those who have

Inauguration on January 20th," he said on Friday.

another break with tradition that undermines the ceremonial demonstration of a core democratic value that Trump has virulently disregarded since the election — the peaceful transfer of power between administrations. Only three presidents in US

history have skipped their successor's swearing-in — the last time it happened was more than



A video grab of President Donald Trump's address. Twitter via Reuters

Andrew Johnson sat out the 1869 inauguration after he was Grant; before that, John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams skipped the inaugurations of 1801 and 1829 respectively.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration plunged deeper into crisis as more officials resigned in protest, prominent Republicans broke with the President, and Democratic CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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JUSTICE DEPT **OPEN TO CHARGES** AGAINST TRUMP FOR INCITING RIOT

### Growth silver lining but food inflation may be dark cloud

Food and Agriculture Organisation's food price index highest since 2014



### HARISH DAMODARAN

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

FIRST, IT was the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) that, on December 4, revised downwards its GDP degrowth projection for 2020-21 from 9.5% to 7.5%. On Thursday, the National Statistical Office (NSO) pegged the current fiscal's GDP growth at minus 7.7%. The figure was even better, at minus 7.2%, after netting out taxes and subsidies on products.

These official estimates along with data pertaining to the purchasing managers' index, electricity and fuel consumption, goods and services tax collection, Google mobility index and other high-frequency indicators - conative growth induced by Covid-19 and the lockdown hasn't been as much as was initially feared.

The NSO's first advance estimates suggest that the Indian economy may even register a small 0.3% year-on-year growth in the second half (October-March), after contracting minus 14.9% in the first half (April-September) of 2020-21. But this relative optimism on

growth – economic activity seems inching towards its prepandemic levels - is tempered by an emerging challenge: food inflation. This also makes it difficult for

the RBI to further cut interest rates or even continue with its **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

firm one thing: The extent of neg-Nagar to hon-

> reporters: "Aurangzeb was not a secular person.

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in it, a person like Aurangazeb does not fit into it." Thackeray's remarks assume

Thackeray

significance with the Shiv Sena taking a different stance on secularism from its allies on this issue. When it was pointed out that

he had referred to Aurangabad as Sambhaji Nagar on his official Twitter handle over the past two **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

### US tweaks HIB visa rules again, higher wage is key factor now

**AASHISH ARYAN** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

ABOUT A fortnight before its term ends, US President Donald Trump's administration has once again amended its H-1B visa regime to give priority to higher wages and skills instead of the prevailing lottery system for selection of candidates looking to work in the country.

The new rules will be effective 60 days after publication in the federal register Friday, making it likely that they will cover

those who helped out — from

door-to-door distribution of in-

vitations to fetching wood for

fuel, and arranging food and

remote areas like Ratir Kethi, the

village saw at least four other

wedding ceremonies that

month where the same promise

much by the money spent on this

tradition as complaints of drunken

brawls and domestic violence,

Ratir Kethi passed a resolution

banning the sale, distribution and

But on December 29, driven as

With labour hard to find in

serving of meals.

was made.



Indian, US firms to be affected

IT COULD impact US tech companies looking to hire from the pool of H-1B visa workers as they are skilled and available for lower salaries. Indian companies are also likely to be hit and may have to shell out more salary for on-site workers.

H-1B applicants for the new fiscal year starting April 1.

According to the amended rules released by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will first select registrations where the "proffered wage equals or exceeds" the prevailing level in that area of employment.

"The proffered wage is the wage that the employer intends to pay the beneficiary. The wage level ranking will occur first for the regular cap selection and CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

# A village in Uttarakhand dumps tradition, puts curbs on liquor

Ratir Kethi passed a resolution to ban liquor at weddings

dulges in domestic violence, the

panchayat will take the matter to the police. Villagers can also

approach the police if any person creates a ruckus or enters into a scuffle at a public place or a gathering in a drunken state. Mehta pointed out that

women at the receiving end of domestic violence usually do not approach authorities, and said the resolution will be enough of a deterrent

Located at the border of Pithorgarh and Bageshwar districts at a height of about 4.000 feet, Ratir Kethi is about 81 km from the district headquarters. The nearest liquor shop is over 20 km away in Saama sub-town, which is where mobile connec-

tivity ends as well. Liquor is sourced from here and sold in villages by local retailers. Bageshwar SP Manikant

Mishra said: "The villagers have requested us to ensure that the sale and consumption of liquor do not take place during marriage functions and other events. The police cannot stop that legally, but their resolution deserves appreciation. I will visit the village soon to speak to the villagers and discuss how they can stop this. A social evil can be stopped only with the coopera-

tion of society.' Mishra added that liquor is

scuffles and crimes in the hills. At least four cases of clashes between guests had been reported in marriage ceremonies in the recent season in the district, he said. On their part, the SP said, the police can ensure there is no illegal sale of liquor in bulk and from grocery shops around the village. Mahesh Singh recalls that till

the cause of most arguments,

a decade ago, there was no compulsion to serve liquor at wedwith tasks. "It increases the financial burden but worse is when someone in a drunken state starts a scuffle," he said.

dings, or to people helping out



he ended up spending Rs 15,000 on liquor for the guests and all

at each of the three ceremonies,

Consequently, Singh recalls,



cial gatherings like fairs. The women of Ratir Kethi drove the change, with the resolution passed in the presence of

monies, and religious as well as so-

at least one member from each of the 80 households of the village, said pradhan Surendra Singh Mehta. No one raised a protest, he added. A copy of the resolution was later handed over to the local police station and authorities, seeking their support in executing the move. Apart from banning liquor at

ceremonies or gatherings, the resolution says that if a person in with family members or ina drunken state misbehaves

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### **Should sportspersons** complain about Covid restrictions?

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In the latest episode of the Express Sports podcast, we discuss to what extent are sportspersons justified in being annoyed by the Covid-19 restrictions.

The President's video state-

ment came after a day of disarray

in the West Wing, where officials

sought to keep more staff mem-

bers from marching out the door.

Aides hoped the latest statement

would at least stanch the bleed-

ing within Trump's own party.

Ivanka Trump, his eldest daugh-

ter, called lawmakers before it

posted, promising it would reas-

Despite the talk of healing,

however, Trump plans to next

week visit the southwestern bor-

der to highlight his hardline im-

migration policies, according to a

person briefed on the planning.

wanted to give a media exit inter-

view, which they presumed

might undercut any conciliatory

notes. But the first family has dis-

cussed leaving the White House

for good on January 19, the day

edge on Thursday, and busi-

nesses and storefronts remained

boarded up. Thousands of

National Guard troops began fan-

ning out around the city and

some of the participants in the at-

tack were arrested. Amid scrutiny

over the security breakdown, the

Capitol Police chief and the

Senate sergeant-at-arms re-

The main focus, however, was

signed.

Washington remained on

before the inauguration.

He also told advisers he

sure them.

### **FROM PAGE ONE**

### Lakhvi

"UN proscribed entities and designated terrorists act as proxies for the Pakistani establishment to fulfil its anti-India agenda. It is for the international community to hold Pakistan to account and ensure that it takes credible actions against terror groups, terror infrastructure, and individual terrorists," it said.)

Lakhvi pleaded before the court that he was "falsely implicated" in this case. He was accused of running a dispensary and using funds collected for terrorism financing. Lakhvi was presented before the Lahore ATC on Friday and was convicted the same day in the terror financing case registered against him some

Lakhvi was designated as a global terrorist by the UN in December 2008 for being associated with LeT and al-Qaeda and for "participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing or perpetrating of acts by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf or in support of' both the entities.

The global terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is instrumental in pushing Pakistan to take measures against terrorists roaming freely in Pakistan and using its territory to carry out attacks in India and elsewhere.

The Paris-based FATF placed Pakistan on the Grey List in June 2018 and asked Islamabad to implement a plan of action to curb money laundering and terror financing by the end of 2019 but the deadline was extended later due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

On Thursday, an anti-terrorism court in Gujranwala issued an arrest warrant for banned Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Masood Azhar on the charges of terror financing.

The LeT, led by Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed, is responsible for carrying out the 2008 Mumbai attack that killed 166 people, including six Americans. The UN has named Saeed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist, and the US, since 2012, has offered a USD 10 million reward for information that brings Saeed to justice. PTI

### **UK arrivals**

my daughter & they didn't let me get my stroller..." Another passenger Harprit Takkar tweeted videos of the chaos at Delhi airport. "Just came from London AI112, it's absolutely manic at Delhi Airport. Asking us to go for institutional quarantine even with Negative PCR test. Didn't mention this on your SOP," he

At 7.26 pm, Air India posted on Twitter: "Air India had reached out to passengers of the London-Delhi flight, before the flight took off from Heathrow Airport at 2139 hrs last night. Around 20 passengers opted to cancel their flight on being informed by Air India London team of this advisory. The announcement was repeated during the flight as well. Air India had mobilised all available resources to expedite the RT-PCR tests for passengers of this flight arriving from London and extend every possible support to facilitate them."

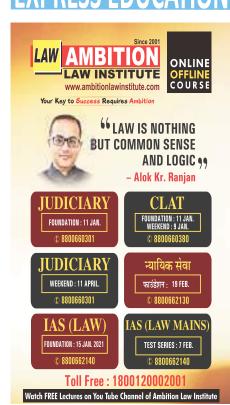
The new order issued by Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Dev stated that "as a matter of abundant precaution, in view of the increased transmissibility of the new variant, it is decided that all travellers coming from United Kingdom (UK) to India, would be mandatorily subjected to RT-PCR tests on arrival at the airport".

"Those who are found positive shall be isolated in an institutional isolation facility in a separate (isolation) unit as per existing laid down protocol. Those who are found negative shall be kept in compulsory institutional quarantine for a period of seven days followed by seven days of home quarantine," it said.

Posting the order on Twitter, Kejriwal wrote: "To protect Delhiites from exposure to virus from UK, Del govt takes imp deci-

Responding to queries from The Indian Express on whether Delhi's change of rules without notice was a deviation from protocols, the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation said: "It's a Delhi government decision. States can add additional measures as per existing guidelines." It said: "However, MoCA had requested airlines to announce the same to passengers as early as possible. Air India had done that. DGCA requested time to inform airlines landing at Delhi. Airport was requested and they have mobilised more staff for testing protocols to reduce waiting time. Whatever best can be done at the airport to facilitate the passengers is being done. Institutional quarantine is a state government decision."

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At 6.24 pm Friday, the Delhi airport posted on Twitter an advisory detailing the new quarantine rules. Speaking to The Indian Express earlier, an official of the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) said: "Around 8-10 separate waiting rooms have been created in the terminal. Once the passengers landed, they were divided into groups of 25. So while the first group went  $through\,im migration, the\,others$ were on hold. The process was completed one by one so that social distancing was maintained. Food and beverages has been made available in the waiting

### HlB visa rules

then for the advanced degree exemption," the DHS said.

Every year, the US administration issues 85,000 H-1B work permits. Of these, 65,000 are for people with specialty occupations, while the rest are reserved for foreign workers who have earned a Master's or a higher university degree in the US.

Until now, the selection of H-1B work visas was done by a randomised lottery system, which did not take into account factors such as wage, experience or any other requirements and demands. Since the number of applications from Indian companies as well as individuals is much higher than any other nationality, a lion's share of these work visas is cornered by Indians.

For example, as of April 1, 2020, the USCIS had received about 2.5 lakh H-1B work visa applications, according to official data -- Indians had applied for 1.84 lakh or 67 per cent of these

While taking charge as President, Trump had hinted that the work visa regime would be overhauled to ensure that the system was no longer used by companies that continued to pay lesser than the annual average salary paid to US workers, thereby undercutting jobs from

In November the same year, the US House Judiciary Committee had, in a bid to deter Indian and Chinese companies, voted to pass legislation to increase the minimum annual salary of H-1B visa holders to \$90,000 from \$60,000.

The latest rules mark the fourth policy change of the US administration over the last year. In April, the Trump administration had suspended approvals for immigrant and non-immigrant work visa, including H-1B, for 60 days. In June, the 60-day ban was extended till the end of 2020. On August 5, Trump, through an executive order, also barred federal agencies from hiring H-1B visa holders and other foreign workers in place of US citizens or green cardholders.

Less than a week later, the administration altered its position and allowed some of the H-1B work visa holders to return to the US for continued employment with the same employer. In October, the DHS published an interim final rule, a precursor to the final rules published on January 8.

On December 31, the Trump administration again changed its stance and extended the ban on immigrant and non-immigrant work visas till March 31. The Indian government responded that it was "engaged with the US government for increased predictability in the visa regime, and to minimize inconvenience to Indian nationals in the US or those proposing to travel to the US for bonafide reasons, including the movement of Indian professionals".

"There is recognition in the US of that fact that Indian skilled professionals have contributed to the growth of the US economy, and helped the US economy retain its competitive edge, and innovation

### Govt wants us to go to SC or form panel: farmers (of hearing). The government is

Emerging from the meeting,

"We are citizens of a democratic country and in our democracy, if a law is passed by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, then the Honourable Supreme Court, naturally, has the right to analyse. Be it a citizen or the government, there is commitment to the Supreme Court. So, this topic came up because the Supreme rection it may be in," he said.

Asked whether the government was ready to form an informal group of farmer unions and the government, Tomar said: "Many such matters are discussed at meetings, but this has not yet happened."

To another query on whether the government would consider a proposal to let states decide the implementation of the laws, Tomar said no such proposal has been made by any farmer leader, but if such a suggestion does come, the government will take a call then. Minister of State Som Prakash too said the January 11 hearing in the Supreme Court was mentioned during the talks. "It came up during discussions... We discussed several things. Farmers

Punjab general secretary of the All India Kisan Sabha, described the talks as "very disappointing".

few months.

The first is a steady normali-

"grains stockpile security".

The third reason may have to

### Sena vs Cong

days, Thackeray said: "What new Thackeray) had said."

On Wednesday, Thackeray

gave two suggestions -- go to the Supreme Court or form a small committee, which we have already rejected. We will not go to the court... We have told the

government that our agitation

will continue," Nihalgarh said. Kulwant Singh Bhangu, president of All India Kisan Federation, said: "As expected, today's meeting too did not vield any result. At the January 4 meeting, we were told that talks will start on the repeal procedure, but the Agriculture Minister told us again that the laws are very good and we should go for amendments. They also told us to wait for the Supreme Court hearing on January 11 as it is a constitutional matter and farmers too can approach the court with their demands. But when

"Regarding the Supreme Court hearing, eight unions, including BKU Dakaunda, BKU Rajewal, BKU Lakhowal, BKU Tikait. All India Kisan Federation.

they continued to speak on ben-

efits of the laws, we told them

that we are not keen to discuss

the matter. Our lawyers will be going to court on Monday, let us see what happens. However, if any direction is against us, we will protest," he said. Kulwant Singh, president of

Jamhoori Kisan Sabha, said: "I wonder why the government is so keen to wait until the Supreme Court hearing... They even suggested that we approach the court for repeal, and with day-to-day hearing, we can get a quick decision. They said they can't repeal the laws as it will set a wrong precedent."

Jagmohan Singh Patiala, working committee member of the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee, said: 'It was back to square one today. Besides asking us to approach the Supreme Court, they also told us to form an informal committee in which representatives of government, farmers will be there to decide on the laws. But we have rejected both proposals." Darshan Pal of Krantikari Kisan Union said: "We are not keen to move the Supreme Court for the repeal of the three laws, and want this matter to be discussed across the table.

on Trump. Pelosi and Senator Chuck Schumer of New York, the Democratic leader, called on Pence and the cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment. After the Vice President refused to take their telephone calls, Pelosi told reporters that she would pursue of the 25th Amendment to sideimpeachment if he did not act. line the President, according to

"While it's only 13 days left, any day can be a horror show for America," she said, calling Trump's actions on Wednesday a "seditious act". "This President should not

hold office one day longer," said Schumer, who will become majority leader with the seating of two Democrats elected to the Senate in Georgia this week, and the inauguration of Vice President-elect Kamala Harris as the tiebreaker

President-elect Biden would not address whether Trump should remain in office but called Wednesday "one of the darkest days in the history of our nation" and forcefully laid blame at the President's feet after years of stirring the pot.

'I wish we could say we couldn't see it coming," Biden said. "But that isn't true. We could see it coming.'

But Pence, several cabinet secretaries and other administration officials concluded that the 25th Amendment was an unwieldy mechanism to remove a President, according to people informed about the discussions. The notion became even less plausible when two cabinet members — Elaine L Chao, the transportation secretary, and Betsy DeVos, the education secretary - resigned in protest of the President's encouragement of the

While an impeachment conviction would only strip Trump of his power days earlier than he is set to lose it anyway, it could also disqualify him from running again in 2024. And even if another impeachment might not be any more successful than the first one, in which he was acquitted by the Senate last year in the Ukraine pressure scheme, advocates argued that the mere threat of it could serve as a deterrent for the remaining days of his tenure.

It remains unclear if Pence will attend Biden's inauguration. He has in the past signalled his willingness to attend, an administration source said, but added that the Vice President had yet to receive a formal invitation.

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#### Discussions did not take place Kisan Sabha, are respondents in Tomar said: "The discussions tocommitted to any decision of the very well. The government side Supreme Court, whichever di-

day were related to the three laws, but no decision could be reached. The government repeatedly requested the unions to suggest an alternative other than the repeal, and the government would consider it. But even after a long discussion, no alternative was presented. Therefore, the discussion was adjourned today." "They (farmer leaders) will discuss among themselves. We will also discuss among ourselves. I hope we will be able to find a solution at the next meeting on 15th," he said. Responding to questions, Tomar said while the government did not tell the farmer unions to leave the matter to the Supreme Court, the January 11 hearing did come up during the talks.

Court has fixed 11th as the date

advantage," the Ministry of

visa approval systems has been

opposed by leaders of technology

giants such as Google, Microsoft,

Facebook and Twitter. Though

Indian companies have gradually

reduced their dependency on

these work permits, many giant

tech corporations still look to hire

from the pool of H-1B workers.

accommodative monetary pol-

The NSO's GDP data came the

same day the UN Food and

Agriculture Organization re-

leased its latest Food Price Index

(FPI) number for December. This

index - reflecting international

prices of a basket of food com-

modities against a base year

(2014-16) value of 100 - averaged

107.5 points for the month. It was

the highest since November

FPI has soared since May 2020

(see chart). From falling to a four-

year low of 91 points then, it has

hit a more than six-year high in

volatility can be seen across farm

prices at the Chicago Board of

Trade exchange (for the most ac-

tively-traded futures contracts

there) are ruling at \$6.42, \$4.94

and \$13.55 per bushel, respec-

tively, as against their correspon-

ding year-ago levels of \$5.50,

Intercontinental Exchange has

similarly gone up from 13.59

cents to 15.60 cents a pound in

the last one year. So has crude

palm oil from 3,042 to 3,817 ring-

git per tonne at Kuala Lumpur's

Bursa Malaysia Derivatives ex-

white grain with 5% broken con-

tent) and cotton (the benchmark

Cotlook Aindex of Far East landed

rates) are also higher compared

to a year back: \$512 versus \$418

per tonne and 86.55 cents versus

78.75 cents per pound, respec-

Global Dairy Trade, the fort-

nightly auction platform of New

Zealand's Fonterra Cooperative,

averaged \$3,044 per tonne on

January 5. That is a steep jump

There are three main reasons

from \$2,373 eight months ago.

for international agri-commod-

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The second reason is stockpiling by China, which has stepped up imports of everything – from corn, wheat, soyabean and barlev to sugar and milk powder – to build strategic food reserves amid rising geopolitical tensions and pandemic uncertainties. Last month, the country published a new draft law taking into account "new situations and questions" posing severe challenges to its

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Household inflation expectations in India have traditionally been shaped by food and fuel prices. Retail prices of petrol and diesel in Delhi have, since last year, moved from Rs 75.74 and Rs 68.79 to Rs 84.20 and Rs 74.38 per litre, respectively. Annual consumer food price inflation stood at 9.43% in November. That number, more than GDP growth, is the one worth tracking in the months

thing have I done? I have done what we have been saying for over so many years and what the Shiv Sena supremo (Bal

The Chief Minister was speaking to reporters after a function to welcome Vasant Gite and Sunil Bagul back into the Shiv Sena from the BJP, which they had joined some time ago.

had referred to Sambhaji Nagar while announcing a Cabinet decision on Twitter about adding 165 beds and creating 360 posts in Aurangabad's government medical college and cancer hospital.

tweets referring to Sambhaji Asked about the reference to Sambhaii Nagar, Congress leader. former chief minister and current Public Works Minister Ashok Chavan said that changing the

name of Aurangabad was not a

priority for his party. "This is a

three-party government, the is-

sues which are not a priority can

leader Amit Deshmukh. On

Thursday, the Chief Minister's

Twitter handle put out two

be discussed in the coordination committee between the parties," he said. Chavan also invoked former prime minister A B Vajpayee to remind the Shiv Sena to honour coalition sentiments. "I vaguely remember something Atal Bihari Vajpayee had said about Ram Mandir. He had said that while it was something he wanted to do,

his government did not have the

majority to do it," he said.

Congress state president and Revenue Minister Balasaheb Thorat said: "It is not about Aurangzeb. We also adore Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj. Our opposition is to the politics being played over the renaming of cities that creates a rift among people. We will explain our stand and convince the CM.'

Shiv Sena leader and MP Raut defended Thackeray's tweets. "Is it a crime to use the name of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Raje? There is nothing wrong in using the names of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj in government records and Twitter. It is public sentiment and the government functions on public sentiment," said Raut. Raut claimed that even the

Congress leaders who are opposing the renaming of the Aurangabad are followers of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj "at heart".

#### Trump congressional leaders threatened

to impeach him for encouraging a mob that stormed the Capitol on January 6. Representative Katherine

Clark of Massachusetts, the No. 4 Democrat, said on Friday that if Vice President Mike Pence would not invoke the 25th Amendment to forcibly relieve Trump of his duties, Democrats were prepared to act by the middle of next week to impeach him for a second time. Speaker Nancy Pelosi

planned to gather Democrats by telephone later on Friday to discuss the effort. However, despite a rupture with Trump, Vice President Pence privately ruled out invoking the disability clause

The highly charged debate about Trump's capacity to govern even for less than two weeks underscored the depth of anger and anxiety after the invasion of the Capitol that forced lawmakers to evacuate, halted the counting of the Electoral College votes for several hours and left people dead, including a Capitol Hill police officer who died on Thursday

Ending a day of public silence, Trump posted a 2½-minute video on Twitter on Thursday evening denouncing the mobattack in a way that he had refused to do a day earlier.

Reading dutifully from a script prepared by his staff, he declared himself "outraged by the violence, lawlessness, and mayhem" and told those who broke the law that "you will pay". While he did not give up his

false claims of election fraud, he finally conceded defeat. "A new administration will be inaugurated on Ianuary 20." Trump said. "My focus now turns to ensuring a smooth, orderly and seamless transition of power. This moment calls for healing and reconcilia-

Trump initially resisted taping the video, agreeing to do it only after aides pressed him and he appeared to suddenly realize he could face legal risk for prodding the mob, coming shortly after the chief federal prosecutor for Washington left open the possibility of investigating the President for illegally inciting the attack by telling supporters to march on the Capitol and show strength. Pat A Cipollone, the White

House counsel, had warned Trump of just that danger on Wednesday as aides frantically tried to get the President to intervene and publicly call off rioters, which he did only belatedly, reluctantly, and half-heartedly. "We are looking at all actors,

not only the people who went into the building," Michael R Sherwin, the US attorney in Washington, told reporters. Asked if that included Mr. Trump, he repeated: "We're looking at all actors. If the evidence fits the elements of a crime, they're going to be charged.'

New Delhi

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# At Singhu, a mini hospital for quick relief

**30-plus** 

JIGNASA SINHA & **ARANYA SHANKAR** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

WITH SEVERAL farmer deaths and many protesters falling ill in the harsh weather, a temporary, four-bed 'hospital' has come up at Singhu, near the main stage, particularly with an eye on the elderly and heart pa-

Life Care Foundation, an NGO from Punjab's Dera Bassi, said they set up "24-hour emergency hospital" after they felt the need to move beyond providing just first-aid.

"We have been giving firstaid and over the counter medicines from the first day, but in recent days we felt the need to have a hospital here. Since it's an eight-kilometre stretch, it takes time for the ambulance to come and ferry patients to hospital," said Avatar Singh (36) from Dera Bassi in Punjab, who started the initiative at the Singhu protest site.

'We've seen people who had elevated blood pressure, one seemed to have suffered a heart attack. So we realised it is necessary to have this facility at the camp. In fact, many more such hospitals need to come up. It's not much but something is better than nothing. We also have nebulisers for asthma patients and a fridge to keep insulin injections and tetanus shots, since both sugar issues and injuries are common," he

"We will have three doctors from different hospitals in Punjab who will work in 10-15 days' shift at the camp. We are also paying them a salary," he

Singh, a farmer, said he had to take a Rs 9 lakh loan to help at the protests. He has spent Rs

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management firm was robbed at gunpoint and

his car stolen allegedly

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New Delhi: A 30-year-old

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two bike-borne men in

Shalimar Bagh. Police said the woman fell on

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with injuries to the head.

18 ventilators

New Delhi: The Delhi gov-

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procure 18 advanced

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### **PROTEST WATCH**

■ No. of protesters ■ No. of tractors ■ No. of cops 1. Khatkar toll plaza Jind-Patiala highway on NH71 Near Masani village in Rewari, **50** Haryana **500-plus** No. of barricades: None Distance of protest site from Distance from Delhi: 54 km Delhi: 145 km Protest on since December 31

5. Shahjahanpur-Khera border At the Harvana-Raiasthan border on NH48, near Jaisinghpur Khera village Morethan 200 Around **2,000** 

Protest on since December 25

No. of police personnel: Around 300 personnel, including police and paramilitary Distance from Delhi: 82 km Protest on since December 13

3. Ghraunda (Karnal): Ambala-Delhi (NH-44)

2.000 25 No. of barricades: None Distance of protest site from Delhi: 100 km

December 25 6. Singhu Border

Date of beginning of protest:

**30,000** approx. over 6,000

15 companies Protest on since November 27. covers a 16-km-long stretch

8. Tikri Border 15,000 10,000 tractors approx.,

Protest on since Nov 27, from Tikri Border metro station to Bahadurgarh metro station to Pakoda Chowk, covers a distance of 33 km

over 3,000 four-wheelers

A protester undergoing treatment at the four-bed



facility at Singhu Friday. Abhinav Saha

4. Makdoli (Rohtak): Rohtak-

Panipat highway (NH-71A)

**50-100** 

Distance of protest site from

Date of beginning of protest:

**1,000** tractors, 500 cars

Protest on since Nov 28.

covers over a 3-km stretch

No. of barricades: None

**500** 

Delhi: 80 km

December 25

7. Ghazipur

**8,000** approx.

4-5 companies

Saadiq Mohammad, a volunteer, said he and seven other pharmacists and doctors from Mohali run the hospital and medicine store round the clock. 'We have witnessed several farmer deaths due to the winter. There are a lot of old men and women here who have diabetes, blood pressure and gastric issues. Each day, we have around 12-20 emergency patients," said Saadiq.

The nearest hospital from the border is 2-3 kilometres away and it takes 25-30 minutes to reach there because of the huge traffic at the protest

On the front of a white tent, medicines are given out and lab

beds are placed at the back. The hospital is equipped with catheters, ECG machines, oxygen cylinders and other medical

"If a person suffers a heart people for high sugar and cho-

Dr Chandan Singh (28) from Chandigarh was busy attending to patients complaining of diarrhea, chest pain, etc. "I felt it was more important to come here because the farmers have been here for months in poor hygienic conditions and are bound to fall ill. They needed our help more than city dwellers," he

Ravinder, a farmer from near Rohtak in Harvana, had come to take medicines for a skin infection. "I saw they have put beds as well. It's a relief to know we will have the option if we need it." he said.

Balvinder Singh (56), a said Balvinder.

equipment.

Doctors said they treat 20-25 patients a day. At least 4-5 patients are admitted and treated for a day or two and 2-3 patients are referred to other

attack, we give them primary treatment and send them to a hospital. First-aid in these cases has to be quick. We also test lesterol. Most farmers don't take the right medicines and fall sick," said Dr Surjit, who works at a hospital in Mohali and is volunteering here.

farmer from Rohtak, has been admitted at the mini hospital for two days. He said he collapsed on the road after his joints and head ached for a while. His wife brought him here and doctors gave him medicines and checked his BP. "They say I may have typhoid,"

The organisation is planning to get more equipment and doctors who can similarly look after protesting farmers at the

### Another vaccine dry run as capital hopes to smoothen rollout process

**ASTHA SAXENA** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

THE THIRD round of the Covid-19 vaccination dry run, held in the capital's four districts on Friday, saw improved coordination among teams, but not without some minor glitches.

Around 25 beneficiaries were called in each session site to carry out the immunisation programme.

The first dry run for the Covid-19 vaccination rollout was held in Delhi on January 2 at three sites — GTB Hospital, Shahdara; the Urban Primary Health Centre, Darya Ganj; and the Venkateshwar Hospital, Dwarka.

At the Delhi government's Baba Saheb Ambedkar hospital, calls were made to all listed beneficiaries on Thursday evening.

"A message was sent to all the 25 beneficiaries and around 17 of them reached the session site on Friday. It was a smooth process as we have already been training our healthcare staff for the last few weeks," said Dr Pankaj Kumar, nodal officer of the Covid-19 vaccination centre at the hospital.

The process was equally smooth at east Delhi's Delhi State Cancer Institute Following social distancing and other Covid norms, the beneficiaries waited outside the centre as the vaccinating officer called out their names. A police officer was also seated at the gate to verify details of registered peo-

"The IDs of all the beneficiaries are being checked at the vaccination room. There are eight seats in the observation room where the beneficiaries will wait for at least 30 minutes to see if there are any reactions to the vaccine," said Dr Pragya Shukla, nodal officer of Covid-19 at the institute.

However, some centres reported minor issues while carryng out the exercise. A senior district official from New Delhi district, where the dry run was held at 10 sites, said, "There were some issues while using the Co-WIN app but we are working on it. Since the dry run was held at government and private hospitals, we could easily coordinate with healthcare workers.'

In the southeast district, the exercise was carried out at 19 session sites. The district has identified 72 sites for the final vaccination programme in the first phase. "Primarily, there were small issues and we have sent feedback to the state health department. Overall, the entire exercise was fairly successful. Special emphasis was given on the mock drill for reporting of AEFI (adverse event following immunisation) and emergency situation."

According to top officials in the state health department, the city is expected to start the vaccination programme in the com-



Dry run at the railway hospital in Paharganj. Praveen Khanna

### After Tamil, Delhi govt Student murder: 4 Gurgaon cops nod to set up Konkani language academy

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. JANUARY 8

WITH THE Aam Aadmi Party gearing up to fight the 2022 assembly polls in Goa, the Arvind Kejriwal-led Cabinet in Delhi Friday approved the setting up of a Konkani language academy in the capital.

The government said that the academy will seek to facilitate the growth and promotion of the Konkani language and culture in the city. "Congratulations to all Konkani speaking people and all those who love Konkani language. To promote Konkani language, Delhi Cabinet today approved setting up of a Konkani academy in Delhi," CM tweeted.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who holds the Arts, Culture, and Languages portfolio, said, "Goa has a special place in every Indian's heart. The Delhi



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government's Konkani Academy will bring forth the best of authentic Konkani culture to the

capital.' The AAP had fared poorly in the 2017 assembly polls in Goa. After returning to power in Delhi with a thumping majority, the party has considerably increased its organisational activities in the state, which is currently governed

by the BJP. Currently, there are eight functional language academies in Delhi covering Urdu, Sanskrit, Punjabi, Hindi, Maithili-Bhojpuri, Garhwali-Kumaoni-Jaunsari, Sindhi and Tamil. Tamil was no-

# charged with framing conductor

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

THREE YEARS after a Class 2 his school in Gurgaon and the school bus conductor arrested by the local police, the CBI has filed a chargesheet against four Gurgaon police officers for falsely implicating him in the

The agency has filed a supplementary chargesheet in a special court in Panchkula accusing the then SHO of Bhondsi police station Narender Singh Khatana, sub-inspector Shamsher Singh, ASI Subhash Chand and ACP (Sohna) Barem Singh for arresting conductor Ashok Kumar for the murder

despite him being innocent. CBI, which had been handed over the investigation, did not prosecute Ashok Kumar and had instead arrested a student for the murder. The eight-yearold victim was found with his throat slit near the school toilet on September 8, 2017, within half-an-hour of his father dropping him to the school.

Gurgaon police had arrested student was found murdered in the conductor, accusing him of murder, within the next two days. The police showed recovery of a knife from him and claimed he had wanted to sodomise the child and when the child raised an alarm, Kumar killed him.

Police also paraded Kumar in front of news channel cameras and made him confess the crime before journalists.

The CBI, however, found the claims of police to be false and instead arrested a 16-year-old, who had allegedly killed the child in a bid to postpone school

The CBI has charged the police officers under IPC sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 166A (disobeying directions under law), 167 (public servant framing an incorrect document with intent to cause injury), 330

(police officer torturing someone to confess a crime) and 506 (criminal intimidation), officials

to a senior student.

The juvenile was apprehended in the murder on November 7, 2017, CBI spokesperson R C Joshi said. "It was revealed during CBI

investigation that the conductor earlier arrested by Gurgaon Police was not involved in this murder case. During further investigation, the alleged role of the said police officials came to light and a supplementary chargesheet was therefore filed against them," he said.

According to the agency, the juvenile, believed to be weak in his studies, allegedly slit the victim's throat to get the school to declare a holiday in order to defer a scheduled parent-teacher meeting (PTM) and an exami-

### The agency had examined teachers, students and scanned UK strain detected in 33 people so far in Delhi

**ASTHA SAXENA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

TWENTY MORE people in Delhi have been found to be infected with the new strain of SARS-Cov-2 virus that emerged in the United Kingdom, taking the total number of people infected with the strain in the city to 33.

A total of 115 Covid-19 positive samples have been sent to the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) for genome sequencing by the state health department. Of these samples, the testing centre has released the report of 80, out of which 33 are found to be carrying the strain.

Thy are being treated at Lok Nayak, Max Saket, Batra Hospital

Tughlakabad, Fortis Vasant Kuni and Sir Ganga Ram hospital.

On Friday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced guidelines for the testing of passengers coming from the UK as the Central government lifted the ban on the flights. As per the rules, travellers coming from the UK to the city will have to undergo a seven-day institutional quarantine and a seven-day home quarantine even if they test negative for Covid-19 on arrival.

Meanwhile, Delhi recorded 444 fresh cases of Covid-19 on Friday, the seventh time the daily infection count stood below the 500-mark in January, while the positivity rate dipped to 0.59 per cent. Ten more deaths were reported in the last 24 hours.

## \$200 mn project at US Embassy: 'Testimony to strength, longevity of US-India relations'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

UNION MINISTER Hardeep Singh Puri, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, and outgoing US Ambassador to India Kenneth I Juster Friday broke ground on the new "more environmentally sustainable" Chancery building to be constructed inside the US Embassy campus.

The project we celebrate today is more than a series of buildings and infrastructure. It reflects America's enduring commitment to the US-India partnership and is a testament to the strength and longevity of that partnership,' Juster said.

"The new design reduces total water use by 37% and potable water use by 74%. The reflecting pool will be redesigned to capture stormwater during the monsoon season, storing one million gallons for treatment and reuse... Throughout the project, the



(Fom left) Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, US Ambassador Kenneth I Juster and Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, Friday. PTI

project, an approximate \$200

Embassy will be planting over 2,000 trees in public areas in New Delhi." he said.

Juster said the "endeavour was also an investment in the local community". "During the

million will be invested in the local economy and the project will employ approximately 800 Indian workers at the peak of construction activities. These workers will have the opportunity to learn new technical skills and safety awareness that will help distinguish them in the local mar-

Speaking at the event, Puri

strengthening India-US relations, saying ties were "stronger, more enduring and with greater potential now" as compared to when the envoy had come to India.

Sisodia too said the relationship between the US Embassy and the Delhi government was "mutually beneficial". "India has adopted a New Education Policy which has enabled partnership in higher education with reputed universities of the world. The Delhi government will seek your cooperation in making Delhi a regional educational hub for some of the Ivy League colleges and schools," he said.

