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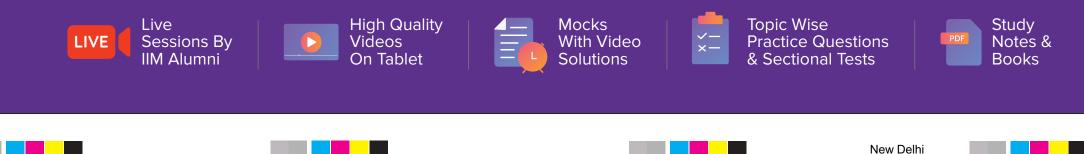
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Mumbai orders quarantine; Karnataka to trace, test arrivals since Nov 12 from South Africa and two other countries

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KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27 IN THE light of growing concern regarding the new Covid varian first detected in South Africa Prime Minister Narendra Mod has asked officials to review the lifting of international travel re strictions. A day earlier, the Ministry of Civil Aviation an nounced the resumption of international scheduled commer-**CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** cial flights from December 15,

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Farmers defer march to House, Tomar asks them to return home

SKM presses for MSP guarantee; Govt says relief, withdrawal of cases up to states

HARIKISHAN SHARMA& **MIL BHATNAGAR** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE SAMYUKT Kisan Morcha, pearheading the year-long protest by farmers at the gates of Delhi against the three new agriculture laws. said Saturday that it was suspending its march to Parliament following the Prime Minister's announcement that he laws will be repealed in the winter session of the House starting Monday.

following the announcement of the decision to repeal the farm laws He said the farmers'

Farmer leaders at Singhu

border on Saturday. Amit Mehra

Union Agriculture Minister **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** Narendra Singh Tomar, meanwhile, urged farmers to return to **RELATED REPORT** their homes, saying there was no point in continuing the agitation PAGE 8

House starts tomorrow, TMC to stay away from Opp meet called by Cong

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

IN THE first signs of strain in ties with the Congress, the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress, which is trying to gain a national footprint, indicated Saturday that it was not keen on coordinating its moves in Parliament with the Congress.

The TMC is unlikely to attend a meeting of Opposition floor leaders called by Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, in Rajya Sabha, on Monday. Although not comfortable **Congress leader Mallikarjun** with the TMC's expansion drive Kharge on Saturday. PTI **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



JOHNSON TA BENGALURU. NOVEMBER 27

AN ALLEGED gang which obtained "fake decrees" from smallcauses courts to illegally grab properties - by forging documents and creating a fictitious rental dispute between a "fake owner" and a "fake tenant" - was also hired by politically connected persons to grab some prime properties in Bengaluru, according to a probe by the state CID.

The evictions racket with as

ing the same set of lawyers and

fake litigants, was unearthed last

year following the intervention

of the Karnataka High Court in a

case filed by Shah Harilal

Bhikabhai and Company, a pri-

vate firm against whom an evic-

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ting up fake tenants and owners

for a north Bengaluru property

The High Court ordered an

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in a local court.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE many 118 cases, allegedly involv-LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 27

> WITH THE Opposition mounting pressure on the Yogi Adityanath government over the murder of four members of a Dalit family in Prayagraj, of whom a minor may have been gangraped, police have suspended two of its personnel who allegedly were forcing the familv to compromise with the accused over a land deal.

The accused include several

Akash Singh, Babli Singh, Amit Singh, Ravi, Manish, Abhay, Raja, Ranchu, Kuldeep, Kanha Thakur and Ashok The administration also

11. of whom eight have been arrested. Police are investigating whether the daughter was sexu-

ally assaulted, as her clothes were dishevelled. In a complaint, a family member named in-charge of the police station that the Dalit family had approached for protection, Ram Keval Patel, and

The bodies of the four - two children and their parents were found Thursday morning Constable Sushil Kumar Singh. at their house. A case was lodged **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**





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UP Dalit family murder: Two cops suspended as Opp mounts attack upper caste men, including

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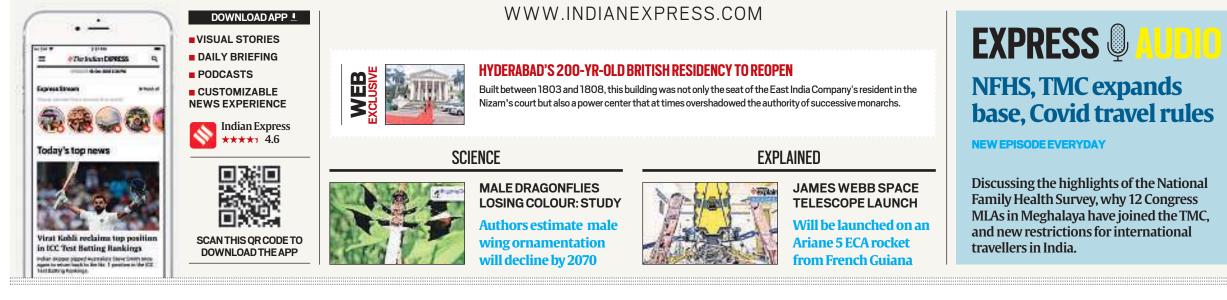
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House starts tomorrow, TMC to stay away from Opp meet called by Cong that has seen it poaching its leaders – from Assam to Goa, Meghalaya to Bihar – the Congress decided to not let the unease come in the way of Opposition unity in Parliament

to take on the BJP government. But sources in the TMC said the Congress, which is battling splits and internal dissensions in many states, is not in a position to lead and coordinate Opposition efforts in Parliament.

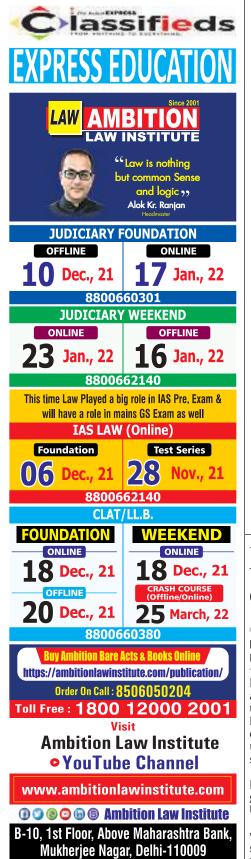
They said the ties of the Congress with its electoral allies like the DMK, RJD, Left parties, JMM and even the Shiv Sena, with whom it shares power in Maharashtra, should be viewed differently from its ties with the TMC, against whom it fought Assembly elections just months ago.

"The Congress is in a mess. In Meghalaya, it has split, in Goa all but four of its MLAs remain, there were high profile dissensions in Punjab, Madhya Pradesh... a party which is in such a situation... what are they going to discuss with us... what are they going to coordinate," a senior TMC leader said.

Asked about Opposition unity, another TMC leader said "where was Opposition unity when they fought against us with the Left just 5-6 months ago... we were fighting our biggest battle against the BJP, where were they".

The Congress declined any immediate comment on the TMC call to skip the meeting called by Kharge.

Reached for comment, Derek O'Brien, leader of TMC in Rajya Sabha, said: "The is-



sues in this session are self-selective. Be it repeal of the three farm laws, promulgation of ordinances to ensure that directors of the ED and CBI could have longer tenures, making a mockery of federalism, extending the jurisdiction of the BSF, fresh revelations in the Pegasus snooping row, price rise... everybody is on the same page as far as these issues go.' Another TMC leader recalled that the Congress had stayed away when Mamata Banerjee led a march along with leaders of the Shiv Sena, AAP and the National Conference to the Rashtrapati Bhavan in November 2016 against the Centre's demonetisation move. "Where was the Congress then? Where was Opposition unity?" the leader said.

On Friday, the Congress asserted that it was the central pillar of the Opposition and had always discharged its responsibility as the main Opposition party.

Addressing a press conference, Anand Sharma, Congress deputy leader in Rajya Sabha, said: "We have long experience, both in governance and now for the last seven years and more in Opposition. We have a constitutional duty, which we recognise, we are conscious of that as the main Opposition party of this country; there are expectations of the people that we will take up issues which concern our citizens."

Farmers defer march to House, Tomar asks them to return home

remaining demands too had been fulfilled since the Prime Minister had announced that a committee would be constituted to discuss crop diversification, zero-budget farming, and making the MSP system more transparent and effective.

He said the committee, which will also have representatives from farmers, will hold deliberations. The government, Tomar said, will propose repeal of the farm laws on the very first day of the winter session of Parliament.

On November 19, the Prime Minister announced the government's intention to repeal the three

PM seeks review of plans to ease travel curbs, Delhi says stop flights

the new variant... He also asked officials to review plans for easing of international travel restrictions," the statement said, adding that he stressed on precautions like masking and social distancing.

A senior official in the Aviation Ministry said while a review regarding international travel was on, no decision had been taken so far. "We are monitoring how the situation evolves and will take a decision in consultation with the ministries of Health, Home and External Affairs," the official said.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Saturday urged the PM to stop flights from countries where the new variant has been reported, as states announced checks for travellers coming from abroad.

In a tweet, Kejriwal sought a ban on the flights from countries with Omicron, saying the country had "recovered" from the pandemic with "great difficulty". Delhi was hit badly in the second wave.

Gujarat said that in line with a directive sent by the Centre, passengers from countries categorised as 'at risk' by the Union Health Ministry will have to undergo Covid-19 test upon arrival in the state if they are not fully vaccinated. "Those who are fully vaccinated will also be screened and allowed to proceed if they do not show any symptoms of the infection," state Additional Chief Secretary (Health) Manoj Aggarwal said.

Tamil Nadu announced that four Health Department officials had been deployed to monitor precautionary measures at the international airports in Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchirappalli. Overseas passengers undergo RT-PCR tests at the Chennai airport, the state said, adding that from October 21

formed under your Chairpersonship had made this recommendation to the then Prime Minister in 2011 and your government had also announced this in the Parliament)," the SKM said in its letter dated November 21. till date, 55,090 people had been tested, of whom three were Covid positive. Karnataka said international arrivals

karhataka Salt international arrivals originating from South Africa, Botswana and Hong Kong will undergo mandatory RT-PCR test and be allowed to leave the airport only if negative. The international travellers who arrived in Bengaluru between November 12 and 27 from these countries will also be tracked and tested, and those who test positive will be placed under institutional isolation in a hospital for 10 days.

Mumbai Mayor Kishori Pednekar said all passengers coming from South Africa to the city would be quarantined, and their samples sent for genome sequencing. She said they might impose similar restrictions for passengers from other affected countries.

The Aviation Ministry Friday unveiled plans for the resumption of scheduled international flights to India in a calibrated manner, with staggered reopening for countries considered 'at-risk'. These include Europe, including the UK, in addition to South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong and Israel.

At the Saturday meeting, Modi was given an overview of the genome sequencing efforts regarding the virus, and he talked about broad-basing the same. "He directed that intensive containment and active surveillance should continue in clusters reporting higher cases, and the required technical support be provided to states which are reporting higher cases," the PMO said.

Health Ministry officials were directed to work closely with state governments to

He said the farmer organisations had demanded that stubble burning by farmers be decriminalised and the Centre had accepted it.

ensure proper awareness.