In a statement, the US Embassy said the "new Chancery building will stand adjacent to the iconic original Chancery and the Ambassador's Residence at Roosevelt House on the Embassy campus". Friday also marked the 62nd anniversary of the groundbreaking of the original Chancery

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## IIM to help fix multiplicity of agencies in capital

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

NEARLY SIX years after the Delhi

High Court called for a "relook" at the system of governance in the national capital, the Delhi government has engaged IIM-Ahmedabad to study and "develop an appropriate administrative structure" for the city, known for multiplicity of agencies.

In Delhi, a union territory with a legislative assembly currently ruled by the AAP, crucial sectors — including police, land, and public order - come under the Union government. Administrative control of the municipal corporations, led by the BJP, also lies with the Centre.

A team led by Professor Sundaravalli Narayanaswami of IIM-A will carry out the study, for which a dedicated portal has been launched. The team members are former IAS officers K S Mehra and Ramesh Negi; serving DSIIDC managing director Vikas Anand; Secretary (Town and Country Planning) of Puducherry, K Mahesh; Delhi Health Special Secretary Sandeep Mishra; and retired IIM-A professor N Ravichandran.

"Based on the Delhi High Court judgment in response to a writ petition, GNCTD has engaged IIM-Ahmedabad to study and to develop an appropriate administrative structure for the Delhi region. The scope of the study includes a survey-based investigation which captures the portfolio of services offered, quality of services offered, aspirations of the citizen, and the existing gap in administering the services. The committee will also suggest changes in governing structures to promote citizen-centric ap-

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THE HIGH Court had in

2015 observed that systems of governance, conceived "a century or half a century ago", have failed with the vast expansion of Delhi. It also pointed to lack of efforts in bringing about upgradations to cater to the new reality. However, it emphasised that the new administrative structure will have to be devised in consultation with the Centre "within the ambit of the Constitutional status of Delhi". The legal hurdles in implementing a revised administrative structure was to be addressed after a proposal is drawn up, it had added.

proach in governing Delhi," states the scope of the study.

The survey-based investigation will take a detailed look at the quality of services offered in a range of areas, including water, electricity, education, health, waste collection, transport, street lighting, women's safety and policing. The HC had suggested that a consultant be appointed to carry out the study.

A circular from the Urban Development Department said the team will conduct one-to-one interviews with senior officials heading departments, projects, agencies as well as policy-makers. As per the timeline of activities planned, the study will be carried out in five phases within a year.



At the Ghazipur poultry market. Tashi Tobgyal

# Crow deaths spark bird flu fears, samples collected

**ASTHA SAXENA** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

DELHI unit of the Department of Animal Husbandry has collected nine samples from three areas in the national capital to check for presence of avian flu or bird flu, which has already been reported in five states so far — Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala and Haryana.

According to senior officials from the department, the samples have been collected in the last two days. On Thursday, four

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Hastsal in West Delhi, where 16 wild birds had died. The samples have been sent to the Northern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Jalandhar.

"Five more samples were collected on Friday — four from Mayur Vihar Phase 3 and one from DDA park in Dwarka sector 9. Around 15 crows had died in Dwarka, while 17 crows have been found dead at East Delhi's Mayur Vihar," said Dr Rakesh Singh from the Department of Animal Husbandry

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia took note of the incident, following which the rapid response team visited the place.

"These samples will be sent to the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases in Bhopal on Tuesday," said Dr Singh. H5N1 is a type of influenza

virus that causes "highly infectious, severe respiratory disease in birds called avian influenza", according to the World Health Organisation.

Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir have also witnessed unusual deaths of poultry, crows and migratory birds. The Centre has asked local authorities to boost surveillance around water bodies, live bird markets, zoos and poultry farms.

Sisodia had said on Thursday that there is no case of bird fluin Delhi yet and asked officials to keep a close watch on poultry birds coming in from neighbouring states to prevent any infection. Eleven rapid response teams have been set up to mon-

itor Delhi's potential hotspots. Sisodia had also instructed officials to maintain a strict vigil on birds at major bird sites, especially poultry markets, water bodies, zoos and other potential hotspots. These include Ghazipur Fish and Poultry Market, Shakti Sthal Lake, Sanjay Lake, Bhalswa Horseshoe Lake, Delhi Zoo, and smaller water bodies in DDA parks.

submission of RFP 23.02.2021 by 13.00 hours.

### Kathak Kendra constitutes sexual harassment panel

**SUANSHUKHURANA** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

MORE THAN half a century after the capital's premier dance institute, Kathak Kendra, became a constituent unit of Sangeet Natak Akademi, it finally has an internal complaints committee (ICC) for reporting and redressal of any sexual harassment complaints involving gurus and students.

The formation of the committee was prompted by an FIR lodged by a 23-year-old woman, said Suman Kumar, director of Kathak Kendra.

The woman had alleged molestation by her pakhawaj teacher Pt Ravi Shankar Upadhyay, a noted pakhawaj player based in Delhi and a guru at the Kendra. Upadhyay was arrested on December 15 and sent to judicial custody. Upadhyay, who has been suspended, was lodged in Tihar Jail and was granted bail on December 23. The next hearing is scheduled in a month.

The ICC includes Kathak dancers Rajendra Gangnani and Malti Shyam, who are currently gurus at the Kendra; Dr Mridula Tandon, founder of capital-based NGO SAKSHI; two women section officers from Kathak Kendra; and Subhash Dutta, a consultant with the Kendra.

Since it was formed in December, the ICC has held three meetings over the complaint against Upadhyay. The woman's statement and that of other students have already been recorded, while Upadhyay's testimony will be recorded in the next few days. The first meeting was virtual, while members met for the next two.

"Since the police investigation is also going on, we keep understanding the process and devel-



Noted pakhawaj player Ravi Shankar Upadhyay was arrested on December 15

opment of it. We are sharing all updates we get from there with the ICC members," said Kumar.

He told The Indian Express that he has sent another letter to Upadhyay informing him that he will not be allowed to step inside the Kendra without permission while the investigation is on. A decision on Upadhyay's termination, if any, will be based on further investigation.

ICC member Mridula Tandon said the organisation is sending out circulars and putting up posters to ensure anyone can reach out to them. "There has to be zero tolerance. As the head of an institute, if one hears random talk, it needs to be taken up. The woman who has raised the issue,

she deserves kudos for raising it.' Kathak Kendra, a constituent unit of Sangeet Natak Akademi, was initially established as the Kathak wing of Sriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra. In 1964, the institute became a part of Sangeet Natak Akademi.

Upadhyay is the son of pakhawaj maestro Ramji Upadhyay of the Gaya gharana and carries a 400-year-old family legacy. He has accompanied many reputed artistes on stage.



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जिला- उत्तर बस्तर कांकेर (छत्तीसगढ) कांकेर, दिनांक 06/01/2021



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प्रपत्र में निविदा कार्यालयीन समय में दिनांक 05/02/2021 अपरान्ह 03.00 ब पावती प्राप्त करना आवश्यक होगा। डाक में विलंब अथवा समय पर प्राप्त नही होने वाले निविदाओं पर विचार नही किया जावेगा तथा इसके लिए महाविद्यालय की कोई जबाबदारी नहीं होगी। निविदा अंतिम तिथि को 04.00 बजे शाम को खोला जायेगा, निविदाकार चाहे तो उपस्थित रह सकेंगे।

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Online Tender for "Outsourcing Of Sweeper, Ward Servant/Gda, Horticulture (Mali), Laundary (Dhobi) Supervisor, Electrician, Helper (Electrical), Plumber, Sewar Man, Carpenter, Helper To Carpenter, Masson, Helper To Masson, Lift Operator, Computer Operator, Gas Manifold Technician, Cssd Technician, Cssd Helper, Fire Safety Officer, 24x7 Centralized Complaint Cell Representatives, At Various Health Facilities District Narnaul, Health Department, Haryana and documents can be downloaded from 06.01.2021 onwards on e- procurement portal www.etenders.hry.nic.in.

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**Expression of Interest (EOI) for Empanelment** of Qualified & Experienced consultants

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BANK OF INDIA INVITES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR outsourcing

of Installation and Managed Services for 4500 Cash Dispensers/ATMs Last date for

Details available on Bank's Corporate Website: www.bankofindia.co.in unde

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from qualified & experienced consultants for preparation of comprehensive proposal for "Re-categorization of RVNL as Navratna Company". The complete detail of scope of work is available on RVNL website-www.rvnl.org.

Interested parties having relevant work experience may submit their EOI by 19.01.2021, Tuesday by 5.00 PM to Company Secretary Office, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, Room no. 284, 1st Floor, August Kranti Bhawan, Bhikaji Cama Place, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110066.



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विशेष कार्याधिकारी (एम.)



ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

विशेष कार्याधिकारी (एस.पी.एस.) ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नौएडा की ओर से ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-स्वा.वि./ 2020/08. दिनांक 06.01.2021 के माध्यम से उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या-01 पर अंकित कार्य की ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा की समस्त नियम व शर्तें ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइटः <u>www.greaternoidaauthority.in</u> पर ई—निविदा लिंक एवं ई—पोर्टल http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है। किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **E-TENDER NOTICE** 

Composite Work (Civil & Mechanical) volving construction of Industrial shed with Pre-Engineered Building (PEB). Service building, Electrification and illumination works. Procurement and commissioning of and other associated Civil Electrical Mechanical & Telecom works in connection ith Facilities for POH of DEMU/MEMU a C&W Workshop, New Bongaigaon (NBQS), Northeast Frontier Railway". E-tender No. 2020WP/S&T/NBQS/DEMU/WT-03 (Open). 2. Approx. Cost of the work : ₹19,61,43,351.26, 3. Earnest money to be deposited: ₹11,30,700/-, 4. Date and time for closing of tender: 10.02.2021 up to 12.30 hrs. 5. Website particular and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and downloaded Tender can be down loaded and Bided from IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in and detailed can be seen from the notice board at Office of CAO/WP, Chamber Bhawan

J.C. Road, Patna - 800001. Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/ Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document along with full information is available on website http://www.ireps.gov.in

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

#### KOTA DIVISION-OPEN TENDER NOTICE No.EL/50/NIT/09 (2020-21) Date-06.01.2021 Senior Divisional Electrical Enginee

(General), West Central Railway

Kota for and on behalf of Presiden of Union of India invites E-tenden for following Works.1.Tender No. EL/50/63R/2020-21, Description o Work-Provision of 750 V power supply for maintenance of HOG aches in washing/ sick lines of Maintenance depot/ Sheds Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.) 1.29,73.199.66 Cost of Tende form (In Rs.)- 5000/- Earnest Money (In Rs.)- 2,14,900/ 2.Tender No.+ EL/50/64R/2020-21 Description of Work- Kota Division-Rewiring of staff quarter Approx. Cost of work (In Rs.) 14,51,506.40 Cost of Tender form (In Rs.)- 2000/- Earnest Money (In Rs.)- 29,000/- Completion period all tenders- 04 Months. Date and Time of Submission and opening for all tenders. ubmission upto 03.02.2021 upto 15.00 hrs. and opening at 15.15 hrs. The offer is accepted only through E-Tendering on website http://www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders should have class III digita signature Certificate and must registered on IREPS Portal, No ender is accepted manually. Please

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### Macron advisor meets PM Modi, talks regional and global issues

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

EMMANUEL BONNE, Diplomatic Advisor to French President Emmanuel Macron, called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on

During the meeting, Modi "expressed his satisfaction on the progress both countries have made on key aspects of the India-France Strategic Partnership, including counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, defence and strategic cooperation, etc", the government said in a statement. It mentioned that Bonne briefed Modi "on India-France cooperation on var-



PM Narendra Modi with Emmanuel Bonne. PTI

ious regional and global issues, including maritime and multilateral cooperation". Modi, it said, "fondly recalled his recent exchanges with President Macron, and conveyed his best wishes for his health" and "reiterated his invitation to President Macron to visit India..." The PM tweeted, "Had a pro-

ductive meeting with Mr. Emmanuel Bonne, Diplomatic Advisor to President Macron. Expressed joy at the progress in India-France Strategic Partnership, a force for global good in the post-COVID world. Reiterated the invitation to my friend @EmmanuelMacron to visit India." Bonne was on a twoday visit to India for the India-France Strategic Dialogue held on January 7.

The French Embassy said that Bonne "held wide-ranging talks", including with his counterpart, NSA Ajit Doval, during the Strategic Dialogue.

### **AFTER OUTGOING US ENVOY'S REMARKS**

India's independent foreign policy applies to defence acquisitions: MEA

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

AFTER THE outgoing US Ambassador to India spoke about "interoperability" issues in a veiled reference to India's procurement of S400 air defence systems from Russia, the MEA Friday made it clear that India pursues an independent foreign policy that includes defence acquisitions.

MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said India shares strategic partnerships with both the US and Russia. He added: "India has always pursued an independent foreign policy. This also applies to our defence acquisitions and supplies which are guided by our national security interests."

The remarks come just days after Kenneth I Juster had said in his farewell speech, without naming the S400 missile system, that "as systems get more technologically advanced, country A that does not get along with country B, will be less willing to sell technology that could potentially be compromised to country B".

He said: "We haven't hit that point yet, but that could come in the future... there are trade-offs India has to decide (as to) how much it matters to get the most sophisticated technology, to be as interoperable as it can be within its technology and potentially with other friendly forces...

**Audited Unconsolidated Interim Statement of Financial Results** 

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### MEA: India, China have maintained communication links at ground level

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

THE MINISTRY of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday said that India and China have maintained communication links at the ground level to avoid any misunderstandings, even as the two sides are waiting for the next round of senior commander-level talks with respect to the military standoff in eastern Ladakh.

During the weekly briefing, MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said the last round of diplomatic talks at the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination took place on December 18 "and the two sides round of senior commanders meeting, and they are in constant communication through diplo-

matic and military channels..." Srivastava said, "In the meantime, both sides have maintained communication at the ground level to avoid any misunderstandings and misjudgements, even as discussions continue for achieving complete disengagement in all friction areas in accordance with existing bilateral agreements

to restore peace and tranquillity." When asked about the 39 Indian sailors stranded in China, Srivastava said the Indian Ambassador in China "has again personally taken up this issue with the Chinese Vice Foreign

have agreed to hold the next Minister, and had requested for early approval of crew exchange". He said that in Delhi, the MEA is in regular contact with the Chinese

embassy He said, "Chinese authorities have detailed steps, which they have outlined, to ensure smooth movement of new crew to China to affect this crew change....(and) steps have to be complied to by concerned shipping companies.'

Regarding "exploring alternative modes of crew change for sea", Srivastava said the possibility has also been taken up by Chinese authorities and they have 'indicated that the details for these options are being worked out".

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PART I: Audited Consolidated Interim Statement of Financial Results

Three month period ended Nine month period ended Year ended **2020** 120,41 2020 2020 2019 2019 42,0 914 818 3,85

2020 156,94 Other incom 4.59 TOTAL INCOME 42,706 41,049 40,672 122,67 120,857 161,541 Expenses mployee benefit expenses 23,43 22,66 ees to external consultants 3.047 12.93 Cost of equipment and software licences 266 1,008 1,436 1,905 Depreciation and amortisation expense 3,529 14,046 TOTAL EXPENSES 30,831 29,620 29,880 118,369 PROFIT BEFORE FINANCE COSTS, EXCEPTIONAL ITEM AND TAX PROFIT BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEM AND TAX 32,451 11,69 11,255 Exceptional item (Refer note 2) Provision towards legal claim PROFIT BEFORE TAX 1,218 1,218 **31,233** 11,69 10,569 42,248 Tax expense Current tax Deferred tax (277)(316)TOTAL TAX EXPENSE 2,965 2,533 2,426 7,953 7,382 9,801 PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD 8,143 32,447 8,72 Profit for the period attributable to: 8.70 7,475 23,184 24,29 32,340 Shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (OCI) tems that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss (184) (62) (228) (110) (367) (449 ncome tax on items that will not be reclassified subsequently to tems that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss 631 (129) 122 1,397 1,138 ncome tax on items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit (71 (224) (137 (315 1,073 464 TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME / (LOSSES) 415 (118) 129 24,483 32,911 TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD 9,142 7,386 8,144 24,353 Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to: 7,358 8,117 24,248 24,405 32,76 9,10 hareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests 28 375 37. 37 Face Value : ₹1 per share) Total Reserves (including Non-controlling interests) 84,374 Earnings per equity share:- Basic and diluted (₹ 23.19 19.93 86.19 Dividend per share (Par value ₹1 each) 12.00 23.00 67.00 6.00 5.00 55.00 nterim dividend on equity shares (₹) inal dividend on equity shares (₹) 6.00 5.00 500 23.00 2,300 6.00 12.00 73.00 1,200 7,300 otal equity dividend percentage

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| REVENUE BY INDUSTRY PRACTICE              |          |              |          |              |             |            |
| Banking, Financial Services and Insurance | 16,655   | 16,138       | 15,483   | 48,075       | 45,888      | 61,095     |
| Manufacturing                             | 4,027    | 3,826        | 4,171    | 11,737       | 12,251      | 16,468     |
| Retail and Consumer Business              | 6,546    | 6,353        | 6,709    | 18,811       | 19,598      | 26,280     |
| Communication, Media and Technology       | 6,980    | 6,560        | 6,608    | 20,035       | 19,227      | 25,978     |
| Others                                    | 7,807    | 7,258        | 6,883    | 21,814       | 20,039      | 27,128     |
| REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS                   | 42,015   | 40,135       | 39,854   | 120,472      | 117,003     | 156,949    |
| SEGMENT RESULTS                           |          |              |          |              |             |            |
| Banking, Financial Services and Insurance | 4,807    | 4,773        | 4,415    | 13,695       | 12,774      | 16,950     |
| Manufacturing                             | 1,188    |              |          |              | 3,255       | 4,445      |
| Retail and Consumer Business              | 1,966    |              |          |              | 5,110       |            |
| Communication, Media and Technology       | 2,066    | 1,917        | 1,926    | 5,869        | 5,604       | 7,703      |
| Others                                    | 2,181    | 1,950        | 1,597    | 5,866        | 4,386       | 6,141      |
| Total                                     | 12,208   | 11,513       | 10,870   | 33,745       | 31,129      | 42,109     |
| Unallocable expenses*                     | 1,207    | 2,390        | 1,119    | 4,715        | 3,247       | 4,453      |
| Operating income                          | 11,001   | 9,123        | 9,751    | 29,030       | 27,882      | 37,656     |
| Other income                              | 691      | 914          | 818      | 2,203        | 3,854       | 4,592      |
| PROFIT BEFORE TAX                         | 11.692   | 10.037       | 10.569   | 31,233       | 31.736      | 42.248     |

\*Includes the provision for legal claim of ₹1,218 crore. Refer note 2.

Note: The assets and liabilities of the Group are used interchangeably amongst segments. Allocation of such assets and liabilities is not practicable and any forced allocation would not result in any meaningful segregation. Hence, assets and liabilities have not been identified to any of the reportable segments.

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Mumbai January 8, 2021

Rajesh Gopinathan **CEO** and Managing Director

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|---|----------|-------------|----------|------------|------------|---------|
|   | December | September   | December | December   | December   | March   |
|   | 31,      | 30,         | 31,      | 31,        | 31,        | 31,     |
|   | 2020     | 2020        | 2019     | 2020       | 2019       | 2020    |
| Revenue   | 34,957   | 33,365      | 33,040   | 99,946     | 98,084     | 131,306 |
| Other income  | 2,096    | 1,734       | 1,206    | 4,536      | 6,049      | 8,082   |
| TOTAL INCOME  | 37,053   | 35,099      | 34,246   | 104,482    | 104,133    | 139,388 |
| Expenses  |          |             |          |            |            |         |
| Employee benefit expenses                             | 17,779   | 17,211      | 16,333   | 51,627     | 48,263     | 64,906  |
| Fees to external consultants                          | 3,548    | 3,404       | 3,484    | 10,339     | 10,404     | 13,916  |
| Cost of equipment and software licences               | 331      | 224         | 378      | 839        | 1,233      | 1,596   |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense                 | 771      | 755         | 677      | 2,265      | 1,977      | 2,701   |
| Other operating expenses                              | 2,621    | 2,440       | 3,400    | 7,783      | 10,084     | 13,535  |
| TOTAL EXPENSES  | 25,050   | 24,034      | 24,272   | 72,853     | 71,961     | 96,654  |
| PROFIT BEFORE FINANCE COSTS, EXCEPTIONAL ITEM AND TAX | 12,003   | 11,065      | 9,974    | 31,629     | 32,172     | 42,734  |
| Finance costs   | 159      | 149         | 200      | 426        | 532        | 743     |
| PROFIT BEFORE EXCEPTIONAL ITEM AND TAX                | 11,844   | 10,916      | 9,774    | 31,203     | 31,640     | 41,991  |
| Exceptional item (Refer note 2)                       |          |             |          |            |            |         |
| Provision towards legal claim                         | _        | 1,218       |          | 1,218      | -          | -       |
| PROFIT BEFORE TAX                                     | 11,844   | 9,698       | 9,774    | 29,985     | 31,640     | 41,991  |
| Tax Expense   |          |             |          |            |            |         |
| Current tax   | 2,968    | · '         | '        | 7,813      | 6,765      | ,       |
| Deferred tax  | (366)    |             |          |            | (158)      |         |
| TOTAL TAX EXPENSE                                     | 2,602    | 2,250       | 2,091    | 7,199      | 6,607      | 8,731   |
| PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD                                 | 9,242    | 7,448       | 7,683    | 22,786     | 25,033     | 33,260  |

| (Face Value : ₹1 per share)                       | 3/5   | 3/5   | 3/5   | 3/3   | 3/3   | 3/5    |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Total Reserves                                    |       |       |       |       |       | 73,993 |
|   |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Earnings per equity share:- Basic and diluted (₹) | 24.63 | 19.85 | 20.47 | 60.72 | 66.71 | 88.64  |
| Dividend per share (Par value ₹1 each)            |       |       |       |       |       | i I    |
| Interim dividend on equity shares (₹)             | 6.00  | 12.00 | 5.00  | 23.00 | 55.00 | 67.00  |
| Final dividend on equity shares (₹)               | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 6.00   |
| Total dividend on equity shares (₹)               | 6.00  | 12.00 | 5.00  | 23.00 | 55.00 | 73.00  |
| Total equity dividend percentage                  | 600   | 1,200 | 500   | 2,300 | 5,500 | 7,300  |

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# 6 GOVT & POLITICS



### **DELHI CONFIDENTIAL**



### KEEPING IN TOUCH

WHEN BJP chief ministers visit the party headquarters in Delhi, it is mainly to meet the party president or senior leaders. It is rare for them to keep aside time for staff at the party office. But when Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb visited the BJP headquarters to meet party chief J P Nadda on Friday, he made it a point to go from floor to floor to meet the staff also. Deb recently upset the BJP leadership for unilaterally calling a public meeting to seek the people's mandate on whether he should continue in office in the face of intense factionalism in the state party unit. He had to call off the meeting after the national leadership intervened.

### PACKED SCHEDULE

BJP PRESIDENT J P Nadda, who has returned to work after battling Covid, seems to be having hectic days. After spending three days in Ahmedabad for the RSS meeting, Nadda returned to Delhi on Thursday evening. On Friday, he took meetings on booth strengthening and coordination with state leaders from Rajasthan and Maharashtra. While the party's electoral setback in last month's Council polls for graduate and teacher constituencies in Maharashtra came up for discussion with the leaders from that state, Nadda discussed strengthening of the organisation with the Rajasthan leaders, sources said. On Saturday, the party chief will be heading to poll-bound West Bengal. Next week, Nadda will resume his 120-day national tour programme, visiting Assam on Monday and

### THE VISIT

THERE WERE reports some days ago that Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar was unhappy that many senior AICC leaders have not visited party MPs from the state who had been sitting on a dharna at Jantar Mantar in solidarity with the protesting farmers. Congress leaders, including K C Venugopal, Pawan Kumar Bansal and party MP Manickam Tagore, later visited Jantar Mantar and met them in a show of support. On Friday, the MPs had a meeting with Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. She did not go to Jantar Mantar. The MPs – among them Ravneet Singh Bittu, Jasbir Singh Gill and Gurjeet Singh Aujla – met Priyanka at her residence. And the AICC publicised the meeting.

### Budget session will be as long as earlier, all issues to be discussed: Speaker

**LALMANI VERMA** 

DEHRADUN, JANUARY 8

INDICATING THAT the upcoming Budget session of Parliament will have a Question Hour, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Friday said questions of Opposition parties will be answered and issues raised by them discussed when the House meets for the next session.

Speaking to reporters in Dehradun, Birla said the upcoming Budget session will be of the same duration as it had been in the past and there will be discussions on all issues.

The Lok Sabha Speaker was in Dehradun to address an event part of an outreach programme for Panchayati Raj Institutions -'Panchayati Raj System: Strengthening the Decentralised



Om Birla in Dehradun on Friday

Democracy'. The event was aimed at introducing panchayat members to the functioning of Parliament and to provide them with an exposure to democratic principles and ethos.

Sources said the Budget Session is likely to begin on January 29. The session is expected to be held in adherence to precautions in view of Covid-19, the sources added.

Precautions that were in place for the Monsoon Session. which was held in September but cut short after many MPs tested positive for Covid, will continue, sources said.

#### **FARMERS' PROTEST**



A protest against the three farm bills by a pensioners' association and textile and labour unions outside the mini-secretariat in Ludhiana on Friday. Gurmeet Singh

### BKU to oppose Khattar's visit to Karnal tomorrow

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 8

FARMERS IN Haryana are heading toward another confrontation with the state government with the Bhartiya Kisan Union Friday announcing it will oppose a "kisan panchayat" to be addressed by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Karnal district Sunday. The "kisan panchayat" is being organised in Kaimla village to create "awareness" among the farmers about the "benefits of three laws".

Khattar, who was in Delhi to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the meeting will take place as per schedule.

On Friday, farmers gathered at Ghraunda toll plaza on Ambala-Delhi national highway before moving to Kaimla to hold a panchayat there against the CM's programme. The protesters also removed barricades installed by the police on the outskirts of the village. However, a group of villagers said they were in favour of the CM's meeting. "We decided to return to toll plaza to avert a confrontation there," said BKU leader Jagdip



Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in New Delhi, Friday

Singh Aulakh.

Farmers now plan to block all roads leading to the village on Sunday. The administration is preparing a temporary helipad near the venue amid a possibility that Khattar may need to take the aerial route to the village.

Karnal SP Ganga Ram Punia told The Indian Express that adequate police force will be deployedin the village. Sources said additional forces from adjoining districts will also be called in.

Chief Minister Khattar as well legislators of the ruling BJP-JJP alliance, including Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala, have been facing a series of protests by the

### KHATTAR MEETS SHAH, SAYS DIALOGUE KEY

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar Friday met Home Minister Amit Shah, and later said there was hope that a solution will be reached through dialogue. He said that now when various issues are being discussed together, the possibilities of resolving the matter pertaining to the Acts is stronger.

### CHAUTALA: WILL QUIT IF DEMANDS NOT MET

Chandigarh: Indian National Lok Dal leader Abhay Singh Chautala Friday announced that he would resign from Haryana Assembly if the Centre doesn't accept farmers' demands by January 26. Ellenabad MLA Chautala is the lone INLD MLA in the Assembly. He has been visiting sites to support farmers since the protests began. ENS

### Oppn slams govt: Show compassion to farmers, not rules

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

AS THE eighth round of talks between the government and farmer's unions ended inconclusively, the Opposition Friday hit out at the government, accusing it of trying to tire out the farmers by holding meeting after meeting.

"Our farmers are fighting for justice and deserve compassion and sensitive understanding, not merely technical reading of rules. The government and the Hon'ble Supreme Court must understand that while farmers will survive Covid, their satyagrah is for their very survival," senior Congress leader Anand Sharma said

Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said the government is trying to tire out the farmers by holding meeting after meeting. "But the farmers will neither get tired nor bow down," Surjewala said.

Sharma said that in a free country, the farmers would have had the right to protest inside the national capital and not be stopped at the borders.

Alleging that the BJP government has crossed all limits of "cruelty" and "ruthlessness", AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said "the country has to think whether laws for farmers should emerge from their fields or in made the drawing rooms of a handful of billionaire friends of the BJP government." She said the Congress will not back down from its demand that the laws should be repealed.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi tweeted in Hindi: "Those whose intentions are not clear, it is their strategy to give one date after another.'

Condemning the attitude of the government. CPI general secretary D Raja said the government must be sincere in holding talks and sensitive to the concerns of farmers. "The government remains rigid, adamant and arrogant, not accepting the demand of the farmers. It should accept the demand of farmers and repeal the three agri-laws,"

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telephonic poll.

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

FACING HECTIC lobbying in its

Maharashtra party unit, the cen-

tral Congress leadership on

Friday asked 1000-odd party

leaders from the state -- up-

wards from the block level -- to

suggest three names for the post

of state Congress president in a

be one of the inputs for selection

of a new state president or a de-

cision in favour of letting incum-

bent Balasahab Thorat continue.

veyed his unease to the high

command about the style of

functioning of AICC Maharashtra

in-charge HK Patil. After his visit,

Patil reached Mumbai earlier

this week to meet MLAs, MLCs

and senior leaders to gauge their

mood about the possible reshuf-

fle, but cut short his stay and re-

Technology and Data Cell headed

by Praveen Chakravarty sent out

messages to over 1,000 leaders -

On Friday, the AICC

turned to Delhi on Thursday.

The move comes days after Thorat rushed to Delhi and con-

The audio voting results will

to revamp the

**UNEASE IN MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS** 

### **MP RALLIES**

## Digvijaya says Muslim areas being targeted, **CM** hits back

**IRAM SIDDIQUE** 

BHOPAL, JANUARY 8

SENIOR CONGRESS leader and Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh on Friday said that Muslim localities in Madhya Pradesh were being targeted during fund-raising rallies for the Ram Temple in Ayodhya and demanded an impartial probe into the recent clashes even as Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan assured people from all communities that they were safe.

With guns, lathis, swords and provocative speeches, those who have set out to collect donations for the construction of temple are targeting Muslim localities, Singh told reporters after meeting Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains and DGP Vivek Johri along with MLA Arif Masood and a delegation from the three districts that witnessed clashes last

The former chief minister demanded an impartial probe into the clashes that broke out in Ujjain, Mandsaur and Indore during the rallies.

"I will oppose these Hindus who are trying to break communal harmony between Hindus and Muslims. Hindu-Muslim unity is the basis of India. They fought together for the freedom struggle and those who did nothing during the freedom struggle are trying to vitiate the atmosphere," Singh said.

He said he a better Hindu than all BJP leaders, as he practises Sanatam Dharma which calls for respect for all.

Holding the district administrators responsible, Singh said, "Ministers, IAS and IPS officers are bound by the Constitution and are not slaves of any political party, be it the Congress or BJP. How were the rallies allowed to be taken out? The district collectors and SPs of the affected districts should be removed," he

Cong conducts audio vote with

1,000 leaders for PCC chief post

- members of block and district

units and PCC delegates -- about

the poll, "You are an important

leader of Maharashtra Congress.

Today, you will get a call on this

number from Delhi, Listen care-

fully and follow the instructions,"

read the SMS sent in Patil's name.

Once the call is connected, lead-

ers have to give three names in

asking for one name. In the case

of the Mumbai Regional

Congress Committee, we had

asked for one name... Every per-

son will be asked to list three

names in terms of their prefer-

ence. It is like the rank choice

voting system... People can rank

candidates by preference. They

can name whoever they want,'

Sources said some senior

leaders are not happy with the

plan and have conveyed their ap-

prehensions to Congress presi-

dent Sonia Gandhi. "Most district

Congress presidents had been

appointed by either Thorat or his

predecessor Ashok Chavan, And

the committees at the district

and block level would have been

handpicked by these district

presidents. How do you expect

Maratha quota hearing: State for larger bench

a high command leader said.

"For the first time we are not

the next 15 seconds.

said. "It is strange that police cases are being registered against people whose houses were torched, vehicles damaged, and who sustained bullet wounds. What sort of justice is this."

Reacting to Singh's charges, Chief Minister Chouhan said in a video clip to media outlets: "Every society, community and sect is safe and secure in Madhya Pradesh.'

"If action has to be taken against anyone, it is going to be against goons and mafia. And it will take place for sure. No power can stop it... A wrongdoer will face the consequences... All are equal in the eye of the law," he said. "MP government is against goons, drug peddlers and all types of mafia. Whoever the stone-pelters may be... nobody, not even Digvijaya, can save them."

This came two days after a delegation headed by social activist Medha Patkar visited Indore's Chandan Khedi village, where clashes took place on December 29. The six-member delegation submitted a report to Indore Commissioner Pawan Kumar on Thursday, saying that members of the rally that was passing through the village on the day of the clash were armed with iron rods, kerosene and diesel. They attacked the minaret of a mosque - near which an altercation broke out - with swords to incite communal violence. In the report, they accused the police of inaction.

After the clashes, the police booked around 23 villagers, but only two out of the three people who climbed the minaret were arrested - and both secured bail within two days, it said.

"It is shocking that Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who was in Indore immediately after the clashes, did not feel the need to appeal for peace and instead spoke about creating a law against stone-pelters," said Patkar.

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of the contenders for the state

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told Patil that they are for con-

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know whether the leadership

has someone else in mind and

this exercise is being carried out

to appoint that person," an AICC

fended the move. "We are sim-

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committee members, district

committee members and PCC

level...It will be just one more

important input which will help

in decision- making...It is an

opinion-gathering exercise....

We want to give them a medium

where they can be fearless and

give their opinion. It is not a sub-

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The AICC in charge is talking to

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it up and add some 1000 more

people in the party who are actu-

ally doing the work on the

of the Maratha quota issue in the

SC, the Uddhav Thackeray gov-

ernment feels that a larger bench

is necessary to overturn the

landmark order by a nine-judge

bench in 1993 that had capped

total reservation at 50 per cent.

ground," a senior leader said.

The Congress leadership de-

party chief's post.

leader said.

### Jagan launches reconstruction of 9 temples demolished in Vijayawada

**SREENIVAS JANYALA** HYDERABAD, JANUARY 8

ANDHRA PRADESH Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Friday laid the foundation stone for the reconstruction of nine temples that were dismantled or demolished by the previous TDP regime to widen roads or construct flyovers in Vijayawada.

The move comes at a time the YSRCP government has been under fire from the TDP over the attacks on temples in the state, while BJP leaders have tried to link Jagan's Christian faith to the incidents of vandalism.

Jagan also laid the foundation stone for other eight development projects worth Rs 77 crore at the Kanakadurga temple atop the Indrakeeladri hill. He followed Hindu rituals for the foundation stone ceremony.



At the foundation stone laying ceremony. Express

Brahmin Corporation chairman and YS-RCP leader Malladi Vishnu, who attended the foundation stone ceremony, said the previous TDP government had demolished over 40 temples in Vijayawada.

The temples to be reconstructed are the Rahu-Kethu

temple, Sri Anjaneyaswamy temple, Sri Seethamma Vari Paadaalu, Dakshinamukha Anianevaswamy temple. Saneeswara Swamy temple, Sri Dasanjaneya Swamy Vaari temple, Boddu Bomma, Sri Veera Babu Swamy temple, and Gosala Krishna temple.

# Baghel to visit



Bijapur for the first time in two years.

cently toured the Sarguja and Bilaspur divisions. He has an-

nounced development projects worth several hundred crores in the past three weeks, since the Congress-led government finished two years. He said he was touring also to review work of departments in the district.

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** RAIPUR, JANUARY 8 CHHATTISGARH CHIEF Minister

tricts



Baghel

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** Baghel re-MUMBAI, JANUARY 8

> THE MAHARASHTRA government on Friday sought the formation of a larger Supreme Court bench for hearing the Maratha reservation issue.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan had said it will hear the matter on a day-to-day basis from January 25.



**PWD** Minister Ashok Chavan

PWD Minister Ashok Chavan, who heads the ministerial sub-

"A five-judge bench won't be able to overturn the 1993 order.

Chavan said. He also called for a review of the 50 per cent cap. "The decision was taken three decades ago. It should be reviewed," he added.

# Ministry delays green nod for coal mine in Chhattisgarh, points to NGT ruling

**GARGIVERMA** RAIPUR, JANUARY 8

THE ENVIRONMENT Ministry has delayed the green nod for a coal mine in Chhattisgarh's Raigarh district, noting that the project didn't even have the first phase of environmental clearance and that the proposal submitted by Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd was different "for which the ToR

[Terms of Reference] was given". The coal mine project is proposed to come up in Gare Palma area of Tamnar tehsil in the dis-

A January 1 letter from the ministry asked MahaGenCo to "provide comments" on a February 2020 National Green Tribunal order on the same area. According to the letter, the NGT

sion of underground coal mines to open-cast coal mines can be permitted in Tamnar and Gharghora areas of Raigarh, "keeping in mind the environmental cost in terms of forest loss, major non-compliance in pollution control and social cost (rehabilitation)". The Gare Palma coal block lo-

cated in Tamnar block, encompassing 14 villages, is licensed out to MahaGenCo. Tribal residents have been protesting mining activity in the area for some time now. The Indian Express in November had reported that despite a clear order by the National Commission of Scheduled Tribes (NCST) to defer public hearings, and a study by Indian Council of Medical

Research (ICMR) that points to

adverse impact of coal mining

istry's Expert Appraisal Committee granted its approval to the green clearance for the mine in Gare Palma ministry's letter

MahaGenCo states: "Since stage I Forest Clearance (FC) for 214.869 of Forest land involved is vet to be obtained and (sic) EC will not be issued to PP till stage IFC is granted and submitted to the Ministry."

for Forest However, Clearance, the PP, or Project Proponent, will need the approval from the residents of 14 villages, none of whom want to budge from their stand against the coal mines. "We have seen the situation

worsen and now no more mines should be allowed. It will ruin lives for not only us but also our future generations, if the governcapital gains, then we have nothing to say. But to save our lives and our future generations, for our rights, we will keep fighting," one of the village sarpanches from the block said. Despite the letter, villagers

and activists believe their fight to get the project cancelled will still continue. "We welcome the letter by the ministry. But why should

MahaGenCo, despite not following the ToR, get a chance to comment? Several government reports and an NGT order have found the area unsuitable for any more mining. The tribals living there are clear that they don't want any more mining. So, should the ecological and environmental cost not be kept in mind?" an activist working in the area said.

### Bastar today, review work

Bhupesh Baghel is all set for a two-day tour of the state's Bastar division starting Saturday. He will visit the Maoist-affected dis-

Bhupesh

committee formed over the quota strife, Friday demanded Facing flak over its handling

that a nine-judge or a 11-judge bench should hear the issue.

# EXPRESS NETWORK



Naveen Patnaik

### **ODISHA**

### Home Dept asks police to tighten CM's security

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha government has asked the state police to tighten Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's security cover following an anonymous letter threatening to kill him. Instructions have been issued to the police to also beef up security at the state secretariat and across routes which Patnaik might take in the days to come. The letter was sent to the official residence of the Chief Minister on January 5.. Special Secretary (Home) Santosh Bala had asked the state's director general of police, director general of intelligence and the commissioner of police, Bhubaneswar, to inquire.

#### **CHANDIGARH**

### BJP's Ravi Kant Sharma elected Mayor

Chandigarh: The BJP on Friday swept the mayoral polls of the Chandigarh **Municipal Corporation** with its candidate Ravi Kant Sharma getting elected as the city's new mayor. BJP councillor Ravi Kant Sharma defeated Congress nominee Devinder Singh Babla, officials said. Sharma got 17 votes out of 24 polled while Babla got five votes, they said, adding two votes were declared in-

### **KERALA**

### Flvover scam: HC grants bail to ex-minister

Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Friday granted bail to former state minister and IUML MLA V K Ebrahim Kunju, arrested by the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau in the flyover scam case, considering his ill health. Kunju arrested on November 18 in connection with alleged corruption in the construction of a flyover at Palarivattom during the previous Congress-led UDF rule. The High Court had on December 14 dismissed Kunju's bail application with the liberty to file a fresh application once he was discharged from the hospital, where he is now undergoing treatment for cancer.

### UTTARAKHAND FIR against Rly officials in Haridwar mishap

Dehradun: Uttarakhand Police on Friday registered an FIR against unnamed railway officials in connection with the death of four persons who were run over by a speeding train Thursday during its trial run on a new railway track in Haridwar district. "An FIR under IPC section 304(A) (causing death by negligence) has been lodged against unidentified railway officials in connection with the incident on the complaint of a local resident," said Pravin Koshywari, SHO, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat had ordered a magisterial probe into

# **Modi set to discuss Covid vaccine** rollout with all CMs on January 11

LIZ MATHEW & **KAUNAIN SHERIFF** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi is scheduled to discuss the Covid-19 vaccine roll out with all chief ministers on January 11, and the ruling BJP is preparing a massive campaign in order to allay the apprehensions among the people and remove the vaccine hesitancy, sources said.

Two vaccines - Covaxin, developed by Bharat Biotech along with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and Covishield, a variant of Oxford AstraZeneca's AZD1222 manufactured under licence by the Serum Institute of India - on January 3 received regulatory approval for restricted use in emergency situation.

Modi, in his virtual meet with the CMs, is expected to discuss the Centre's plans with regards to the mass immunisation programme against the virus. A national dry run has recently been held to test

Cases:

Ladakh

Daman

Meghalaya

West Bengal

Chhattisgarh

**Uttar Pradesh** 

Maharashtra

Chhattisgarh

Maharashtra

Kerala

Kerala

1,04,13,417

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

STATES WITH RISING ACTIVE CASES

219

138

STATES WHERE ACTIVE CASES ARE DECLINING

8,476

8,859

11,786

ONJAN7

5,051

3,729

1,010

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM DEATHS

ONJAN7

76

25

19

Data as on January 7, released by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medical

as well. As such, trends based on daily numbers are only indicative and not definitive

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM

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**BJP**aims to promote programme as govt achievement

WHILE THE government is trying to ensure that the infrastructure is in place for a seamless and hassle-free vaccine rollout, the BIP wants to chip in by launching an intense campaign to promote the vaccination programme. With the campaign, the party aims to help the government in allaying fears and apprehensions with respect to the vaccine and to project it as a significant achievement by the Narendra Modi-led government.

the operational feasibility of the software platform to identify the challenges that could be faced during the vaccine rollout.

BJP sources said the party is planning to chalk out extensive programmes for a campaign on the vaccination, "Yes, the BIP will run a massive nationwide campaign to promote vaccination. It is a big achievement by the government that the country could

**ACTIVE CASES: 2,25,449** 

9,35,369

RISE IN LAST WEEK

23

3,509

2.576

2,474

TOTAL

7,95,934

19,58,282

2,86,596

51,062

3,342

**ICASES** 

ACTIVE CASES DECLINE IN LAST WEEK

**DEATHS: 1,50,570** 

TESTS: 17,93,36,364 | RECOVERIES: 1,00,37,398

develop vaccines... Our campaign, which will involve every party leader, will work on allaying the fears of the people over vaccine," said a senior party leader. However, he added, the party leadership will begin planning for the same only after Sunday.

Sources said that with Budget Session expected to begin on January 29, presiding officers of both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha will discuss with the government the possibility of providing vaccination for members of Parliament on a priority basis.

At a state health ministers' meeting on Thursday, Bihar's Mangal Pandey had suggested that all MPs and MLAs should be given priority with regards to the vaccine.

"There is a demand for such a move. The lawmakers and legislators move around and meet a lot of people, so their vaccination is important. It will also help the general public to shed fears about the vaccine," said a minister in the Uttar Pradesh government.

While senior party leaders are awaiting a government's decision on them getting vaccinated, some have even written to Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan. volunteering for trial runs.

Meanwhile, the government's preparation for the rolling out of the vaccines has been on the fast track, with the Health Ministry indicating that it would be administered within ten days after its approval.

On November 24, an official communication was sent to all state governments to form a block task force, which would be the backbone of the vaccine administration and would be entrusted with "monitoring" three important functions -- communication planning, cold chain, and vaccine logistics planning.

State governments were also told to include important stakeholders, including "local influencers and religious leaders at Block level". This was a clear signal that

the Covid-19 immunization programme will be distinctly different from the universal Immunisation programme, and that political leaders who are local influencers will play a key role in the implementation of the government's communication plan.

"Maximise use of local influencers for countering misinformation," the government stated in the terms of reference (ToR) based on which the block level task force will function.

### Customs may question Kerala Speaker in forex smuggling case

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

JANUARY 8

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT would question Kerala Assembly Speaker P Sreeramakrishnan and a few other top functionaries of the state government in connection with a case pertaining to smuggling foreign exchange out of the country, sources told *The* Indian Express on Friday. This came a day after the Speaker denied any wrongdoing and defended his conduct in public life.

While probing into a case related to smuggling of gold through diplomatic cargo channel to the UAE Consulate, the central agency found that two of the accused – Swapna Suresh and PS Sarith – allegedly indulged in smuggling US dollars out of the country, the sources said. The Speaker would be questioned on the basis of statements the two accused gave to the magistrate court under Section 164 of CrPC.

"Their statements contain the names of several senior government functionaries, including the Speaker and a few ministers. They have mentioned illegal activities in their statements. But we are looking into only those issues that come under the purview of the Customs Act," a source in the agency said.

Customs officials said they have not decided when they would issue a notice to Sreeramakrishnan to record his statement. "There are no legal hurdles for questioning the Speaker. We want to hear what the Speaker has to say about the deposition of the accused persons," an official said.

On Friday, the Customs questioned the Speaker's assistant private secretary K Ayyappan at its Kochi office for nearly nine hours in connection with the case. "Ayyappan had been in touch with both Swapna and Sarith. He had made calls to both on certain days," a source alleged. But officials said questioning of the Speaker's personal staff was not very fruitful as "Ayyappan appeared tutored by someone else".

"He turned up for questioning after leaving his mobile phone in Thiruvananthapuram," an official said.

The Opposition has given a notice for a resolution seeking removal of the Speaker over the case. But denying any wrongdoing, Sreeramakrishnan on Thursday told reporters, "I have been a public figure for the past 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 I would be summoned by the Customs.'



Opposition MLAs stage a protest outside Kerala Legislative Assembly complex in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday. PTI

### After rap from HC and Centre, TN govt scraps theatre order

#### **ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAI, JANUARY 8

THE TAMIL Nadu government Friday scrapped its decision to allow full occupancy in cinemas and restored the centrally-mandated cap of 50 per cent. This came hours after the Madras High Court temporarily stayed the original order, and days after the Centre pulled up the state for "diluting" Covid-19 protocol.

In a statement, the government said the reversal was made "considering the safety of people", but also tried to justify its earlier decision by citing a fall in Covid-19 cases in the state.

The order allowing 100 per cent occupancy came after actor Vijay met Chief Minister Eďappadi K Palaniswami with

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

CHIEF MINISTER Mamata

Banerjee on Friday allowed full

occupancy in cinema halls dur-

ing the week-long Kolkata

Banerjee said at the inauguration

cinema hall owners to ensure

Mamata said, "I would urge

of the 26th edition of the KIFF.

KOLKATA, JANUARY 8

this request ahead of the January 13 release of his much-hyped film Master. Another major Tamil Silambarasan-starrer Eswaran, is scheduled to release on January 14. Both dates fall around the Pongal festive period.

With public health experts questioning the wisdom of allowing theatres to run at full capacity, the Union Home Secretary on January 5 wrote to the Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary, reminding him that the state cannot dilute central guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act.

And as the Madras High Court Friday put a stay on the easing of occupancy norms till January 11, the government finally acted.

Hearing a batch of three petitions, a High Court division bench said: "We are dealing with

halls screening film fest movies

the Covid-19 pandemic situation which does not bother about the economic factors and territories such as district, state or country.'

"We hope and trust that the state government would reconsider the issue in the right perspective," the bench said. It adjourned the matter to January 11 after the government's counsel sought time to reply.

Quoting the petitioners, the judges also asked the state government to consider ideas such as increasing the number of shows while ensuring that cinemas are sanitised.

S Thanu, president of the Film Federation of India, wrote to Home Minister Amit Shah two days ago saying the 50 per cent occupancy rule in cinemas was not "feasible and economically

### Kerala Governor's address slams farm Mamata allows full occupancy in laws, central agencies tours. The Central agencies are

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 8

KERALA GOVERNOR Arif Mohammed Khan, in his address to the Assembly on Friday, adopted a stand against farm laws, the labour code and the central government agencies probing the gold smuggling case. Referring to the 2019 Citizenship Amendment Act, the address said the state government is committed to defending secular values.

The Opposition UDF legislators led by the Congress boycotted the address. Lone BJP legislator O Rajagopal did not join the boycott and sat through it.

Referring to the central agencies' probe into the gold smuggling case, the Governor said, "Actions of certain Central Government agencies have overstepped the constitutional conimpeding the development activities and flagship programmes undertaken by the state. This has had a demoralising effect on honest and hardworking officers... On the farm laws, he said,

These agrarian laws will undermine regulated markets, result in eventual demise of minimum support price and tilt the balance of bargaining power definitively in favour of corporate middlemen."

The address also hailed the recent nationwide strike of workers, saying it had been one of the largest of its kind against the new labour legislation.

Referring to CAA, he said, When apprehensions were raised regarding the consequences of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, we have taken the lead in alleviating the fears among large sections of the society...

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### Covid vaccines to be available in next few days: Harsh Vardhan

Chennai: The Covid-19 vaccines would be made available in the next few days, giving priority to those at risk such as healthcare professionals, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said here on Friday.

The Centre has started a new Covid platform to track particulars of potential vaccine beneficiaries and also issue electronic certificates to them, he said.

suring that in the next few days,

"We are in the process of en-

also in the near future, we should be able to give this vaccines to our countrymen, starting with of course prioritising those who are most at risk, our health professionals, healthcare workers in the public and private sector followed by frontline workers," he told reporters.

Hours later, asked when the vaccination drive shall start, the Union minister told journalists, "You will get to know about it

### Rescued in Mumbai before lockdown, Nepal boy reunited with father

**SADAF MODAK** MUMBAI, JANUARY 8

TEN MONTHS after a 14-year-old

boy from Nepal left his home, took multiple buses and trains to reach Mumbai where he was rescued by police and sent to a children's home, authorities managed to reunite him with his father on Friday.

The boy, a Class VII student, was rescued by police and brought to the Children Aid Society's Home on March 10 last year. Within four days of this, the Covid-induced lockdown across the country prevented efforts to locate his parents for the next

Authorities said after being brought to the children's home, the boy could not recall his address or the phone numbers of his parents. Home authorities said that during the lockdown, they did not have much success in getting clues from him about his residence. The breakthrough came after the lockdown was lifted. when officials reached out to a Nepal citizens' group in the city.

A search led them to the missing complaint filed by the boy's parents in Surkhet district of Nepal.

An NGO helped to raise money for the boy's father to travel to Mumbai and coordinated with officials on both sides to bring the boy's father to the city. "The boy's father came on Friday and we handed over the boy's custody to him," said Rahul Kanthikar, the Home's superintendent,



should be done after every show. Every audience member should carry his or her own sanitiser or a tissue paper. Nowadays, you also get machines with which

The current set of "unlock" guidelines issued by the Centre, meant to allow a phased resumption of social and economic life, is in place till January 31.

### Took flag because of patriotic fervour, says Kochi man who carried Tricolour to US Capitol protest

**RAHEL PHILIPOSE** PANAJI, JANUARY 8

AS PEOPLE around the world watched the clash on Wednesday between a mob of US President Donald Trump's supporters and law-enforcement authorities at the Capitol building, the Indian Tricolour could be seen fluttering in a sea of US flags.

The flag-bearer was 54-yearold Virginia-based entrepreneur Vincent Xavier Palanthigal, who moved to the US from Kochi in Kerala in 1992 and is a member of the Virginia Republican Party's State Central Committee.

"It was because of my patriotic fervour and love that I took the Indian flag. Not to defame it or give it a bad name," he told The Indian Express.



Vincent Xavier Palanthigal at the Trump rally on Wednesday.

Visuals of the Tricolour on social media had drawn strong reactions. "Why is there an Indian flag there??? This is one fight we definitely don't need to participate in," BJP MP Varun Gandhi tweeted. Shiv Sena spokesperson Priyanka Chaturvedi said,

"Whoever is waving this Indian flag should feel ashamed. Don't use our tricolor to participate in such violent & criminal acts in another country.'

Vincent claimed he had nothing to do with the "miscreants" and said he has been constantly an attempt to "clear his name".

On Wednesday, Vincent, along with a group of 10 other Indian Americans, joined a Trump rally in Washington DC to protest against the Congress's certification of President-elect Joe Biden's win in the 2020 election. Carrying the flag was their way of representing the Indian American

"We marched from the White House lawn to the Capitol in a very disciplined way. Initially it was a very celebratory event. There was laughing and singing, it was like a festival in India," he said. "Trump rallies are usually very fun events. There are always a million American flags as well as flags from other countries."

community, he claimed.

It was only after they had arrived at the Capitol building that things started getting out of climbing the walls with their claws like animals, which is very

difficult for regular people to do." Vincent said he knew little of what transpired inside the Capitol building. "The internet was jammed and we weren't getting any news. I had to call my wife and ask her to turn on the news. It was only then that I found out that they had managed to get inside and were de-

stroying property.' Several lawmakers, including members of Republican Party, have blamed Trump for the vio-

The US Capitol Police said they had arrested 14 people suspected of involvement in the rioting, most charged with unlawful entry, while the Metropolitan Police Department has made at least 68 arrests.

### Goa to impose fine of Rs 10,000 for drinking on beaches

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

PANAJI, JANUARY 8

THE GOA Tourism department has decided to impose a fine of Rs 10,000 for drinking on beaches after several areas were found littered with bottles post new year celebrations, an official said on Friday.

State Tourism Director Menino D'Souza told PTI that boards cautioning people against drinking on beaches have been installed.

The state government, in January 2019, amended the Tourist Trade Act imposing fine of Rs 2,000 for individuals and Rs 10,000 for groups drinking on beaches, he said. "The tourism department will enforce the amended Act through police. Once we have our Tourist Police Force, we will be able to do it on our own," he added.

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दिनांक: 06/01/2021 उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रान्समीशन कारपोरेशन <u>लिमिटेड ई–निविदा आमंत्रण 1. ई–</u> <u>निविदा सं0—टी—16 / मू०अ०(पा०द०प०) /</u> <u>20—21:—</u> पारेषण दक्षिण पश्चिम क्षेत्र आगरा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड—मथुरा के अधीन 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र छाता हेतु अग्नि शमक संयंत्र की आपूर्ति किये जाने के सम्बंध में। <u>2. ई-निविदा सं0-टी-17 / मू0अ0</u> <u>(पा0द0प0) / 20—21:—</u> पारेषण दक्षिण पश्चिम क्षेत्र आगरा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत पारेषण ाण्डल, मथुरा के अधीन विभिन्न 400 / 220 / 132 केवी उपकेन्द्रों हेतु यूनिवर्सल रिले टैस्टिंग केट की आपूर्ति किये जाने के सम्बंध में। <u>3. ई</u> <u>-निविदा सं0—टी—18 / मु0अ0(पा0द0 प0)</u> <u>/20—21:—</u> पारेषण दक्षिण पश्चिम क्षेत्र आगरा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, मथुर के अधीन विभिन्न 400 / 220 / 132 केवी उपकेन्द्रों हेतु टैन डेल्टा किट की आपूर्ति किये जाने के सम्बंध में। <u>4. **ई—निविदा सं**0—टी</u>– **19 / मू०अ०(पा०द०प०) / 20—21:**— पारेषण दक्षिण पश्चिम क्षेत्र आगरा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत गरेषण मण्डल, मथुरा के अधीन विभिन 400 / 220 / 132केवी उपकेन्द्रों हेत् सर्किट ब्रेकर एनालाइजर किट की आपूर्ति किये जान के सम्बंध में। <u>5. **ई—निविदा सं0**—टी—20</u>/ **म्0अ0(पा0द0प0) / 20-21:-** पारेषण दक्षिण पश्चिम क्षेत्र आगरा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, मथुरा के अधीन 220केर्व उपकेन्द्र वृन्दावन हेतु फाइवर लैडर की आपूर्ति किये जाने के सम्बंध में। <u>6. **ई—निविदा सं0**-</u> <u>टी–21 / मु०अ०(पा०द०प०) / 20–21:-</u> गरेषण दक्षिण पश्चिम क्षेत्र आगरा के अन्तर्ग वेद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, आगरा के अधीन 765 केवी उपकेन्द्र फतेहाबाद हेतु 765केवी हार्डवेयर एवं इन्सुलेटर्स की आपूर्ति किये जाने के सम्बंध में। <u>7. ई-निविदा सं0-टी-22 / मु0अ0</u>( <u>पा0द0प0) / 20–21:</u> पारेषण दक्षिण पश्चिम क्षेत्र आगरा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल मथुरा के अधीन 132केवी उपकेन्द्र सादाबाद हेत् सामिग्री की आपूर्ति किये जाने के सम्बंध में। **8** <u>ई—निविदा सं0—टी—23 / मु0अ0(पा0द0</u> <u>प0) / 20—21:—</u> पारेषण दक्षिण क्षेत्र आगरा के भन्तर्गत विभिन्न पारेषण मण्डलों हेतु 33केवी के विभिन्न विभव के बसध्लाइन आइसोलेटर कं कय किये जाने के सम्बंध में। <u>9. ई-निविद</u> <u> सं0—टी—24 / मु0अ0(पा0द0प0) / 20—2</u>-<u>–</u> पारेषण दक्षिण क्षेत्र आगरा के अन्तर्गत वेद्युत पारेषण द्वितीय, अलीगढ़ के अधीन विभिन्न पारेषण लाइनों के अनुरक्षण हेत् सामिग्री को क्रय किये जाने के सम्बंध में नेविदा का विस्तृत विवरण, विस्तारीकरण शुद्धिकरण इत्यादि की सूचना ई–टेण्डर की बेवसाइट <u>www.etender.up.</u> <u>nic.in</u> एव विभागीय बेवसाइट <u>www.upptcl .org</u> प उपलब्ध होगी जिनको नियमित देखते रहना चाहिये। मुख्य अभियन्ता (पा०द०प०) निकट अमर उजाला प्रेस, ककरैठा रोड, आगरा 'राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें" पत्रांकः 93/ मु0अभि0(पा0द0प0)आ0 / ई—निविदा संख्या टी

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# **UP: 5 dead after consuming** spurious liquor, 1 arrested

MEERUT, JANUARY 8

AT LEAST five people died at Jeetgarhi village in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshar district on Friday morning and over 12 were admitted to hospital after they allegedly drank spurious liquor. One person has been arrested in this connection, while seven excise officials faced action and three policemen were sus-

The police identified the deceased as Sukhpal (60), Kalua (40), Satish (35), Ranjeet and Pannalal

"We have arrested the main accused, Kuldeep late on Friday evening. Raids are on to nab the other two," Namrita Srivastava, Deputy SP (Sikandrabad) told *The Indian Express* on the phone.

The Sikandrabad police has booked two other people for selling "spurious liquor". The Bulandshahr Excise Department, meanwhile, sealed a government-run country liquor shop in Madawara village following allegations that the same brand of liquor sold in Jeetgarhi was being sold there, said the

"The brand that claimed five lives in the district is called 'Miss India'. It was being sold from Mandawara's countrymade liquor shop, which has now been sealed," Srivastava added.

"Four police teams have been formed to track down the accused.

HC notice over

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

news reports and on social media.

the case for next hearing on February 5.

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

revealing identity of

Hathras rape victim

THE DELHI High Court on Friday issued a notice to

Delhi Police, Facebook, Twitter and various media

publications over a petition seeking directions for reg-

istration of an FIR against those who allegedly re-

vealed the identity of the Hathras gangrape victim in

Justice Jyoti Singh, while seeking the response, fixed

was represented by advocates Suman Chauhan and

Jivesh Tiwari. Alleging inaction by Delhi Police against

those committing the offence under Section 228A IPC,

which makes disclosure of identity of a rape victim a

criminal offence, Narula in his petition said identity

of the victim was revealed through several mediums.

Dainik Jagran, United News of India, Dalit Camera,

Buzzfeed, YouTube, The Millennium Post, The Citizen,

among others. The plea also mentions that several

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and 30 MTPD capacity of Whole Milk Powder Plant at Salem

The court also issued notice to Idiva.com, News 18,

A division bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and

The petition has been filed by Manan Narula, who



Bulandshahr DM Ravindra Kumar inspects a village in the district along with administrative officials and policemen on Friday. PTI

Directives have also been issued to register a case against the local distillery where the liquor was prepared. Announcements are also being made in villages near Jeetgarhi to identify those who might have consumed the liquor of the same make so that they can be provided timely medical treatment," said Bulandshahr SSP Santosh Kumar Singh.

He added that three family members of the accused were taken into custody by the area police to force them to surrender.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed shock over the incident. He issued directives to the district administration to sternly deal with excise officials and policemen guilty of neglecting their duty that allowed the spurious liquor to be sold. He also asked senior district police officials to book the accused under the National Security Act (NSA).

Following the deaths, four UP Excise Department officials, including Joint Excise Commissioner (Meerut Zone) Rajesh Mani Tripathi, were attached to the UP Excise headquarters in Lucknow, while three excise sub-inspectors were said to be facing departmental inquiries and suspension. Three policemen, including the officer in charge of Sikandrabad police station, Dixit Kumar Tyagi, have been suspended with immediate effect by the Bulandshahr SSP.

### STF moves Hathras court to club two cases against Kappan and three others

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 8

A COURT in Hathras has admitted an application of UP Special Task Force (STF) to club two similar cases against journalist Siddique Kappan and three others.

The four were arrested in October while they were on way to Hathras where a 19-year-old Dalit woman had been allegedly assaulted and gangraped leading to her death in a Delhi hospital.

While one case was lodged against the four in Hathras, the other was lodged at Maat Police Station in Mathura. In both cases, provisions under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and IPC sections relating to sedition and attempt to promote enmity between different groups were invoked. According to police, they

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were part of a larger conspiracy to instigate caste riots.

"The Investigating Officer in the Hathras case, STF Deputy SP Vinod Kumar Sirohi, moved an application before a court in Hathras on Thursday, praying to cancel judicial remand and warrant of Siddigue Kappan and the three others. He also requested the court to merge the Hathras case with the case lodged at Maat Police Station. He said he was making the statement after consulting senior officers and on their direction," defence counsel Madhuban Dutt Dwivedi said on Friday.

The court later directed cancellation of judicial remand and warrant of the four persons. The court also directed authorities of the Mathura district jail [where the four are currently lodged] to mention their release in the record connected with Hathras," Dwivedi said.

Government counsel, Hathras, Rambali confirmed the court's directions.

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**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** DIP/Shabdarth/0539/20-21

### Haryana orders culling of 1.66 lakh poultry birds; Punjab, Assam impose bar on import

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** CHANDIGARH,

BHUBANESWAR, AGARTALA, JANUARY 8

THE HARYANA government on Friday ordered culling of at least 1.66 lakh poultry birds from five poultry farms in a 1-km radius of two farms in Panchkula samples of which tested positive for bird flu.

The culling will start Saturday. Adequate arrangements including digging of pits, gunny bags to be used for packing the dead birds, PPE kits for the workers, bleaching powder for burying the dead birds etc were made. The state government has decided to compensate the affected farm owners with Rs 90 for each bird culled.

The decision was taken after the High Security Animal Disease Laboratory (HSADL), Bhopal, confirmed presence of Avian Influenza(H5N8) virus in samples from the two farms near Raipurrani, a part of Barwala poultry belt - the second largest poultry belt in Asia. The area within a 1-km radius of the two farms was declared "Infected Zone" and the area between 1-10 km "Surveillance Zone".

State Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister J P Dalal said, "At least a 10-km area in the radius of the epicentre has been cordoned off for the next one month."

The Punjab government has banned the import of poultry birds from other states till January 15. "The government of Punjab imposes complete ban on import of live birds, including poultry and unprocessed poultry meat, for any purpose into the state of Punjab, the order issued by state Animal Husbandry Department stated.

The Assam government, too, has imposed an indefinite ban on the entry of poultry products from outside the Northeast region as a

precautionary measure. There is no need to panic as the state has not reported any confirmed case of bird flu so far, director of the state veterinary department Ashok Barman said.

Meanwhile, following the death of 120 poultry birds in Odisha's Khurda district, the state government has assured that all samples from the state so far have tested negative for bird flu. "Five samples were sent for testing, all of which tested negative for the virus based on the Avian Influenza virus antigen test," an official said. In a statement, Ratnakar Rout, Commissioner, Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, has informed that poultry products are safe for consumption.

Tripura has issued an advisory to keep a strict watch for unusual sickness or mortality in poultry birds and wild or migratory birds. In the advisory, Animal Resources Development Department Director Dr K Sashi Kumar said, "Strict vigil and action by all the departmental functionaries should be activated to prevent any possible ingress of the avian influenza (HPAI) in the state of Tripura."

In Himachal Pradesh, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur reviewed the situation as the number of dead migratory birds at the Pong wildlife sanctuary in Kangra district reached 3,409 on Thursday. Thakur said, "A team of Forest and Animal Husbandry officials is working to prevent its further spread. We are also checking other water bodies in the state, but till now other areas are safe.' -WITH PTI INPUTS

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THE RETURN OF **BIRD FLU** 

### **UP ATS arrests** ex-Armyman for 'giving military info to Pakistani agencies'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 8

UTTAR PRADESH'S Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on Friday arrested a former Armyman for allegedly passing information related to the Indian Army to Pakistani intelligence agencies, including ISI. Police said Saurabh Sharma traded information in exchange of money.

The ATS also arrested a Guiarat resident, Anas Gitauli, for allegedly depositing money in Sharma's bank account on direction of Pakistani intelligence agencies.

A retired signalman, Sharma was discharged from the Indian Army on medical grounds last year. He then moved to his native place in Hapur.

According to police, they got information that a former Armyman was passing military information to ISI and other Pakistani agencies. Sources said information on Sharma was provided by military intelligence, following which police zeroed in on him.

On Friday, police called Sharma for questioning at the ATS office. During interrogation, Sharma admitted to have sent information related to Indian Army to a woman Pakistan Information Operative (PIO) through WhatsApp in exchange of money.

ADG, Law and Order, Prashant Kumar said, Gitauli would be brought to Lucknow on transit remand.

Last year, National Intelligence Agency (NIA) arrested Gitauli's brother Imran Gitauli for allegedly passing information to Pakistan, Police said Sharma had joined the Indian Army in 2013 and was mostly posted in Pathankot. Police suspected that while working at Pathankot, Sharma came in contact with the woman PIO and started sending details of the Indian Army to her

### Three arrested for killing endangered Gangetic dolphin in UP's Pratapgarh

**MAULSHREE SETH** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 8

THREE PEOPLE have been arrested by Pratapgarh police for allegedly killing an endangered Gangetic dolphin, known as the national aquatic animal. The arrests were made on Thursday after a video went viral showing local residents beating the river dolphin to death, using sticks and axes, to enjoy a "big feast".

Police are looking for other culprits involved in killing the animal that was found in the Sharda canal.

Police have identified one of the arrested youths as Anuj (20), while the other two share the same name, Rahul, and are aged 19 years and 20 years. All three are residents of Unchahar area of Rae Bareli district, which shares

est department officials, an FIR was lodged against unidentified

its border with Pratapgarh.

Following a complaint by for-

people under sections 9 and 51 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. The forest department officials said that a dolphin was found in the Sharda canal for the first time and have initiated an inquiry to

look into the entire matter. "On December 31, we

complaint from the Gram Pradhan of Kotharia village that carcass of an animal has been found on the embankment of Sharda canal. We rushed to the spot and later officials of the local administration and forest department also reached there." said Akhilesh Pratap Singh, Station House officer of Nawabganj police station, where

the dolphin was found. "Later a video of the incident

searching for the others. The three arrested persons were present at the spot for fishing in the canal," he added.

surfaced and we were able to

identify the three accused who

have been arrested. We are

In the video, at least seven people were seen beating the dolphin with sticks and axes.

Speaking to The Indian press. District Forest Officer. Varun Singh, said, "It was an adult Gagentic dolphin and is an endangered species. This is for the first time that a dolphin has been found in the canal here. While they usually move in deep waters, we do not know how it entered the canal."

He added, "We are investigating the entire incident and will soon sent a report to the government to ensure that such an incident is not repeated.'

### SC for better equipping forest guards to take on poachers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

NOTING THAT rangers and other personnel guarding the country's vast forests are not adequately equipped to take on heavilyarmed poachers, the Supreme

Court on Friday asked the Centre and states to come up with suggestions to address the problem. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde also pointed to the need for a separate wildlife division of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to

deal with proceeds of crimes

committed against environment

and wildlife. "Enforcement Directorate should be roped in. It should have a separate wildlife wing. These are all proceeds of crime," said the bench, which also comprised Justices A S Bopanna and

V Ramasubramanian. The bench was hearing an application filed by forest officials from Rajasthan challenging the prosecution launched against them. Senior advocate Shyam Diwan who appeared for the officials said his clients were being targeted as they took action against poachers.

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

### Hyderabad city cluster project launched, to link research, industry

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

THE CENTRE Friday launched the Hyderabad iteration of its city cluster project to create a platform to bring together academia, R&D labs, industry and government to tackle challenges facing the city.

Launched by Principal Scientific Advisor K VijayRaghavan and Telangana Industries Minister KT Rama Rao, the Research and Innovation Circle of Hyderabad (RICH) envisages a consortium of governmental and non-governmental affiliates to identify core issues facing the city as well as broader issues such as agriculture and sustainable mobility.

The city cluster project, which is being implemented by the PSA's office at the behest of PMO, began in August with Pune. It is likely to be launched in Delhi-NCR later this month. Bengaluru city cluster will also be launched this year.

"The issues arising now are far more complicated and require all of us to come together. The Covid-19 pandemic has emphasised this need and has also been an example of how successful these collaborations can be as science, industry and government came together to tackle the problem. There are over 39 labs in

Hyderabad but the present challenge is that they don't work together but in silos. It is also important for all these institutions to work together for the social and economic development of the city," said VijayRaghavan.

Minister Rao said that like other countries, there needs to be a stress on cross-functional course credits. "There are numerous instances in the US of a humanities student eventually becoming a doctorate in biotechnology. We have over 60 labs in Telangana, government and private combined, and these can form a vibrant scientific ecosystem, Hyderabad is well on its way to becoming the vaccine capital of the world with one third of vaccines being developed here," he said.

Two of the major challenges facing India are the lack of investment in R&D as compared to other countries, and the lack of investment by private enterprises.

Also, as of 2018, India had 156 researchers per million citizens, far lower than the global average of 1,500. India's patent office ranked sixth by total number of patent applications received, with 46,582 applications. These are among the issues the PSA's office is trying to solve through the project.

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

### gangraped, brutalised in **Iharkhand**

**ABHISHEK ANGAD** RANCHI. JANUARY 8

THREE MEN allegedly gangraped a 50-year-old woman in Chatra district late on Thursday, police said, adding that they brutalised the victim's private parts with a steel tumbler.

Two of the accused have been arrested, while one is absconding. police said adding that all three were drunk at the time of the incident and that they had a quarrel with the victim prior to raping her.

A case has been registered under IPC section 376 D (gangrape). ing treated at a community health centre and is said to be stable.

DIG. Hazaribagh Range, Amol Homkar said: "A widow was gangraped in Chatra district late night on January 7. After the incident took place, the police was informed in the morning and we have arrested two men. One is absconding and will be arrested soon. The woman's private parts were injured."

A police source said: "It appears that there was some old dispute between the accused and the victim. After the argument the accused gangraped her and inserted a steel glass in her private parts."