Modi also underlined the need to increase second dose coverage in the country, and ensure this was done on schedule. While 83% of the target population has received its first dose in the country, those fully vaccinated are almost half of that, at 46%.

Preliminary tests indicate Omicron, or the B.1.1.529 variant, has multiple mutations -- 30 in the region that encodes the spike protein, which is responsible for the virus's entry into human cells. Some of the mutations are associated with higher transmissibility and immune evasion

transmissibility and immune evasion. The WHO characterised it as a 'variant of concern' on Friday, which effectively means that Omicron has so far shown one or more changes from the existing variants: increase in transmissibility; increase in virulence of change in clinical disease presentation; and decrease in the effectiveness of diagnostics, vaccines and therapeutics.

The WHO has asked countries to undertake four specific steps regarding Omicron: enhance surveillance and genome sequencing efforts; submit complete genome sequences to the publicly available database; report clusters associated with Omicron; and improve the understanding regarding the potential impact of Omicron on Covid-19 severity, diagnostics and effectiveness in public health measures. With 8,318 cases in the past 24 hours and an active caseload of 1.07 lakh, India has been seeing a consistent fall in its Covid count. The weekly positivity rate has been less than 1% for the last 13 days, and is currently at 0.88%

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involving the alleged gang after their services were hired. The former MP is linked to as many as four cases identified as being part of the "fake decrees" racket. "The CID is yet to file FIRs in cases involving politicians and VIPs who used the gang to claim prime properties. The preliminary probe has revealed the involvement of VIPs. The CID is currently pursuing cases where evictions have been attempted or executed by the gang itself. The probe is being conducted in a step-by-step manner," said sources familiar with the investigations. ant". The court would then be informed that the litigants had reached a compromise and that the "tenant" had agreed to leave the property. This was done to obtain a court decree directing the "tenant" to leave the property as agreed. Using the "fake decree", the alleged gang would then seek police support and evict whoever was in possession of the targeted property.

It is alleged that this racket began in 2013 with disputed properties being targeted at the behest of those cut off from property rights. The alleged gang later moved to obtaining "fake decrees" for anyone hiring them, sources said.

Properties belonging to the Bengaluru city corporation have also been targeted by the alleged gang. An official of the BBMP filed an FIR on September 4 about an attempt to grab a property in central Bengaluru through the gang. The CID has taken up this case for investigation with 60 other cases.

The High Court continues to monitor investigations into the "fake decrees" racket and the CID presented a probe update to the court in a sealed cover on November 16. The High Court has directed the CID to "complete the investigation expeditiously" and to submit a status report.

UP Dalit family murder: Two cops suspended as Opp mounts attack

The relative said the two put pressure on the family to compromise and police helped the accused.

Patel and the constable have been suspended, a police officer said.

On Friday, AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra visited the family. The Samajwadi Party, BSP and AAP attacked the Adityanath government Saturday over the incident. While the SP called it "anti-Dalit", Mayawati claimed that a BSP delegation led by Babulal Bhanwra had visited the spot after the incident, and found that "dabangs (musclemen) in Prayagraj are terrorising people".

AAP said it would hold protests across all

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The farm unions, on the other hand, have pointed to their other demands, saying unless these too are fulfilled, their agitation will continue.

These demands include legal guarantee of MSP, withdrawal of cases registered against farmers and compensation to those who died during the agitation.

The SKM said it had written a letter to the Prime Minister, demanding MSP legal guarantee.

"Minimum Support Price based on the comprehensive cost of production (C2+50%) should be made a legal entitlement of all farmers for all agricultural produce, so that every farmer of the country can be guaranteed at least the MSP announced by the government for their entire crop. (The Committee The protesters, the SKM said, will be staying at the Delhi border till there is a legal guarantee for MSP. A meeting will be held on December 4 to review government action, farmer unions said.

"When we announced the plan (to march to Parliament), the repeal had not been announced. They have assured us that the laws will be repealed in Parliament. We will wait for now. We have suspended and postponed the march. We have written to the PM about MSP, rehabilitation, compensation and withdrawal of pending cases, and a response is awaited," BKU leader Darshan Pal said.

Leaders of the SKM urged the government to initiate discussions with farmer unions.

On the demand for withdrawal of cases registered against farmers, Tomar said: "As far as cases registered during the protest are concerned, these come under the jurisdiction of state governments and they will take a decision on the basis of the severity of the case concerned. The issue of compensation too comes under state governments. State governments will decide on the issue of compensation as per their policy."

VIPs hired 'fake suits' gang to grab prime Bengaluru properties: CID probe

in-depth probe into the evictions racket and the state government handed the investigation to the state CID earlier this year.

So far, the CID has filed 60 FIRs over the evictions racket. It has found that some of the 118 cases, filed in the small-causes court to obtain fake decrees, involved "VIPs" who hired the "fake suits" operatives to grab disputed prime properties.

The CID is yet to file FIRs in cases involving "VIPs" but case documents in at least one 2018 case involving a former MP associated with both the Congress and BJP has been seized in connection with the probe.

"The entire record of this case is seized and preserved as per the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka," states an October 7 order of a small-causes court in a "fake decree" case identified by the CID as Investigators estimate that properties worth several hundreds of crores were grabbed by VIPs and others by using the services of the alleged gang.

"A large number of properties targeted by the gang at the behest of VIPs are located in east Bengaluru in places like Krishnarajapuram, Benson Town, Banaswadi. The properties targeted in these areas measured up to 20,000 square feet when the property price was around Rs 5000 per sq ft. The gang was paid around Rs 70 lakh for facilitating a fake decree," police sources said.

The modus operandi of the alleged gang was to create a fake rental agreement -- for a targeted property -- between a fake owner and a fake tenant and to file a case in the small-causes court for eviction of the "tenthe districts of UP Sunday, and called the incident a result of the state government's "negligence and a police-criminals nexus". "This is bigger than the Hathras case," AAP leader Sanjay Singh said, adding that the BJP government was driven by "casteist hatred".

Prayagraj DIG Sarvashresht Tripathi said, "Eight people out of the 11 named have been arrested. The remaining two are in Mumbai, and teams have been deployed to trace and arrest them. One accused is admitted in a hospital and is not able to walk. We will question him as well. We will probe the case from all possible angles."

Tripathi said the family's demand for security had been accepted and that as soon as they apply, the process of granting them an arms licence would be completed.

"The district administration has also announced compensation for the family," he said.

The family members have said the victims had filed a complaint with police a couple of months ago naming the accused as part of a "land mafia" and said they had threatened to kill them. No action was reportedly taken on the FIR.

"It seems that the murders were committed over a land dispute," a police officer said.

Malik alleges unidentified men carrying out recce on him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 27

MAHARASHTRA CABINET minister and NCP leader Nawab Malik claimed that there is a conspiracy to implicate him in a false case and said that he has evidence that some unidentified individuals were following him and carrying out surveillance of his family members.

Malik said that he will approach the Mumbai Police Commissioner in this regard soon and will also write a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"People are trying to frame me the way they framed Anil Deshmukh. I will soon approach Mumbai Police Commissioner in this regard," Maharashtra Cabinet Minister and NCP leader Nawab Malik said.

Malik claimed that his house was under surveillance and recently two peo-



Maharashtra minister Nawab Malik

ple were caught close to his house when they were clicking pictures. Malik claimed that these two individuals had been trailing him and his family members for the past few days.

He went on to add that he will write to Home Minister Amit Shah to draw attention towards officers of central agencies, who are allegedly using private agents to register complaints about email.

On Friday, Malik posted photos of two men in a hatchback, who he claimed had been doing a recce outside his home. One of the men in the car was seen holding a digital camera.

Research institute in Uttarakhand shut over Covid cases

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA DEHRADUN, NOVEMBER 27

THE FOREST Research Institute (FRI) was closed for visitors on Saturday as a precautionary measure after the old hostel of the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) was declared a micro containment zone amid a Covid-19 outbreak.

The IGNFA old hostel was turned into the micro containment zone on Thursday after 11 out of a total of 48 Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers from the Academy tested positive for coronavirus on their return from a mid-career training programme in Lucknow, and were kept in isolation at the hostel.

The hostel is located on the FRI campus. The FRI shall remain closed for tourists or visitors till December 5 as a precautionary measure, an FRI official said.



THE GUJARAT High Court, in an order dated November 25, suspended the life sentence awarded by a trial court to three remaining convicts of the 2002 Gulberg massacre and released them on bail as their appeals against the sentence remain pending before the Gujarat HC.

With this, all 11 convicts who were sentenced to life imprisonment in the case, stand released on bail pending their appeals.

The three convicts — Yogendrasinh alias Lalo Shekhvat, Bharat Telli Bhalodiya and Krishnakumar Kalal — had moved applications before the High Court seeking suspension of sentence and release on bail pending final decision on their appeal, in 2020 and 2021.

A total of 24 people were convicted by the sessions court in June 2016, including 11 who

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were sentenced to life imprisonment. Advocate Kshitij Amin, representing the

Gulberg massacre: HC suspends

life term of three more convicts

three convicts, primarily submitted that the role alleged to have been played by Shekhvat and Bhalodiya are "less grievous" in comparison with the role alleged to have been played by other convicts — Lakhansinh alias Lakhiyo Bhuriyo Lalubha Chudasama and Dinesh Prabhudas Sharma — and almost similar role played by another accused-convict Bharat Laxmansinh God Rajput.

Since the High Court had already suspended the sentence of Chudasama, Sharma and Rajput and have enlarged them on bail pending their appeals, the present accusedconvict applicants too must thus be released on bail and their sentences suspended pending appeals, Amin argued.

In the case of Kalal, it was submitted that his role in the crime was almost as grievous or "similar" as the other co-accused who stand released on bail after suspension of their sentence pending appeals.

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THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, NOVEMBER 28, 2021 **HECTY**

AMID NEW COVID VARIANT CONCERNS **Better prepared than second wave, DDMA** meeting on Monday: Sisodia

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

WITH THE WHO designating B.1.1.529 as a "variant of concern", Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Saturday told The Indian Express that the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) will meet on Monday "to discuss what needs to be done".

Speaking to The Indian *Express*, he said: "We have to be on high alert regarding the new variant and the DDMA will be meeting on Monday to discuss what needs to be done. We cannot take things for granted, we have learnt many lessons from the past. We hope we are in a better position to deal with any possible surge. Certainly, in terms of management and infrastructure, we are in a much better position than before the second wave."

The variant was announced by scientists in South Africa Thursday, and was detected in two more countries, Israel and Belgium. Germany, Botswana,

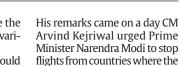


In November, Delhi has seen 946 cases so far. Archive

Hong Kong and the UK are the other countries where the variant has been found. Asked whether there should

be deliberation on putting a pause on campaign activities by all parties across poll-bound states, Sisodia said: "I think saving people's lives should be the first priority no matter what." ILBS head Dr S K Sarin, who

has worked closely with the Delhi government on Covid response and preparedness, has urged caution "for at least the next six months, till June 2022".



new variant has been detected. "We know very little, I can only say that this has been declared as VOC, our concern for vigilance must be genuine, especially with regard to travelers from countries which are exposed. As a policy, there should at least be quarantine and isolation for them upon arrival. And we should implement our own self lockdown – meaning keep-

ing our masks on and being extremely vigilant – for at least the next six months, till lune 2022. till the variant of concern hopefully dies down," said Dr Sarin.