**TN HIGHWAY PROJECT** Plea in SC for review of order upholding land acquisition notice

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

A TAMIL Nadu resident has moved the Supreme Court, seeking review of its December 8, 2020 judgment upholding the notifications issued under the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Act, 1956, for acquisition of land for construction of the eight-lane Chennai-Krishnagiri-Salem national highway as part of the Bharatmala Pariyojna-Phase-

The plea by Salem resident Yuvaraj S has contended that the judgment suffers from errors apparent on the face of the record and results in a gross miscarriage

The petition said judicial review of public policy is permissible when the delegatee acts beyond delegated powers as prescribed in the law laid down by the court and added that in the instant case, the Supreme Court did not have the occasion to consider the ground that the authorities acted beyond powers delegated, by "not obtaining the Ministry of Finance – Department of expenditure ('DoE') prescribed "Appraisal" by Public Investment Board ('PIB') for projects that cost more than INR 500 Crore", "not obtaining the Ministry of Finance – Department of Economic Affairs ("DoEA") prescribed "Appraisal" by Public-Private-Partnership-Appraisal Committee ('PPPAC') for projects with Civil Construction Cost of more than INR 1000 Crore" and "not submitting to Comptroller and Auditor General ('CAG') prescribed 'Audit of Project Formulation and Approval' in the case of Infrastructure Projects under Public-Private-Partnership".

### HC gives Centre last chance to clear stand on same-sex marriages

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday granted the Centre and the Delhi government one last chance to file a response to petitions seeking the recognition and registration of same-sex marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act, the Special Marriage Act and the Foreign Marriage Act.

The court was told that no reply has been filed in the case by authorities despite issuance of notice in October and November.

The Centre on Friday sought more time to file a counter-affidavit in the case. While granting three weeks' time for filing a reply in the case, the court adjourned the case for its next hearing on February 25.

The PIL seeking the recognition of same-sex marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act has been filed by Abhijit Iyer-Mitra and three others. The court last year observed that the statute is gender neutral and the Centre must interpret the law in favour of citizens of India.

## 50-yr-old woman UGC paves way for IoEs to set up campuses abroad

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

THE UNIVERSITY Grants Commission (UGC) has amended its regulations, allowing Institutions of Eminence (IoEs) to set up campuses abroad after receiving no objection certificates from the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs. The move is in line with the government's new National Education Policy, which says that high performing universities should be encouraged to set up campuses abroad.

The amendments also permit the IOEs to start new off campus centres, with a maximum of three in five years and not more than one in an academic year.

There are 18 Institutions of Eminence, including IIT-Delhi, IIT-Kharagpur, IIT-Madras and IIT-Bombay. "Institutions of

Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall be allowed to start new off-shore campuses with the prior approval of the Ministry after receiving No Objection Certificate from Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs," say the amendments to the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017.

"The Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities shall ensure that the norms and standards of the off shore campus shall be the same as that maintained on the main campus for similar courses, and the off-shore campus shall also follow similar admission criteria, curriculum, examination system and evaluation system. All the information about off-shore campus shall be disclosed on the website of the Institution of Eminence Deemed

The functioning of the off shore campuses shall be reviewed by an Empowered Experts Committee "independently and/or along with the IOE".

"After review of the off shore campus, if the Empowered Experts Committee is not satisfied with the performance of the off shore campus, it may recommend discontinuation of the off shore campus to the Central Government. In such cases, the interest of the students enrolled at the off-shore campus shall be adequately protected by the Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University," the amendments state.

The IOEs have also been permitted to start an off campus centre on an interim campus "subject to the condition that the permanent campus shall be ready within a reasonable time period of not exceeding five

### Facing high drop-out rate, Bihar to track each student till UG level

to be University.'

**SANTOSH SINGH** PATNA. JANUARY 8

CONCERNED WITH the massive drop-out rate among school children, the Bihar Education Department is set to introduce a management innovation system to track every child till the undergraduate level, including a whole range of technical and professional courses that a student may pursue after completing the Class 12 state board examina-

At present, Bihar has about 78,000 schools for Class 1 to Class 12, with a total enrollment of 2.5 crore students.

The Education Department has identified four points where children tend to drop out from school – after Class 5 and Class 8, when a student has to change from primary to secondary and from secondary to higher secondary classes, respectively; as well as after the Class 10 and

**Education** Department Principal Secretary Sanjay Kumar told The Indian Express, "We were alarmed at the drop in students' enrolment from Class 1 till Class 12. As per latest 2018-19 state government data, we enrolled 24,03,526 students in

But this number dropped to 15,37,628 in Class 10, a dip of about 9 lakh — a huge dip. At Class 12, this number comes down to 6,31,379 students."

Kumar said this number further dropped to less than 4 lakh students after Class 12.

"We understand that a good number of students are moving towards professional courses after Class 12. But the drop-out rate after Class 5 and Class 8 is very worrisome. As these dropouts are taking place during changeover of schools because of distance and other factors, we have now asked all district education officers to map secondary schools for Class 5 pass-outs and high school for Class 8 pass-outs Now, our system will tell parents which nearest middle and high schools their wards would get admitted to." Kumar said.

The secretary said the department will soon put up a request for a tender to track every

"We are getting data from science and technology (a nodal department for engineering courses), medical, pharmacy, agriculture, nursing and other professional and technical courses. Once we have the management innovation system in place, we can track every child and work out our plans accordingly to minimise drop-outs through counselling and reaching out to parents," he said

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|              | CANCELLATION OF TRAINS                            |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Train<br>No. | Train Name  | Date of Cancellation (from originating station) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 07323        | Hubballi Jn - Varanasi Jn Special Express         | on 22.01.2021                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 07324        | Varanasi Jn - Hubballi Jn Special Express         | on 24.01.2021                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 02630        | Hazrat Nizamuddin - Yasvantpur Jn Special Express | 22.01.2021 & 27.01.2021                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| 02629        | Yasvantpur Jn - Hazrat Nizamuddin Special Express | 26.01.2021 & 28.01.2021                         |  |  |  |  |  |

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| 07305 Hubballi Jn - Londa<br>Jn - Hazrat Nizamuddin<br>Link Special Express | from<br>Vasco Da Gama                       | Hubballi Jn -<br>Londa Jn           | 22.01.2021 to 28.01.2021                            |
| 02780 Hazrat Nizamuddin -<br>Hubballi Jn Link Special Exp.                  | at Londa Jn                                 | Londa Jn -<br>Hubballi Jn           | 20.01.2021 to 26.01.2021                            |

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**SEDITION CASE** 

### Kangana, her sister appear before cops, record statement

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 8

ACTOR KANGANA Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandel on Friday appeared before the Bandra police in connection with an FIR registered against them in October for "allegedly creating enmity between different groups of people" through their social media posts. The FIR was registered at the Bandra police station on the directions of a Metropolitan court hearing a private complaint against the sisters by a Bollywood casting director.

The sisters along with their lawyer appeared at the Bandra police station amid heavy media presence around 1 pm. Ranaut enjoys Y category security of CRPF personnel.

An officer said, "While the time given by the court was to appear at noon, she reached at around 1 pm. We recorded her statement for around two hours but could not complete the formalities and may have to call her again." The statement of Chandel could not be recorded, the offi-



Kangana

The police will submit their report to the Bombay High Court which will hear the matter on January 11. Ranaut had approached the HC for quashing the FIR. The court granted her interim relief from arrest last month and directed her to present herself before police on January 8. Prior to this, the Bandra police had issued three summons to the actor and her sister to appear before them but she failed to turn up. The sisters were booked under sections pertaining to committing malicious or deliberate acts with the intention of outraging religious feelings of citizens, sedition, promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence or language and common intention of the IPC

The complaint was filed by Munawwar Ali Sayyed, a casting director and fitness trainer.

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### Challenging acquittals in Babri demolition case, two witnesses move HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 8

TWO WITNESSES in the Babri Masiid demolition case moved the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court on Friday, challenging a special CBI court's order acquitting all 32 surviving accused in the case, including former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani, former UP Chief Minister Kalyan Singh, and BJP leaders MM Joshi, Uma Bharti and Vinay Katiyar.

Special court judge SK Yadav had delivered the judgement on September 30 last year, his last day in office. He acquitted the accused citing lack of evidence. In the 2,300-page order, the court

rejected evidence from photos, videos and speeches of the accused. The CBI had filed a chargesheet against 49 people but 17 died during the trial. It did not challenge the acquittals.

Now, Haji Mahboob Ahmad and Syed Akhlaq Ahmad have filed a writ petition against the judgement, according to their lawver Sved Farman Ahmad Nagyi. The advocate said the petition was submitted to the registry office of the Lucknow bench and the matter was likely to come up for hearing next week.

Mahboob and Akhlag witnessed the demolition of the mosque on December 6, 1992. Their houses were damaged in arson and looting.

### **CHANGE IN THE TIME-TABLE AND TERMINAL OF TRAIN NO. 02691/02692** BENGALURU-HAZRAT NIZAMUDDIN-BENGALURU SUPERFAST A.C. EXP. SPECIAL

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the Train No. 02691/02692 Bengaluru-Hazrat Nizamuddin Bengaluru Superfast A.C. Express Special will run with revised timings and it's terminal will be changed to Hazrat Nizamuddin instead of New Delhi w.e.f 10.01.2021 from Bengaluru and w.e.f. 13.01.2021 from Hazrat Nizamuddin. The detailed revised timings of this Special Service will be as under:-

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| 20:00    | 20:00    | KSR Bengaluru              | 05:20   | 05:20   |
| 22:33    | 22:35    | Shri Sathya Sai P. Nilayam | 02:28   | 02:30   |
| 01:05    | 01:10    | Guntakal Jn.               | 23:40   | 23:45   |
| 02:47    | 02:49    | Raichur                    | 22:06   | 22:08   |
| 04:30    | 04:31    | Sedam                      | 19:29   | 19:30   |
| 07:05    | 07:15    | Secunderabad Jn.           | 17:10   | 17:25   |
| 09:03    | 09:05    | Kazipet Jn.                | 15:13   | 15:15   |
| 12:20    | 12:25    | Balharshah                 | 12:15   | 12:20   |
| 14:55    | 15:00    | Nagpur                     | 09:25   | 09:30   |
| 19:16    | 19:18    | Itarsi Jn.                 | 5:23    | 05:25   |
| 20:50    | 21:00    | Bhopal Jn.                 | 3:45    | 03:55   |
| 00:16    | 00:21    | Jhansi Jn.                 | 00:25   | 00:30   |
| 01:19    | 01:21    | Gwalior                    | 23:08   | 23:10   |
| 02:58    | 03:00    | Agra Cantt.                | 21:43   | 21:45   |
| 05:30    | 05:30    | Hazrat Nizamuddin          | 19:50   | 19:50   |
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| 09565/09566 Okha - Dehradun - Okha<br>Uttaranchal Express Special Train  (Weekly) |       |   |          |   |          |         |
|---|-------|---|----------|---|----------|---------|
| Train No. 09565   |       |   | STATIONS | 1 | Train No | . 09566 |
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| 19:45   |       |   | Dehradun |   |          | 05:50   |

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### ANTI-SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media platforms blocking Trump is mere headline hunting. They need to look deeper at their complicity

N NOVEMBER 2016, days after Donald Trump was elected US President, Facebook Founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg rejected the idea that content on the company's platforms influenced elections. "I think it's a pretty crazy idea... Voters make decisions based on their lived experiences," he said. On January 6, after the US Capitol was stormed by Trump supporters, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Twitch suspended the president's account to prevent him, ostensibly, from inciting more violence. The move is too little, and coming after a mob egged on by the US President laid siege to the Capitol, it is too late. In times when "lived experiences" are increasingly online, the social media giants have been much too slow in acknowledging their responsibility and addressing real-world consequences.

Trump has a long record of sharing falsehoods and bigotry on social media, beginning with his assertions that his predecessor Barack Obama was not born in the US, to sharing anti-Muslim and White supremacist posts and videos. As recently as the Black Lives Matter protests last year, he tweeted, "when looting starts, shooting starts". Trump and his falsehoods, though, are only a part of a larger digital ecosystem that has devalued facts, created "communities" of conspiracy theorists and, at times, even contributed to violence. Long before the pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol, WhatsApp and Facebook have been used to pedal falsehoods and incite mobs in countries like Burma and Sri Lanka. These outcomes are an unfortunate consequence of the algorithms and user experience and user interface that follow a "persuasive design" model. In essence, the algorithm is meant to keep users glued to the screen and get more of the same. For example, someone watching "flat earth" videos, or "the history of forced conversion in India" or, more recently, the bizarre conspiracy theories about a film star's suicide, could well be led to something like a QAnon page (a group that believes Trump is saving the US government from a corporate "deep state") or to fake news that whips up prejudice against minority groups.

While Big Tech has moved forward from complete denial of its culpability — under pressure from governments and the threat of external regulation — and instituted some measures for fact-checking and verifying sources, the fundamental structure of its platforms remains unaltered. Companies must confront the challenge and address it at the level of the technology, urgently. But the responsibility for a political discourse that respects facts and decency cannot just be on tech companies. Political parties, for instance, need to be held accountable for their leaders' and members' conduct. Just as tech companies must be called out for spreading falsehoods and creating mobs because it helps their bottom line, political parties must be held responsible if they do so in the name of winning elections and appealing to their base. Blocking a loudmouth or despot or leader of a mob is hardly the answer.

### A MESSAGE TO COLOMBO

Minister Jaishankar's reminder on the necessity of the 13th Amendment was much-needed and timely

XTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER S Jaishankar's three-day visit to Sri Lanka was significant not for any specific outcomes but for what was achieved in political and diplomatic messaging by both sides. Jaishankar's reminder in  $Colombo\, that\, the\, 13th\, Amendment\, is\, essential\, to\, ethnic\, reconciliation\, came$ at a time when powerful Sri Lankan politicians close to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his brother, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, are calling for its scrapping. The cancellation of elections to the provincial councils, apparently due to a spike in COVID-19 cases, is being viewed as a first step towards this end. Jaishankar's message, that India still sees the 1987 amendment — the constitutional basis for the provincial councils — as central to addressing Tamil political aspirations came within days of a statement by the DMK's TR Balu, just as Tamil Nadu hits its election season, asking Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure that the provincial council system remains intact. Sri Lankan Tamils themselves no longer set that much store by India's or Tamil Nadu's pronouncements on their problems. Delhi's waning influence in Sri Lanka is an open secret. Yet, it would be a diplomatic and political embarrassment for the Narendra Modi government if the 13th Amendment was indeed abolished.

Delhi's other challenge in Sri Lanka at this point is to operationalise a 2019 agreement to develop along with Japan a container terminal at Colombo Port, where China has a controlling stake in the adjoining Colombo International Container Terminal. The India-Japan-Sri Lanka agreement had triggered a strike at the port ahead of last year's parliamentary election, resolved only after assurances from the Rajapaksa brothers that it would not be handed over to foreign developers. During the EAM's visit, the prime minister and president sent out mixed signals amid calls not to let the port fall victim to geopolitical rivalries in the Indian Ocean

Sri Lanka, for its part, has two main demands from India at this time. One, it wants supplies of the anti-COVID vaccine. Its other request for a \$1 bn currency swap has been pending since last year. India has already said it will prioritise vaccine supplies to its neighbours and should have no problem in accepting Rajapaksa's request quickly on humanitarian grounds — it can only help Delhi's image in that country. As for the currency swap, its use as a bargaining chip can last only as long as Colombo does not look elsewhere for help.

### A ROOM OF HER OWN

A 'period room' in a toilet block in Mumbai stakes a claim on the city — on behalf of its women

NE OF THE many ways in which Indian cities and towns tell women that they are unwanted in public spaces is by the absence of a woman's toilet. In metropolises like Mumbai and Delhi, the number of toilets for men consistently outnumber those for women by a large margin; women's toilets in large toilet blocks remain locked, especially in the evenings (because what are women doing outside the home after dark, anyway?). If they are unlocked, they are filthy — and sometimes even unsafe — spaces that women venture into at the risk of ill-health and violence. The denial of a woman's body and its natural bodily urges, then, is not only a matter of cultural practices of shame, but it is written into the design of a city itself. A new "period room" in a Mumbai slum, the first of its kind in a public toilet, therefore, suggests a refreshing reimagination of the public space.

The Thane Municipal Corporation's move is an attempt to inculcate menstrual hygiene, one that it wants to replicate in 120 community toilets. The "period room" includes a urinal, a jet spray, a toilet roll-holder, soap, running water, hooks to hang clothes and a dustbin to dispose of menstrual waste — rare amenities in public toilets. For the women of the Lokmanya Nagar slum, in which few families have the luxury of a private toilet, the structure offers precious space and privacy. A study carried out by an NGO that assisted with the project found that 56 per cent of girl students in the area had no access to clean toilets in schools; nor did 18 per cent working women at their workplace.

A "period room" that does not try to hide its function as a space for menstruating women might also, hopefully, cut through the punishing taboo around periods. More importantly, it becomes a small step to stake claim on the city — on behalf of its women.

# Once upon a failed coup



When history is written, US courts may be singled out for protecting nation's election integrity

ASHUTOSH VARSHNEY

THAT COUPSTAKE place in developing countries has been an article of faith of political scholarship since the 1960s. What happened in Washington on January 6 was a striking refutation of this conventional wisdom.

It was not a classic coup because the military was not involved. But it was an executive coup, in that President Donald Trump, the head of the executive, incited a mob of supporters — many thousand strong, with a substantial proportion belonging to vigilante groups — to "show the kind of pride and boldness" that would force the two Houses of Congress to overturn the election, which he lost on November 3.

Lacking an independent election commission, the US has a complicated electoral administration system. Legally, states decide who will be president. After people cast their votes, states certify election outcomes, forming an electoral college, whose vote is finally accepted by US legislators on January 6. The vice-president presides over this politically ceremonial but legally necessary step, the last one before a president can be inaugurated on January 20. Mike Pence, Trump's vice-president, refused to overturn the election, infuriating his boss. A huge majority of Republican senators also expressed unwillingness to comply. In the end, the coup failed and Biden was ratified. And as these lines are being written, Trump seems to have recognised - publicly — that the violence has hurt him.

Why do scholars believe that developing countries have coups, but richer democracies do not? Two arguments are often advanced. First, in poorer countries the institutions of oversight, being much weaker, crumble under the onslaughts of mighty politicians. Second, politics in developing countries can have an allor-nothing quality. The government has such control over the economy and society that once out of power, losses can be huge and imprisonment may not be too far. That generates a political tendency to stay in power at all costs. In richer democracies, opportunities beyond the government are plentiful. An electoral loss does not rob life of all enhancements. Company boards, memoirs, consulting and speaking, legal practices and business openings can fetch millions. The government does not have a decisive control over all sectors of society.

Trump's motivations remain open to speculation. Of the two main hypotheses, one is ideological, another personal. His commitment to a political order that restores white supremacy has been repeatedly noted. Many in the mob were carrying Confederate flags. A second hypothesis is that once out of power, Trump fears prosecution for crimes. In addition to the potentially criminal charges of tax fraud, there are questions about corruption, abuse of power, and violation of campaign finance laws. Ironically, inciting a mob to pressure the legislature might now lead to the most serious charge of all:

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Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Speaker of the

House of Representatives, and Chuck Schumer, who will soon take over the leadership of a Democratic-majority Senate, have already called for the invocation of the 25th Constitutional Amendment. If supported by a majority of the cabinet, the amendment allows the vice president to unseat the president. In case the amendment is not invoked, say Pelosi and Schumer, they would like to impeach Trump, even if less than two weeks remain in his term. That will, in all likelihood, disqualify him from running again in the  $2024\,$ elections. This is important because a self-pardon might well save Trump from criminal prosecution, at least for federal crimes, though many legal scholars have serious doubts about the constitutionality of self-pardon.

A coup like this would be inconceivable in a parliamentary democracy. Presidential democracies are more vulnerable to coups because the executive and the legislature are independently elected and, if run by different parties, they can be arch rivals at the polity's heart. In parliamentary systems, the two are intertwined and a parliamentary majority is the prime minister's source of power, making deadly executive-parliament clashes unlikely. Prime ministers don't send mobs, vigilantes or armies to attack parliaments; brazen presidents do.

In the end, of course, the coup failed. So how might one understand the failure? The

proximate reason is simply that with no military support coming, the mob failed to occupy the Capitol building for more than a few hours. That is why, without the military's involvement, coups rarely succeed. And in richer democracies, the armed forces tend not to help the leader in electoral disputes.

But the deeper question is: Why did most Republican politicians in the US Congress, while initially quiet, not support Trump in the end? Here, the role of two institutions is noteworthy.

First, given the state-centric nature of US presidential elections, the behaviour of state officials in swing states is critical. Two of the five swing states — Arizona and Georgia — have Republican governments. Yet their officials did not bow to the wishes of Trump. A leaked tape of Trump's phone call to Georgia's Secretary of State, revealed that to flip the state won by Biden, Trump asked the secretary to "find 11,780 votes". Despite being a Republican, Secretary Brad Raffensperger declined, instead doing the right

thing. Legal propriety defeated partisanship. But the most important role has been played by America's courts. Trump's campaign filed more than 60 legal challenges – from the state courts to federal courts, all the way up to the US Supreme Court. Trump lost all cases but one. The victory was very small, but the defeats were huge. Many of the judges in federal courts were appointed by Trump, who often boasted that if necessary, his judicial appointees would win him the day. But instead of displaying personal loyalty, they applied the law, tossing out the evidence of election fraud as legally flimsy. In the end, it be-came impossible for most Republicans to go against so many court judgments. Courts defined the permissible limits of politics.

When the history of this period is written, America's courts might be singled out as the institution that protected the nation's election integrity. But it also says something larger about the role of the judiciary in preserving democracy as a system. If independent and unafraid, courts can clip the wings of marauding politicians.

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### BASIC INCOME AND PATRIARCHY

A salary to women for domestic work institutionalises idea of men as 'providers'

Arpan Tulsyan

LASTMONTH, KAMAL Hasan's party, Makkal Needhi Maiam, promised salaries to house-wives as a part of its electoral campaign in Tamil Nadu. This week, the idea was welcomed by Shashi Tharoor, who tweeted that this will "monetise the services of women homemakers in society, enhance their power and autonomy and create near-universal basic income". To this, actor Kangana Ranaut said, "we don't need salary for being the Queens of our own little kingdom". Tharoor maintained that remuneration will lead to a recognition of the value of unpaid work.

Demand for wages against housework was first raised at the third National Women's Liberation conference in Manchester, England. International Wages for Housework Campaign (IWFHC) was formed by Selma James in 1972. Since then, several organisations, particularly in the UK, US, Canada and Italy have raised cimilar requests.

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In India, an application by the National Housewives Association, seeking recognition as a trade union in 2010, was rejected by the deputy registrar of trade unions on the ground that housework is not a trade or an industry. In 2012, the then minister for Women and Child development, Krishna Tirath, announced that the government was considering mandating a salary for housework to wives, from husbands. The purpose, once again, was to empower women financially and help them live with dignity. However, the proposal never materialised and with the change in the government in 2014, the idea was put to rest.

More than creating a new provision of salary for housework, we need to strengthen awareness, implementation and utilisation of other existing provisions. Starting from the right to reside in the marital home, to *streedhan* and *haq meher*, to coparcenary and inheritance rights as daughters and to basic services, free legal aid and maintenance in instances of violence and divorce.

Housework demands effort and sacrifice, 365 days a year, 24/7. Despite this, a huge proportion of Indian women aren't "queens" reigning over their kingdom, the family. A large number of women live with domestic violence and cruelty because they are economically dependent on others, mainly their husbands. Time-use data from 2019 gathered by the National Sample Survey Organisation revealed that only about a quarter of men and boys above six years engaged in unpaid household chores, compared to over four-fifths of women. Every day, an average Indian male spends 1.5 hours per day in unpaid domestic work, compared to about five hours by a female.

It is thus important to recognise the value of unpaid domestic work. However, creating value isn't always about fair remuneration. Asking men to pay for wives' domestic work could further enhance their sense of entitlement. It may also put the additional onus on women to perform. Besides the ethics of buying domestic labour from wife poses a serious risk of formalising the patriarchal Indian family where the position of men stems from their being "providers" in the relationship. And, despite a legal provision, equal inheritance rights continue to be elusive for a majority of women. So, should dowry be converted to policy, with the rationale being to ensure at least some gains are received by daughters from the parental property? That would be a policy short-cut, but perhaps one that is more effective than salary for housework.

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Our aim cannot be only to ensure "basic income" to women. Women should be encouraged and helped to reach their full potential through quality education, access and opportunities of work, gender-sensitive and harassment-free workplaces and attitudinal and behaviour change within families to make household chores more participative. Once these conditions are met, working inside the home or outside must be a woman's choice, a freedom that she can exercise for herself.

Just like we do not want women to commodify their reproductive services because of their inherently exploitative nature — we have, therefore, banned commercial surrogacy in the country — let us not allow commodification of housework and personal care. At the same time, let us not ask wives to do what husbands can and need to do for themselves, either out of love or in lieu of money. Let us also raise our boys to be brothers, sons, husbands, and fathers who would obviate the need for such discussion itself.

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### JANUARY 9, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

PM IN RAJASTHAN

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi warned of military activities across the border in neighbouring countries, and said that they were getting arms from other countries. There was also a talk of making an atom bomb, she said. "We have to strengthen our country and people so that we can meet internal and external dangers and remove poverty," she said. Mrs Gandhi reminded the people in the border districts of Barmer and Jaisalmer that India conducted an atomic test at Pokhran but is committed to peaceful use of nuclear energy. On her visit to the two drought-hit districts, she assured people of all support.

The only answer to combat drought was to plant more trees, she said.

JESUITS TO THE AID

THE INDIAN SOCIAL Institute and the Jesuit Conference of India today offered to take care of the victims of the Bhagalpur blinding who are currently sheltered in a Methodist church. The offer came following a report in this paper that no voluntary association has come forward to take care of the blinded in spite of a Supreme Court order that all their expenses will be borne by the Bihar government. The details of the rehabilitation programme will be worked out by the Indian

Social Institute and the Jesuit Conference.

SAILO'S SUGGESTION

MIZORAM CHIEF MINISTER Brigadier T Sailo has asked for a general amnesty for all Mizo National Front hostiles and to create conditions for talks between the Centre and the MNF chief Laldenga. Sailo made this suggestion in meetings with the home minister and prime minister in Delhi. The purpose of this proposal is two-fold: To scotch MNF propaganda that the Sailo ministry is creating hurdles in the way of talks and facilitate the return of MNF rebels from across the border.

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

# The post-Covid priority

Budget needs to ramp up spending on health and education. Pandemic has enhanced inequalities, shown up absence of safety nets



S Mahendra Dev

INDIA IS COMMITTED to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, and social sector development is important in reaching them. Progress in this sector has intrinsic (for its own sake) and instrumental (for higher growth) value. It is needed even to build a \$5 trillion economy faster. Inequalities in India have been increasing over time. COVID-19 has further widened them. In this context, focus on social sector spending and efficiency in delivery systems is essential. India has somewhat progressed on bijli, sadak and paani, but it is essential to invest in the social sector. The Union Budget for 2021-22 can give mediumterm direction to the social sector by increasing allocations, particularly in health and education and for social safety nets. No country has progressed without investing in the so-

India's progress in the social sector has been much slower compared to its GDP growth. The two primary factors that adversely affect India's human development are low levels of health attainments and education: India ranks 131 out of 189 countries on the Human Development Index.

A look at the social sector expenditure over the last few years (see table) shows that the share of education as a percentage of GDP has been stagnant around 2.8-3 per cent during 2014-15 to 2019-20. In the case of health, the expenditure as a percentage of GDP increased from 1.2 per cent to 1.5 per cent. This is lower than the required 2-3 per cent of GDP. There seems to be an increase in expenditure on "other" services like sports, art and culture, family welfare, water supply and sanitation, labour and labour welfare etc.

The expenditures are inadequate in comparison to the problems in the sector. India's social sector in general, and health and education in particular, encounter significant regional, social and gender disparities, slow growth in public expenditures and problems in delivery systems.

An increase in health expenditure is also important to take care of the present and future pandemics. Given the constraints, health workers did exceptional work during the pandemic. The experience of COVID-19 has also shown that during pandemics we tend to neglect non-pandemic related patients. Health insurance is an important component of health coverage. But, there is no alternative to universal health coverage including a focus on primary health centres to achieve the goals of the health sector. There are supply side problems regarding the health infrastructure. It is essential to have a huge increase in public expenditure on health and provide accessible, affordable and quality health coverage to all.

Another important issue in the social sector is that of undernutrition. The NFHS-5 report shows that malnutrition level has reduced marginally in a few states and has worsened in some other states, although some other indicators have improved between 2015-16 and 2019-20. We can't have a society with 35 per cent of our children suffering from malnutrition. Apart from undernutrition, obesity seems to be increasing in both rural and urban areas. Access and afTRENDS IN SOCIAL SERVICES EXPENDITURE BY GENERAL GOVERNMENT (COMBINED CENTRE AND STATES) As percentage to GDP 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 RE | 2019-20BE Of which (i) Education 2.8 1.6 (ii) Health 12 1.3 1.5 3.0 3.0

fordable diversified food intake is important for reducing both undernutrition and obesity. There is a need to raise allocations for ICDS and other nutrition programmes. The determinants of nutrition are agriculture, health, women's empowerment, including maternal and child practices, social protection, nutrition education, sanitation and drinking water. The Poshan Abhiyan is a good programme, but has to cover all these determinants with a multi-pronged approach to reduce undernutrition. The cost of ignoring hunger and malnutrition will be high for the country.

Similarly, quality education is key for raising human development. The pandemic has enhanced inequalities in education and has revealed the widening digital gap. Equality of opportunity in terms of quality education is the key for raising human development and for reducing inequalities in the labour market. Several committees have recommended that public expenditure on education should be at 6 per cent of GDP.

In the last few years, the government has done well in providing cooking gas (Ujjwala Yojana) and electricity (Saubhagya Yojana), introducing programmes such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and initiatives for housing, financial inclusion and providing loans to the self-employed. These programmes have helped the vulnerable sections, particularly women. Another initiative of the government was to facilitate direct benefit transfers (DBT) for welfare schemes. These initiatives have to be continued.

The COVID-19 period also offers some

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lessons on safety nets. It is known that migrant workers were the most affected during the pandemic and that they do not have any safety nets. There is a need to have safety nets like an employment guarantee scheme for the urban poor and facilities for migrants. Similarly in rural areas, allocations to MGN-REGA have to be increased because of the

The government should give more focus to the social sector with better policies and implementation. It has to work closely with the states in revitalising the social sector as major expenditures particularly on health and education are met by them. The 15th Finance Commission also seems to have mentioned that health expenditure should be increased to 2.1 per cent of GDP. The Commission may also suggest some incentives for states to increase health expenditure. Both Centre and states should have a five-year vision on the social sector with bold measures.

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# Nourishing the nation

"The Capitol violence was merely the ultimate and undeniable proof of what was always evident: that this man is not only unfit for his office, he is also a

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danger to democracy while he retains it."

Improving diet of low-income households is only way to address chronic malnutrition



VEENA S RAO

IT IS NEARLY a month since the first phase of the NFHS-5 survey was published. While we await a response from the government or any policy-making authority, several articles by public health/policy experts have appeared, expressing deep concern at the deteriorating nutrition and anaemia indicators, especially among children. More deterioration in nutrition indicators following the COVID-19 pandemic is feared in the next phase of NFHS-5, primarily on account of loss of livelihoods, reduced food consumption among the poor and disruption of government nutrition programmes.

Most articles emphasise the need for higher budgetary allocations for healthcare, ICDS and monitoring systems. While these are no doubt necessary, a debate must also be initiated on whether the current programmes are adequate and effectively target the root causes of malnutrition or if the strategies require change.

The political executive and policymakers must also note that unlike a disease outbreak, which leads to an immediate public demand for government intervention, there may not be any popular demand to address malnutrition – the public, by and large, does not have adequate information about their affliction. All they know is that they are poor, get tired easily, and their children fall ill often. Hence, in the Indian context, it becomes the responsibility of the government/civil society to first provide information and awareness to the community about malnutrition and its causes, and then implement programmes to address them.

The government could start showing its seriousness by examining the current nutrition-related programmes, and analysing why they are not able to reduce malnutrition faster. Do they require complete overhaul? Should additional interventions be introduced in pockets, identified as high-burden districts? Surely, there should be different norms and more intensive interventions within the ICDS for these chronically malnourished pockets with the poorest indicators.

How does the government plan to address adolescent malnutrition (our future demographic dividend) which is as alarming as child malnutrition, and for which we have no clear strategy in place yet? And, finally, we need to know if the National Nutrition Policy 1993 is still operational. If it is, then there is an urgent need to update it, and prioritise interventions in accordance with the latest surveys and research findings. If not, it seems that we are attempting to address this invisible scourge without a policy framework or plan of action.

The discussion should also include another vital question: Do the current interventions address the root causes of malnutrition in India? I refer to them as the three deficits.

The first is the large dietary deficit among at least 40 per cent of our population of all age groups, brought out repeatedly in a succession of reports this decade - the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau's Third Repeat Survey (2012), NFHS 4, 2015-16, the NNMB Technical Report Number 27, 2017. Clearly, our current interventions are not being able to bridge this protein-calorie-micronutrient deficit. The NHHS-4 and NFHS-5 surveys reveal an acute dietary deficit among infants below two years, and considerable stunting and wasting of infants below six months (caused by foetal malnutrition/maternal dietary deficit). Unless this maternal/infant dietary deficit is addressed, we will not see rapid improvement in our nutritional indicators. This is a serious problem which needs to be acknowledged and prioritised in the public health/public policy agendas.

The next is the even bigger information deficit at the household level, especially among lower-income families. We do not have a national IEC (information, education and communication) programme that reaches targeted households to bring about the required behavioural change regarding some basic but critical facts — for example, about the importance of balanced diets in low-income household budgets, proper maternal, child and adolescent nutrition and healthcare. IEC and behavioural change have been highlighted in all our early Five-Year Plans, but somehow, successive governments have not been able to make it happen.

The largest deficit, which is a major cause of dietary deficiency and India's chronic malnutrition, pertains to inequitable market conditions that deny affordable and energy-fortified food to children, adolescents and adults in lower-income families. The market has stacks of expensive fortified energy food and beverages for higher income groups, but nothing affordable for low-income groups except non-nutritive junk that cost about Rs 5. It is perfectly possible to produce nutritive fortified energy food for children within Rs 5 from wheat, defatted soya, green gram, and ragi malt, providing around 380 calories from 25 grams. A feasibility study conducted by KPMG in 2018 under the Karnataka Multisectoral Nutrition Pilot Project reckons that there is a market demand of 42 million tonnes of low-cost energy food per year, but strangely, no private entrepreneur wants to enter this field. One wonders why, in spite of the mandate of the National Nutrition Policy 1983 and the National Plan of Action on Nutrition 1995. The feasibility study also has firm findings about a direct correlation between the high incidence of underweight, stunting and wasting among children, low body mass index and stunting among adolescents, and the lack of low-cost fortified energy food in the market.

Raising the diet of our people from subsistence level to higher levels of nourishment by overcoming the triple deficit is the only way to improve the nutritional indicators of our population - amongst children, adolescents and adults. We expect the government to show its seriousness and start addressing this issue urgently through new ideas and innovations

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# Miscarriage of a reform

Flawed understanding of triple talaq law is leading to its misuse

### Tahir Mahmood

"ON A PRELIMINARY analysis it is clear that the appellant as the mother-in-law of the second respondent (wife) cannot be accused of the offence of pronouncement of triple talag under the Act as the offence can only be committed by a Muslim man (husband)," a Supreme Court Bench led by Justice DY Chandrachud observed in a recent case decided under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act of 2019, popularly known as the antitriple talaq law. The facts of the case show that the Act is being as gravely misunderstood as was, and still is, the true Islamic law on divorce.

The background of the anti-triple talaq law needs to be explained. The blatantly anti-women divorce customs prevalent in pre-Islamic Arabia had been given a severe blow by the teachings of Prophet Muhammad who was, indeed, a great social reformer. Demonstrating the truth of the saying "old habits die hard", unscrupulous men innovated, in the course of time, ways and means to circumvent the Prophet's noble teachings. One of these was the practice of triple talaq — repeating the word "talaq" thrice — which was believed to effect instant dissolution of marriage leaving no room for any reconsideration or reconciliation. Instead of nipping in the bud that abominable innovation, law men of the time called it talaq-ul-bidat and declared it to be "sinful but effective". This self-contradictory concept remained in vogue for centuries in Muslim societies across the globe. Twentieth century reformers in some Muslim-dominated lands at last woke up to the need to save families from devastation and demanded that what was "sinful" by religion must not be enforced by law. Country after country in Asia and Africa gradually abolished by legislation the detestable practice of triple talaq.

India took a much longer time to follow suit. During British rule, courts accepted and enforced this "sinful but effective" form of divorce calling it a concept "bad in theology but good in law." In the early years after Independence, some High Court judges — VR Krishna Iyer of Kerala and Baharul Islam of Assam among them — tried to awaken the custodians of state authority to the need for its abolition. A Muslim judge of Kerala bemoaned: "Should Muslim wives suffer this tyranny for all times? Should their personal law remain so cruel towards these unfortunate wives? Can it not be amended suitably to alleviate their sufferings?" Social reformers also demanded that what was bad in theology should be bad in law too. Finding that legislation required for it was nowhere in sight, the apex court of the country tried in some cases to indirectly curb the archaic practice and eventually outlawed it in the Shayara Bano case of 2017. The anti-triple talaq Act of 2019 was the outcome of this judicial reform.

Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (cruelty to a woman by her husband or his relatives) is often misused. This undeniable fact was once acknowledged by the apex court, though it had to withdraw under feminist pressure the measures it had directed to curb the trend. Like the said provision of the Penal Code, the anti-triple talaq law of 2019 is also prone to misuse and their dishonest combination may play havoc with families. In the triple talaq case under reference, lawyers of a Kerala woman had included her husband's mother in the FIR filed against him under the 2019 Act by vaguely alluding to the said IPC provision. For understanding the commonsense fact that this Act is meant to discipline erring husbands only, the learned lawyers needed a learning session with the apex court.

The provision for bail to be granted to the accused husband under Section 7 of the 2019 Act has been particularly misunderstood. Many lawyers misbelieve that it overrides the general provision for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Soon after the enactment of the Act, a man accused of committing the offence it had created sought anticipatory bail in the Bombay High Court. His wife's lawyers argued that the non-obstante clause in Section 7 of the Act had rendered the CrPC provision inapplicable to cases under its provisions. Rightly rejecting the argument, the court granted bail.

In contrast, in the case under reference, the Kerala High Court had accepted the same faulty argument to refuse bail to the accused husband's mother, who then had to knock at the apex court's doors. Explaining the position under the Act, the court emphatically held: "Parliament has not overridden the provisions of Section 438 of the CrPC. There is no specific provision in Section 7(c), or elsewhere in the Act, making Section 438 inapplicable to an offence punishable under the Act." The verdict is a significant step towards preventing the misuse of the anti-triple divorce law.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### INTOLERANT INDIA?

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Bolne bhi

mat do yaaro', (IE January 8). The arrest of comedian Munawar Faruqui raises certain questions. First, do we still have the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression in its real sense, with "reasonable" restrictions, of course? Second, do we still uphold the principle of rule of law as guaranteed under Article 14 of the Indian Constitution? Third, are we not tolerant enough to hear anything that is at even a slight mismatch with our own notions? Fourth, are we under the constant threat of being prosecuted for our words, if these words are against the dominant beliefs of the society? Incidents such as the one in Indore raise questions about our legal system and society, which has always believed in the principle of tolerance.

Sarachana Sisodia, Delhi

### A DARK DAY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'January 6' (IE, January 8). January 6 will be remembered as a black day in the annals of the history of the US, when the world's oldest and most powerful democracy allowed its legislative heart — the US Capitol to be stormed by supporters of President Donald Trump as a last-ditch, desperate attempt to overturn the Joe Biden victory. The US has, for long, preached the values of democracy and accountability. It is time to put it in practice. SS Paul, Nadia

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### DIVERSITY NEEDED

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Business of diversity' (IE, January 8). The German cabinet's move is a great one to ensure parity on corporate boards. If, despite SEBI's direction of having at least one woman on board, Indian Inc does not toe the line, the Indian government may be forced to follow Germany's lead.

Bal Govind, Noida

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Business of Diversity' (IE, January 8). Stereotypical notions that women belong in the private sphere, or that they are better off at the lower positions in a corporate hierarchy – as higher up the ladder, only men can run the show — are factors contributing to the low numbers of women in

leadership roles in Indian business. Anamika Priyadarshani, New Delhi

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**UAE Minister of State** for Foreign Affairs **Anwar Gargash** 

### THE GULF **UAE** to reopen all entry points with Qatar after thaw in dispute

THE UNITED Arab Emirates will reopen all its land, sea and air entry points with Oatar starting Saturday, state news agency WAM reported on Friday. Saudi Arabia announced a breakthrough in ending a dispute between Gulf Arab states and Qatar at a summit on Tuesday, with its foreign minister saying Riyadh and its allies would restore all ties with Doha severed in mid-2017. Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt imposed the embargo on Qatar over allegations that it supports terrorism. UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash said Arab states boycotting Qatar could resume travel and trade links with Doha within a week. REUTERS

### Revolutionary Guards unveil underground missile base

IRAN'S ELITE Revolutionary Guards unveiled an underground missile base at an undisclosed Gulf location on Friday, Iranian state media reported, at a time of heightened tension between Tehran and the United States. "The base is one of several bases housing the Guards' Navy's strategic missiles," the state media quoted the head of the Guards, Major General Hossein Salami, as saying. Last year, the Guards said Iran had built underground "missile cities" along the Gulf coastline, warning of a "nightmare for Iran's enemies". REUTERS

### **PAKISTAN** Main accused in

### Hindu temple vandalism held

PAKISTANI POLICE on Friday claimed to have the arrested main accused vandalisation of a Hindu temple by a mob led by members of a radical Islamist party in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. main accused, identified as Faizullah, was arrested from Karak Khyber district. Pakhtunkhwa police chief Sanaullah Abbasi said on Friday. Abbasi said Faizullah instigated the mob to attack the temple. Pakistan's top court has ordered that the temple be reconstructed. PTI

### **SOUTH KOREA**

### Court tells Japan to compensate 'comfort women'

A SOUTH Korean court for the first time on Friday ordered Japan to compensate 12 women who were forced to work in its wartime brothels, a ruling that drew a rebuke from Tokyo and threatened to rekindle a diplomatic feud between the two countries. Reminders of Japan's 1910-45 colonial rule of the Korean peninsula are contentious for both sides, with many surviving "comfort women" - a Japanese euphemism for the sex abuse victims – demanding Tokyo's formal apology and compensation, REUTERS

### CONCERN IN WASHINGTON OVER WHAT THE PRESIDENT WILL DO NEXT —

# Pelosi asks US' top general about restricting Trump's military power

Seeks to ensure President cannot initiate hostilities or order a nuclear strike in his remaining days in office

**REUTERS** 

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 8

**HOUSE SPEAKER Nancy Pelosi** spoke to the top US military commander on Friday about taking precautions to ensure that Republican President Donald Trump cannot initiate hostilities or order a nuclear strike in his remaining 12 days in office.

Pelosi said in a letter to Democratic lawmakers that she spoke to Army General Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, about what measures are available to rein in the Republican president. Trump, angry about his election loss, incited supporters in the days before an invasion of the US Capitol on Wednesday.

"The situation of this unhinged President could not be more dangerous, and we must do everything that we can to protect the American people from his unbalanced assault on our country and our democracy," Pelosi said in a letter to colleagues.

While Pelosi's letter highlights the concern among lawmakers about what Trump may try to do during his remaining time in office, there are questions about what Milley or anyone could actually do to stop a President from using nuclear weapons.

"There is no legal way to do this. The president has sole, unfettered authority to order the use of nuclear weapons with no second vote' required," said Jeffrey Lewis, a professor at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies Monterey in California.

Milley's office said that Pelosi had initiated the call and Milley "answered her questions regard-

**MATTHEW DALY** 



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**NANCY PELOSI** U.S. HOUSE SPEAKER

ing the process of nuclear command authority."

A US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that any use of nuclear weapons is a highly deliberative process.

Democratic President-elect Joe Biden takes office on Jan. 20. Trump said earlier on Friday he would not attend the inauguration, breaking with long-standing tradition in American presidential transitions.

Pelosi, the top Democrat in Congress, also said she had not heard back from Vice President Mike Pence about whether he would agree to top Democrats' request that he invoke the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office "for his incitement of insurrection and the danger he still poses." She said "we still hope to hear from him as soon as possible with a positive answer."



A workman walks through the Capitol's Rotunda after cleaning debris outside the office of Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, on the day after a mob stormed the US Congress. AP

### US transport, education secys quit in staff exodus after Capitol chaos

DAVID SHEPARDSON, **MATT SPETALNICK** & STEVE HOLLAND

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 8

USTRANSPORTATION Secretary Elaine Chao and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos resigned on Thursday, joining a growing list of aides leaving President Donald Trump's administration in protest at the storming of the US Capitol by his supporters.

Chao, the wife of Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, said in an email to staff that the mob attack "has deeply troubled me in a way that I simply cannot set aside." She said her resignation will take effect on Monday.

With less than two weeks left of Trump's presidency, many

demonstrations. Police

were, on a number of

occasions last year, ac-

force on peaceful pro-

testers, leading to allegations

that they were following differ-

ent standards in showing great

restraint with Trump support-

ers who stormed the Capitol.

cused of using excessive

### TOP AIDES WHO QUIT AFTER WEDNESDAY

- Matthew Pottinger ■ Betsv DeVos Education Secretary Deputy NSA ■ John Costello
- Transportation Secretary ■ Mick Mulvaney

Elaine Chao

- Special envoy to Northern Ireland Tyler Goodspeed
- White House Council of Economic Advisers

aides were already heading for the door, making some of their resignations symbolic gestures.

But the sudden exodus suggested revulsion among some over Trump's encouragement of supporters who brought violent chaos to the Capitol on Wednesday in an ultimately futile bid to prevent for-

people died after "medical emer-

Sicknick had returned to his

vision office after the incident

and collapsed, the statement

said. He was taken to a local hos-

pital where he died on Thursday.

committees overseeing the

Capitol police budgets said those

responsible need to be held to

answer for the "senseless" death.

US Capitol Police Chief Steven

Two House Democrats on

gencies" related to the breach.

mal certification of Democrat Joe Biden's election victory.

Dy Assistant Commerce Secy

First Lady's Chief of Staff

Deputy Press Secretary

Stephanie Grisham

Social Secretary

■ Sarah Matthews

The White House did not respond to a request for comment on the latest resignations.

Deputy national security adviser Matt Pottinger, a leading aide on Trump's China policy, also quit abruptly Wednesday. **REUTERS** 

The Justice Department generally asserts that sitting Presidents cannot be charged with a crime

### Justice Dept does not rule out pursuing charges against Trump over inciting riot

**KATIE BENNER** WASHINGTON, JANUARY 8

THE US Justice Department said on Thursday that it would not rule out pursuing charges against President Trump for his possible role in inciting the mob that marched to the Capitol, overwhelmed officers and stormed the building a day earlier.

"We are looking at all actors, not only the people who went into the building," Michael Sherwin, the US attorney in Washington, told reporters.

Sherwin was asked whether such targets would include Trump, who exhorted supporters during a rally near the White House, telling them that they could never "take back our country with weakness." Propelled by Trump's baseless claims of election irregularities, the protesters had gathered to demonstrate against Congress's certification of Joe Biden's Electoral College victory and moved on to the Capitol after the President's rally.

Sherwin said he stood by his statement. "We're looking at all actors," he said. "If the evidence fits the elements of a crime, they're going to be charged."

The Justice Department generally asserts that sitting Presidents cannot be charged with a crime, but that protection covers Trump for only  $\bar{1}3$  more days. NYT

### WHO's Swaminathan expresses concern over S Áfrican virus variant

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS PUNE. JANUARY 8

VIRUSES KEEP evolving but the South African variant of the novel coronavirus does pose concerns, WHO chief scientist Dr Soumya Swaminathan said.

"Preliminary experiments have shown that monoclonal antibodies that were effective against SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes Covid-19) are less effective against the South Africa variant," Swaminathan said.

The new coronavirus variant is driving a second wave of infections in South Africa. It has also spread to other countries in Africa and Europe, and concerns have been raised about how it would respond to Covid-19 vaccines. South Africa named the variant 501Y.V2 because of the N501Y mutation they found in the spike protein that the virus uses to gain entry into cells within the body. This mutation was also found in a different strain of the virus that the UK had notified the WHO about in December.

Experts believe that the UK variant is not likely to affect the efficacy of the vaccines currently being rolled out, but there is uncertainty regarding the South African variant. "The mutations in the spike protein make this South African variant more of a concern as it is less vulnerable to some antibodies," a new study published in pre-print database bioRxiv has



WHO chief scientist Dr Soumya Swaminathan

### PFIZER STUDY SAYS **VACCINE WORKS AGAINST VARIANT**

**NEW RESEARCH suggests** that Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine can protect against a mutation found in two highly contagious variants of the coronavirus that erupted in Britain and South Africa. Pfizer teamed with researchers from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston for laboratory tests to see if the mutation affected its vaccine's efficacy. The study is preliminary and has not yet been reviewed by experts. AP

According to Swaminathan, the serum of persons who have been administered Covid vaccines are now being tested in labs in the UK and South Africa to check whether the vaccines are effective against the South African strain. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

### WHO: Amid short supplies, vaccine doses can be six weeks apart

**JAMEY KEATEN** GENEVA. JANUARY 8

**WORLD HEALTH Organisation** experts on Friday issued recommendations that the interval between administration of two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine against the coronavirus can be extended to up to six weeks.

WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization, known as SAGE, formally published its advice after a full review of that vaccine, which is the first to get emergency approval from the UN health agency to fight the Covid-19 pandemic. It said an interval of 21 to 28 days between the doses is recommended.

But the UN health agency also noted that "a number of countries face exceptional circumstances of vaccine supply constraints combined with a high disease burden," and said some have been considering delaying the administration of a second dose as a way to broaden initial coverage.

The agency said this "pragmatic approach" could be considered as a response to "exceptional epidemiological circumstances."

"WHO's recommendation at present is that the interval between doses may be extended up to 42 days (6 weeks), on the basis of currently available clinical trial

### London: London declared a major incident on Friday be-

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cause its hospitals were at risk of being overwhelmed by a highly transmissible variant of the coronavirus racing "out of control" in the UK, London Mayor Sadiq Khan said: "We are declaring a major incident because the threat this virus poses to our city is at crisis point." **REUTERS** 

### **BRITAIN APPROVES MODERNA VACCINE**

London: The UK's regulatory authority on Friday approved a third Covid-19 vaccine for use in the country, made by Moderna. However, supplies of the new jab are not expected to be available until the spring. The UK has pre-ordered 7 million doses. In trials, the Moderna vaccine offered nearly 95 per cent protection from severe Covid. PTI

data," it said, adding: "Should additional data become available on longer intervals between doses, revision of this recommendation will be considered." AP

### Indonesian cleric linked to bombings in Bali freed from prison

NINIEK KARMINI JAKARTA, JANUARY 8

A FIREBRAND cleric who inspired bombings in Bali and other attacks walked free from an Indonesian prison Friday after completing his entence for funding the training of Islamic militants.

Police said they will monitor the activities of Abu Bakar Bashir, who is 82 and ailing. His son said Bashir will avoid activities outside his home due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The slender, white-bearded Bashir, an Indonesian of Yemeni descent, was the spiritual leader of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah network behind the 2002 bombings on the tourist island of Bali that killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists, including 88 Australians, leaving a

deep scar in that country. Bashir was imprisoned in 2011



Abu Bakar Bashir leaves in a van after his release from prison in Bogor, West Java, Indonesia, on Friday. AP

for his links to a militant training camp in religiously conservative Aceh province. He was convicted of funding the military-style camp to train Islamic militants and sentenced to 15 years in jail.

He received a total of 55 months of sentence reductions, which are often granted to prisoners on major holidays, said a spokesperson for the Justice

Ministry. AP

### LISA MASCARO& Allegations of double standards

SEVERAL ACTIVISTS A POLICE officer has died from and some lawmakers have pointed out that injuries sustained as President the response by the se-Donald Trump's supporters stormed the Capitol, a violent curity apparatus to the mob of mostly-white Trump siege that is forcing hard questions about the defeated supporters stands in stark con-President's remaining days in oftrast with how anti-racism fice and the ability of the Capitol protesters were treated last Police to secure the area. The US Capitol Police said in a

year during country-wide edge forced the resignations of three top Capitol security officials over the failure to stop the breach. It led lawmakers to demand a review of operations and an FBI

briefing over what they called a

"terrorist attack". And it is prompt-

comes next for a torn nation.

ing a broader reckoning over Trump's tenure in office and what

One protester, a white woman, was shot to death by Capitol Police, and there were dozens of arrests. Three other

Sund, under pressure from congressional leaders, was forced to resign. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell asked for and received the resignation of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, Michael Stenger, effective immediately. Paul Irving, the longtime Sergeant at Arms of the House, also resigned. AP

## These are the rioters who stormed the Capitol

Policeman dies from injuries, security officials quit

Mob that rampaged Congress included white supremacists, conspiracy theorists

**SABRINA TAVERNISE & MATTHEW ROSENBERG** WASHINGTON, JANUARY 8

statement that Officer Brian D.

Sicknick was injured "while

physically engaging with pro-

testers" during the Wednesday

riot. He is the fifth person to die

the world and left the country on

The rampage that has shocked

because of the melee.

THERE WERE infamous white nationalists and noted conspiracy theorists who have spread dark visions of pedophile Satanists running the country. Others were more anonymous, people who had journeyed from Indiana and South Carolina to heed President Donald Trump's call to show their support. One person, a West Virginia lawmaker, had only been elected to

office in November. All of them converged Wednesday on the grounds of the US Capitol, where hundreds of rioters crashed through barricades, climbed through windows and walked through doors, wandering around the hallways with a sense of gleeful desecration, because, for a few breathtaking hours, they believed that they had displaced the very elites they said they hated.

"We wanted to show these politicians that it's us who's in charge, not them," said a conworker Indianapolis, who is 40 and iden-



tified himself only as Aaron. He declined to give his last name, saying, "I'm not that dumb."

As the country sifts through the shards of what happened in Washington on Wednesday, what comes into focus in the storming of the Capitol is a jumbled constellation of hard-core Trump supporters: a largely white crowd, many of them armed with bats, shields and chemical spray; some carried Confederate flags and wore costumes of fur and horns inspired by QAnon; they were mostly men, but there were

Wednesday, the Metropolitan Police detained 68 people, plus the 14 picked up by the Capitol Police during the unrest. Dozens more people were still being sought by federal authorities. Their number included a 60-year-old gun rights activist from Arkansas who was pictured sitting in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office, men in tactical gear taking selfies in the Rotunda and a woman in the House chamber, carrying a QAnon-inspired sign about children.

supporters

inside the

confront police

**Capitol building** 

**Wednesday.** NYT

Some of those who had also surged forward in the crowd seemed to show a bewildered wonder at what they were seeing in front of them. A few remarked on the opulence of the Capitol building and offices, a quality that seemed to confirm their suspicions about the corruption of Washington.

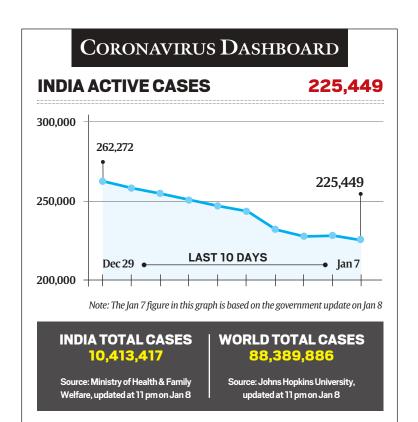
As authorities try to identify those in the mob, some will be less hard to pin down than others. The group included some well-known figures from the conspiratorial right, including Jake Angeli, who

has pushed the false QAnon claims

that Trump was elected to save the US from deep-state bureaucrats and prominent Democrats who worship Satan and abuse children. He was pictured sitting in Congress in a viking helmet and furs. Angeli, who is known as the "Q Shaman," has been a fixture in the pro-Trump protests in Arizona since the election There were also leaders from

the Proud Boys, a far-right group whose participants have espoused misogynistic and anti-immigrant views, such as Nick Ochs, a failed Hawaii state legislature candidate and member of a collective called "Murder the Media." Chris Hood and members of his National Socialist Club, a neo-Nazi group, posted photos on Telegram from outside the Capitol on Wednesday. And the Three Percenters, a farright armed group, were seen gathered in Washington's Freedom Plaza on Tuesday night, most wearing helmets and Kevlar vests adorned with the group's symbol, a Roman numeral three.

The mob came from the broader crowd, tens of thousands of Trump's most loyal supporters. A number of people interviewed said they had never been to Washington before. NYT



### Role of agriculture: Why this economic slump is different from past ones



Agriculture is expected to show growth in a gloomy year. Express Archive

#### HARISH DAMODARAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

THE 7.2% fall in gross value added (GVA) for 2020-21, as per the National Statistical Office's first advance estimates released on Thursday, would be the sharpest ever recorded in India.

### **Earlier slumps**

There have been four earlier occasions when the country's GVA—which is GDP net of all taxes and subsidies on products and, hence, a more accurate measure of economic activity — has suffered contraction.

The extent of negative growth in nose years — 1979-80 (minus 5.2%), 1972-73 (minus 0.3%), 1965-66 (minus 3.7%) and 1957-58 (minus 1.2%) — was lower than the 7.2% being projected for the current fiscal.

But it isn't just the bigger decline in GVA/GDP this time that is striking. Equally significant is the fact that in each of those four previous years, the primary culprit was agriculture. All four were drought years - and the farm sector (agriculture, forestry and fishing) registered minus 12.8% growth in 1979-80, minus 5% in 1972-73, minus 11% in 1965-66 and minus 4.5% in 1957-58. In effect, the woes of 'Bharat' impacted the rest of the economy.

### Different this time

This has not been the case in 2020-21. While overall GVA is expected to

shrink 7.2%, agriculture and allied activities are set to post 3.4% growth. Far from being a drag, 'Bharat' kept 'India' going during the worst phase of Covid-19 and the nationwide lockdown. Had the farm sector not grown at all, the GVA decline would have worked out to 7.7%, not 7.2%. Incidentally, in 2019-20 as well, agricultural growth at 4% surpassed the 3.9% for the economy as a whole.

### Monsoon boost

Agriculture's relatively better performance in the last two years is largely a result of consecutive years of good monsoon (and also post-monsoon) rains. Recharged groundwater tables and reservoirs getting filled to near capacity — besides farming operations being exempted from lockdown restrictions — led to increase in crop acreages and higher pro-

### Share in economy

If Bharat's doing well hasn't prevented the worst economic slump since independence, the reason is simple. In 1979-80, agriculture's share in India's GDP at constant prices was 33.9%; in 1957-58, it was 48.2%. A drought year in those times invariably translated into low/negative growth rates.

It is different today. The share of agriculture in real GVA was only 14.6% in 2019-20. That is estimated to go up to 16.3% this fiscal, but not enough to make a different even in a bountiful monsoon year.

### SIMPLY PUT

# The return of bird flu

With the novel coronavirus still rampant, fear of a new virus — which causes bird flu — has spread. This virus does not normally spread from human to human — however, earlier outbreaks caused considerable losses to the poultry industry. Several states have reported deaths of birds, but mostly non-domesticated

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PUNE, JANUARY 8

AFTER BIRD flu (avian influenza) was confirmed in Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh, high alert has been sounded in Maharashtra. Several states, which have been reporting deaths of birds, including crows and migratory species, are scrambling to have samples tested for the virus.

As anxiety spreads, there is fear of a fresh blow to the poultry industry – reports have been coming in of people giving up chicken and eggs, and of prices beginning to fall.

#### The infection

Bird flu or avian influenza is the name used to describe a viral infection that is reported mostly in birds, but has the potential to affect humans and other animals. The most common strain of the virus that causes severe respiratory disease in birds is H5N1; various other strains like H7, H8 too, cause

The virus was first reported in geese in China in 1996. Since then, outbreaks have been reported periodically across the world. India reported the presence of the virus in Nandurbar, Maharashtra, in 2006, which led to large-scale culling of poultry birds.

Samples from Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Kerala have tested positive for the A (H5N8) strain of the virus, while samples from Himachal Pradesh have shown the presence of A (H5N1).

#### **Human transmission**

The H5N1 virus can jump species and infect humans from the infected bird. The first case of H5N1 infection in humans was reported in Hong Kong in 1997, when a poultry farm worker caught the infection from infected birds.

The high mortality rate in humans — al-



An wildlife department doctor collects a swab from a duck at Manda park in Jammu on Th $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ rsday. Several states and UTs have sounded a bird flu a $\hat{\mathbf{l}}$ ert. AP

in both domesticated and wild birds. most 60 per cent — is the main cause of concern about the spread of bird flu. In its present form, human-to-human infection is not known - human infections have been reported only among people who have handled infected birds or carcasses.

#### How common is it?

Between 2006 and December 31, 2018, India reported 225 epicenters of bird flu infection, which led to the culling of 83.49 lakh birds, with farmers being paid Rs 26.37 crore in compensation.

Interestingly, Maharashtra which was the first state to report the infection, has not seen an outbreak since 2006. Odisha, Tripura, and West Bengal are among the states that have reported repeated outbreaks of the infection

This time, most infections have been re-

ported either in wild birds, crows or migratory birds, Dr A S Ranade, Dean, Bombay Veterinary College, said. Since 2006, the poultry industry has developed bio safety zones around farms, which has stopped commercially reared birds from coming in contact with any foreign feed or bird, Dr Ranade said.

#### Poultry meat, eggs

Dr Ranade pointed out that the chances of the H5N1 virus infecting humans is comparatively low in India as compared to South East Asian countries, mainly because of the difference in culinary habits.

"The virus dies immediately if exposed

### **INCIDENTS ACROSS INDIA**

**GUJARAT:** 124 local birds, including 70 crows, and 6 migratory species reported dead

**ODISHA:** 120 poultry birds dead in Khurda district; government says all samples so far have returned negative for bird flu

**UTTAR PRADESH:** At least 10 crows found dead in Sonbhadra district; officials say cold and pollution likely cause; samples sent for testing

**RAJASTHAN:** A total 2,166 birds dead up to Friday; including 1,706 crows and 136 peacocks

**CHHATTISGARH:** 4 crows were found dead on Thursday; samples sent for tests. Samples have been picked from seven government poultry farms too

**DELHI:** Around 20 crows reported dead over the last few days in East Delhi; samples sent for testing

to temperatures over 70 degrees Celsius. Unlike in South East Asian countries, both meat and eggs in India are eaten well cooked, which sees them being exposed to over 100 degrees Celsius. Thus the chances of humans contracting the virus from eating chicken and eggs is extremely rare," he said.

India consumes 30 crore poultry birds and 900 crore eggs per month on average.

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, the poultry industry suffered a body blow after unsubstantiated rumours linked the spread of the disease with consumption of chicken and eggs. Within a span of two months, the industry suffered losses of around \$1 billion, as people kept away from eggs and poultry meat. While the industry has managed to get back on its feet, production remains low.

### What's new in WhatsApp's privacy policy ices to WhatsApp, and has added a feature

### SHRUTI DHAPOLA

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 8

WHATSAPP HAS updated its privacy policy, and users have until February 8 to accept the new terms and conditions. The new policy says how user data is impacted when there is interaction with a business on the platform, and provides more details on integration with Facebook, WhatsApp's parent company.

#### Will WhatsApp share your messages with Facebook?

No. The privacy policy does not change the way WhatsApp treats personal chats. WhatsApp remains end-to-end encrypted no third party can read them. In a statement, WhatsApp said: "The update does not change WhatsApp's data sharing practices with Facebook and does not impact how people communicate privately with friends or family... WhatsApp remains deeply committed to protecting people's privacy.'

#### What data will WhatsApp share with Facebook?

Data exchange with Facebook is in fact, already taking place. While users in the European Union can opt out of data-sharing with Facebook, the rest of the world does not have the same choice.

WhatsApp shares the following information with Facebook and its other companies: account registration information (phone number), transaction data (WhatsApp now has payments in India), service-related information, information on how you interact with others (including businesses), mobile device information, and IP address. It is also collecting more information at a device hardware level now.

#### Why does this data exchange with Facebook matter?

The policy gives reasons for the data-sharing with Facebook: from ensuring better security and fighting spam to improving user experience, which were there in the previous policy as well.

But the new policy is a further sign of WhatsApp's deeper integration into the Facebook group of companies. CEO Mark Zuckerberg in 2019 talked about his crossplatform vision across Facebook Messenger, Instagram and WhatsApp — he called it "interoperability".

Instagram's Direct Messages and Facebook Messenger have already been integrated. Facebook wants to bring more servcalled Rooms. The integration has been taking place for a while now.

#### Does it mean WhatsApp will use your data for ads? WhatsApp doesn't show ads yet, and the

reported plans appear to have been shelved. If you are worried that personal messages will be used to target ads on WhatsApp, that won't happen because they are encrypted. But the increased data sharing with

Facebook will be used to improve ad experience across other products of the company.

#### Is WhatsApp storing messages? No, says WhatsApp. According to the pri-

vacy policy, once a message is delivered, it is "deleted" from the company's servers. WhatsApp stores a message only when it "cannot be delivered immediately" - the message can then stay on its servers "for up to 30 days" in an encrypted form as WhatsApp continues to try to deliver it. If undelivered even after 30 days, the message is deleted.

#### What does the policy say about data shared with businesses?

The new policy explains how businesses get data when a user interacts with them on on WhatsApp will be visible to "several people in that business". This is important because WhatsApp now has over 50 million business accounts. For WhatsApp, this is a potential monetisation model. The policy says that some "businesses

might be working with third-party service providers (which may include Facebook) to help manage their communications with their customers". To understand how the business is handling the information you share with them, WhatsApp recommends that users read the "business' privacy policy or contact the business directly".

#### Do you have to accept the privacy policy? Yes, this is standard practice for most soft-

ware. If you don't want to, you can delete your account and switch to another service.

#### A lot of people seem to be switching to Signal from WhatsApp.

Signal is another messaging app, free and end-to-end encrypted, and which has gained a popularity push in light of the new WhatsApp policy. WhatsApp uses Signal's protocol for its encryption. But Signal is not owned by any corporation, and is run by a

# How a WNBA team helped a Black Democrat make Senate history

### **SHIVANI NAIK**

MUMBAI, JANUARY 8

THAT PLAYERS of Georgia's Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) team Atlanta Dream — named after Dr Martin Luther King Jr — campaigned for a Black Democrat in the state's Senate runoff race, isn't surprising.

What made this latest statement in the months of quiet, persistent protests fascinating was that the Democratic candidate, the Rev. Raphael Warnock, was contesting against the co-owner of Atlanta Dream, the sitting Republican Senator Kelly Loeffler.

Warnock defeated Loeffler in the January 5 runoff, becoming the first Black Democratic Senator from the US South.

A pastor since 2005 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Warnock preaches from the same pulpit that Dr King occupied from 1960 until his assassination in 1968. The funerals of both Dr King and the civil rights icon Congressman John Lewis were held at this historic church.

Loeffler had asked the 67 per cent Blackmajority WNBA to stay away from Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests. Appalled, her team responded by wearing "Vote Warnock" shirts at televised warm-ups through the summer.

The defiance of Atlanta Dream found raging support in other WNBA teams.

### So what exactly did Loeffler do?

In July 2020, as a renewed wave of BLM protests raged across the US and sportspersons around the world came out in solidarity. Loeffler wrote to WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert urging her to "remove politics from sports", and to drop the league's decision to dedicate the season to social justice.

At a time when the delayed season was re-assembling, and the mood of protest was front, right and centre on the playing courts, Loeffler, seeking to pander to pro-Trump Georgia Republicans, denounced the women players for their support to the BLM and Say Her Name movements triggered by the police murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor.

### How did Atlanta Dream players react?

Aghast that their owner would seek to stifle their voices, the team's players consulted lawyers and players unions in August to decide on a strategy. Union president Nneka Ogwumike of the Los Angeles Sparks and Seattle Storm's champion player Sue Bird suggested the team should check out Loeffler's Senate competition in the November elections.



Atlanta Dream players (from left) Blake Dietrick, Elizabeth Williams, Betnijah Laney, Glory Johnson, Chennedy Carter in Warnock shirts. Elizabeth Williams via The NYT

At the time, Rev. Warnock was still not widely known. Stacey Abrams, the respected Democratic political organiser who had narrowly lost the race for Governor earlier, helped players across the league meet with Warnock over Zoom. Once assured, the league got behind the Democratic nominee.

What did the players actually do? From August, the Dream donned Warnock's name on their warm-up gear in televised games. For a whole week, other WNBA teams from New York, Seattle, Chicago, and Phoenix too, wore "Vote Warnock" shirts during warmups in televised games.

Dream guard Renee Montgomery sat out the 2020 WNBA season to focus on social justice initiatives and mass voter education about the Black victims of police brutal-

ity. They sustained the movement right up to this week, urging voters to track online if their vote had been counted.

### How did the league respond?

After Loeffler dubbed BLM "mob rule", the league distanced itself, clarifying she wasn't part of day-to-day operations of the team. "The WNBA is based on the principle of equal and fair treatment of all people and we, along with the teams and players, will continue to use our platforms to vigorously advocate for social justice," the league said.

The views of Loeffler — who has also taken positions against abortion rights while owning a women's franchise – invited calls for a sanction from WNBA superstars Bird, Natasha Cloud of the Washington Mystics, and Skylar Diggins-Smith of the Phoenix Mercury. Dream players never mentioned Loeffler by name or attacked her — they just grew stronger in support of Rev. Warnock.

The league kicked off the season with uniforms bearing names of Floyd and Taylor, a leap from 2016 when black shirts were fined. WNBA - which Penn State professor Amira Rose Davis told The New York Times was "coded as younger, more urban, more woke" - had taken up cudgels at least two years before the NBA stirred to BLM. The league has 144 players who have fought

New Delhi

for equal pay for years, and "developed this backbone", Bird said.

#### How did the players' support help Warnock in the Senate runoff?

Within three days of the players coming out sporting Warnock shirts, his campaign raised more than \$236,000 in online donations, The NYT reported.

Warnock would eventually win the January 5 Senate race with 92 per cent of the Black vote — and also give a leg-up to his fellow Senate runner, Georgian Democrat Jon Ossof, the son of Jewish immigrants, who won the second runoff.

#### What about the basketball team's ownership now?

Loeffler has said she has no plans to sell, even though NBA legend LeBron James has announced that he has put together a consortium willing to buy.

benefitting from privileged Covid-19 information in unfair stock trades — did an about-turn on plans to challenge Biden's victory in the Senate after the January 6 invasion of the Capitol by Trump's mob.

Loeffler — who was accused last year of

Defeated, and her personal integrity in a shambles, it remains to be seen if she can hold on to the Dream.

### **NESCO UTILITY**

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#### **NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Tender Notice No. NESCO Utility / Line & S/S materials /20 /20-21/ 158 Dt: 07.01.2021 For and on behalf of NESCO Utility, sealed tenders are invited in duplicate in two part bidding system from eligible bidders, who comply with the terms & conditions and specification laid down in the tender documents for 'Supply of Line & Sub-station materials' under MR head.

Last date for submission of Tender: Dt 27.01.2021 up to 3.00 PM, Date of opening of Tender: Dt.27.01.2021 at 3.30 PM. For details please visit our website-www.nescoodisha.com.

Corrigendum if any will be published in the website only. Sd/- General Manager (C&MM)

### MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

for upgradation and maintenance of Garbage Processing Plant at Sector 25 (W), Chandigarh Expression of Interest is invited from

intending eligible entities for upgradation and maintenance of Garbage Processing Plant situated at Sector 25 (W), Chandigarh.

Detailed Expression of Interest may be downloaded from Municipal Corporation Chandigarh website i.e. www.mcchandigarh.gov.in

The interested experienced and eligible entities may submit their detailed proposal on or before 25th January, 2021 by 5:00 P.M. Municipal Corporation Chandigarh reserves the right to annul the EOI process at any time without assigning any reason thereof.