At the peak of the most recent wave, scenes of crowded hospital corridors and patients desperate to get admission had become common, particularly at large government hospitals.

At the time, Lok Nayak Hospital was the largest centre for Covid treatment. According to medical director Dr Suresh Kumar, preparedness for an escalation in the Covid situation has been an ongoing process. "After the second wave, we have been continuously working to prepare ICU beds and oxygen supply, so in that sense we are ready. People need to be more vigilant and careful with Covid-appropriate behaviour and not become lax with wearing masks," he said. The hospital also has a

genome sequencing lab, which is crucial for detecting new variants. "Given that the positivity in Delhi has been so low, the num-

ber of samples we have been getting for genome sequencing has consequently also been low. We have not received any fresh directions on this," he said.

In November (till the 27th), Delhi has had a total of 946 new cases and five deaths. There are currently 290 active cases, with 138 admitted to hospitals.

According to Dr Jugal Kishore, head of Community Medicine at Safdarjung Hospital, the capital is in a relatively safe position.

"Delhi already has a very high infection rate, the chances of a new variant being effective is low... Surveillance is the most important thing. We said a long time back that surveillance is required so that new variants can be identified, because if the virus continues, it can change any time and surveillance is the best method to detect this early. Sequencing also needs to follow the history of whether the person is vaccinated or not and what effect the vaccine might be having against or on the virus." he said.

Gang running oxygen cylinder scam busted

New Delhi: Delhi Police Saturday said they arrested nine persons and busted a gang that allegedly cheated close to 1,000 people on the pretext of selling them oxygen cylinders during the second Covid wave crisis. The gang managed to make more than Rs 1.5 crore in the last year, said police.

In May, a man approached police saying he was duped of Rs 25,000 after he called a number he found on social media to get an oxygen cylinder for his wife, who was suffering from Covid. His wife died during treatment.

Police said 3 accused were first arrested from Bihar and 6 more from West Bengal and Bihar.

DCP (Cyber) K P S Malhotra said the gang is divided into 6 the mastermind; 'tele callers' who pose as vendors and cheat people; 'account handlers' who circulate the cheated money; account 'providers' who procure bank accounts from rural areas; and SIM card providers who buy multiple SIMs on fake IDs. The last part comprises account holders, mostly people from a poor financial background who don't know much about the scam. They give their details to earn some money, he said. ENS

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going on in Shriram Telelink, a company located in Plot No. 46/4/1, Site-IV, Industrial Area, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad- 201010 , Uttar Pradesl finally ended after mutual consent of the company's owner Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma and union president Mr. Hari Om Sharma. For your information, let us tell you that this strike was going on since 25 October 2021 for the wage hike, which finally ended on 23 Novembe 2021. Due to this strike, the work in the company came to a complete standstill and the company also suffered a lot. After the strike is over, all the employees have returned to their work and there is an atmosphere of enthusias in the company. was a local issue and the administration was talking to all the

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NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF 49[™] ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Notice is hereby given that the 49th Annual General Meeting (49th AGM) of the members of General Insurance Corporation of India will be held on Tuesday, the 21st December, 2021 at 3.00 p.m. (IST) through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Visual means to transac business, as set out in the Notice of the 49th AGM being sent through email.

In view of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") has vide its Circular dated 05th May, 2020 read with circulars dated 08th April, 2020, 13th April, 2020 and 13th January, 2021 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars"), permitted the holding o AGM by the Companies through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Video Means (VC/OAVM), without the physical presence of the members at a common venue. Accordingly, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the said circulars and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations 2015, the Corporation has decided to convene its 49th AGM through VC/ OAVM and the shareholders can participate through VC/OAVM.

The Notice of the 49th AGM alongwith the Annual Report for the financial year 2020-21 is being sent only by electronic mode to those members whose email addresses are registered with the Corporation Depositories in accordance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated 12th May, 2020 and 15th January, 2021. Members may note that the notice of the AGM and the Annual Report for the financial year 2020-21 will also be available on the Corporation website www.gicofindia.com, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively. Members can attend and participate in the AGM through Video Conferencing/ Other Audio-Visual means (OAVM) facility only. The instructions for joining of the AGM are provided in the Notice of the AGM. Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act. 2013

The Corporation is providing remote e-voting facility ('remote e-voting') to all its Members to cast their votes on all the resolutions set out in the Notice of the AGM. Additionally, the Corporation is providing the facility of voting through e-voting system during the AGM (e-voting). Detailed procedure for 'remote e-voting'/ 'e-voting' is provided in the Notice of the AGM.

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For General Insurance Corporation of India Sd/-(Satheesh Kumar) **Company Secretary**

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parties to resolve it.

At Nuh, Khattar appeals to residents to get vaccinated

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA FEROZEPUR JHIRKA, NUH, NOVEMBER 27

HARYANA CHIEF Minister Manohar Lal Khattar Saturday appealed to the people of Nuh to get vaccinated as soon as possible, stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had recently expressed concern about the slow

pace of vaccination in the district. which has the lowest vaccination rate in the state. He was speaking at the Haryana Pragati rally at Mahun

Chopra village in Ferozepur Jhirka in Nuh. "In Haryana, overall, the vaccination rate is 90%. But, in Nuh it is very low. Recently, the PM had expressed concern and spoken to the DC here... PM ne chinta iatai thi... about the low rate

of vaccination here and how people spread rumours and misinformation about vaccines. If Covid spreads again in a populous area like this, the loss would be catastrophic. I want to reiterate that vaccination is for the safety of

everyone. It is imperative that everyone is vaccinated to prevent a potential third wave. Even if a third wave arrives, if people are vaccinated, the antibodies will act as a shield," he said, adding that in the past few days the administration has worked hard to boost the pace of vaccinations. The first dose coverage is now over 50% and 47 villages have been fully vaccinated, he said.

On the farm laws and his meeting with the PM on Friday, he said, "The PM had announced that the laws will be repealed and a committee will be formed to

discuss MSP. Some people have misquoted me on this. I had said that on this topic, I did not have any conversation with the PM..."

Referring to the namaz row in Gurgaon, where some rightwing groups and locals have been protesting against namaz in public places, the CM said it

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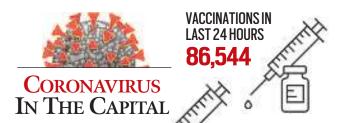




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Hostels not possible... for theory classes, should start with 3rd-year students: DU V-C

ARANYA SHANKAR & SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

YOGESH SINGH took charge as Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University last month in the midst of its admission season. He spoke to The Indian Express on the need to reform the admission process to create opportunities for students of all boards, the different admission options before the university, challenges with reopening colleges for theory classes, implementing the national education policy, and dealing with controversy and conflict.

The Centre is looking to expand the Central Universities Common **Entrance Test to all central** universities. Is the ministry in touch with DU regarding this?

Last year, they could not do this due to the pandemic. Yes, this year they are working towards it. In my opinion, if our Academic and Executive Councils decide that we should go for an entrance test, CUCET is a good option.

What is holding Delhi University from inviting students of all years to return to their colleges?

Our situation is very different from schools. School students are local students while ours are from all states. We have to see the status of Covid in those states also... We have now opened for practicals, projects, PhD students, research for PG and undergraduate final-year students. But now, we may open it for projects, practicals and research for first-, sec-

ond- and third-year very soon. But the main issue is that of theory classes. It is very easy for us to open for practicals and we will do it. But the DDMA says 50% of the capacity is allowed. What is happening is that a large number of students are admitted to the colleges. They don't even have adequate infrastructure for those students... There is an effect of over admission also. If a class has a capacity of 120, 60 are allowed. But against 120 seats, we are admitting 150-160 students. How to manage that? If DDMA relaxes this and allows 100%, we will immediately allow offline classes.

So are you saying that unless the 50% requirement is relaxed, calling them back is not an option?

It's a difficult option. I have called a meeting of principals also. Then we can, say, start offline classes for third year. Then all classrooms can be used for third year only... We can do offline classes for one year only... In that case, we will have an adequate number of classrooms available... It's for principals to decide which year that can be. In my opinion, since third year is important, we should start with them ...

Accommodating students in hostels would also be a challenge...

We cannot accommodate them in hostels, it is not possible. A hostel room which had 4 people, can only accommodate 2 now... These are unprecedented times. Delhi is safe now and we want that to continue.

DU will be implementing the

four-year undergraduate programme (FYUP) from next year and there have been many questions within the university, including on the manner in which it was passed. Last time a programme like this was introduced, it had to be rolled back.

Last time the issues were different... This time, first of all, it is a mandate given by the National Education Policy. Secondly, after every year we have an exit option... There are many possibilities of giving options to students. But students will continue to the full four years only if they see the value in the fourth year... They will get graduation honours after the third year... For a student, the structure is similar but with



DU Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh. Gajendra Yadav

various options. Our job is to make it more meaningful and useful for students, having a good number of options... This is the real crux of the success... FYUP is one aspect of NEP. Are

there any other aspects that vou would want to prioritise in vour term? What about autonomy of institutes?

If I were not the Vice-Chancellor and you would ask me, then yes, we should give autonomy... Autonomy is good for everyone. But here, we have to see the regulations and provisions. I am told there are no pro-

visions in the DU Act to give autonomy to any of the colleges... There are many things I'm keen on. For example, we are in the process of starting a Faculty of Technology with three departments in which students will have ample opportunity to study different minors which DU can offer because it's a multidisciplinary university ...

The NEP wants to do away with the affiliated process. What is your view on that?

In the US, every institution is a degree awarding institution. Here, in the affiliation process what happens is that one teacher teaches a course. another sets the question paper, a third evaluates that, a fourth does the tabulation and moder-

ation, and a fifth group declares the result... It only encourages rote-learning... In the world's best universities, all activities are performed by a teacher. If you are a teacher, you will set the papers and evaluate which makes possible a strong teacher-taught relationship. This is possible only in unitary universities. All IITs, NITs, IISC have this system. In DU also, in PG and PhD, we have this system ...

Is it practical at least in DU's case?

We should go very slowly. The government of India is also framing guidelines for this autonomy and degree awarding power... But it is not an easy task...

Absorption of ad hoc teachers and general teacher recruitment is a big issue in the university. What is your plan for addressing this?

If it is possible as per law, we will do absorption. I can't go beyond the law. We will start recruitment very soon... Studentteacher ratio also affects the university's rank.

DU held online open book exams at such a large scale during Covid. What do you think of this mode of exams. and do you think it can be the future of examinations?