Executive Engineer (SWM)

NIT No. 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575/TC-T/CGRRDA/2020,

**Chhattisgarh Rural Roads Development Agency** 

VIKASH BHAVAN, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)

**E-Procurement Tender Notice** 

ic tendering system for Construction & Maintenance of Roads Under PMGSY year 2018-19, PMGSY year 2016-17 Batch-II & PMGSY

Balance work & PMGSY Renewal maintenance, Construction & Maintenance of Bridge Under PMGSY year 2020-21, Construction &

Maintenance Under MMGSVY sanctioned for different districts of the state as per B.O.Q. from the eligible contractors/Firms registered with

Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)

Total Cost. (including 5 year maint. Cost.) Rs 3705.91 Lakhs

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bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be sub

in https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the

Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on our website https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in from 11.01.2021 from 5:00 PM. In

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Chief Engineer (Tender Cell), CGRRDA, Raipur on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites package wise bids in electron-

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Sukma, Bijapur,

Balrampur

Office of Medical Officer of Health, Room No. 606, 6th Floor, Municipal Corporation Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh Mobile No. 98725-11341

unified registration system (e-registration) for the works mentioned below.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement

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### Office of the Director General, Medical Health & F.W. da Lakhound, Sahastradhara Road, P.O. Gujrada, Dehradun, Uttaral

Rid Ref. No: 15P/Store/01/2021/439 Dated: 07/01/202 Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement e- tender Notice

Name of the Work: Supply of HBsAG Rapid Test and Anti-HCV Antibody (Rapid Test medicines under Rate Contract under National Viral Hepatitis Control Program, NHM Uttarakand for F.O.R. destination in Uttarakhand as per details given in tender notice

on https://uktenders.gov.in

Date & time of availability of bid documents in the portal: 09.01.2021 at 2:00 PM

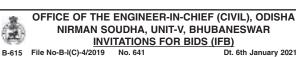
Last Date and Time for receipt of bids in the portal: 28.01.2021 at 3:00 PM.

Name and Address of the Officer Inviting the Bid: Director General, MH & Uttarakhand, Dehradun.

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from

the website <a href="https://uktenders.gov.in">https://uktenders.gov.in</a>
Portal Registration: The contractor/bidder intending to participate in the bid is required to register in the portal using his/her active personal/official email id as his/her Login id and attach his/her valid digital signature certificate (DSC) to his/her unique login id. any other queries the bidders are asked to contact through e-ma

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No. 641 Invitation for Bids Bid Identification No. EIC (B) - 08/2020-21

1. The Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the work "Construction of multipurpose cultural complex at Maa Hingula Temple, Talcher, Odisha." amounting to Rs. 15,30,00,000/- (Approximate ) as

| 1 |    | detailed below.                              |   |  |
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| ١ | _  | Class of Contractor                          | : | Super class  |
|   | 6. | Availability of Bid Documents in the website |   | From dt. 15.01.2021 to 17.00<br>Hours of dt. 04.02.2021. |
| 1 | 7. | Date of Opening of Bid                       | : | Dt. 05.02.2021 at 11:30 AM.                              |

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website <a href="https://tendersodisha.gov.in">https://tendersodisha.gov.in</a>. Any addendum / corrigendum

> Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) Odisha, Bhubaneswar OIPR-34117/11/0012/2021

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**Chief Engineer (Tender Cell)** 

**Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency** 

Civil Lines, Raipur (C.G.)

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Kerala Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. Milma Rhavan Pattom PO Thiruvananthanuram-695004 Phone: 0471 2786415 & 416 E-mail: purchase@milma.com E TENDER FOR DAIRY CONSUMABLES

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Bids are invited through e-tenders from interested Bidders for supply of **Dairy Consumables** *I* ice cream packing materials for our Dairies. -tenders are hosted in www.etenders.kerala.gov.in. Last date for submission of offers is 27.01.2021. For more details, log on to www.etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.milma.com

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निविदा तिथि विस्तार सूचना

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 5113 / वि०वि०ख०ऋ० / निविदा / दिनाँक 23.12.2020 द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा संख्या 33/2020–21 एवं 34/2020–21 जिनमें खुलने की तिथि 08.01.2021 थी, की अपरिहार्य कारणों के द्वारा देय तिथि विस्तारित की जाती है अब निविदाए दिनाँक 16.01.2021 को 15:00 बजे तक क्रय किये जा सकती हैं तथ दिनाँक 18.01.2021 को समय 15:00 बजे तक जमा कर उसी दिन 15:30 बजे उपस्थित नेविदादाताओं के समक्ष खोली जायेंगी | अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी |

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### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Neha D/o Dhramveer R/o X-182/11, Gali No. 8B, Brahampuri, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the her residence since 22.10.2020. In this regard, a case FIR No. 828/20 u/s 363 IPC Dated 25.10.2020 has been registered at P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi. The description of the missing girl are as under. Age: about 17 Years, Complexion:



providing clue about the missing girl. Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- SHO PS: New Usmanpur, Delhi DP/493/NE/2021 Ph.: 011-22172410, 22175468

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#### Government of Jharkhand Urban Development & Housing Department (Directorate of Municipal Administration)

|      | Tend  | er Notice   |
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| NIT. | No: DMA/04                                      | Date: 08/01/2021  |
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| 2.   | Tender Fee &<br>EMD (In INR)                    | Tender Fee: Rs, 5000/- (Demand Draft - Non Refundable)  EMD- Rs. 50,000/- (Demand Draft)  |
| 3.   | Total time Period                               | 06 Months (182 days)  |
| 4.   | Mode of Submission of Bids                      | Online Tender<br>http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in   |
| 5.   | Date of Publication of<br>Tender on website     | 09/01/2021 at 2:00 PM   |
| 6.   | Last Date of submission of pre-bid queries      | 12/01/2021 till 05:00 PM, bidders must<br>submit their queries through email only<br>(director.ma.goj@gmail.com) in writing.<br>Mail should contain Tender Reference no.<br>and Tender Name in subject line.  |
| 7.   | Date of Pre Bid Meeting                         | 18/01/2021 at 03:00 PM<br>(To address pre-bid queries submitted<br>through email)   |
| 8.   | Date and Time of Start of<br>Submission of Bids | 19/01/2021 From 11:00 AM  |
| 9.   | Last Date/Time<br>for submission of online Bids | 27/01/2021 Up to 12:00 Noon   |
| 10.  | Date of Technical Bid<br>Opening (Online)       | 28/01/2021 at 12:00 Noon  |
| 11.  | Tender Fee and EMD<br>Submission Address        | Director, Directorate of Municipal<br>Administration, 3rd Floor FFP Building,<br>Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004  |
|      |   | Land line- 06512401955 Note: Only e-  |

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### GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

| SR.<br>No. | NAME OF<br>DEPARTMENT   | NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER   | OPENING DATE<br>CLOSING DATE | AMOUNT / EMD<br>(APPROX.) IN<br>RUPEES | WEBSITE OF THE<br>DEPARTMENT               | NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT<br>DETAILS/EMAIL   |
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| i          | SOCIAL JUSTICE &<br>EMPOWERMENT DEPARTMENT,<br>HARYANA, PANCHIOJA | HERING OF AGENCY FOR OUTSQUIRCING SERVICES OF DEFFERENT<br>CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL   | 09.01.2021<br>19.01.2021     | EMD<br>1 LACS                          | www.socaliusSoehry.gov.in                  | 01,722,715090<br>sje@hry.nic.in          |
| 2          | CTVIL SURGEON FARIDABAD   | SUPPLY OF MEDICINES/DRUGS/INJECTIONS/CONSUMABLES/DENTAL<br>ITEMS IN CIVIL HOSPITAL FARIDABAD   | 13.01.2021<br>04.02.2021     | 2 UACS                                 | https://etenders.hry.ric.in                | 9250001569<br>dhs.csfbd@hry.nic.in       |
| 3          | BLOCK DEV. PANCHAYAT<br>OFFICER SCHNA DISTT<br>GURUGRAM           | PUBLICATION OF NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF RAW<br>AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK SOHNA,<br>DISTT, GURUGRAM. | 06.01.2021<br>13.01.2021     | 243 LACS                               | https://etenders.hry.nic.in                | 7015356206<br>bdpo.sohna86@gmall.com     |
| 4          | DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,<br>BHEWANI                                   | OUTSOURCING OF MANPOWER UNDER THE JURIDICTIONS OF<br>DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OFFICE BHIWANE  | 04.01.2021<br>19.01.2021     | 2 CRORE                                | https://etenders.hry.nic.in                | 01664-243333<br>disbhw@gnail.com         |
| 5          | FOREST DEPARTMENT<br>SONEPAT                                      | PLANTATION ON EASTERN PERIPHERAL EXPRESSIVAY IN<br>BAHALGARH BLOCK OF RAI RANGE (INCLUDING NRY)  | 06:01,2021<br>14:01.2021     | 15 LACS                                | https://etenders.hry.nic.in                | 9416251743<br>dfosonipat@yahoo.co.in     |
| 6          | BPS GOVT MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN KHAMPUR KALAN SONDAT  SONDAT   |  | 12.01.2021<br>28.01.2021     | 8000/-                                 | https://elenders.hry.ric.in                | bpsgrnc.purchase@gmail.com               |
| 7          | BLOCK DEV. PANCHAYAT<br>OFFICER SALHAWAS JHAJJAR                  | BLOCK DEV. PANCHAYAT SUPPLY OF PAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF  |                              |  | https://etenders.hry.nic.in                | 8816859691<br>bdposalhawas@gmail.com     |
| 8          | KALPANA CHAWLA GOVT<br>NEDICAL COLLEGE KARNAL                     | TENDER FORREFAIRING QUARTERS NO 8-15, D-4 & D-10 OF<br>MEDICAL ENCLAVE KALPANA CHAWLA GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE,<br>KARNAL                   | 08.04.2021<br>22.01,2021     | 3500/-                                 | https://etenders.hty.nic.in                | 9466048203<br>ксрпскага 13@gmal.com      |
| 9          | KALPANA CHAWLA GOVT<br>MEDICAL COLLEGE KARNAL                     | FIND WIF AND 3 MO THUTTER AND EVANA CHAMI A GOVE   |                              | 2400/-                                 | https://etenders.hry.nic.in                | 9466048203<br>kogmokaral 13@gmail.com    |
| 10         | GOVT. ITT, KUND<br>MANETH ((REAWR))                               | PURCHASE OF TOOL & EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY +1 OTHER<br>WORK  | 04.01.2021<br>20.01.2021     | 72 LACS                                | https://etenders.hry.ric.in                | 9618899950<br>kundmanethi.giti@gmail.com |
| 11         | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DRDA SIRSA                                | WALL PAINTING  | 11.01.2021<br>15.01.2021     | 35 LACS                                | sinsa.gov.in                               | 9416166544                               |
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| 13         | PANCHAYATI RAJ,KARNAL   | CONSTRUCTION OF GOBARDHAN PROJECT IN VILLAGE SARWAN MAJRA BLOCK INDRI  | 07.01.2021<br>30.01.2021     | 29.31 LACS                             | https://etenders.hry.nic.in                | 9416290875<br>prexeeng.krliphry.nic.in   |
| 14         | PANCHAYATI RAI, AMBALA  | PROVIDING LED STREET LIGHTING AT VILLAGE SAMAIN BLOCK<br>TOHANA DISTT, FATEHABAD   | 07.01.2021<br>28.01.2021     | 15.78 LACS                             | https://etenders.hry.nic.in                | 9729214873<br>prexeengelecamb@hry.ric.in |
| 15         | SHKM, GMC, NALHAR, NUH,<br>HARYANA                                | TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF CONSUMABLES FOR MICROBIOLOGY-I  | OLOSONG DATE<br>28.01.2021   | 10,000/<br>EACH TENDER                 | https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/<br>app | terdergmomewat@gmail.com                 |
| 16         | SHKM, GMC, NALHAR, NUH,<br>HARYANA                                | TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF CONSUMABLES FOR MICROBIOLOGY-V     + 3 OTHER WORKS  | CLOSING DATE<br>02.02.2021   | 10,000/<br>EACH TENDER                 | https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/<br>app | tendergmonevet@gmeil.com                 |
| 17         | SHKM, GMC, NALHAR, NUH,<br>HARYANA                                | TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF JOURNALS FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY  | OLOSING DATE<br>04.02.2021   | 1.20 LACS EACH<br>TENDER               | https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/<br>aoo | terdergmcmewet@gmail.com                 |

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CI, Haryana Region invites e-tenders under TWO BID SYSTEM for purchase of LDPE Covers in Haryana Region at the risk and cost of Mis R.K. Agrip Poly Industries. Chandigarh-Rajpura Road, Village: Jansua, Rajpura (Patlala), Punjab, Detailed Tendar Notice/MTF indicating instructions, terms and conditions and critical schedule of e-tenders may be downloaded from FCI website i.e. www.fci.gov.in and www.eprocure.gov.in, Comgendum, if any will be uploaded online only. General Manager (R)

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#### **INDIAN RAILWAYS**

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (Bharat Sarkar)** MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (Rail Mantralaya) RAILWAY BOARD

#### E-TENDER NO. 2020RSI1745TC

- 1.0 Executive Director, Railways Store(S), Ministry of Railways Railway Board, Government of India invites e-tender for procurement of 1,44,000 Nos. Friction wedges with specified range of coefficient of friction for broad gauge freight bogies.
- 2.0 The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website http://ireps.gov.in for details of the tender and submission or their e-bids
- 3.0 No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender.
- 4.0 Tender will be closed at 15:00 hours on 10.02.2021.

Director, Railway Stores (W) Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

### PWD (B&R) DEPARTMENT HARYANA, CHANDIGARH

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE ELIGI-BLE CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT EMPANELMENT AS STATE QUALITY MONI-TORS (SQM) FOR INSPECTION OF PRO-JECTS TO BE EXECUTED BY PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION UNITS (PIUs) FOR THE PROJECTS UNDER PMGSY SCHEME. The application along woth detail instructions terms & conditions is available on website http://haryanapwd.gov.in. LAST DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS 21.01.2021 UPTO 5.00 P.M.

### BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions A 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993)

In the matter of OA No. 896/2019 UCO BANK LTD.

MR. SUNIT SINGH & ORS

D-3 M/S AMRAPALI CENTURIAN PARK PVT. LTD. having regd. office at: 307, 3rd Floor, Nipun Towers, Community Centre, Karkardooma, Delhi-110092. Corporate Office: C-56/40, Sector-62, NOIDA (Near Fortis) U.P.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinar way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance this Tribunal 16.02.2021 at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence

Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Vide Conferencing and for that purpose: (i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software; i)"Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken b Registrar / Recovery Officer-I and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the

next date at DRT Official portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head. (iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official a Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 31st day of Dec., 2020.

By order of the Tribunal Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

#### Email ID: dpcsndqssa.opepa@nic.in GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA DISTRICT PROJECT OFFICE

### SAMAGRA SIKSHYA, SUNDARGARH "e"-Procurement Notice

Bid Identification No- DPC/SS/1 of 2020-21. Letter No: -16/Civil/ Date.05.01.2021

District Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Sikshya, Sundargarh on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in Double cover system on ON-LINE mode from eligible contractors with valid licenses for "Construction of KGBV Hostel Building including Electrical and PH works along

with Boundary wall' as detailed in DTCN Construction of Building with Nature of Work Electrical, PH & Boundary wall No. of work. 10 (10 nos). Rs. 10.000/-, Each 4. Tender Cost "B" & "A" Class Contractor Class of Contractor From 10:00 A.M. of date in the website 12.01.2021 to 05:00 P.M. of

date- 28.01.2021 Date of opening of Bid : 11:00 A.M. On Dt. 29.01.2021 The bidders have to participate in ON-LINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website tendersodisha.gov.in). Any addendum /Corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the website said only.

Sd/- District Project Coordinator. Samagra Sikshya, Sundargarh

Mysore District Co-Operative Milk Producers' Societies Union Ltd., Bannur Road, Alanahalli Post, Mysuru-570028. Phone No: 0821-2474475, Fax No.: 0821-2474476 mail Id: purmymul@gmail.com

### TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal only)

Mysore Dist. Co-Op Ltd Milk Union Ltd., Mysore Invites tender from eligible Tenderers for the Supply of the following materials / services through e-procurement portal. For the tender document please visit e-procurement platform at www.eproc.karntaka.gov.in.

| Tender<br>Notification No                         | Items (Details)   | Last Date for<br>Submission of<br>Tenders           |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| KMF/2020-21/<br>IND8742                           | Supply of Fooder Jowar and Fodder maize   |   |  |
| IFT No:100-180/<br>MYMUL/ PUR/<br>/E-Proc/2021    | Biennial Maintenance Contract for<br>Automatic Milk Collection Units and<br>FATOMATIC machines.   |   |  |
| KMF/2020-21/<br>IND8746                           | Supply installation, Commissioning of 28 TR Air Conditioner, Supply of Batteries for UPS, supply of Sugar half yearly rate contract basis and Supply of Consumables & Spares for ink jet printers (coding machines) on Annual Rate Contract basis and Annual maintenance Contract for Ink Jet Printers. (Coding machines) | 05.02.2021<br>Before<br>5:00PM                      |  |
| KMF/2020-21/<br>IND8752                           | Supply, Installation & commissioning of 10000LPD Instant Milk Chilling Unit on turnkey basis.   | 06.02.2021  |  |
| IFT No:100-181/<br>MYMUL/<br>PUR//E-Proc/<br>2021 | No:100-181/ Tender for transportation of Skimmed MYMUL/ Milk Powder in open truck And butter in refrigerated vehicle on contract  |   |  |
|   | Notification No KMF/2020-21/ IND8742  IFT No:100-180/ MYMUL/ PUR/ /E-Proc/2021  KMF/2020-21/ IND8746  KMF/2020-21/ IND8752  IFT No:100-181/ MYMUL/ PUR//E-Proc/ 2021  | Notification No   Notification No   Notification No |  |

For further information please contact Manager (Purchase) during working hours. (Mobile No: 7760968472). **Managing Director** 

# 15 ECONOMY

\$55.42 **⊙** ₹67,518 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2200 IST

SENSEX: 48,782.51 ▲ 689.19 NIFTY: 14,347.25 ▲ 209.90 NIKKEI: 28,139.03 ▲ 648.90 HANG SENG: 27,878.22 ▲ 329.70 FTSE: 6,866.78 ▲ 9.82 DAX: 14,072.91 ▲ 104.67

### INDUSTRY WATCH -STEEL PLANT EXPANSION

### Mittal's wish list for Hazira project: cheap land, fast allotment, waivers, subsidies

**JAY MAZOOMDAAR** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

IN AN elaborate wish list submitted to the Chief Minister's office, ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel (India) Ltd has sought a slew of concessions from the Gujarat government as "expected assistance" for expansion of its project in Hazira, Surat. These include land at 2006 rates, land allotment within six months, condonation for violation of allotment conditions in the past, relaxation of compensatory requirements in lieu of using forest land, single-window clearances, special subsidies etc.

AMNS(I) is a 60:40 joint venture of ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel Corporation, the world's largest and third-largest steel producers, respectively. In December 2019, the JV took over Essar Steel under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) by paying its creditors Rs 42,000 crore and injecting Rs 8,000 crore in the bankrupt company.

The Indian Express has reviewed the 8-page wish list handed over by AMNS(I) CEO Dilip Oommen at a meeting held on November 9 at the Chief Minister's office. In a hand-written note, Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel referred the list to MK Das, Additional Chief Secretary (Industry and Mines) in the CMO, for "discussion".

Oommen did not comment on the specifics of the wish list. "We are getting full support and cooperation from the government of Gujarat. So far, land acquisition process is also on the right track. We do not see any roadblock or any maior issue at the moment. We are coordinating with the government agencies at the state and the Centre. They are fully aware of our plan for development," he told the newspaper in an emailed statement.

Das is yet to respond multiple phone calls, messages and emails. His office said that the queries emailed by The Indian Express were forwarded to the relevant officer.

The list of "expected cooperation" from the state government to "resolve certain difficult issues" facing the planned investment of Rs 35,000 crore by AMNS(I) include:

■ Fix the price of 72.62 hectares land pending with the Collector at the rates of 2006 when the application was moved by Essar Steel. Allocate another 35 hectares at 2008 rates.

■ Land allotment orders to be made available within six months of application. The forest department needs to allocate land identified for the expansion project located in the vicinity of the plant on a priority basis.

■ Waiver of the existing

**BRIEFLY** —

**SBI concession** 

on home loans

Mumbai: State Bank of India

on Friday announced an in-

terest concession of up to 30

basis points on home loans

and a 100 per cent waiver on

processing fees. The new

home loan interest rates are

linked to CIBIL score and start

from 6.80 per cent for loans

up to Rs 30 lakh and 6.95 per

cent for loans above Rs 30

lakh. a bank release said. PTI

Washington: Boeing will

pay \$2.5 billion to settle a

US Justice Department in-

vestigation and admit that

employees misled regula-

tors about the safety of its

737 Max aircraft. AP

Boeing to pay

\$2.5 billion

### **DISCUSSIONS ON**

AT CM'S OFFICE

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condition of transferring double the area under the Forest Act and allow the same area of land to be transferred for compensatory afforestation in lieu of diverted forest land.

Secretary (Industry

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■ Appointment of a single nodal officer to ensure a single point of contact and a singlewindow system for timely approvals from the departments of industry, finance, revenue forest & environment, energy & petroleum, ports & transport, water supply etc.

■Ageneral notification expected from the CMO for all departments to expedite such approvals. The Chief Minister is expected to expedite approvals at various stages for proposals of AMNS(I) for allotment of government land and transfer of forest department lands at the earliest.

■ Given the quantum of the investment, the state is expected to provide subsidies and special concessions under the industrial policy and any other special concessions

The company also sought condonation of non-compliof any prescribed conditions in land allotment orders with relief to AMNS(I) as a special case for any breach of such conditions under the Forest Act, 1980. AMNS(I) has indemnity from the past criminal liabilities of Essar Steel.

In December 2019, the Centre amended the IBC to ringfence corporate debtors from criminal proceedings against any offence committed prior to the commencement of the

insolvency resolution process. In the submission, AMNS(I) said its Hazira operations were "steadily picking up speed" following a lull during April-May 2020. The proposed Rs 35.000-crore investment would enhance the current production capacity of 8.6 MMTPA to 18 MMTPA in two phases, create jobs and "also lead to the development of the Hazira area", it claimed.

**HEEKYONG YANG** 

& HYUNJOOJIN

SEOUL, JANUARY 8

HYUNDAI MOTOR Co said on

Friday it was in early talks with

Apple, after local media reported

the firms were discussing an elec-

tric car and battery tie-up, send-

ing the South Korean automaker's

Reuters reported Apple was mov-

ing forward with self-driving car

technology and aimed to produce

a passenger vehicle that could in-

clude its own breakthrough bat-

tery technology as early as 2024.

Economic Daily TV said the iPhone

maker and Hyundai were in dis-

cussions to develop self-driving

electric vehicles by 2027 and de-

velop batteries at US factories op-

Earlier on Friday, Korea

The report comes weeks after

shares surging 25 per cent.

### **30-SHARE INDEX SOARS 689 POINTS TO 48,782**

# **Biden confirmation, FPI inflows** propel Sensex to all-time peak

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, JANUARY 8

DOMESTIC STOCK markets on Friday staged a strong rally amid strong global cues in the wake of clarity on the Joe Biden administration taking over in the US by January 20, the path for which has been now cleared by the Congress. With expectations of economic recovery and good corporate results adding to the buoyancy, the Sensex soared 689 points, or 1,43 per cent, to 48,782.51 and the Nifty50 jumped 210 points, or 1.48 per cent, to 14,347,25 on sustained buying support.

Foreign portfolio investors pumped in over Rs 6,000 crore into domestic stocks on Friday, signalling that inflows are set to continue in the coming weeks. If foreign inflows – which were at a record Rs 1,70,000 crore in 2020 continue at this level, the Sensex is likely to cross the 50,000 mark in the coming days, said an analyst.

According to Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial services, the rally led by IT and auto stocks guided the domestic

Global cues help too

TRACKING OPTIMISTIC global cues, the Sensex started the day on a buoyant note and settled with healthy gains. Almost all the sectoral indices participated in the move, with IT, auto and oil & gas witnessing noticeable traction. The broader market, too, followed suit and ended higher in the range of 0.7-0.9 per cent.

market to discover new highs which was due to improved quarterly outlook. The expectations of TCS quarterly result — which was released later in the day — helped in cheering investors' mood. "Support from strong global indices also helped in raising domestic market sentiments. The official certification of Biden's presidency by the US Congress and easing of the political unrest as Trump promised a smooth

transition of power, have created an upbeat movement in the western market. The focus of Indian markets has shifted to third quarter earnings, ignoring high valuations," Nair said.

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Asian shares rose to record highs on Friday with Japan's Nikkei hitting a three-decade peak as investors looked beyond rising coronavirus cases and political unrest in the LIS to focus on hopes for an economic recovery later in the year. Most Asian equities were set to notch their biggest weekly gains in many months on Friday. European markets traded higher, too.

Meanwhile, the rupee staged a smart recovery from the day's lowest level to end 7 paise higher at 73.24 against the US dollar on Friday, tracking the rally in domestic equities.

### S&P, Nasdag at record highs; crude gains 2%

**REUTERS** NEW YORK, JANUARY 8

THE S&P 500 and the Nasdaq scaled new highs on Friday, as

hopes of more economic stimulus to ride out a pandemic-led downturn eclipsed concerns over a significant loss of pace in US labour market recovery. The S&P 500 closed above

3,800 points for the first time on Thursday, At 11:36 a.m. ET the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 80.08 points, or 0.26 per cent, to 30,961.05, the S&P 500 gained 6.19 points, or 0.16 per cent, to 3,809.89 and the Nasdaq Composite gained 78.76 points, or 0.60 per cent, to 13,146.27.

Oil prices hit 11-month highs and were on track for a weekly gain on Friday. Brent crude climbed 1.04 cents, or 1.9 per cent, to\$55.42 abarrel by 11:33 a.m. EST, the highest since late February.

### for transportation of **Covid-19 vaccines**

**DGCA** issues norms

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

HIGHLIGHTING THE necessary precautions and modalities for airlines, aviation regulator DGCA on Friday issued guidelines for transport of Covid-19 vaccines packed in dry ice across the country.

If vaccines packed in dry ice are being transported in the passenger cabin of an aircraft, the flight crew should be properly trained on the hazards and risks of its transportation, the Directorate General f Civil Aviation (DGCA) noted.

It added that dry ice transforms into carbon dioxide gas at temperatures higher than minus 78 degrees Celsius under normal atmospheric pressure and, therefore, it is classified as "dangerous goods" by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

"Adequate number of carbon dioxide detectors should be available in the cabin. Such detectors should be located at locations for timely and reliable detection of dangerous concentration of carbon dioxide," the watchdog stated.

"All operators while engaging in transportation of Covid-19 vaccines packed with dry ice shall establish the maximum quantity of dry ice that can be loaded in a given PACKED IN DRY ICE

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cargo hold or in the main deck (passenger cabin) when a passenger version is deployed for all cargo operations," it added.

The temperature maintenance requirement for Covid-19 vaccines is reported to be varying from minus 8 degree Celsius to minus 70 degree Celsius and hence, the use of refrigerant material during the transportation becomes essential, the DGCA noted. Dry ice is most commonly used as a refrigerant material for transportation of perishables by air, it added.

The country's apex drug regulator has approved Oxford Covid-19 vaccine Covishield, being manufactured by the Serum Institute, and indigenously developed Covaxin of Bharat Biotech for restricted emergency use. WITHPTI

### AMID COVID

### 'Electric two-wheeler sales tepid despite govt subsidy'

Sales of electric two-wheelers (e-2W) in India remains tepid despite near-term outlook remaining unchanged and government's subsidy, Icra Ratings said

2% of target: Under the three year tenure of FAME-II scheme -FY20-FY22 - e-2W sales have been only 2 per cent of the targeted 10 lakh unit sales as on September 30, 2020 halfway

<1%: Share of e-2W sales within total two-wheeler sales

Reasons for low response to FAME-II scheme: ■ Minimum localisation

requirement ■ Exclusion of lead-acid based

e-2W ■ Lack of consumer awareness

about subsidy ■ Low acceptability led by lack

of product knowledge ■ After-sales service concerns

21% Growth in e-2W sales in FY20 over previous fiscal, with 1.5 lakh units sold

25% Year-on-year fall in high-speed e-2W sales during first half or FY21

Why is it important: Demand and volumes of e-2Ws have seen very lackadaisical growth in recent years, despite the Centre's thrust on adoption of Source: Icra electric vehicles through the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-II) scheme

Ratings/PTI

### VIRTUAL INTERACTION WITH PM

## **Economists call for accelerated** privatisation and simpler GST

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

AHEAD OF the Budget for FY22, a group of economists on Friday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to rationalise direct and indirect tax regimes, undertake further bank capitalisation, accelerate privatisation and boost public spending on infrastructure projects to create jobs.

In the video conference, also attended by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, officials from Prime Minister's Office, Finance Ministry and NITI Aayog, economists also asked for measures to bridge the gap in poverty alleviation programmes by implementthe country. Among others, the meeting was attended by former NITI Aayog vice chairman Arvind Panagariya, former Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Rakesh Mohan and former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Virmani. "To reduce tax compliance bur-

den on small entrepreneurs, both cost of compliance and the time they spend on worrying about these issues should be reduced by simplifying and rationalizing direct and indirect tax systems," Virmani said. He said the Direct Tax Code with best practices should be brought in. In GST, Virmani batted for a single rate regime with no cess on more than 75 per cent of items. To boost textile product exports, he sought removal of differential rates on cotton, manmade fibre, artificial fibre, mixed fabrics, etc. Economists emphasised need for development of acceleration of public investment in infrastructure and public goods projects, especially on construction heavy projects to create iobs. With 3/4th of workforce back in labour market, unemployment rate has risen recently.

has announced a series of measures and packages under Aatmanirbhar Bharat, it will need to keep expenditure momentum in FY22 to boost consumption and investment demand to revive eco-

## TCS net rises 7.2%

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, JANUARY 8

OVERCOMING SEASONAL headwinds, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), India's largest software exporter, posted a 7.2 per cent increase in net profit at Rs 8,701 crore for the quarter ended December 2020 as against Rs 8,118 crore in the same period a year ago. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the net profit rose by 3.2 per cent from the September quarter.

Revenue increased by 5.4 per cent to Rs 42,015 crore from Rs 39,854 crore a year ago.

Rajesh Gopinathan, MD and CEO, said: "Growing demand for core transformation services and strong revenue conversion from earlier deals have driven a power-

After tie-up reports, Hyundai says

Apple, which aims to produce

a passenger vehicle as early as

2024, refused to comment. File

erated by either Hyundai or its af-

filiate Kia Motors Corp. The broad-

cussion, but as it is early stage,

nothing has been decided," Hyun-

dai said in a statement. It didn't say

what the talks were about and

omitted a reference in an earlier

statement to Apple being in dis-

cussions with other global au-

"Apple and Hyundai are in dis-

caster didn't cite sources.

in early talks with Apple on EV

### TCS declared an interim dividend of ₹6 per share

ful momentum that helped us overcome seasonal headwinds and post one of our best performances in a December quarter." The sequential growth was led

by North America (3.3 per cent), India (18.1 per cent), UK (4.5 per cent) and Continental Europe (2.5 per cent). Other markets grew as well with Asia Pacific growing 2.6 per cent, MEA 6.7 per cent, and Latin America 3.1 per cent. "We are entering the new year on an optimistic note ... our confidence reinforced by the continued strength in our order book and deal pipeline," he said. TCS declared an interim dividend of Rs 6 per share.

tomakers as well as Hyundai.

In a regulatory filing issued

later, the automaker said it was

"getting requests for cooperation

on joint development of au-

tonomous electric vehicles from

various companies", without

The iPhone maker is known to

keep product plans under tight

wraps. An Apple-branded car

could be a big challenge to electric

It remains unclear who would

assemble such a car, but analysts

have said they expect the com-

pany to rely on a manufacturing

partner. "We continue to strongly

believe Apple ultimately an-

nounces an EV strategic partner-

ship in 2021 that lays the ground-

work to enter the burgeoning EV

space," Wedbush analysts said in

a note. **REUTERS** 

vehicle (EV) leader Tesla Inc.

Apple declined to comment.

identifying any of them.

Office of the Chief Engineer (East) cum Addl. Secretary, C.A.D., Jaipur Phone 0141-2709487, Email:- cecadjaipur@rajasthan.gov.in दिनांक :- 4.1.2021

No.:- F-147/CE(E)CAD/T/NIT/2020-21/3779 E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 02/2020-21 On behalf of Governor of Rajasthan E-Tenders are invited from "AA" Class category equivalent contactors/firms registered in CAD/Water Resources Department and Sta

Government/Other State Government/Authorized organizations of Central Government/CPWD/Post and telegraph department/ Railway etc. for the Balance work of Revamping work of Palayatha Sub Branch & its minors off taking from KM 0.00 to 12.30 KM, RMC Chambal, CAD Kota amounting to Rs. 2651.11 Lac. The tender documents & other details may be downloaded and uploaded from the following websites:http/www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in 2 www.dipronline.org Sd/- (Ashim Markandey) Chief Engineer (East) Cum Addit UBN:- CAD 2021 WLOB 00198

### 骗 SKN College of Agriculture, Jobner (Jaipur)

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

A walk-in-interview for the contractual position of Senior Research Fellow(SRF) under RKVY-11 under head 2-contractual services will be held to engage on

fixed emoluments basis in the RKVY-11 project, SKN College of Agriculture Jobner, Jaipur on 13.01.2021 at 10.00 A:M. The engagement shall be purely or contract basis and is co-terminus with the project. However, it can be terminated without prior notice at any time. The details about qualifications, experience emoluments and other terms & conditions may be seen at the University Website: www.sknau.ac.in **DEAN SKN** COA, Jobner, Jaipur R.O.No.:Samwad/C/8629/2020-2021

### RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM L<u>imited</u> Office of the Superintending Engineer (Proc.-II), Jaipur

NOTICE INVITING e-BIDS

Online e-bids are invited from interested bidders for purchase of 220 k and 132 kV Control & Relay Panels (BN-9016002013, UBN VPN2021GLOB01399) up to 15:00 hrs. dated 16.02.2021, 33 kV Isolator (BN-9016002014, UBN- VPN2021GLOB01400) up to 15:00 hrs. date 12.02.2021, 120 kV Lightning Arresters (BN-9016002015, UBN VPN2021GLOB01401) up to 15:00 hrs. dated 12.02.2021, Marshaling Kiosk (BN-9016002016, UBN- VPN2021GLOB01402) upto 15:00 hrs. date 24.02.2021, 33 kV RVTs (BN-9016002017, UBN- VPN2021GLOB01403 upto 15:00 hrs. dated 24.02.2021 and 33 kV Series Reactors (BN-9016002018 UBN- VPN2021GLOB01404) upto 15:00 hrs. dated 02.03.2021. Othe particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement porta (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the star and http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl Superintending Enginee

Raj. Samwad/C/8617/2020-21 R.R.V.P.N./TR-5039/2021

FACT THE FERTILISERS AND CHEMICALS TRAVANCORE LIMITED FACT-PD ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, UDYOGAMANDAL- 683501, KOCHI, KERAL Phone: 0484-2568122 / 2568123 E-mail: eldose@factttd.com / jayakumarp@factttd.com , Website: www.fact.co.ir

**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS** Online competitive two bid tenders are invited for the following works through www.eprocure.gov.in

Udyogamandal Township Tender No: 3009/2020-2021/E22788 e-tender ID: 2021 FACT 608441 1 2) Providing Pay loaders with operators & without fuel at Willington Island, FACT-CD Tender No: 4200/2020-2021/E22782 e-Tender ID: 2021 FACT 608139 1 Last date & time for submission of bid: 29.01.2021 at 11.00 hrs.

1). Tilling work in connection with the renovation of MKK Nair hall in FACT

The complete bidding process will be online (e-tendering) only. All the notifications Time extension, Corrigendum, Addendum etc. if any, regarding this tender hereafte will be hosted in the website only and will not be published in newspapers.

#### Government of Rajasthan Commissionerate of Horticulture, Pant Krishi Bhawan, Jaipur-05 Tel. No. 0141-2227606; E-mail: jdh.hort@rajasthan.gov.in No. F1()DH/PMKSY-MI/Reg./2020-21/3689 Dated: 01.01.202 **Notice**

Offers are invited for online registration from Micro Irrigation System Manufacture or installation/supply of BIS marked Drip/Sprinkler sets to the cultivators of Rajasthan under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana- Micro Irrigation for the yea 020-21 to 2022-23, It may be noted that this is not a Government purchase. Onlin opplication needs to be performed at RajKisan Saathi Portal/ Application http://rajkishan.rajasthan.gov.in). This application functionality will open from 1.01.2021 for the registration seeking firms. The details of terms and conditions ar vailable on the website (<a href="www.horticulture.rajasthan.gov.in">www.horticulture.rajasthan.gov.in</a>) of Department of Horticulture, Rajasthan

DIPR/C/149/2021

a) Name of Work

b) Period of Lease

Commissioner Horticultur



No. E(C) 57 / 19 / 2020 - EST

(only through e-Tendering mode) Allotment of port land for 30 years lease period on upfront payment basis in

30 Years

c) Earnest Money Deposit

and Table - II of Annexure - "A" to be paid unto Rs.25.00.000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Only) through RTGS only in favour of V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust and balance through Bank Guarantee from any

payable at Tuticorin. (Bank A/c details given in the document clause No. 1.14 in Chapter-1). ) Downloading of Tender

document from website e) Pre-Bid Queries

D:ce@vocport.gov.ir Pre-bid meeting 22-01-2021 at 11:00 hrs

h) Opening of Technical 10.02.2021 at 15:30 Hrs. Bid online Date & Time Validity of Tender 180 Days The e-tender cum e-auction documents can either be downloaded from Port

> **CHIEF ENGINEER & ESTATE OFFICER** V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust

### New Delhi

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(Dr. Om Prakash

Dated: 08.01.2021 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER CUM e-AUCTION No. EST - 1/2020 - 21

> V.O.Chidambaranar Port for promoting port related industries under Coastal Employmer

EMD will be 10% of the Reserve Price pe SQM for 30 years as mentioned in Table -

Nationalized bank / Scheduled bank as per the format prescribed in Annexure - "D" in favour of FA&CAO, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust

From 11-01-2021 to 10-02-2021

Tenderers may send queries in advance on or before 20-01-2021 upto 17:00 hours to e-mail ) Pre-Bid Meeting

through video conference. g) Last date & Time of 10.02.2021 at 15:00 Hrs. submission of tender online

rebsite www.vocport.gov.in and www.tenderwizard.com / VOCPT

## Classifieds

### **PERSONAL**

I, Rabi Devi W/O Pawan Goyal R/O Ward No 02, Bareta Mansa Punjab-151501, have changed my name to Ravi Goyal. 0040559665-1

It is General Information that I,Zamir Ahmad Ansari,son of Shri.Jamil Ahmad Ansari,Residing at,H.No.1559,Katra Pathan Wala sarai Khalil Sadar-Bazar Delhi-110006,declare that name Of mine has been wrongly-written as Jalil Ahmed Ansari aged 49-years in my birth-certificate the actual name of mine is Amir Ahmed Ansari respectively.

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I, No.JC 303703L Rank SUB (DMT) G.Kumar R/o Vilaage-Nayanthyur, Dist-NAA (North Arcot Ambedkar) Tehsil Tirupattur, Pin-635651State Tamilnadu, inform that inform that in my Service record my Son's name & D.O.B. has wrongly written as Rahul K. D.O.B.01.03.2001 instead of Raghul K 28.02.2001.

LVINOD KUMAR ARORA S/O JADO NATH, R/o C-15,MILAP-NAGAR UTTAM NAGAR, DELHI-

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110059, have changed my name to VINOD KUMAR. 0040559766-8 **I,Surmeet** Singh Saggi S/O Kanwar Jit Singh Saggi R/O Flat No. 30A,Platinum Enclave, Sec.-

18, Rohini Delhi-85. informs that Surmeet Singh and Surmeet Singh Saggi both are same and one person. 0040559692-1

I.Renu@Renu Dua.D/o Sagar Parkash W/o Parvesh Kumar Dua, R/o 71/1A, UGF, Prem-Nagar, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name

0040559789-1

I,Sanju Bala,W/o-Pradeep Kumar Varma,R/o-C-57,Shakti Nagar Extension, Ashok Vihar,phase-3,Delhi-110052, have changed name Sanju Varma for future. 0040559781-2

I,ROHTASH S/O DAYA RAM R/O. 83/141 AALI VILLAGE SARITA VIHAR NEW DELHI 110076 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ROHTASH KUMAR

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**I,Punam** D/o Roshan Lal R/o H/no. F-231.Gali no.-13.Khaioor Khas, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Poonam for all purposes. 0040559781-1

I,Madhav Verma,S/o Late Shri.Pramod Kumar Verma.R/o-C-107.Kalkaii.New Delhi-110019 has been wrongly-written my mother's name as Pooia Verma instead of Rana Verma in my educational-Certificate.

0040559781-7

I.Krishna Kumar Bajpai,S/o Bhoop Narain Bajpai, R/o A-312,Street.No.33,Chhattarpur Enclave Phase-2.New Delhi-10074,have changed my name to Krishna Bajpai, permanently. 0040559789-2

I.Kavita Bhalla,w/o Sushil Malhotra, R/o Plot. No-120B, Flat No-C-4, 2nd-Floor, Shakti Khand-2,Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar-Pradesh-201014, have changed my name to Sakshi Malhotra, permanently. 0040559766-2

I.Kanwar Jit Singh Saggi S/O Sh. Piara Singh R/O Flat No. 22, Sur Air Apartment, Sec.-15, Rohini Delhi-89. informs that Kanwar Jit Singh and Kanwar Jit Singh Saggi both are same and one 0040559692-2

I.Jadu Nath@Jadu Nath Giri,S/o Satyadev Giri, R/o-L2A/116,Mohan-Garden Uttam Nagar New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Jadunath 0040559781-6

**I,JC** No.630220W Sub Virendra Kumar Yadav.S/o Shri Hari Shankar Yadav,R/o:Vill-Karoundi,PO-Badarka.Teh.+Distt.-Unnao.UP-209801.inform that in my service records my name wrongly-written as Virendra Kumar Yadao instead of Virendra Kumar Yadav.Where as my correct name is Virendra

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المار No.340682X Sub.Shushant Kumar,S/o Sunil Vaishnav, R/o:Vill-Khatola No-1.Amrit Nagar No-2, Dineshpur, District Udhamsingh Nagar, UK. inform that in my service record my son Abhishek Vaishnav DOB wrongly-written 02/03/2002 instead of 08/02/2002.

Kumar Yadav.

0040559763-2 I,JC No.-330302A Sub-Baldev Singh,S/o Sagata Ram,R/o:Vill-Sirta, Teh. + Distt-Kaithal, Haryana-136027.inform that in my service record my mother's DOB and name wrongly mentioned as 12/01/1936 and Smt.Bhagwati

Devi instead of 01/01/1944 and Bhagwanti, respectively.

**I,Gaurav** Babbar,S/o Shri.Parveen Babbar R/o-J-171, 3rdFloor,Saket,New Delhi-110017, has been wronglywritten my father's name as Praveen Babbar instead of Parveen Babbar and mother's name as Tina Babbar instead of Teenu Babbar in my Class 10th Certificate(CBSE).

0040559781-10

I,Gurmeet Kaur Saggi W/O Kanwar Jit Singh Saggi R/O Flat No. 22, Sur-Air Apartment, Sec.-15, Rohini Delhi-89 informs that **Gurmeet Kaur and Gurmeet** Kaur Saggi both are same and

one person. I,DHARAM PAL S/O KISHAN CHAND RESIDENT 364, VILLAGE JHUNDPUR,DISTT-SONIPAT, HARYANA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DHARAMPAL CHHABRA.

0040559766-5 I,Ankush S/O Vinod Kumar R/O 201-202, Ground Floor Pocket-11, Sector-22, Rohini Delhi-110086, changed my nameto

I,Amarpreet Singh Mauji,S/O Surinder Paul Singh Mauji, R/O WZ-224A, Street No-22,Santgarh Tilak-Nagar Delhi-110018, changed my nameto Amarpreet Singh.

Ankush Garg.

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I,ASHOK MARWAH,S/O.MUNSHI RAM.R/o-B-1/101.3RD-FLOOR. JANAKPURI,NEW DELHI-110058, changed my name to ASHOK KUMAR, for all Purposes.

I.ANIL KUMAR AGARWAL S/o Ashok Kumar Agarwal R/o Flat No- 21-B. Citizen Enclave, Sector-14 Extn, Rohini, Delhi-110085 Have Changed my Name to ANIL AGARWAL.

I, Vinay Padroo S/o V. K. Padroo R/o H.No 1467, Sector-3, Faridabad, HR on behalf of my minor child, have changed her name for all purposes from Yashvee Padroo to Yaashvi Paadro. 0040559744-1

I, Tanya D/oVijay Goel R/o-H.No-178-179, Pocket-8, Sector-23, Rohini North West Delhi Delhi 110085, have changed my name to Tanya Goel

0040559716-2

I, TANU MALHOTRA D/o BHIM SEN SUMRANI Employed as DEPUTY DIRECTOR, Employee ID A 240604, Presently posted at Dte of Op LGS/AOM Branch, Air Force Headquarters, West Block VI, RK Puram, Ministry Of Defence, Government of India, Resident of Quarter No-731, Sector-3, RK Puram, New Delhi-110022, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as TANU SHREE. 0070726461-1

I, Sonali Chawla S/o Anil Kumar Chawla R/o-GH-13/575,SFS-Flats Paschim-Vihar Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Rohan Chawla Permanently

0040559716-4

I, Santosh Yadav s/o-Markande Yadav R/o-H.No.B-1289, Shastri-Nagar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name, from Santosh Kumar, to Santosh Yadav,for all 0040559766-7 purposes.

**I,** Sanjeev Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar Sindhu, Sanjiv Kumar S/o Sh. Surai Bhan R/o H.No. C-7/3, 2nd floor, Ardee City, Sec.52, Gurugram, Haryana-122003 have changed my name to Sanjeev Sindhu for all future 0040559707-1

SINGH.R/O E-BLOCK GURUDWARA SRI GURU/SINGH SABHA GREATER-KAILASH-II.NEW DELHI-110048.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO IQBAL KAUR.

I, SHELENDRA SINGH ΒΗΔΟΩΡΙΥΔ S/Ω ΝΔΡΕΝΟΡΔ SINGH BHADORIYA, R/o Kheriya bhan baldev singh ka pura, Puranichavni, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh-474010, Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as SHELENDRA BHADORIYA AND NARENDRA BHADORIYA in my 10TH Class Marksheet No-0103487 & 10th class certificate No-078684 and SHELENDRA S BHADORIYA AND NARENDRA S BHADORIYA in my 12th class Marksheet No-0027415 & 12th Class certificate No-026967, The actual name of Mine and My Father are SHELENDRA SINGH BHADORIYA AND NARENDRA SINGH BHADORIYA respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

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I, SAURABH AGARWAL, S/O VIRENDRA MOHAN AGARWAL,R/O-D-2/2202 VASANTKUNJ, SOUTH/WEST DELHI, DELHI-110070, changed my name to SAURABH AGGARWAL. 0040559766-9

I. SAMINA BANU.spouse

of,No.14652009X(NK)SAYYAD AMIR BASHIR, resident of,Village-Shirur Kasar, P.O.&Tehsil-Shirur Kasar, District-Beed, Maharashtra-413249, have changed my name, from SAMINA BANU, to SAYYAD SAMINA, vide affidavit-dated:08/01/2021. before Notary-Advocate, Madan Lal Gupta, Regd.No.-4921, NewDelhi.

0040559753-2

I, Rushali Garg r/o D/05-5, Redwood Residency, Sector-78, Tigaon Road, Faridabad, Haryana 121101 declare that my father's name has been wrongly written as Dheeraj Garg in some of my documents. His correct name is Dhiraj Garg.

0040559697-1

I, Radhika/Radhika Arora W/o.Sanjeev kumarR/o-Vihar, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Rama Arora Permanently

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**I,** Ram Pukar Sharma S/o,Sone Lal Thakur R/o-B-52, Suraksha Vihar, Gali-04, Vikasnagar, Uttamnagar, N.Delhi-59,have changed my name to Ram Pukar Thakur. 0040559766-3

I, Pratap Singh Varma, S/o Sh. Mohan Singh, R/o B-4/215A, DDA flats, Keshav puram, New Delhi-110035 have changed my name from Pratap Singh Varma to Pratap Singh as per Affidavit dated 23-12-2020.

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0040559781-5

I, Panmati Devi W/o.Ex.Hawaldar Sudama Dubey R/o-B 507, Prem Nagar. street.No-1,Near-Baljeet Nagar.New Delhi-110008.have Changed my Name Ranmati Devi to Panmati Devi, for all future purposes 0040559716-3

I, PRAVEEN SINGHAL S/OBASDAV KUMAR SINGHAL, R/o-1/4920,BALBIR NAGAR **EXTN STREET.NO-6.SHAHDARA** DELHI-110032, have changed my name to PRAVEEN KUMAR

SINGHAL

I, PRATIPURNA MAHATO S/O DILIP MAHATO, R/o Narayangar Alias Karka, Puruliya, Panchakotraj, West Bangal-723132, Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as PRATIPURNA DHIBAR AND DILIP DHIBAR in my all Educational documents. The actual name of Mine and My Father are PRATIPURNA MAHATO AND DILIP MAHATO Respectively, which may be amended 0070726678-1 accordingly.

I, No.JC 303703L Rank SUB (DMT) G.Kumar R/o Vilaage-Nayanthyur, Dist-NAA (North Arcot Ambedkar) Tehsil-Tirupattur, Pin-635651 State Tamilnadu, have changed my son's name from Gogul K to Gokul K for all purposes.

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I, NIKKI,S/o OM PARKASH, ADDRESS:47, S/FB/SR/P,BAPU PARK KOTLA MUBARAK-PUR, LODHI-ROAD, NEW DELHI-110003, changed my name to NIKKI KUMAR KANOJIA.

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I, MILAN KUMAR S/o MANOHAR VISHWAKARMA Employed as **AUDITOR in DEFENCE** ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT (DAD),GOVT.OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, PCA(FYS), AYUDH BHAWAN, 10-A, S.K. BOSE ROAD, KOLKATA-

VIHAR, KOYLANAGAR, POST-BCCL TOWNSHIP, KALAKUSUMA, DHANBAD, JHARKHAND-826005, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as MILAN KUMAR SHARMA.

700001 and Resident of VASANT

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I, Kanta Mehta W/o Madan Lal Mehta, MCPOMA I (Hon. S/Lt) R/o 1909, Sector-37, Arun Vihar, NOIDA, UP 201303 declare that my correct date of birth is 01-

I. KS Bawa S/o-Swarn Singh Bawa,R/o:C-70,Patel Garden Extn., Najafgarh Road, Kakrola New Delhi-59 have Changed My Name to Karnail 0040559753-1 Singh Bawa.

I, JITENDER SINGH BAGGA,S/O SOHAN SINGH R/o-593/1 DURGA-ASHRAM CHATTARPUR EXTN DELHI-10074.have changed my name to JITENDER

I. Harmaniit Singh Chhatwal S/o-Jatinder Pal Singh Chhatwal.R/o:C-2/44. First Floor, Janakpuri, New Delhi-58, have Changed My Name to Harmanjeet Singh Chhatwal.

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I, Garima D/o Vijay Goel R/o-Ward.No-15, Bhatnagar Gali-Samalkha, Panipat, Haryana-132101, have changed my name to Garima Goel 0040559716-1

**I,** Asha Verma, W/o Pratap Singh, R/o B-4/215A, DDA flats, Keshav puram, New Delhi-110035 have changed my name from Asha Verma to Asha Singh as per Affidavit dated 23-12-0070726673-1

**I,** Amarjeet Singh S/o Avtar Singh Malhotra R/o-B-252, 3rd Floor, Privadarshini Vihar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Amarjeet Singh Malhotra.

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I, Adil Hussain Butt R/O B-26, Ghafoor Nagar, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Adil Hussain for all future

l Parimal Biswas F/o Fairly Biswas, R/O Flat no.83, Sector-12, Pocket-1, Gangotri Apartment, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078, have changed my minor daughter's name from Fearli Biswas to Fairly Biswas

I Mohammad Musleem Alam

S/O, Mohammad Kashim Alam

R/o Wz-17,3rd Floor Back Side

Hari Singh Park New Multan Nagar New Delhi 110063 have

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changed my name to Mohammad Muslim Alam I Jagdish Kumar Garg S/O, Late Om Prakash Garg R/o NSR-19, T/F, Mianwali Nagar, Paschim

name to Jagdish Garg for all purposes. 0040559701-1 **I,** Raghbir singh,S/o harbans singh, Address-4/1762nd-floor, subhash-nagar, new delhi-

110027, changed my name to

Vihar-110087 have changed my

Raghubir Singh. 0040559763-7 ASHWANI JAIN S/O-KAILASH CHANDRA JAIN R/O-C-6/95B KESHAV PURAM DELHI-110035 CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHWANI KUMAR JAIN FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

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I Ekta Bhatia D/o Sh.Binod Bhatia W/o Sh.Anil Kataria R/o 21-B, Deep Enclave, Pocket-D, Ashok Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110052 have changed my name after marriage to Ekta Kataria for all purposes.

It is General Information that I,Zamir Ahmad Ansari,son of Shri.Jamil Ahmad Ansari,Residing at,H.No.1559,Katra Pathan Wala sarai Khalil Sadar-Bazar Delhi-110006,declare that name Of mine has been wrongly-written as Aziz

Ahmed aged-46 years in my

birth-certificate the actual

name of mine Zamir Ahmed

Ansari respectively.

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0040559713-7

I,ZOYA MANSOOR D/o Mohammed Mansoor R/o House No-6309, Gali Bait Wali, Bara Hindu Rao, North Delhi-110006 Have Changed my Name to ZOYA. 0070726667-1

I Deepak Kumar S/O, Avinash Kumar Sardana R/o H.no,3/110a Ramesh Nagar Near Kirti New Delhi 110015 have changed my name to Deepak Kumar Sardana for all 0040559700-1

#### LOST & FOUND

I. Dr. Vimal Jain S/o. Late Sh. Laxmi Lal R/o.GG-1/175A, Vikas Puri, New Delhi.Have Lost Original Possession / Demand Letter of Property Flat No.GG-1/175A, Vikas Puri, New Delhi. Finder Please Contact above Address/Ph. 9810027869.

I,MOHIT BANGARI S/o Dan Singh Bangari,R/o Kh.no-10/18 st.no-26 A-Block kamal-vihar kamalpur Burari Delhi-84,have lost my original-certified class-10th year-2016 Rollno-8649266 0040559763-10 CBSE-DELHI.

I, NAGENDRA KUMAR,S/o Greesh babu,R/o-E-3/239,C shivrampark Nangloi, Delhi-41, have lost my original-certificate Class-10th year-2008 Rollno-6151760 CBSE-DELHI. 0040559766-10

I.Avitesh Singh, S/o Balram Singh, Add-chotpur colony sec-63 noida,Gautam Buddh nagar, U.P. have lost my original-certificate Class-10th year-2016,Rollno-5386320 0040559766-11 CBSE-DELHI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

RAKESH KUMA Advocat Ch. No. 442, Civil Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice is hereby given that Sh. Kishan Chand, Sio Late Shri Chand, Rio SB, Hanuman Enclave, Lane number 3, Nangol, Delhi-10041 is transferring the 50% of the property bearing No. 5B/1, Hanuman Enclave, Lane number 3, Nangio, Delhi-110041 in faviour of his son Mukesh Kumar, Sio Sh. Kishan Chand, Rio SB, Hanuman Enclave, Lane number 3, Nangiol, Delhi-110041. All person claiming an interest in the said property or any part of thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, possession, easement attachment or otherwise however, are hereby required to make the same known to Sellier at his residence within 15 days from the date hereof, falling which the said transfer of property will be completed without any reference to such claim and the same if any shall be considered as walved.

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Sd/- RAGHAV KAPOOR (ADVOCATE
OFFICE:- G-22, GROUND FLOOR, R.C
COMPLEX-II, PRASHANT VIHAR, ROHIN
DELHI-11008

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मुविककल श्री केलाश चन्द पाण्डेय पुत्र
श्री नन्दा बल्लभ पाण्डेय निवासी - फकान
नंबर-5-ए, गली नंबर-7, निकट साई बाबा
मंदिर, पूर्वी-दक्षिणों मार्कट, विल्ली-10092

ने अपने पुत्र भारकर पाण्डेय को उसके द्वारा
दुव्यंबदार व दूराचरण करने एवं मेरे मुविकल
के नियन्त्रण में ना होने के कारण उस अपनी
समस्त चल अचल सम्पित से बेदखल कर
दिया है एवं उससे अपने सभी पारिवारिक
सम्बन्ध विख्येड कर लिये हैं तथा उस्त भारकर
पाण्डेय को मेरे मुविकल के अतिम संस्कार में
अधिकार नहीं होगा। यदि कोई उससे किसी
प्रकार का लेन-नै या व्यवंबर करती है।
वह अपने जोखिम पर करेगा, मेरे मुविकल
की इसमें कोई जिम्मोदानि होगी।
कुल्यदीप कुमार (अधिव्यवस्ता)
सींट नं. 112, सेन्द्रब झब, तीस हजारी कोर्ट, दिल्ली-54 सार्वजनिक सूचना

PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform to the public at large tha Mr. Om Parkash Bansal acquiree Property No. R-68, measuring 50 sq yrds, part of Khasra No, 18, at Rishabl Nagari, Model Town, Delhi, vide Salu Deed dt. 14.09.2005 executed by Mrs Pinki Bansal W/o. Mr. Om Párkas Bansal and Mr. Om Parkash Bansal i the undisputed owner of said proper yet . OR Any person / firm / institution yet . OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as a waived and not binding on our client.

H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

सार्यजानिक सुचना
वर्ष साधारण को यूचित किया जाता है कि मेरे मुचक्कित
केवान लाल कड़वा पुत्र भी गीविन्द राम कड़वा पूर्व शीमीत
कृष्णा देवी पत्री किकत ताल कड़वा, निवादी 2844
हल्ला-10007, ने अपने पुत्र अभिषक कड़वा एवं शीमीत
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से मुव्यंक्कित के आजाकारी नहीं रहे हैं और उनका अव्यवहा
मेरे मुव्यंक्कित एवं उनके परिवार के प्रति टीक नहीं है। अत्र सेम् मुव्यंक्कित एवं उनके परिवार के प्रति टीक नहीं है। अत्र सेम् मुव्यंक्कित एवं उनके परिवार के प्रति टीक नहीं है। अत्र सेम् मुव्यंक्कित एवं उनके परिवार कार्यों तो है नहें नहें हिवेद वन विश्वया में अपने सामक ताजी दो नहें नहें हिवेद वन विमान्यास होंगे, सेम् मुव्यंक्कत व उनके अन्य परिवारजनों क प्रविच्य में कोई लेना देना नहीं होगा।

Sd/-B.K. Yadav, Advocate Delhi High Court Ch, No. 576, Western Wing Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients **Prabhjit Singh** S/o S. Gulshan Raj Singh R/o A-77, Ground Floor, Gali No.11, Krishna Park Extn., New Delhi-18, has severed his relations from his wife Jagjit Kaur and his son Noor Nanak Singh both R/o A-77, Ground Floor, Gali No.11, Krishna Park Extn., New Delhi-110018, & disowned and debarred them om all his moveable and immovable operties and shall not be responsible for heir civil & criminal acts, deeds and things done in past, present & future. Any one who deals with them shall be doing at their wn cost and risks and my above clier will not be held responsible of their acts Shiv Datt Atri (Advocate SR-II-B, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058

PUBLIC NOTICE

Plot no. A-48/29, DLF City, Phase-1, Gurgaon was registered in the nam of Mrs. Preeti Shah W/o Late Rajiv Shah and Ms. Gavatri Shah D/o Late Rajiv Shah both R/o C-182 Defence Colony New Delhi-110024. Mrs. Preeti Shah expired on 11-08-2016 leaving her surviving behind the following legal heirs: Ms. Gayatri Shah & Mr. Rajat Shah. Accordingly the names of Ms. Gayatri Shah and Mr. Rajat Shah are being noted in DLF's record in respect of the 50% share in the captioned plot. If any body has any objection to this he of she may approach M/s DLF Ltd. or the undersigned within 21 days of publication of this notice.

S.K.JAIN (Advocate D-184, Ashok Vihar Phase-I, elhi-110052, Ph: 9817292629

PUBLIC NOTICE

Plot no. B-4/10, DLF City, Phase-1 Gurgaon was registered in the nan of Mr. Rajiv Shah S/o Late Banarsi Lal Shah and Mr. Raiat Shah S/o Late Raiiv Shah both R/o C-182 Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024 Mr. Rajiv Shah expired on 13-11-2010 leaving behind a will in favor of his wife Mrs. Preeti Shah. Subse quently the captioned plot is noted n DLF's record in the name of Mrs. Preeti Shah and Mr. Rajat Shah. Mr Preeti Shah expired on 11.08.2016 leaving her surviving behind the following legal heirs: Ms. Gayatri Shah & Mr. Rajat Shah. Accordingly the names of Ms. Gayatri Shah and Mr. Rajat Shah are being noted in DLF's record in respect of the 50% share in the captioned plot. If any body has any objection to this he o she may approach M/s DLF Ltd. or the undersigned within 21 days of publication of this notice.

**S.K.JAIN** (Advocate D-184, Ashok Vihar Phase-I Delhi-110052, Ph: 9817292629

**PUBLIC NOTICE** This is to inform to the Public a large that the Original Share Certificate No. EF/113 dated 21-April-2001 issued to Mrs Rashmi Juneja (Membership No. 166) by Udyog Sheel Mahili Sahkari Samiti Ltd. of Propert bearing Flat No. 18. Ground Floor, U. S. Complex, 120 Mathura Road, Opp. Apollo Hospital, New Delhi-110076 has been lost/misplaced b my client Mrs. Rashmi Juneja who has tried her best to fin the same but it is not traceable

Delhi vide LR No. 841038/2020 dated 24-Dec.-2020. If anyone finds, pleas contact at 9899111134.

Thereafter, she made an Online

complaint to P. S. Crime Branch

Sanjeev Kumar Malli Enl. No.: D/41/2000 Ch. No.: 99, Patiala House Courts N.D.-110001, Mob. 981859529

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Sh. Satish Ruhil S/o Sh. Ajit Sin R/o Flat No. 83, GH-12, Paschi sell the said property to Sm hashi Bala and Sh. Sushil Kuma Shashi Bala and Sh. Sushil Kumar who intend to mortgage the said property with State Bank of India. The Original Will, dt. 12.10.1999, R No. 55134 executed in favour of Sh. Satish Ruhil, is lost/ not traceable for which FIR is already lodged. By way of this public notice it is informed to general public to return if anyone has found this document, and /or be informed that any person having claim, any charge, interest, lien or claim on the basis of the said Will he /she may notify to the undersigned with the documentary proof/ Courl judgment within 15 days from the day of publication failing which the title / sale deeds executed in favour of sale deeds executed in favour of Smt. Shashi Bala and Sh. Sush Kumar., Shall be deemed to be clea and marketable without any defect encumbrance and free to creat

Anil Kuma Advocat D 1 /251, STREET NO. HARSH VIHAI NEW DELHI-11009

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

This is to inform to the Public at

large that the Original Builder Buyer Agreements dated 22-Feb 1992 & 08-April-1994 executed b Arya Shamlal Jaipalmal Pvt. Ltd Jaisav Samiti & The Dell Registered Stockholders (I&S) Association Ltd. through M Vikram Sheel Gupta in favor o M/s Integer Management Services Pvt. Ltd. through M Somnath Arya and thereafte assigned to M/s Precision Equipment through its proprieto Sh. Parmeshwar Dayal Agarwa of Property bearing Unit No. 502 & 503, Avantika Complex, 13 L.S.C., J-Block, Saket, New Delh 110017, has been lost/misplace by my client Sh. Parmeshwar Dayal Agarwal who has tried hi best to find the same but those are not traceable. Thereafte he made online complaint to P. S

555783/2020 dated 09-Sep.-2020 If anyone finds, please contact at 9810393465 Sanjeev Kumar Mallik Enl. No.: D/41/2000

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Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No

DIPR/C/106/2021

Government of Jammu & Kashmir **DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE** 

1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu Tele/Fax: +91-191-2474084, E-mail: <u>directorindcomjammu@gmail.com</u>, Website: <u>www.investjammu.in</u> Request for proposal (RFP) for hiring of Consultancy firms for supporting the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for implementation of Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) & District BRAP under Ease of Doing Business program by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Reference No: DI&C/J/Acctts/2020-21/1468 Dated 06.01.2021

Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Jammu nodal agency for hiring Consultancy firm for implementing Business Reforms Action Plan of DPIIT, Govt. of India for Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir invites Request for proposal (RFP from reputed consultancy firms of national and international repute for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in Ease of Doing Business.

The document can be downloaded from the website www.jktenders.in. Response

to this Request for Proposal (RFP) shall be deemed to have been done after care ful study and examination of this document with full understanding of its implications The last date of submission of Bid through www.jktenders.in is 27th January

Issuer

Director Industries and Commerce, Jammu DIPJ-9687

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT CHENNAI KANYAKUMARI INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT

BID NOTICE NO.OCB/CKICP/MC-4/EPC-06/01, Dated.04.01.2021 The Superintending Engineer (H), PIU, CKICP for and on behalf of Governor of State of Tamil Nadu invites bids for "Upgrading Thanjavur - Mannargudi Road (SH-63) from Km 0/000 to Km 15/250 and Km 17/100 to Km 27/585 to two lane with paved shouldersand maintenance of entire project stretch design length of 25.735 km for 7 years" (in the State of Tamil Nadu on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Mode)".

2. The bid document will be available online in the website, www.tntenders.gov.in from 11.01.2021 at 16.00 hours (IST).

3. Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 25.01.2021 at 11.30 hours (IST). Kindly refer the Invitation For Bid (IFB) uploaded in www.tntenders.gov.in for further details.

4. A non-refundable fee of **Rs.20,000/-** (inclusive of tax) is required to be paid towards Bid Document Fee.

5. Deadline for online submission of bids: on or before 15.00 hours (IST) on 23.02.2021.

6. Online Technical Bid opening at 16.00 hours (IST) on 23.02.2021.

7. Further Addendum in this regard will be available only in e-procurement portal www.tntenders.gov.in, if any. Superintending Engineer (H),

PIU, Chennai Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project

CKICP Complex, HRS Campus, 76 Sardar Patel Road, Guindy,

Chennai- 600 025. Tamil Nadu, India. Telephone No: +91 44 2235 0610

Email:sepiuckicp@gmail.com / Website: www.ckicp.tnhighways.gov.in DIPR/138/Tender/2021

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT** CHENNAI KANYAKUMARI INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR PROJECT BID NOTICE NO. OCB/CKICP/MC-4/EPC-09/01, Dated.07.01.2021

The Superintending Engineer (H), PIU, CKICP for and on behalf of Governor of State of Tamil Nadu invites bids for "Upgrading Mayiladuthurai-Thiruvarur Section of SH23 from Design Chainage Km 4+500 to Km 7+430, Km 10+130 to Km 20+925, Km 21+591 to Km 25+400 & Km 27+400 to Km 35+632 to two lane with paved shoulders and construction of two bypasses for a length of 4.70 Km from Km 7+430 to Km 10+130 and Km 25+400 to Km 27+400 and maintenance of entire Project stretch (30.466 km) for 7 years under Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Mode"

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DIPR/137/Tender/2021

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ** 

E-Tender Notice No.: Sr. DEE/RS/ELS/CNB/2020-21/RET-07

E-Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/RS/North Central Railway/Kanpur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following open E-Tender for the following work up to Tender Opening Date & Time. The details of the tenders are as under:-Advertised Name of work Deposit ₹ Washing & cleaning of complete loco body, both cab, corridoor path ELS-CNBwenty Seven Lakh look out glass, elliptical glass and cattle guard of conventional and 3 (Fifty Four 2020-21-Two Thousand phase Electric Locomotives at Electric Loco Shed, North Central Six Hundred One Hundre

Railway, Kanpur for period of three years Qty. 6000 Nos. Completion period of Work: 03 Years. Tender Document Cost: ₹ NIL Tender Opening Date & Time: 29.01.2021 8 15:30hrs. Note: 1. The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tenders is available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to due date & time of tender opening. 2. Bids, other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Offer rates quoted in the form of e-tender schedule & duly signed digitally shall be final. No other documents related to offer rates shall be entertained. Tenderers are advised not to attach any document related to offer rates (except undertaking(s) asked). These documents shall be treated as NULL and void and shall not be considered for evaluation of offer. 4. Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **5.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in 6.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **13/21(D)** 

www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in 🚮 North central railways



कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता जनस्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग, जयपुर क्षेत्र-द्वितीय, गांधीनगर, जयपुर

 $Telephone: 0141\ 2702700\ E-mail: ace.region2jaipur@yahoo.com$ <mark>हमाक:-अमुअ∕जय∕क्षेत्र ( द्वितीय )</mark>/2020-21/7894-905

निविदा सूचना

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संठगनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूरसंचार विभाग/रेलवे इत्यादि में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया द्वारा निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

| S.  | NIT     | Name of work              | Estt.                 | Bid Security    | Tender    | Tender                                   | Last dt.                             | Technical              | Completion |
|-----|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| No. | No.     |                           | Cost (Rs.<br>In Lacs) |                 | Fee (Rs.) | document<br>download<br>starting<br>Date | online<br>submis-<br>sion of<br>bids | Bid<br>Opening<br>date | period     |
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|     | 2020-21 | OHSRs, CWS, Pump          |                       | security a Bid  |           | At 03.00                                 | Up to                                | At 03:00               |            |
|     |         | House including electro-  |                       | Security dec-   |           | PM                                       | 06.00 PM                             | PM                     |            |
|     |         | mechanical works, P/L/J   |                       | laration shall  |           |  |                                      |                        |            |
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|     |         | from Pachewar Pump        |                       | surcharge as    |           |  |                                      |                        |            |
|     |         | House, under Jal Jeevan   |                       | prescribed.     |           |  |                                      |                        |            |
|     |         | Mission (JJM)"            |                       |                 |           |  |                                      |                        |            |

निविदा से सम्बंधित विस्तृत विवरण निम्नलिखित वेबसाइट पर देखें जा सकते हैं।

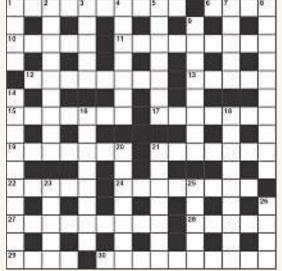
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(मनीष बेनीवाल) अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभिन्ता जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग जयपुर क्षेत्र-द्वितीय, जयपुर

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writing(5)

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1 Girl in glasses (4)

2 Military command to requisition weapons (5,4)

4 They take the blow and shake in

9 A wing consisting of ten parts (8) 14 First race I organise for

3 Pen has the French way of

5 Lots may be held in them (7)
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8 Sweets I'd served up in a grievous condition (10)

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order's changed (4,5)

20 Servile as East Europeans?

earth (7) 23 She's out in a yacht (5)

25 Everything unqualified

26 Present her with a key (4)

**18** Eve's vicar is upset when the

21 One more metamorphosis on

#### **ACROSS**

1. Best part of a collection of horse nails(5,5)6 The money's right as well (4)

10 Unfortunately the lady's upset 11Nogoodatallforuseinariot(9) 12 You do what you like with it (4,4) 13 The very bottom of a broken

drain (5) **15** Variety of red rose seen in church (7) **17** Record-holders (7) 19 Demands its sins be found out

21 The case of the diplomat's aide **22** Fall into part of the main

current(5) 24 A bit over-developed and not at all successful (8)

27 Found to be less habit-forming

28 There may be a few (5) 29 Young leader in wild set makes painful sight (4) **30** Break away from the craft (5,5)

Solution Crossword 4322 Across: 1 Ordeals, 5 Elbow, 8 Sugar beet, 9 Rod, 10 Trap, 12 Adhesion, 14 Regain, 15 Strand, 17 Sunshade, 18 Pets, 21 Ski, 22 Cigarette 24 Sharp, 25 Overall. Down: 1 Onset, 2 Dog, 3 Airs, 4 Steady, 5 Entreaty, 6 Barricade, 7 Widened, 11 Argentina, 13 Nightcap, 14 Resists, 16 Adagio, 19 Swell, 20 Free, 23 Tea

### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis

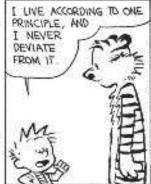






#### CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson







### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong

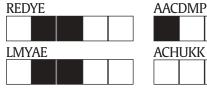




### **JUMBLED WORDS**

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

Creativity is allowing yourself to \_\_mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to \_\_- Scott Adams (4,..,4)



keep - 2cort Adams

Answer: Creativity is allowing yourself to **make** mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to SOLUTION: REEDY, MEALY, MADCAP, CHUKKA

#### Difficulty Level 5s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9

SUDOKL

must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

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| 4 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
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| 1 |   | 9 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 4 |

### **DAY TODAY**

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) If you are to broaden

your support or extend your horizons over the coming months, you'd better start now. Try arousing emotional sympathy, but without in any way slipping into self-pity. Other people are hardly likely to support you if they don't think you're concerned about them.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) It's bound to be a little longer before you fully recover from last year's

minor setbacks. In part, that's a tribute to the power of your memory. Today's lunar position offers travel as an escape route, but also advises you to check out the ethical implications: you want to do the right thing.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) The Sun and

Mercury command you to stick to hard work today - and that's an order. Yet, other planets give completely contradictory advice, and if you're determined to enjoy yourself then you should aim for imaginative pursuits, not to mention those which could bring in extra cash.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) The art of compromise doesn't

always come naturally, which is why you may now have a slight difficulty fitting in with others' plans. However, fit in you must. Also, be prepared to spend to support your romantic dreams. I don't mean that you should waste your cash, just utilise whatever is necessary.

### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)



aspect for those of you who imagine that money grows on trees. The rest of you, take care. If Mars and Neptune mean anything, then it's that you're likely to lose control. Don't. VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

For once, you may surrender yourself to total enthusiasm and give yourself over wholeheartedly to a special venture. If there's a choice between overcommitting yourself or going without, you may go for the

first option. You can sort out

the details later.

#### BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) One way or another, you'll soon have to put the collective

good before private interest. It's a fine time for everyone who is working to make the world a better place, or is otherwise dabbling in a charitable enterprise. Your reputation for honesty will do you good in the long run.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) It's an ideal day for traditional

occupations, perhaps because the future seems to be so dangerous. It's also a deeply significant moment for family relationships, with indications that things may never be quite

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) There'll be a minor clash of interests between home and

the same again. Make sure that

they're better.

work, or private ties and public ambitions. In actual fact, any difficulties may be in your imagination. You may continue to juggle all your commitments and keep all balls in the air at the same time.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Family members are

certainly going to be stuck fast unless they turn to you for help, advice and assistance. But then they may have trouble pinning you down. By all accounts your solar chart is in a peculiarly restless, adventurous and imaginative phase.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) You may as well



and staff to make sure that practical matters are well taken care of. As you can see, it's a complicated moment. No matter what your individual predilections, don't let others hold you back without good cause.

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



being very straightforward and open may therefore be profoundly mistaken! At the very least you should make a point of being honest with yourself.

### JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT TRUST

(TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT) ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 27001:2013, ISO 45001:2018 CERTIFIED

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST : JNP/CM(T)/ICD/EOI/Dwarf-Depot/2021/1

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust invites the Expression of Interest (EOI) for Management, Maintenance and Operation of Dedicated Dwarf Container Depot (D-Depot) inside the Port Area at JNPT. The JNPT does not constitute any binding/commitment to invite any or all the parties in the subsequent bidding process. JNPT will not be responsible/liable to any party in any way for costs associated in preparation and submission of EOI. Detailed "EOI" may be een on http://www.jnport.gov.in Interested parties may submit "EOI" online on CPP Portal http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app Chief Manager (Traffic)



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Online tender(s) are invited on behalf of the Director, IISER Mohali at E-procurement portal, i.e. http://eprocure.gov.in/eprecure/app.forthe following items. Tender Ref. No. Description

Supply, installation and commissioning of Three-Channel NMR ISERM(1419)

Spectrometer with accessories The items / services are reserved 20(21Pur for exclusive purchase from Locali Domestic supplier. Last date & time for upload the tender: 4th February, 2021 up to 11 am

For detail and apply online, please visit the website http://eprocure.gov.inieprecurre/app nohali.ac.in". Bid(s) shall be accepted only through online mode and manual submission of the same shall be entertained except tender fee and EMD. Late tenders will not be accepted. This is a domestic Tender according to the DPIT Order dated 15/07/2017 and subsequent amendments to the order for Public Procurement Preference & PROVISION FOR LOCAL SUPPLIERS TOWARDS PREFERENCE TO MAKE IN INDIA. Assistant Registrar (S&P)



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Ph.: 0172-2240086 Fax: 0172-2240124 Email: stores@iisermohali.ac.in Short E-Tender Notice for Catering Services Online tender(s) are invited on behalf of Director, IISER Mohalf at E-Procuremen Portal i.e. https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app\_for the following items >

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http://eprocure.gov.in/eprecurre/app ; http://www.iisermohali.ac.in Bid(s) shall be accepted only through online mode and no manual submission of the same shall be entertained except tender fee and EMD ate tenders will not be accepted. Assistant Registrar (S&P)



### क्षां आगरा विकास प्राधिकरण, आगरा

ताजनगरी आवासीय योजना में निर्मित क्लब के संचालन हेतु अनुभवी संचालकों के चयन हेतु

### ई-ऑफर सूचना

क्लब का विवरण— कुल आच्छादित क्षेत्रफल लगभग 1366.50 वर्ग मी0 (भूतल , प्रथम तल एवं द्वितीय तल) ।

स्वींमिंग पूल, चिल्ड्रेन प्ले एरिया, स्नूकर टेबिल बास्केट बाल, कैरम, शतरंग, म्यूजिक, डांस, जिमनेजियम मीटिंग, योगा/मेडीटेशन/एरोबिक्स, कैफेटेरिया, ब्यूटी पार्लर स्पा आदि क्रिया कलापों के लिये अनुमन्य व स्थान का प्राविधान।

निविदा प्रपत्र मृल्य- 2800/-**धरोहर धनराशि**— 3,50,000/— **अनुबन्ध अवधि**— 07 वर्ष • जैसा है, जहाँ के आधार पर।

• उक्त ऑफर/निविदायें दिनांक 30.01.2021 को आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 11.01.2021 के अपरान्ह 12:30 बजे से 29.01.2021 के अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा पोर्टल www.etender.up.nic.in पर डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है।

• निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत शर्ते एवं अन्य विवरण प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.adaagra.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

### ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHANKAR VIHAR (NEAR MAHIPALPUR) DELHI CANTT-10 Tele No - 011-26153559 **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

EOI is solicited from the leading vendors for supply and installation of CCTV Cameras in all classrooms. Details for the above and EOI form are available at school counter against cash/draft/on line transfer/POS of₹500/- each. Forms duly filled be submitted by 25 Jan 2021



#### राष्ट्रीय जलविज्ञान संस्थान, रुड़की (जल शक्ति मंत्रालय, जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण विभाग के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार की सोसायटी)

निवेदा आर्थत्रण हुँ नौदिवर, अर्थात्रण हुँ तु नौदिवर,NOTICE INVITING TENDER निवेसक, राष्ट्रीय जलविज्ञान संस्थान रुड़की की ओर से निम्नितिखत उच्चलम खरीदने हुँच फ्रीकरवेद निवेदार्थे (Technical and Commercial Bids) भारत में निर्मिताओं या उनके अधिकृत डीलरों से आर्मित्रन की जाती हैं vDirector, National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee invites Sealed Bid in two bid (Technical and Financial) from reputed Manufactur

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r their authorized dealers in India to purchase of the following equipment:

निविद्य से संबंधित दस्तावेज संस्थान के क्रय अनुभाग से प्राप्त करें अथवा संस्थान की वेबसाइट www.nihroorkee.gov.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। निविदा जमा कराने की अन्तिम तिथि 29,01.2021 दोपहर 3.00 बने तक है । प्राप्त निविदा दिनांक 29,01.2021 को सांच 4.00 बने खोली जायेंगी।/The tenders may be obtained from the office of Purchase Officer on payment of Tender Cost or the same may be downloaded from the website of NIH www.nihroor **kee.gov.in.** The tender shall be received in the office of Purchase Officer on or before 29.01.2021 up to 3.00 PM and Technical Bids will be opened on 29.01.2021 at 4.00 PM.

. कय अधिकारी /Purchase Office।

### **SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED PERSON**



General public is here by informed that this person namely Sardar Ravinder Singh S/o Late Sh. Dilip Singh R/o E-75, 3rd Floor, Lajpat Nagar 1st, Delhi Age: 54 years, Height: 5'5", Face: Oval, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, wearing Navy blue colour turbon, blue colour shirt, black colour Sardar Ravinder pant and black colour leather shoes in feet, has been missing since

Singh 24.09.2018 from near Dr. Shroff Eye Hospital, Darya Ganj from the jurisdiction of P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 19-A dated 26.09.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following:-

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 24368639. Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO: P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi Ph.: 011-23279331, 23274683

### UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead at Rain Basera, Padam Nagar, Delhi dated 18.12.2020. In this regard a vide DD No. 31-A, dated 18.12.2020 has been registered at P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under Name: Subhash Das, S/o: Nityanand, R/o: Unkonwn, Age: About 40 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Sallow,



Cream Colour Jacket and Black Colour Pant Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

DP/861/N/2021



Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing:



P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Ph.: 011-23693611, 8750870133

### 📵 NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

..No.C/132/PUBLICITY/UNSOLICITED/2021 **OPEN TENDER** 

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4346

On behalf of The President of India, Divisional Railways Manager (Commercial)

North Central Railways/Jhansi invites open tenders for Installation and naintenance of Yatri Pratikshalay along with publicity right for the period of five vears at Jhansi Railway station of Jhansi division under Signal packet system

| as per following details- | ,,g p,  |
|---------------------------|---|
| Tender No.                | Name of Work  |
| 166-UNSOLICITED-21        | Installation and maintenance of 06 nos of Yatri-Pratikshalay along with publicity right outside Jhansi Railway station. |

Period of Contract : 05 Years, Minimum reserved L/Fee of contract for First Year (in ₹) Exl. GST : 2,40,000/-, Total Advertise area (sqft) : 289, Earnest Money (in ₹) : 25,000/-, Cost of Tender Form (in ₹) Inc. GST : 2360/-Tender closing date and time: 08.02.2021 At 15:00 hrs.

On line tenders will only be accepted. Manual/Postal/e-mail. FAX by hand enders will not be accepted. Bidders are advised to abtain class III digital signature certificate with company name & register the same with www.ireps.gov.in Tender document cost & Earnest money can be paid only hrough online e-payment gateway as provided in www.ireps.gov.in Fu urther details please visit the website www.ireps.gov.in. 20/21 (SF 20/21 (SP)

If North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

#### **SOUTHERN RAILWAY** SALEM DIVISION

Office of the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer Electric Local

E-Tender Notice Online tender are invited for th

Shed, Erode.

following work: Tender No: No.SA/A/RS/ED/OT/20

21/11. Dated: 07/01/2021. Description of Work: Contract for Transportation of equipments of electric locomotives based at Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway, Salem

Months All details regarding the tender are available at https://www.jreps.gov.jn Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer

Division, Erode, Contract Period: 24

Electric Loco Shed, Erode. us on:💽 twitter.com/GMSRai

कृते उपायुक्त, गुरूग्राम।

Estimated

Cost (in Rs.)

10,50,000/-

**Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS** 

New Delhi

### कार्यालय उपायुक्त, गुर्राम (लघु सचिवालय), कार्यालय दूरभाष 0124-2321144, फैक्स नं. 0124-2325500

Date: 06.01.202

**RECRUITMENT** Application for the following post is invited separately for each post to be filled. Application duly filled in alongwith self attested copies of necessary documents must reach by Regtd Post/Speed Post /by hand delivery only to the Deputy Commissioner, Gurugram on all working days (except Saturday, Sunday and holiday) during office hours from 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. Application received upto 20.01.2021.

| or.<br>No. | Post      | of Post | (Per Month) | Qualification   |
|------------|-----------|---------|-------------|---|
| 1.         | Tehsildar | 1       | 40,000      | Atleast 15 years service as Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar out of which 5 years as Tehsildar in the Revenue Department and must be a graduate. |
| 2.         | Kanungo   | 1       | 25000       | Atleast 10 year service as Field Kanungo in Revenue Department  |
| 3.         | Patwari   | 1       | 22000       | Atleast 10 years service as Field Patwari in Revenue Department   |
| 4.         | Assistant | 1       | 25000       | Atleast 5 years service as Assistant in Revenue Department and must be Graduate   |

NOTE: 1. Sr. No. 1 to 4 shall be recruited on contractual basis out of the retired officers of the Revenue Department of Haryana, as per outsourcing policy of the Government.

1335/7/HRY

Name of the Work

No.

Dated: 06.01.2021

#### **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR** SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL E-mail: mechanicalskims@gmail.com **SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS**

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS Soura Srinagar, invites online e-bids in two (02) cover system from OEM or his Authorized Representative/ Authorized Dealers or Registered/Reputed/Experienced Firms having expertise as detailed in the tender document for the following works:

Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Hot and Cold, Inverter Technology based

high Wall Mounted Split Type Air Conditioning Units at various areas of SKIMS, Soura

Gist of e-NIT No. 59 of 2020-21 Dated. 06.01.2021

| Ten   | The complete tender document is available at website <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> . Interested Bidders/ Tenderers may view, download the e-bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below. Tender Document contains qualifying criteria for bidders. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|       | Specifications, Bills of Quantities & Terms and conditions of the contract and other relevant details.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| i)    | Date and Time of Downloading/Sale of Tender Documents (Starting Date)   | 07.01.2021 at 11.00 Hour                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ii)   | Date & Time of Bidding Queries/Clarification/Pre-bid meet   | 12.01.2021 upto 14.00 Hours                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| iii)  | Last Date & Time of Bid Uploading   | 13.01.2021 upto 16.00 Hour                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| iv)   | Date of Submission of Hard Copies (Original EMD/FDR & DD only)  | 14.01.2021 upto 14.00 Hour                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| v)    | Date & Time of Commercial/Technical Bid (Cover-I) Opening   | 15.01.2021 at 11.00 Hours (or next convenient day) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| vi)   | Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-IInd) Opening   | Shall be intimated separately                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| vii)  | Cost of e-Bid Document  | Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only)               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| viii) | Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (CDR/FDR)   | Rs. 21000/- (Rupees Twenty<br>One Thousand only)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ix)   | Completion Time   | 15 Days  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| x)    | Budget Head   | CD-165 for the Year 2020-21                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No.   | No. SIMS 139 EX/MECH/2019-20/530/21-3499-3509-5900-03 Sd/-  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

#### E - TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Civi Division No. V, Irrigation and Floor Control Department, Govt of NCT of Delhi Near Paryavaran Complex Saiduilajab New Delhi 110030 invites on behalf of President of India on line percentage rate tende from approved and eligible contractors registered Irrigation and Flood Control Department up to 3:00 P.M on dates mentioned as below.

1. NIT 13/2020-21/EE/CD-V/IFCD (ID No. 2021\_IFC\_198272\_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A: 2711 Non Plan. N.O.W .:- Running charges o

department pump set 32 H.P. for the period of four months at G Block Aya Nagar in Mehrauli block. E.C. Rs. 10,59,641/- Earnest Money Rs 21,193/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date o opening 14.01.2021). 2. NIT 14/2020-21/EE/CD-V/IFCD

(Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 2711 Non Plan. N.O.W.:- Running charges o department pump set 15 H.P. fo the period of four months at Indira

Enclave Neb Sarai in Mehraul

[ID No. 2021\_IFC\_198276\_

Block. E.C. Rs. 10,42,354/- Earnest Money Rs 20,847/- Period o Completion 120 Days. (Date o opening 14.01.2021).

3. NIT 15/2020-21/EE/CD-V/IFCD (ID No. 2021\_IFC\_198281\_ Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 2711 Non Plan. N.O.W .:- Removal of obstructions

ungle clearance and repairing o ining / parapet wall of the damaged portion of river channel from Jasola o Nand Lal Channel.

E.C. Rs. 42,34,233/- Earnes Money Rs 84,685/- Period of Completion 365 Days. (Date of opening 14.01.2021). Note:- 1). The enlistment of the

contractors should be valid on the

last date of opening of tenders. In case the last date of opening o tender is extended the enlistmer of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders 2) Earnest Money in physical forn i.e. deposited at FDR/Banke cheque /Demand Draft of schedule bank issued in favour of EE CD V I&FC Deptt. should be uploaded with the tender documents. Lcontractor has to submit uploaded EMD immediately after opening the tenders on intimation.

3). Details of above mentioned work ca e seen and downloaded from websit http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in 4). Tender submitted through e procurement portal shall b accepted only. 5) Corrigendum, if any will be published on e-procurement web

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Novak Djokovic and Rafa Nadal will be among top men players heading to Adelaide to serve their 14-day mandatory quarantine before travelling to Melbourne for next month's Australian Open, organisers have said.

### Olympics remain uncertain: senior IOC member Pound

Tokyo: A senior member of the International Olympic Committee has said he can't be certain the postponed Tokyo Olympics will open in just over six months because of the surging pandemic in Japan and elsewhere. The comments by Canadian IOC member Richard Pound to British broadcaster the BBC came as Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga declared a state of emergency on Thursday for Tokyo and surrounding prefectures. "I can't be certain because the ongoing elephant in the room would be the surges in the virus," Pound said speaking about the future of the Tokyo Games. Japan's emergency order which is largely voluntary will be in force until the first week of February. Tokyo reported a record of 2,447 cases on Thursday a 50 increase from the previous day \_ which was also a record day Japan has attributed over 3500 deaths to COVID19. AP

### Indonesian shuttlers banned for fixing

New Delhi: The Badminton World Federation (BWF) handed life bans to three Indonesian shuttlers for involvement in match-fixing, match manipulation and betting. The sport's governing body said "eight Indonesian players who knew each other, and competed in lower-level international competitions mostly in Asia up until 2019, breached BWF Integrity Regulations related to match fixing, match manipulation and/or betting on badminton." The BWF also suspended a Malaysian citizen, who is a representative of an equipment brand that sponsors badminton players, from all badminton-related activities for life after he was found guilty of offering money to international players to manipulate matches. "The BWF Integrity Unit had been investigating the individual for a number of years," the federation said. "Due to the nature of the breaches and this person's access to and influence over players his company sponsored, the Independent Hearing Panel suspended the individual for life." PTI

### Fifa prez under fire for Saudi PR video

London: Human rights activists are denouncing FIFA President Gianni Infantino's starring turn in a promotional video for the Saudi Arabian government in which he claims the kingdom has made important changes. The three-minute PR campaign was posted on Twitter by the Saudi ministry of sport featuring Infantino participating in a ceremonial sword dance. "It's an amazing scenery it's an incredible history," Infantino says in part. "This is something that the world should come and see." The video which features Infantino praising how a lot has changed in Saudi Arabia was filmed while on a trip that saw him meet with the crown prince who has been credited with introducing social changes while cracking down on activists who pushed for reforms. "It should be abundantly clear to everyone at FIFA that Saudi Arabia is attempting to use the glamour and prestige of sport as a PR tool to distract from its abysmal human rights record," Amnesty International said in a statement. AP

## With classy fifty, Shubman triggers talk of being the 'real deal'

**SRIRAM VEERA** 

JANUARY 8

HAS ONE seen a more aesthetically pleasing Test opening pair than Shubman Gill and Rohit Sharma? It can be mulled really long without a convincing answer. Aesthetics can't, of course, be a reason to pair up two gorgeous batsmen; runs, talent, and temperament will decide but it's a nice coat-peg to kickstart conversations and it seems Gill is going to trigger more than a few chats in the days to come.

From 'real deal, bro!' to 'lambi race ka ghoda, bhai (one for the longer run)!' to 'Machi, seme sarakku iruku (he has the goods)' - the raves have already been flowing across the country. Wiser heads have pleaded for less hype but such sane emotions feel like a kill-joy in the here and now.

A crack of doom, the soundtrack for a shot that echoed at the SCG to a smattering of masked fans in particular has made it to the world of GIFs. Gill punched a back-of-length ball from Pat Cummins on its head, a rasping short-arm jab finished with no followthrough. There is something about a curtailed follow-through that thrills the cognoscenti -Tendulkar's on-the-up punch that would ricochet on impact, Zaheer Abbas's check-drives, Damien Martyn's inside-out cover drive... this shot from Gill, and his short-arm pull can also make it to that list.

Childhood nostalgia too seeped into some of his shots. At one point, Gill suddenly arched back to a shortish ball from Cummins to upper-cut it up and over the slip cordon. When he was a boy, his father would have his farmhands bounce at him at his village. "Once they realised I wasn't getting out, they would bounce at me a lot! And I developed the upper-cut there as I didn't have the strength as a boy to pull," he told this newspaper couple of years ago, when he mentioned that he allows himself a chuckle at the childhood memory whenever he plays that shot.

Who would have thought that faraway Sydney can trigger nostalgia in a boy who grew up in a village in Punjab and is barely



Shubman Gill, 21, batted like he belonged in Test cricket. AP

out of his teens? Or a boy who used to devour Domino's Pizza ("Pizza mania something") before every age-group match with friend Abhishek Sharma will one day be dining on snarling Aussie bowlers? It's some journey for a boy of routine who couldn't find Domino's in the 2018 U-19 World Cup in New Zealand and settled for an aural-treat instead. listening to Star Boy by The Weeknd during every bus journey to the grounds.

For a few years, not that long back, Gill would religiously check the website Cricketarchive, a haven for cricket tragics, to see what Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Cheteshwar Pujara did at his age. "Especially Kohli! Yaar, Virat Kohli jab 16 years tha, toh kya karta tha? How many runs he used to make? I would open up his record and check!" And what did he find? "Achcha itna... insey toh hamara jyaada hai yaar! Matlab sahi ja raha hai!" (Ah, I have more runs than him. It means it's going well!)" and he broke in a lovely ambition-tinged laughter of innocence.

Neither Gill nor his family know his cricketing failures. If he hasn't hit a hundred in a while, his sister would taunt, "Ab toh tere sey sau bhi nahi ban rahen!" (You are not even able to hit hundreds now). Until couple of years ago, he couldn't even remember a phase where he failed in three innings in a row. As the astonishment sunk in, and one squeaked out concern about how he would handle it when it comes. Gill smiled, "Socha nahin (Not thought about it)! I would handle it then!"

Abhishek Nayar, his friend and coach at Kolkata Knight Riders in the Indian Premier League, vouches that he has rarely seen a talented youngster who is so sorted mentally. 'He is aware that he is good and that comes from confidence and hard work. He also knows that the game is bigger than him. He is not someone who requires advice around mental aspects."

When he was five, the price of his wicket, laid down by his father to anyone who scalped him, was 100 rupees. The bounty kept increasing as he aged, and the reaction of the Aussies at his dismissal suggested it's now priceless.

# Golden arm stops run machine

Jadeja's (4/62) brilliant run out of Steve Smith (131) a highlight during high-quality day of Test cricket

SANDIPG JANUARY 8

AT THE Sydney Cricket Ground, a classical day of Test cricket played out. Steve Smith produced a greatness-affirming hundred to keep Australia alive, Ravindra Jadeja ascertained his all-round value with a four-wicket haul and a devilish direct hit to keep India afloat, Shubman Gill stroked a graceful halfcentury, and Pat Cummins bowled robustly to end a see-sawing day on an even keel, with India progressing to 96/2 after Australia

But for Smith's captivating knock, Australia would have faltered; but for Jadeja's 4/62 on a sluggish surface, India would have fumbled. Their direct combat barely threw up excitement - Smith dealt him with routine assuredness - but how they left their individual stamp on the game was the day's moving narrative. It was akin to a movie with parallel heroes connected by the same plot.

Coming on the heels of his recent slump in form, Smith clarified to the broadcasters in a chat during the break: "Being out of runs is not the same as being out of form." He. clearly, is judged by his own lofty standards, and hence the run of 14 innings without a hundred was enough to raise doomsday alarms. Rubbish, he seemed to announce with every splendid stroke. It was a flawless, inscrutable exhibition of batting.

Not at any micro-point of his 132-run stay did Smith betray any hint of labour. There were times when he wore caution and shackled himself, when he counterattacked, when he had to shift gears, when he had to grit out, grind down and guide the lower order, but he donned each role with consummate perfection. His innings was a masterful display on a day when no other batsman hinted at permanency.

Smith saw his colleagues flounder around him, to the wits of Jadeja. It was far from a cracking-up, dust-spewing Jadejakind of a surface, the sort of wicket on which he could be a wild destructive force of nature. It was one where his guiles rather than explosiveness mattered.

Jadeja smartly assessed the nature of the pitch. It was probably where he had to revert to pace and change of pace, flight and lack of flight, good length and change of length. The odd ball did kink and kick off the surface, but one couldn't expect that on a consistent basis. His wickets owed more to sharpness of mind than tweaks and twerks of his fingers.



Ravindra Jadeja ran in from deep square-leg and hit the stumps with a one-handed pick up throw to run out Steve Smith on Day Two. Reuters

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The left-arm spinner struck at uncanny moments too. Labuschagne was batting freely, nearing a century, and the 70-over-old ball was just a lump of leather when Jadeja sucked him into a playing a fatal cut shot. The ball was short, but not quite short for Labuschagne to cut behind point, as he had done earlier in the same over. The edge flew to Ajinkya Rahane at slip.

The wicket precipitated a collapse. Six overs later, the impetuous Matthew Wade perished attempting to chip Jadeja over midwicket. Wade had just straight-driven him for a boundary, before sweeping him firmly for a brace. But Jadeja sensed it was a matter of time before the left-hander stepped out like he had to Ravichandran Ashwin in Melbourne - and flung a flatter, faster one at him, that was miscued. Just before the new ball was due, Australia self-destructed.

Soon, Smith grew more urgent. With sup-

port at the other end dwindling, he grew more expansive. Ashwin was swept behind square; Jadeja pummelled either side of the point fielder. So efficient was Smith that he seemed to have a symbiotic bond with the gaps. But the new ball accounted for Cameron Green and Tim Paine, both comfortably set up by Jasprit Bumrah. The usual double-bluff of peppering them with shortof-length balls before slipping a fuller, inward-bending delivery reaped rewards.

### Stroke of the day

Unflustered, Smith produced his best stroke of the day, when he stood up tall and punched Bumrah through the covers off the backfoot, Navdeep Saini was then whipdriven through midwicket. At the other end, Pat Cummins was blocking assuredly. At that precise moment, when it seemed that the pair was dealing with the new ball-armed pacers efficiently, Rahane re-drafted Jadeja, who proved that maybe he should be trusted more often to wipe off the tail. He bowled Cummins with a floated delivery that dipped and snuck through beneath the bat. A full, fast ball cannoned into Nathan Lyon's toe and

he was adjudged LBW. For the second time in the game, Jadeja had stamped his match-swaying quality. But Smith intervened again. Past his hundred, he unpacked his full range of strokes. He

### **SCORECARD**

**AUSTRALIA vs INDIA** SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND Toss: Australia, chose to bat

### **AUSTRALIA (OVERNIGHT 166/2)**

91 (196b, 11x4) SSmith run out (Jadeja) 131 (226b, 16x4) M Wade c Bumrah b Jadeja 13 (16b, 2x4) CGreen Ibw b Bumrah TPaine (c) † b Bumrah PCummins b Jadeja M Starc c Gill b Saini 24 (30b,2x4,1x6) N Lvon Ibw b Jadeia 0 (3b) J Hazlewood not out 1(6b) **■ Extras** (b4 nb 5 w1) **■ Total** (105.4 overs)

**■ FoW:** 1-6 (David Warner, 3.3 ov), 2-106 (Will Pucovski, 34.2 ov), 3-206 (Marnus Labuschagne, 70.5 ov), 4-232 (Matthew Wade, 76.5 ov), 5-249 (Cameron Green, 84.5 ov), 6-255 (Tim Paine, 88.5 ov), 7-278 (Pat Cummins, 94.4 ov), 8-310 (Mitchell Starc, 101.5 ov), 9-315 (Nathan Lyon, 102.4 ov), 10-338 (Steven Smith, 105.4 ov)

■Bowling:

JBumrah: 25.4-7-66-2: Md Sirai: 25-4-67-1 RAshwin: 24-1-74-0. NSaini: 13-0-65-2. R Jadeja 18-3-62-4 INDIA: 96/2

**R Sharma** c & b Hazlewood **26** (77b, 3x4, 1x6) SGill c Green b Cummins 50 (101b.8x4) C Pujara batting 9 (53b)

ARahane (c) batting **5**(40b) ■Extras (nb1 w5)

■Total (45 overs) 96/2 ■ FoW: 1-70 (Rohit Sharma, 26.6 ov), 2-85

(Shubman Gill, 32.1 ov) MStarc: 7-4-19-0, J Hazlewood 10-5-23-1, P

Cummins 12-6-19-1, N Lyon 16-7-35-0

slog-swept Jadeja past deep square-leg, ramped Bumrah - of all people - before swatting him like he would a pesky bee through midwicket. A double-handed fore-

hand to be precise. But it was imperative that one of the parallel heroes died at the other's hand. And thus, with a dead-eye throw from the deep running, gathering and throwing in one fluid motion, a single-sequence shot — Jadeja ended a glorious hundred by the modernday batting colossus. And in future, whenever memories of this match are dusted up, Smith and Jadeja would be at the different ends of the same conversation.

### **How Smith** foiled Siraj's 'LBW plans'

SANDIPG JANUARY 8

IN 136 innings, only 20 times has Steve Smith been trapped leg before wicket, though his early shuffle conveys an impression that he is a sure-shot LBW candidate to balls bending back into his pads. But that didn't stop Mohammed Siraj from laying and persisting with an LBW trap with the second new ball. He was almost rewarded.

So far in the series, Indian bowlers have looked to bowl at Smith's body, the outsidethe-off-stump trajectory was often a plan to quieten him. But as soon as the second new ball was taken, Siraj began to operate in the fifth-stump channel at good length.

The ball would move away or hold its line after pitching. Smith would just keep leaving, as Siraj kept getting his line closer to the stumps. Smith, the master batsman that he is, read the trap perfectly. The moment Siraj changed his line to the stumps, he would work the ball away to the legside, the wrists whirring away. Smith is not someone who falls over when playing on the legside though his movements concede such an impression.



After the lunch break, he resumed his plan but with minor tweaks. He bowled closer to the off-stump, slightly fuller, inviting Smith to push or drive. He made one swing

Siraj was undeterred.

back into the batsman, but the Australian managed an inside edge onto his pads.

Two overs thus rolled by, Siraj laying an elaborate trap and Smith foiling it without much fuss. So far, there had been no signs of exaggerated inward movement, or even late movement. One ball crept along the carpet. but that landed on a spot in the fifth-stump line. There were no undue worries. But that didn't dissuade Siraj. He was almost taken out of the attack, before he pleaded with his captain for one more over. Ajinkya Rahane obliged, and with the first ball of his fresh over, Siraj almost nailed Smith.

This one was faster, fuller and swung belatedly to hit his back thigh. Siraj immediately appealed, but the umpire remained disinterested. He implored Rahane to review, but the latter wisely turned him down, Later, the replay showed the ball would have flown comfortably over the stumps, besides hitting the batsman just outside the line of the off-stump.

### **DESPITE THE PANDEMIC**

## 7 nations, 16 tournaments, numerous tests: Newest GM Leon's journey

**NIHAL KOSHIE** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 8

AFTER CRISS-CROSSING seven European countries to play in 16 tournaments, undergoing innumerable Covid-19 tests, staying in budget accomodation, dealing with the unpredictability of changing travel restrictions and curfews, 14-year-old Leon Mendonca became a chess Grandmaster last fortnight.

From mid-March till now, Leon, with his father Lyndon in tow, have been on the road in Europe chasing the coveted FIDE title in the nightmarish pandemic.

On the morning of March 18, Leon and Lyndon had rushed to the Budapest airport to fly to Delhi via Doha after a tournament the previous day. But airline staff told them they would not be able to complete the final leg of their flight before India closed borders just before the lockdown.

They were stuck in an apartment in Budapest for two months till Leon got a lucky break at a chess festival nearby. He jumped at the opportunity to play over-the-board when almost everyone was playing in front of a screen. Leon won with a round to spare. The father-son duo had registered with

the Indian high commission in Budapest for a 'Vande Bharat Mission' flight back home. The Hungarian capital was not on the priority list of repatriation flights, so the wait kept prolonged. Fortuitously, tournaments were returning to the Schengen region. The teenager and his father decided to

Grandmaster. The first two were earned within three weeks of each other by mid-November. On December 30, he finished second at Italy's Vergani Cup in Bassano del Grappa, to win his third and final norm. "The first thing I did was play in the snow," Leon says. Playing chess while taking

Covid-19-related precautions was fraught.

Wearing a mask resulted in the bespectacled

youngster's glasses fogging up when sitting

aim for three Norms needed to become a

across the board. "Going through so many PCR tests and staying away from home for so long has been challenging," the youngster said. Hungary, Serbia, Greece, Italy, Slovakia, Germany, Czech Republic and Spain were covered by rail, with Budapest being the base camp since



Leon Mendonca, 14, with his father Lyndon in Greece.

March. Having his father Lyndon to take care of everything -- from booking train tickets, cheap Air bnbs, cooking all meals, checking pandemic restrictions for each city -- made the European stay easier. "I just focus on my

chess, while he takes care of everything,"

Lyndon, a marine engineer now on a sabbatical (unpaid break), was fully-prepared, though the extended stay was not in the initial plan. "I carried an induction stove, rice cooker, pressure cooker and all sorts of pots and pans," Lyndon said. Dal, rice, rajma, soups, pasta and pizza has been the staple during these months. "There is the cost factor and also it is about health (diet) and hygiene. Right now in the apartment in Italy there is an oven. So I am able to make bakes which he loves," the father said.

### Violin-chess connect

Because of lugging along all the utensils, some things had to be left behind, like Leon's violin. Appearing for the Grade-5 test at Trinity College was put on the backburner. He also had to find new ways to unwind between playing. "I could not play the violin, so I compensated by listening to a lot of western classical on my laptop. It (playing the violin) is a form of relaxation and de-stressing after a long and strenuous game," Leon said.

Being musically inclined also helped Leon

become more instinctive on the board, his coach Vishnu Prasanna said. The coach, who stays in Chennai, and his ward have been video-calling each other.

"He plays the violin which makes chess more creative for him. Instead of slogging it out, I told him to come up with spontaneous ideas. You have to prepare obviously. I encouraged him to be more intuitive. Like they say in music, you have to play with the feel. Same in chess too. He hated mechanical repetition. Chess can also be approached as an art form. There have been chess players who have been musicians. It goes well together. He would often get into time trouble because of overthinking and trying to play without mistakes," Prasanna said.

On his return home, he is looking forward to seeing his elder sister Beverly, against whom he first started playing chess, and mother Anita who is a doctor at the Goa Medical College. "My sister Beverly inspired me and I first played against her. My only ambition was to outbeat her in all her endeavours."

The Mendoncas have 'scrounged' and dipped deep into their savings to make Leon India's 67th Grandmaster.

New Delhi

Despite support from Geno and Microsense, they stuck to low-cost accomodation and didn't waste a penny. However. there were unexpected expenses.

"Right from June and July we have been doing nothing but tests. The worst one (most expensive) was in Spain where they charged us 145 euros each for a PCR. This was in Sitges in the Barcelona region when he travelled for a tournament. At some tournaments we were fortunate because they asked for an antigen test," Lyndon said.

### 'Nothing short of a miracle'

Looking back, Lyndon, says the year has been nothing short of a miracle.

"There was no question of planning because things changed not by the day or hour, but by the second. So there was unpredictability. Even if we thought of planning to go for a tournament, we did not know if they were going to have the tournament or not because other players also have to travel. Everyone had to test negative. We have always gone through that risk of uncertainty. We would go to the station, book a train ticket and just go. God has been kind to us."

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