This was one of the options

recently there was a flare up... which DU adopted, and they could save 1-2 years of students. We should look at it from that perspective. Otherwise, if you say, it's the best thing; no it's not the best thing. It was only a compromise formula because other options were not available, so this was one of the best options which they implemented. In DTU we decided to go for AI-based proctored exams. Now students are very comfortable in that, they don't want to go for offline exams. The point is these are difficult

times, and through whatever

was possible, we could save 1-

There was much controversy

authors including Mahasweta

syllabus. The Registrar had

being shown in a bad light in

Mahasweta Devi's 'Draupadi'.

When such subject papers come

One of the criticisms was that

to us, we will see what to do.

the Oversight Committee

which forced these changes

did not have members from

the department, or the Dalit

troversies there are, the growth

is hampered. And we have lim-

Dialogue, communication.

Delhi government and its 12

fully funded colleges. Even

ited time to do our work.

How will you minimise

controversies?

No idea. I really have no idea.

said the Indian Army was

What is your view on this?

over the removal of Dalit

Devi from the English

2 years of the students.

So what can you do to reduce the friction? As the V-C, do you have any plans of how to mediate this controversial relationship and resolve it? We will resolve all issues

They are very simple issues. First is we have to build trust with the Delhi government. This is from the colleges' side. Second is, suppose they have posts which are not sanctioned or approved by the Delhi government, we will ask colleges to start the process of approval. They will do it. It's not a big deal. Third is, the government also should release their grants because colleges also have their own monthly commitments. And not giving salary by colleges is also not a good thing. Principals should ensure that salaries are given to teachers.

When you say trust has to be built with the Delhi government, how will that be built?

Not by me; by the principals. They have to deal with the Delhi government. We will do whatever we can to improve relations in the larger interest of teachers and students. And I'm very hopeful that things will improve... Thoda colleges aage badhenge, thoda government badhegi, and DU will try to help wherever we can.

But why do you think there is a trust deficit and this sense of animosity?

I don't know because I've worked with the Delhi government for about 6-7 years. I had not faced such problems. Even our posts were not recognised. We asked the Delhi government to give approval, they gave approval... They gave Rs 300 crore...

What are your short-term or long-term plans for DU?

I want Delhi University to be in the first 200 best universities of the world. That is the target.



Deputy CM Manish Sisodia said they are preparing to hold an investors' summit in Feb for promising ideas. Archive

TV show for govt school kids to pitch start-up ideas

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

TO HELP students scale up their start-up ideas developed with government seed money, the Delhi government is starting a televised event starting Sunday for students to pitch their projects to investors.

of As part its 'Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum', the government started the 'Business Blasters' initiative across all its senior secondary schools in September by giving Rs 2,000 as seed money to class XI and XII students to develop their entrepreneurship ideas.

The televised programme is aimed at being the next step in their start-up plan by helping them attract larger investments. Deputy Chief Minister

Manish Sisodia told The Indian *Express*, "The feedback that we got from schools is that most students are too excited about innovating and doing things in a different way... Many start-up ideas are to act as learning experiences. for them to learn to work in teams, identify and address problems and process that failure and success is a part of life. But I would like to see certain ideas growing further. Only thing for this is we have to go to the

programme is about how budding entrepreneurs are coming to investors and pitching their ideas and plans. By coming forward, the investors will first of all be agreeing to invest. Second, they know these are children and they are ready to support and coach them." In the show, for which the government says they have tied up with a few TV channels, students will be pitching their ideas to Sisodia, and business people including Urban Company CEO Abhiraj Singh Bhal, Chaayos founder Nitin Saluja, and SHEROES CEO Sairee Chahal. According to Sisodia, the government is planning for an "investors' summit" next year to at-

plans about what they want to

do with their start-ups over one year or so. We had given the ini-

tial seed money; we are now

launching these to investors. We

are not looking at very large in-

vestments: 1 lakh, 2 lakh, 3 lakh

investments are there... The TV

tract further investments for shortlisted start-ups. "We have 51,000 start-ups from some 3 lakh students across all our schools now. We are preparing to hold an investors' summit in February for the 150 or so most promising and successful of these to help the students take them to the next level. There, I'm assuming

BRIEFLY — **NW district** police help admit 20

After 24 years, power shift in DU teachers' elections

community. What do you have to say about that? But the proposal must have come from the English department. The Oversight Committee must have just reviewed it... But we will try to minimise controversies so that the university keeps growing. The more con-

One long-standing controversy in DU is the relationship between the

to rehab

New Delhi: To help drug addicts and create awareness, the Northwest district police helped admit almost 20 people to rehab centres. The drug de-addiction drive was started two months ago. Police said repeat offenders who were often caught with drugs and booked under the NDPS Act were identified and counselled. DCP Usha (Northwest) Rangnani said, "When we analysed our district, we found there aren't many gangs operating here. However, there are many individuals who are peddling, consuming drugs. We started with awareness drives and invited college students, NGOs to hold nukkad nataks."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE RSS-AFFILIATED National Democratic Teachers' Front (NDTF) won the post of the Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) president after 24 years. NDTF's K Bhagi defeated Abha Dev Habib from the Democratic Teachers' Front (DTF), which had held on to the post for the last five terms. Out of the 7,194 votes polled, Bhagi got 3,584 votes while Habib secured 2.202 votes.

"Rumours/apprehension on NEP 2020 can't be staple diet for teachers' movement... NDTF wants to categorically state that it shall vigorously oppose any measure to reduce faculty strength or reduce any financial grants to the University and colleges & attempt to replace regular teaching courses by MOOCs. However,

NDTF shall welcome the progressive, socially inclusive and pro-students' steps envisaged in the NEP," Bhagi said in a statement.

He said their focus will be on 'regularisation/absorption of existing ad hoc teachers through legally tenable processes", "payment of regular salaries/pensions/allowances/arrears to teachers and employees of 12 fully-funded Delhi government colleges constituent of DU", and "promotion for all up to professorship/senior professorship" level.

The DTF congratulated the new union but called upon it to "fearlessly defend the democratic and critical legacy of the Union. "... DUTA needs to mount a strong resistance to NEP and make strenuous efforts to obtain justice for teachers who are predominantly forced to teach in an ad-hoc or temporary capacity...," Habib said in a statement.

workers are either already reg-

istered or are in the process of

The Delhi government had

imposed a ban on construction

activities for about a week, and

then lifted the ban earlier this

week, citing an improvement in

ban on construction activities in

the NCR. The SC order also said

labour cess for the welfare of

construction workers to provide

during which construction activ-

ities are prohibited.

On November 24, the

air quality.



Work In Progress

An overview of the revedelopment project at Pragati Maidan, which is set to be completed next year. A part of the Integrated Exhibition cum Convention Centre was inaugurated in October. Amit Mehra

Man booked 2.95 lakh construction for posing as workers get Rs 5,000 Gurgaon: A man was

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE worth

Hindu Rao doctors call off strike

IAS officer

booked for allegedly pos-

ing as an IAS officer and

conning a person by

promising to offer him

and his relatives jobs

through his contacts. ENS

New Delhi: Resident doctors of North MCD-run Hindu Rao Hospital, who were on strike for the last few days over release of pending salaries and other issues, called off their stir on Saturday after being assured by authorities that their demands will be met, a senior official said. PTI

getting themselves registered. A total of 6 lakh workers are registered with the Delhi Rs 5,000 each was deposited on **Building and Other Construction** Saturday in the accounts of 2.95 Workers Welfare Board, while lakh construction workers, acthe registration process is under cording to a communication way for around 1 lakh workers.

from the Delhi government. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had announced financial aid for construction workers who have been impacted by the ban on construction and demolition activities in order to mitigate air pollution. The remaining workers are likely to receive the amount over the next two days. Additional registration drives will be held through camps organised in the city for the workers who are not registered. The estimated number of

construction workers in Delhi is around 10 lakh. Nearly 7 lakh

Cong leader joins AAP

New Delhi: Congress leader and five-time councillor Mukesh Goel joined the AAP on Saturday. Deputy CM Manish Sisodia announced his entry to the party in a press conference. The move comes ahead of the MCD polls.

Goel has been a councillor in the North MCD for five consecutive terms, and currently represents ward 16. A total of 15 people joined AAP.

"The reason we decided to join AAP is... the way AAP is working in Delhi on education, hospitals, electricity and water, help for labourers, it is doing good work...," Goel said.

Supreme Court re-imposed the Sisodia said, "Motivated by the work that AAP has done over that states shall use the funds the past few years, Mukesh Goel has joined the party along with which have been collected as other office bearers of the Congress. He has been a counthem subsistence for the period cillor for five terms and a standing committee chairperson thrice." ENS

Police stations get new law & order inspector

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

EACH POLICE station in the city will now be headed by the Station House Officer (SHO), inspector (law and order), and inspector(investigation), as per an order issued by Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana. The law and order post has been created to separate investigation from law and order duties. It will replace the current anti-terror operator inspector post.

As per the order, the SHO will be the chief investigating officer/officer-in-charge and will supervise the work and conduct of the two inspectors. "The standing order... (is) not meant to be watertight compartmentalisation... discretion vests with the DCP to assign any other duty given the dynamic field situa-

tions albeit with reasonable justification and due deliberation and in consultation with senior formations," it reads.

All FIRs will now be registered with prior approval from the SHO and all arrests will be "affected" with his concurrence, said police. SHOs will have to visit all crime scenes or spots in special report cases and ensure quality and timely filing of chargesheets. Asthana also ordered the SHOs to look into PCR calls and ensure there's no pendency.

The inspector (investigation) will deal with all court matters. He will work with agencies such as hospitals, courts, FSL, and the prosecution branch and will be responsible for all summons and warrants issued, the order further said.

The inspector (law and order) will maintain "public tranquility and law and order" in their areas.

each of these w interested in them and come up with funds. Students have made

vestor or the other to support them," he said

Govt forms Central Vista oversight panel to expedite project

ANISHA DUTTA NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 27

THE CENTRE has formed a highlevel 'Central Vista oversight committee' to monitor and expedite the pace of its ambitious infrastructure project as the government rushes to meet deadlines.

The committee will be set up for two years. It will be headed by former finance secretary Ratan P Watal and include former Deputy CAG member PK Tiwari, former director at infrastructure firm L&T Shailendra Roy, IIT-Delhi faculty member Professor Mausam, and a Joint Secretary of Ministry of Housing and Urban

Affairs as the convener. "As the project moves forward, complexities in the implementation are likely to increase. Further, various aspects relating to the project, including development of cultural spaces and seamless coordination between various stakeholders, would need close oversight," the order issued by the Directorate of

Estate under the Urban Affairs

ministry stated. The committee will have to continuously monitor the pace of execution of various projects of Central Vista with respect to targeted milestones to ensure their timely completion, the order noted. It will meet regularly and undertake site inspections for an independent review. It has also been directed to submit its reports and recommendations to

the ministry on a regular basis. "The Central Vista Project has been envisaged as a state-of-theart integrated re-development

project comprising a new building for the Parliament, Common Central Secretariat buildings, Executive Enclave, additional buildings for National Archives, new IGNCA building, etc. It is an important building project in the country which would recast, rebuild and modernise the Government of India's infrastructure and streamline and synergise administrative functioning in the central government within the tight time frames," the order said.

This comes at a time when some phases of the project, including the PMO and the Prime Minister's residence, have faced delays. Work on the new residence and office of the Prime Minister will go beyond the December 2022 completion target, The Indian Express reported on November 4. According to the CPWD timeline, the PM's residence was scheduled to be completed by December 2022. But that is set to change.

"The size and significance of the project requires the use of latest building technologies and IT systems to make it a truly iconic structure. The work also involves project execution challenges requiring coordination across ministries, regulatory compliances and effective project management," the order added.

Currently, the project is reviewed regularly by Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri, Housing Ministry secretary Durga Shankar Mishra, and senior officers of the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), the project implementing agency.

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Congress calls for House condolence resolution on deaths of farmers amid stir

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

WITH THE government set to introduce the bill to repeal the three contentious farm laws in Parliament, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Saturday demanded that the House pass a condolence resolution for the farmers who lost their lives during the year-long agitation.

The government is expected to introduce the bill on the opening day of the winter session on Monday.

On Saturday, Chowdhury wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla conveying his demand for a resolution. "I would sincerely request you that as a mark of respect towards our annadata (farmers), the House may unanimously pass a condolence resolution for the farmers who lost their lives during the farmer agitation. The passing of the resolution in the House will convey our gratitude for the sacrifice that our farmer brethren have given to the nation," he wrote.

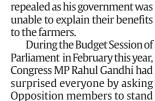
and Farmer unions Opposition leaders say hundreds of cultivators have died during the agitation, which reached Delhi's borders in November 2020. Farmers from across states were protesting against the three agriculture laws that the govern-

We are not answerable to another party: Moitra on Nadda's salvo in Goa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, NOVEMBER 27

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS MP and Goa in-charge Mahua Moitra Saturday responded to BIP president JP Nadda's criticism of the TMC saying they were not answerable to another party.

Nadda had said Thursday that new parties had come knocking on Goa's doors ahead of Assembly elections slated for February 2022 "Somebody should ask them what they have done in West Bengal? Today, West Bengal is number one in human trafficking, in crimes against women, absence of law and order and crime rate." he had claimed Addressing a press conference in Panaji Saturday, Moitra said: "How do I care?... He is the national president of another party. They had the chance in Bengal, they were there mornment meetings' ing and evening making accusations. What happened? I wish him all the best... why should we answer to what another party's president says?"



form the industry.

ment said were necessary to re-

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, in an address to the nation

on November 19, announced

that the three farm laws will be

Opposition members to stand up to observe two-minute silence as a tribute to the farmers who died during the agitation. His move then had not go down well with the Speaker. Three BJP members later moved

Adhir Ranjan

Chowdhury

a breach of privilege notice against Gandhi's move, saying that asking members to observe silence without the permission of the Chair was contempt of the House.

In a separate letter to the Speaker, Chowdhury on Saturday also urged the Speaker to initiate the process of appointment of Deputy Speaker -- a post that has been lying vacant since the constitution of the 17th Lok

Sabha in 2019.

Need to take everyone on growth path: Govt on farm laws repeal on the importance of the Farm EXPLAINE

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

EVEN THOUGH "only a group of farmers are protesting" against the farm laws, the government "has tried to sensitise the farmers" and "explain the merits" but as India "celebrates the 75th Year of Independence- "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsay", the need of the hour is to take everyone together on the path of inclusive growth and development", explains govern-

ment as its reasons behind the repeal of the farm laws in the Bill that is to be tabled in Parliament on Monday In the Farm Laws Repeal Act,

2021, circulated on Saturday evening, the government says the three laws -- the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020 and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act -- were enacted as a part of the Government's endeavour to im-

The justification for the repeal

The government justifies repeal of the contentious farm laws as a move to show its willingness to be inclusive. In its statement on objects and reasons, it tries to justify the laws by listing their benefits and advantages. With elections to several states, including the politically crucial Uttar Pradesh, due next year, the government seems to be hoping that this move would help stop the farm agitation, which had triggered reactions in several parts of the country. The explanation also reflects the government's optimism that the move would lead to a positive response in the upcoming polls.

prove the condition of farmers including small and marginal farm-

"These enactments were made for the overall socio-economic development of the farmers and rural sector after extensive consultations with various stakeholders following the felt need and demand of the farmers' organisations, suggestions and recommendations of the experts, professionals, agricultural economists, expert committees over the years," says the statement on the objectives and reasons for the Bill. It says although various Governments during the last three decades have tried to initiate such reforms, but, they were "not in comprehensive way". Earlier this month, Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, in an address to the nation, announced that the three laws, which triggered protests among the farmers in Punjab, Haryana and parts of UP, would be withdrawn.

"Even though only a group of farmers are protesting against these laws, the Government has tried hard to sensitise the farmers

Laws and explain the merits through several meetings and other forum," it says, adding: "Without taking away the existing mechanisms available to farmers, new avenues were provided for trade of their produce. Besides, farmers were free to select the avenues of their choice where they can get more price for their produce without any compulsion. However, the operation of the aforesaid farm laws has been stayed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. During the Covid period, the farmers have worked hard to increase production and fulfil the needs of the nation." The statement also lists the Narendra Modi government's several interventions to support farmers, including small and marginal farmers by providing quality seeds, credit, insurance, procurement and market support.

Singh Tomar has announced the Bill to repeal the acts will be brought in on the first day of the winter session. The session begins on November 29 and is scheduled to conclude on December 23.

RSS-affiliated farmers' union seeks rollback of import duty cuts

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

BHARATIYA KISAN Sangh, the RSS-affiliated farmers' union, has accused the government of easing imports at a time when farmers have an opportunity to sell produce at a good price.

In a statement issued on Saturday, the group demanded a long term import-export policy for agricultural produce and asked the government to roll back the import duty cuts.

The outfit said it had submitted a memorandum on this to Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal.

"Maize is not bought at the minimum support price (MSP) in any state. And when the time comes for the market itself to offer the price, then prices are controlled by easing imports. Maize is a good alternative to soybean meal as poultry fodder. But by

the government is annoying

maize farmers," said the state-

ment, quoting from the memo-

The communique, signed by

BKS General Secretary Badri

Narayan Chaudhary, also said

soybean meal is derived from ge-

netically modified crops which

could "threaten the non-GM tag

that India enjoys in the interna-

randum.

tional market".



President Ram Nath Kovind with CJI Justice N V Ramana and Law Minister Kiren Rijiju in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

Judges must be discreet about what they say in court: Kovind

come embroiled in the passions

of the day, and assume primary

responsibility in choosing be-

tween competing political, eco-

Kovind also touched upon

what Chief Justice of India N V

Ramana said at the Constitution

Day event on Friday, regarding

'attacks on the judiciary... partic-

ularly (in) social media". The

President said: "It pains me no

paraging remarks against the ju-

diciary made on social media

In his address at the valedic-

tory event, the CJI referred to

pendency of cases, and said:

'Legislature does not conduct

studies or assess the impact of

the laws that it passes. This some-

times leads to big issues." Justice

Ramana also said "rebranding

the existing courts as commer-

cial courts, without creating spe-

cial infrastructure, will not have

The CJI urged Law Minister

Kiren Rijiju, present at the event,

any impact on the pendency".

platforms."

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ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

CALLING UPON judges "to exercise utmost discretion in what they say in courtrooms", President Ram Nath Kovind Saturday quoted the saying by an American judge that "history teaches that the independence of the judiciary is jeopardised when end... to note that of late there courts become embroiled in the passions of the day, and assume have been cases of some disprimary responsibility in choosing between competing political, economic and social pressures".

Speaking at the valedictory session of the Constitution Day celebrations at the Vigyan Bhavan here, organised by the Supreme Court, Kovind said: "In Indian tradition, judges are imagined as a model of rectitude and detachment more akin to sthitpragya (steady wisdom)... We have a rich history of legions of such judges known for remarksfull of sagacity and conduct beyond reproach. which have become the hallmark for the future generations."

Stressing that "there is no to expedite the process of filling doubt that you have set for yourjudicial vacancies. self a high bar", the President said: Rijiju said there was a need to balance fundamental rights with "Hence, it is also incumbent upon judges to exercise utmost discrefundamental duties. He said sevtion in what they say in courteral people trampled on rights of rooms. Indiscreet remarks, even others for their own rights, adding that it must be discussed if made with a good intention, give space for dubious interprewhy a law passed by Parliament or Assembly could not be impletations to run down the judiciary."

Muhammad Ali Jinnah. elections in UP have become a centre of attraction in the country and the world... All the anti-BJP and anti-India people are uniting. And on the other hand, under the guidance and leadership of Prime

TMC Goa in-charge Mahua Moitra in Panaji, Saturday.

UP election a fight between forces for and against India, says Yogis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 27

CHIEF MINISTER Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said the electoral fight in the upcoming UP Assembly polls would be between pro-India and anti-India forces.

Addressing BJP booth chiefs in Janupur district, he claimed that every Indian was disrespected by the comparison drawn by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav between Vallabhbhai Patel with

"It is natural that the 2022 two parts - anti-nationals and pro-India," said the CM. Defence Minister Rajanth

a temple in Balrampur district on Saturday. PTI Minister Narendra Modi, every worker works to protect self-respect and pride of India. The whole fight has been divided into

UP CM Yogi Adityanath visits

Singh, who also attended the event, wondered what "these people" wanted to achieve by di-

viding the state and country. 'To mislead people of the state, unnecessary issues are being cre-

ated. What was the need to bring Jinnah in this poll? He was taken out of a bottle. Jinnah can be the father of Pakistan, but not India's. What do they want to achieve by dividing the state and country? asked Singh.

Referring to Congress leader Manish Tewari's book '10 Flashpoints; 20 Years', the defence minister said, "The Congress government did not take effective action against terrorism after the 26/11 Mumbai attack. Not just me, even senior Congress leader Manish Tewari has said this in his new book."

Agriculture Minister Narendra

She said TMC would contest

Send Bill for replacing **NEET to President**, **TN CM urges Governor**

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 27

CHIEF MINISTER M K Stalin on Saturday urged Governor R N Ravi to send the Undergraduate Medical Degree Courses Bill, 2021 - which aims to change the state's eligibility criteria for admission into undergraduate medical courses - for President Ram Nath Kovind's assent im-

mediately. The bill, passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly in September, allows for admissions into undergraduate courses in medicine, dentistry, Indian medicine and homeopathy on the basis of Class 12 marks, instead of the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET). The legislation, which aims to restore the admission criteria that the state had before the introduction of NEET, also provides for 7.5% horizontal reservation for the students of government schools. It was to be sent for the as-

sent from President Kovind. A statement from the state



She also claimed Chief Minister Pramod Sawant was a "puppet" controlled by BJP's general secretary (organisation) Satish Dhond. "There is no Mukhya Mantri in Goa. There is a Maha Mantri... He is Satish Dhond. The BIP should answer how Mr Dhond, who is not even a minisyter, is entering govern-

Goa BJP chief Sadanand Tanavade dismissed the remark. "Does she (Moitra) even know Satish Dhond? Somebody tutors her and she just says what she is told," he said.

BJP supporters mowed down farmers, party trying to instill fear: Akhilesh

farmers, were killed in the

Lakhimpur Kheri violence on

October 3. The farmers were

mowed by vehicles, one of

which allegedly belonged to a

in Sandila in Lucknow, Yadav

said. "Farmers had come out to

demand the withdrawal of farm

laws and BJP's MoS for Home's

supporters crushed them under

Addressing a public meeting

BJP leader.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav addresses a public meeting in Sandila, UP, Saturday. Twitter

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 27

SAMAJWADI PARTY president Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday hit out at the ruling BJP, accusing it of trying to instill fear among people and alleging that its supporters mowed down farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri last month.

Eight people, including four

send the Bill missions in the state.

The legislation was introduced in the backdrop of a series

who could not clear NEET. The bill was an outcome of recommendations from a government appointed committee led by Justice AK Rajan - a retired judge of the Madras High Court - to look into the impact of NEET in the state. The key question to be analysed was whether the

NEET is an equitable method for selection of students. The state's main contention is that NEET, a common entrance

exam, puts at a disadvantage students from rural areas and those from lower economic groups and backward classes.

urged the **MK Stalin** Governor to immediately

for Presidential assent considering the impact on medical ad-

AVISHEKGDASTIDAR of suicides by medical aspirants NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE CENTRE'S Good Samaritan scheme, meant to encourage and felicitate those helping road accident victims, has received a tepid response from the states more than a month since its launch.

The Road Transport and Highways Ministry announced this scheme so that taking a road crash victim to hospital is not just hassle-free but there is also the incentive of a reward and recognition.

> Historically, Indians are reluctant in taking victims to hospital because of associated legal

that follow. To address that, the Centre inserted Section 134A in Vehicles Motor the (Amendment) Act, 2019, which deals with "Protection of Good Samaritans". It says that a Good Samaritan will not be liable for any civil or criminal action for any injury to or death of the victim of an accident involving a motor vehicle, where such injury or death resulted from the Good Samaritan's negligence in acting or failing to act while rendering emergency medical or nonmedical care or assistance etc.

However, despite the Centre willing to give an initial grant of Rs 5 lakh for it, states have not

processes and investigations even opened bank accounts to get the money. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, which sent out a reminder last month. will send another one to states to operationalise the scheme, sources said. The Centre also wants to felicitate the top ten Good Samaritans in Delhi during the Road Safety Month next year.

the tyres of a jeep."

"The British had fired from

the front at the Jallianwala Bagh

and the BJP people mowed down

farmers from behind," Yadav

said. "They think they can do pol-

itics by making people afraid. The

British ruled by dividing and they

(BJP) think they can rule by mak-

ing people afraid. This time, no

one will get afraid and we will

wipe them out," he said.

The scheme entitles any person, who helps save a life by taking a road crash victim to the hospital, to a reward of Rs 5,000 per accident. The new law is that the "Good Samaritan" is free to not disclose their name to the hospital or law enforcement authorities; they can also choose not to take part in any legal

process involving the accident. "Any individual who has saved the life of a victim of a fa-

tal accident involving a motor vehicle by administering immediate assistance and rushing to hospital within the golden hour of the accident to provide medical treatment would be eligible for the award. An individual Good Samaritan can be awarded maximum five times in a year,' the ministry said. Golden hour is the critical one hour period from the accident.

To popularise the scheme. states have to publicise it adequately. It is meant to penetrate to the district level where the local administration is supposed

New Delhi

te wha Justice Frankfurter of the US feel it affects their rights. Supreme Court said in the 1951 "When the Supreme Court

case Dennis versus United States, he said: "Courts are not representative bodies. They are not designed to be a good reflex of a democratic society. Their essential quality is detachment, founded on independence. History teaches us that the independence of the judiciary is jeopardised when courts be-

decides something, it is the law of the land. When Parliament or an Assembly passes a law, it also becomes the law of the land. How can we see a situation where the Supreme Court or High Court or Parliament or Assembly passes a law, and vet there is difficulty in implementing it," he said, without going into specifics.

Odisha govt should rethink University **Amendment Act: Education minister**

AISHWARYA MOHANTY BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 27

UNION MINISTER of Education Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday urged the state government to rethink the contentious Odisha Universities (Amendment) Act, 2020, which was passed in the Assembly in November last year.

The amended Act brings the appointment to important academic and administrative posts in state universities, including the re-



Dharmendra

cruitment of teaching staff, under control of the Odisha government.

The legislation altered the committee's composition for the selection of VCs of universities, and said that the teachers' recruitments will be done by the Odisha Public Service Commission. Selection to these posts were previously done by the universities.

point of view, you can implement a unitary system to keep a check on how the state government's education budget is being spent, what disciplines must be taught... but for academic excellence, it is necessary that Universities are given their freedom," Pradhan said while delivering the keynote address on the 79th Foundation Day of Utkal University in Bhubaneswar. "The NEP is preparing a bigger launching pad for academic excellence. Keeping this in mind, Odisha government should rethink its decision.'

"From the administrative

States yet to avail of Centre's Good Samaritan scheme **'BEIJING JANATA PARTY': KHARGE ATTACKS BJP ON CHINA INCURSION**

to keep a record of the Good Samaritans and enter their de-New Delhi: Congress Saturday tails in a Central website on a stepped up its attack on the government over the reported monthly basis.

"The point of the scheme is not the money but the awareness among the people that taking an accident victim to hospital is encouraged in order to save a life, said a senior ministry official. "We are in talks with states, but nothing has happened so far."

India witnesses around 5 lakh road accidents and 1.5 lakh deaths from them every year. As per several government assessments and independent studies, a large number of deaths occur because the victims did not get medical help within the golden hour.

BJP "Beijing Janata Party". Kharge took a dig at some BJP leaders for sharing an image of Beijing Airport and passing it off as the model for Jewar airport. "In Arunachal Pradesh, BJP govt let's China to build villages. In Uttar Pradesh, BJP govt showcases Chinese airport as its own. In Ladakh, BJP govt... cedes our territory to Chinese. BJP has transformed into Beijing Janata Party!," Kharge tweeted. ENS

Chinese incursions with Rajya

Sabha Opposition Leader

Mallikarjun Kharge calling the



Tripura CM

Kumar Deb

Biplab

up communal tension". The ac-

Twitter handles by The Indian

Express revealed they included

workers, five students, two ac-

tivists, and seven profiles were af-

filiated to different religious or-

ganisations. The content on a

majority of these suggested they

were critical of the government.

After serving the notice to Twitter,

Tripura Police said 47 Twitter

An investigation of these

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EMERGENCE OF OMICRON VARIANT Only 11% fully jabbed in Africa, inequity in focus police to review **EMERGENCE OF OMICRON VARIANT**

AMITABH SINHA PLINE NOVEMBER 27

A LITTLE more than a quarter of health workers in Africa have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 till now. That is roughly the coverage of first doses in the entire population of South Africa as well

The emergence of Omicron variant of SARS-CoV2, first reported from South Africa earlier this week, has brought spotlight on inequalities in accessing vaccines. While the developed world struck advance deals with manufacturers to secure billions of doses even before the vaccines were approved, poorer countries have been dependent primarily on inadequate and erratic supplies from Covax facility set up by the World Health Organization and some other international agencies. Nowhere is the inequality starker than in Africa. Just about 11 per cent of the population has had at least one dose of the vaccine, and only 7.2 per cent is fully vaccinated, according to Our World In Data.

Europe and North America, on the other hand, have got more than 50 per cent of their population fully vaccinated, while the first dose coverage is over 60 per cent. In Asia, close to 50 per cent people are fully vaccinated now.

A recent report from WHO said less than 10 per cent nations in Africa – or just about five countries – are likely to achieve their year-end target of vaccinating 40 percent of their populations. Most African countries missed a

2 weapons used in Bikru ambush seized in MP

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 27

OVER A year after the Bikru incident in which eight policemen, including Deputy Superintendent of Police rank officer, were killed during an attempt to arrest gangster Vikas Dubey in July last year, the Kanpur Police on Saturday claimed that two weapons allegedly used in the shootout by assailants have been seized in

Madhya Pradesh.

VACCINATION COVERAGE CONTINENT-WISE							
Continents	First Dose Coverage (% of population)	Second Dose Coverage (% of population)					
Africa	11	7.2					
Asia	62	48					
Europe	62	58					
North America	64	54					
South America	72	56					
Source: Ourworldinda	ta	1					

Karnataka tightens curbs as more Covid clusters appear

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 27

Dependence on Covax

MOST OF Africa has been

almost entirely depend-

ent on supplies from

Covax, or vaccine diplo-

macy from countries like

China, India and Russia.

Covax facility, in turn, is

dependent on contribu-

tions, either in form of

doses or money to buy

them, from other coun-

tries. So far, Covax facility

has delivered 537 million

doses in over 100 coun-

tries, of which 330 mil-

lion has gone to Africa.

September target to vaccinate at

least 10 per cent of their popula-

tions. A total of 227 million doses

have been administered in Africa.

That is less than 20 per cent of

doses administered in India. Over

900 million doses have been ad-

ministered in Europe, and more

that, if they were distributed ap-

propriately, can protect those who

are most at risk for severe disease

and our frontline workers." Dr

Maria Van Kerkhove, technical

lead for Covid-19 at WHO, was re-

wasted and too many vaccines are

not being used most appropri-

ately ... frankly this inappropriate

use... is prolonging the pandemic,"

"Too many vaccines are going

cently quoted as saying.

she said.

"We have enough vaccines

than 450 million in the US.

STUDENTS ARRIVING from Kerala and Maharashtra will mandatorily need a negative RT-PCR report, the Karnataka government decided on Saturday at an emergency meeting with experts. The meeting came in the wake of four clusters of Covid-19 infections reported from four educational institutions in the state over the past week.

Saturday's meeting was convened by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with members of the state technical advisory committee and state officials after outbreaks were reported from a Bengaluru city school, a nursing college in rural Bengaluru, a nursing college in Mysuru, and a medical college in the Dharwad.

In addition to a mandatory negative RT-PCR report from students arriving from Kerala and Maharashtra, "those students

who have come from Kerala 16 days ago must undergo a fresh RT-PCR test. This will apply especially to nursing students and those at hostels... At all hostels, a second RT-PCR test must be done seven days from arrival," Karnataka Revenue Minister R Ashok said. He said there will be a strict vigil in the border regions of

Kerala and Maharashtra. The state has written to the Centre seeking booster doses for frontline workers and a decision is expected soon, he added.

A total of 281 students and faculty at the SDM College of Medical Sciences in Dharwad tested positive for Covid over the past two days. Another 48 nursing students in Mysuru tested positive, and in Bengaluru rural, 12 nursing students from Kerala at the Spurthy College of Nursing were diagnosed.

On Thursday, 33 students, all minors, and a staff member at a private boarding school too tested positive for the viral illness

Two SA citizens in Bengaluru test positive for Delta variant

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU. NOVEMBER 27

TWO CITIZENS of South Africa who arrived in Bengaluru tested positive for Covid-19, briefly sparking concerns over the new Omicron variant detected in that country before a genome seguencing test found that they had

the Delta variant. The development, however, prompted CM Basavaraj Bommai to call a high-level meeting on Saturday. Bommai said authorities would intensify screening of international passengers at the airports and make the RT-PCR test report compulsory for those arriving from Kerala and Maharashtra. K Srinivas, the Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Rural district under which Kempegowda International Airport falls, said: "Two South African nationals who arrived to Bengaluru on 11 and 20 November respectively were tested positive for Covid-19 and were traced living in Bengaluru. They have been isolated and are under treatment. We have found them to have the Delta variant.' About 84 people arrived in Bengaluru in November from 10 high-risk countries and 94 of them came from South Africa.

Only vaccinated people can use public transport in Maharashtra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 27

THE MAHARASHTRA government on Saturday issued fresh Covid restrictions, which mandated that only fully vaccinated citizens would be allowed to access public transport in the state.

The new guidelines also said that all domestic travellers entering the state should either be fully vaccinated or carry an RT-PCR test report valid for 72 hours. ... the State Government is now considering to open up economic, social, entertainment and cultural activities with fewer restrictions especially for fully vaccinated persons," the order signed by Maharashtra Chief Secretary Sitaram Kunte said.

The order said that all people connected with "the organisation of any programme, event or show" should be fully vaccinated.

All visitors to malls, gatherings and such places should also be fully vaccinated, it said.

All public transport shall be used only by fully vaccinated people, adding the Universal Pass created by the state government or the CoWin Certificate with a valid photo ID proof will be sufficient, the order said.



DEBRAJ DEB AGARTALA. NOVEMBER 27

OVER THREE weeks after Tripura booked 102 social media users under the stringent Unlawful Activities(Prevention)Act(UAPA) for sharing content online over the alleged vandalism in October cused included 68 Twitter users. along with alleged fake news and rumour mongering, Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has instructed Director General of Police nine journalists, seven political S Yadav to review the cases and

submit a report. DGP Yadav has further directed the Crime Branch, which is now investigating these cases.

A senior official of the Chief Minister's Office told The Indian Express, "There was a conspiracy to disturb law and order in Tripura few days back by posting fake photos and videos of arson in mosques on social media. In order to bring the situation under control and maintain communal harmony. Tripura Police filed cases against 102 people including

some journalists and lawyers." Requesting anonymity, the official said police will take action against everyone who deliberately tried to disturb communalharmony, and cases will be

On November 3, Tripura Police served notices to Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, asking them to block accounts of 102 users who allegedly posted content that "have potential to flare

> an MLA ticket. "Are we to put Puniab back on rails or we are to make someone minister or MLA," Kejriwal said.

On Saturday, the AAP leader also joined a protest by temporary teachers in Mohali and promised to regularise their jobs if the party is voted to power. The teachers have been protesting for months demanding that permanent jobs and a hike in salary.

"Teachers are nation builders. I solved their problems and now the teachers are solving the problems of the whole of Delhi's children and mine as well," he said.



a semi-automatic rifle and a .12 bore rifle - were seized from Madhya Police and belonged to prime accused Vikas Dubey, who was later gunned down in an encounter in Kanpur The Madhya Pradesh police recovered the weapons from two local criminals, who claimed to have purchased them a few months ago, police added. Two days ago, a team of the Kanpur Police went to Bhind in Madhya Pradesh and brought the semi-automatic rifle after completing legal formalities. "We will soon bring the other weapon. too. The weapons will be sent to a forensic laboratory for ballistic examination," said station house officer, Choubeypur police station, K M Rai. The incident dates back to July 3 last year, when a police team came under heavy gunfire near Dubey's residence at Bikru. Eight policemen died in the ambush. Of the 21 people named in the FIR, the police gunned down six accused, including Dubey, in alleged encounters over the weeks.

Singh Cheema and other party

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA MOHALI, NOVEMBER 27

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Keiriwal was non-committal on naming Bhgawant Mann as the chief ministerial face for Punjab Assembly elections at a public meeting in Mohali on Saturday and, in a snub to those demanding he be made the CM face, said that the priority of the workers should be to ensure that Punjab is saved and not to make someone minister or MLA.

Kejriwal made the comments when faced with vocifer-

Elephant deaths:

Five TN officials

Kerala, say cops

PUNJAB ASSEMBLY ELECTION Kejriwal non-committal on AAP's CM pick

Arvind

ous demands from the party supporters who interrupted his comments by raising slogans in favour of Mann.

The public meeting being held by Kejriwal in Mohali was attended by state president and Sangrur MP Bhagwant Mann, state in-charge Jarnail Singh, Leader of Opposition Harpal

MLAs. During the interaction, a demand was made by an elderly person that no candidate from outside Punjab would be accept-Kejriwal able to the supporters of AAP. Kejriwal was about to make

dropped if there isn't enough evidence.

posts and one YouTube post were removed. As on November 17, 44 of 68 Twitter profiles were still available while 24 were pulled down or suspended by Twitter. Police also said that at least one post by Indian American Muslim (IAM) Council had links with a ter-

ror outfit of Pakistan and was allegedly supporting Taliban and lobbying with foreign organisations against India in connivance with Pakistan's spy agency.

"There are at least 14 links which have originated from outside India revealing that the conspiracy hatched outside India as well for promoting hatred between religious groups and creating disturbances", the statement said. They later sent a list of 94

tweets accused of similar charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, NOVEMBER 27

FORMER JAMMU and Kashmir chief minister and National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah on Saturday reiterated his party's resolve to continue fighting for restoration of Article 370, stating that "today our bad luck is that we have to fight even for getting back the body of an innocent(person)".

Omar, who visited the family of Amir Magray at Thatharka, later addressed a public meeting in Gool and said that he had gone to Srinagar to work since he could not find a job here. Even today, he added, Amir's father lives under police protection since he had

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah meets family of Amir Magray, who was killed during the Hyderpora encounter, in Ramban district of J&K. PTI 'Will continue fight for Art 370'

fought against militancy. Amir, along with a Pakistani militant, was among four people, including

a doctor and the owner of the building, who were killed by police in an encounter in Handwara last week. While bodies of the building owner and the doctor were exhumed in Handwara and handed over to their families following protests, Amir's body remained buried there, as police called him an associate of the slain Pakistani militant.

"Today, a father, who had fought against militancy and the gun in the past, asks for the body of his son so that he can give him a burial as per rites," Omar said. He also asked whether August 2019, when special status to the erstwhile state was withdrawn,"was

UP, BIHAR NUMBERS ENCOURAGING

thrust upon us that Amir Magray a youth from Gool, gets buried in Handwara and no one knows where his grave is".

Pointing out that today if his father wants to offer *fatiha* on his grave, he will perhaps be unable to trace it, Omar, without naming anyone, asked, "Where are our leaders who keep on talking about Jammu? Is Gool not a part of

Stating that a "strange situation" has arisen after August 2019, Omar said he does not understand which direction the present rulers are taking J&K, or what their intentions are. He asked the Centre what it has done for the people of J&K after August 2019 regarding employment, new development works, etc.

Jammu?

NFHS-5.

"In Bihar, age of marriage contin-

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FIVE FOREST officials from Tamil Nadu, who had gone to Palakkad to enquire about the speed of the train that nowed down three elephants, near Ettimadai on the outskirts of Coimbatore on November 26, were reportedly detained at Palakkad railway station on Saturday, police said.

The loco pilot and co pilot, both from Kerala, were questioned about the incident earlier. The forest peronnel from Tamil Nadu, who went to Palakkad railway station, were reportedly detained by railway police there. Hearing about this, some political outfits staged a protest.

After protests, CM says will act against Old Goa construction

his speech at the event when the

discussion on CM face came up.

"I assure you that the CM candi-

date will be from Punjab itself,"

said Keiriwal as more slogans

were raised. When they did not

abate, Mann had to take up a mic

and virtually delivered a snub by

referring to another demand for

Kejriwal resumed his speech

and request for silence.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, NOVEMBER 27

GOA CHIEF Minister Pramod Sawant on Saturday said his government will act on the allegedly illegal structure in Old Goa that has sparked protests. Activists and residents demanding the demolition of the structure in the Old Goa heritage precinct, meanwhile, continued their fast on its fourth day on Saturday.

He said that the permissions for the construction of the bungalow – built on the land that was partly bought by Manish Munot, husband of BJP spokesperson Shaina NC and party by Survarna Lotlikar, wife of former Goa Forward Party (GFP) treasurer Suraj Lotlikar – was granted prior to the term of his government.



Activists say the bungalow construction is illegal.

"From what I have understood he had obtained a construction license and permission at the time....But now since everyone is protesting against it, our government will act on it." Sawant said. Sawant said that the government will take action as per the law and since the matter is pend-

ing in Supreme Court in an SLP filed, the government will also have to factor in the legal bearing of its action. Sawant also pointed a finger at a "former minister" who had "sinned". GFP President Vijai Sardesai, meanwhile, wrote to Deputy Chief Minister and TCP minister Chandrakant Kavlekar that the permissions were granted in 2016 before he was made TCP minister and the construction took place in 2019 after he was dropped from the BJP government.

In a jibe at Sardesai, former deputy CM and TCP minister, Sawant said: "... it is a private plot, a third party has purchased it, a person who was close to a political party... There is no need to burden me with this sin. Those who have sinned have been seen in photos and videos,

Cargo ships collide in Gulf of Kutch, no casualties

AVINASH NAIR

AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 27

TWO FOREIGN cargo ships collided in the busy shipping lanes of the Gulf of Kutch in Guiarat Friday night, official sources said. No casualties were reported in the accident that happened between the coast of Okha in Devbhumi Dwarka and Mandvi in Kutch.

The accident occurred between MV Atlantic Grace - a 50,000-DWT oil/chemical tanker sailing under the flag of Hong Kong - and a 19,000-DWT bulk carrier MV Aviator sailing under the flag of Marshall Islands. While MV Atlantic Grace was headed to Fujairah (the UAE) from Kandla, MV Aviator was headed to Kandla port.



There was no reported oil spill. ANI

report of any casualties in the accident. No oil slick has been reported so far," said a government official. Indian Coast Guard ships, including a pollution control vessel, are on stand-by and are monitoring the situation.

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

INCREASED USE of contraception across the country has been a maior contributing factor in preventing unwanted pregnancies, and in turn the decrease in India's Total Fertility Rate to below replacement level, NFHS-5 data show.

In five years between NFHS-4 (2015-16) and NHFS-5(2019-20), use of modern contraceptives for family planning has increased from 47.8 per cent to 56.5 per cent,

data show. While 30 of 36 states/UTs have

cessful is increase in modern conshown an increase in contraceptraceptive use. This points to push tion use, experts point out that improvement in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar's numbers have been particularly encouraging, given their

large populations. In Bihar, Modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate has almost doubled: from family planning.' 23.3% in NFHS-4 to 44.4% in

the good news has been that the "The decrease in fertility is the age of marriage has increased. function of three main factors: use Twenty-one per cent women unof contraception, increase in age der the age of 18 were married. of marriage, and abortions," Dr NFHS-4 had found, which has de-Niranjan Saggurti, director, creased by 5 percentage points in Population Council of India, said. five years - 16 per cent girls under 18 were married in UP, the reues to remain low, with 43% girls cent survey reported.

> "UP has also shown a very good balanced contraception method mix, with a shift from sterilisation to reversible contraception." Saggurti said.

In its contraception mix, 40% in family planning schemes by the is now sterilisation and 60% is use state government. But what is of reversible contraceptive methmost significant in Bihar's case is ods. In UP, contraception use has the increase in education, which increased from 31.7 per cent in

has translated into increased use 2015-16 to 44.5 per cent in 2019-20. UP has also shown a marginal of contraception and increased Saggurti points out that for UP,

8.7 per cent point rise in contraception use in 5 yrs: NFHS data

decrease in female sterilisation of 0.4 per cent. The date show Bihar (21%), Goa (35.3%), Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (24%). Nagaland (24%) and Arunachal Pradesh (20.6%) have reported the highest increase in contraception use in NFHS-5 over NFHS 4. Rajasthan has also shown a significant increase in contraception use of 9 per cent.

Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Haryana and Goa have 60 per cent or more contraception use.

Punjab and Ladakh have reported the highest decrease, while Meghalaya (22.5%) and Manipur

(18.2%) have registered the lowest contraception use in the country.

rection for population control. "Data show women want smaller families. While the use of contraception has increased, indicating improving success of India's family planning programme, women would have even less pregnancies if they had increased access to contraception and increased agency to make decisions," Alok Vajpevi, head of Knowledge Management at the Population Foundation of India,

said. Prof K. James, director, International Institute for Population Sciences, the Health Ministry's partner organisation that carried out the survey, said if TFR correction occurs in four states – Bihar, UP, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan – it will

"One of the most important contributing factors for decreasing TFR is the use of modern contraceptive methods," James said. "Despite the fact that age of marriage of women has not increased significantly in the country, with some states having as much as 30-40 per cent women marrying under the age of 18, family planning programmes are showing results. Once countries attained 60 per-

put India on a definite course cor-

cent contraceptive use, they reach replacement levels. "Family planning has been the most enhanced programme... because of continuing concerns of over-population. But what these results have shown is that it can be achieved with increased contraception...'

New Delhi





"Until now, there has been no

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Tripura man kills 5, including daughters, cop

him on the spot. Pradip then also attacked and killed Krishna Das – a passer-by who was travelling in an auto-rickshaw. Krishna's son. Karmavir. suffered injuries," said this of-

After getting reports of the killings, Satyajit Mallick, an onduty officer from a nearby police station, rushed to the spot and found Pradip roaming around with the rod.

According to the official, Debroy allegedly hit him on the head and pierced the

IV.

officer's skull.

DM kept from entering

police station for 1 hour

Jammu: Rajouri District Magistrate R K Shavan was

purportedly not allowed to enter a local police sta-

tion for nearly one-and-a-half hours on Saturday, af-

ter which he left without going inside and conduct-

ing any inspection. While neither Shavan nor senior

police officers in the district were available for com-

ment, sources said Shavan was accompanied by the

additional deputy commissioner and assistant com-

missioner for revenue. When they reached the police

station around 7.10 pm, they found the gates closed.

No one opened the gates for more than an hour as

the district magistrate and other officers waited in

their vehicles outside the police station. Eventually,

the Rajouri ASP was informed, and he reached the

spot and opened the gate, sources said. But the DM

left, reportedly saying that it had been too late. ENS

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Deputy General Manager

Mech Unit, J&KPCC Ltd. Srinagar

Mallick, suffering from blood loss, was sheltered in a local house and later rushed to Khowai district hospital. He. along with the two other injured persons – Debroy's wife and Das's son - were referred to the Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital at Agartala as they were in critical condition.

The police officer died during treatment. The other two are being treated and their condition is stable, said the police.

Aircel-Maxis: Summons for Chidambaram, Karti, others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

A DELHI Court Saturday issued summons to former Union minister P Chidambaram, his son Karti Chidambaram and others on December 20 after taking cognisance of the Central Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement Directorate chargesheets in the Aircel-Maxis case.

CBI and ED had alleged that the Congress leader, as finance minister during the United Progressive Alliance regime, granted approval to the deal beyond his capacity - benefitting certain persons – and received kickbacks.

The case had been revived around two years ago after a judge had adjourned the matter sine dine, noting that both agencies were seeking adjournment and not addressing arguments on point of cognisance.

All the accused mentioned in the CBI and ED chargesheets have to appear before the court on December 20. Special Judge MK Nagpal noted that there was sufficient evidence to summon Chidambaram and the other accused persons in the corruption and money-laundering cases by CBI and ED, respectively.

On the CBI chargesheet, in which 18 persons have been chargesheeted including Chidambaram, the court observed that that it appears that the former minister who was at the time the finance minister had granted FIPB approval to M/SGCSHL for US\$800 million in furtherance of a "well hatched criminal conspiracy between all the accused persons".

The court said that the grant of approval was done 'intentionally and fraudulently being fully aware that it was not within the competence" of Chidambaram to approve the proposal as the inflow of FDI through this proposal was of around Rs 3,560 crore whereas he was competent to grant approval in such a case only upto Rs 600 crore.

"Senior Counsels and Prosecutor appearing for CBI had made this court to travel through various documents and statements of witnesses recorded during the course of therance of the above

investigation, which prima facie substantiate the above allegations and show that in furconspiracy," court said.

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Management education matters most in a post-pandemic world

With the increased awareness of how business and economic activity impact our planet and societies, corporates are increasing their focus on social responsibility, environment, energy efficiency and sustainability. This needs new management modules

usiness is the only mechanism on the Deplanet today powerful enough to produce the changes necessary." This quote from Paul Hawken's book, The Ecology of Commerce, best describes how business nurtures a spirit of enterprise and innovation that can solve the complex problems we find ourselves in. As organisations deal with today's challenges - the worldwide fickle economic climate,

changing technology, ever increasing globalisation and so forth — managers play an important role in identifying critical issues and timely response. They deal with global economic and political uncertainties, changing workplaces, ethical issues, security threats and changing technology with agility and resilience.

Almost any role, professional or personal, involves "management." The requirements may vary from artists, scientists, engineers and other professionals. The new age management function involves working with a diverse set of people. These "project-based" teams that will come together for a specific task will then move on to being a part of other teams for other assignments. Collaborating, networking and working as a cohesive unit will be the success mantra in tackling



complexities. Teamwork and working with different groups will become the new normal and an approach to decisionmaking. Increasingly, the combination of specialist education and management knowledge will become vital.

Covid -19 has changed the way we work. It has made us pause and rethink about the skills required for future success. Business schools have realised the sense of urgency to adapt to the new normal and reinvent as business management students seek to upgrade their professional and leadership skills to align with the rapidly changing workplace. The demand for management education has been the highest in the past five years. According to the study conducted by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), of the 150 lakh people aged between 20 and 34, who hold a graduate management education (GME) master's degree, 15.6% (23.4 lakh) are Indians. India is among the top 10 nations when it comes to students pursuing a management degree. India also has the second largest pool of management professionals in the world. The pandemic has not only

changed our work culture and brought about a need for re-

newed skill sets but at a fundamental level, realignment of curricula at the academic level. It is the "demand" necessitating readjustment of the "supply." It has sparked trends that are here to stay.

With the increased awareness of how business and economic activity impact our planet and societies, we are seeing corporates increasing their focus on social responsibility, environmental friendliness, energy efficiency and other susrelated tainability attributes. Sustainability and energy management disciplines are gaining traction from the stakeholders. In this VUCA world, businesses and policy makers face many new and different challenges and expectations. These include the issues of climate change, skill development, creation of a sustainable economy, corporate respon-

sibility and transparency, environmental stewardship and protection of human health. Management education is evolving continuously to find a strategic fit between the capabilities, skill set of the students to opportunities and challenges in the external business environment. This is a gamechanger I would recommend all aspirant management graduates to follow closely. The opportunities in these sustainable areas are immense and the pandemic has brought about this shift almost overnight. The number of corporates that reach out to us with talent and internship requests has increased manifold. Graduates are not waiting to embark on an entrepreneurial journey after working for someone else and are starting as early as the final year of graduation and hitting

the ground running soon after. The point I am making for our young friends is to look at new opportunities in management. The relevance of management education has grown post pandemic. Shaping businesses to be resilient in the wake of crises requires holistic thinking, strategic mindset and analytical perspective to steer through ambiguity. The career options under management education for young students are vast and exciting.

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Some of us must have surely wondered that why in this lovely world are we solving questions on Geometry to do an MBA or for that matter why do we have to read these God-forsaken passages and answer equally abstruse questions on them that nobody cares about. Isn't an MBA more about leadership, team-building or negotiations skills?

So today, let's understand why the CAT focuses on these skills.

1. These skills are essential for a manager

You want to do an MBA in human resource management and think that you do not need any Math. Sorry, to break your bubble! Whatever your designation, you will need to analyse numbers (or metrics as you would call them later) as your job. The next step is to communicate your analysis. So whether it is reasoning, data analysis, math or communication, the skills that are tested in the CAT will help you as a manager.

2. These skills can be tested effectively in a multiple choice format

Imagine going through the subjective answers of more than 2 lakh students in not just a limited time frame but in an objective way. Whew! It is evident that every subject can be tested with multiple choice questions but then most of them become a test of how well you remember facts. On the contrary, Reading and Math can be tested for conceptual and application with multiple choice questions in an objective manner and hence it is easy to conduct the exam for the masses that represent India.

3. These skills are a fair subset of what all of us are supposed to know

Unlike other post-graduate degrees, the MBA does not require any specific subject qualification during graduation. Any graduate can take the CAT and acquire a degree in management from the IIMs without any prior qualification in management. Hence skills tested should be skills that a graduate in Arts or a graduate in Architecture or a Chartered Accountant can possess. In that sense, the common skills that any of us are **supposed** to possess are high school Math; common reasoning and analytical skills; and reading comprehension and communication skills. Testing statistical skills though helpful for management would be unfair on some students.

Knowing the reasoning behind the structure reassures us that it is unlikely that the substance of the CAT will change in the long run. Best of luck to students taking CAT21.

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Poverty index: UP, Bihar, MP districts lagging

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THREE DISTRICTS in Uttar Pradesh has nearly 70 per cent and above population who are multidimensionally poor, and Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh combined have the top 10 districts with highest poverty ratio among states, according to the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report prepared by the NITI Aayog.

Kerala is a standout state with lowest percentage of population being multidimensionally poor at 0.71%, with nine out of its 14 districts having poverty ratio of less than 1%. Kottayam is an outlier district with not even a single poor person.

This is based on data analysed from the first ever MPI report, which puts the all-India poverty ratio at 25.01%. The MPI seeks to measure poverty across its multiple dimensions and in effect complements existing poverty statistics based on per capita consumption expenditure

It has three equally weighted dimensions – health, education, and standard of living – which in turn are represented by 12 indicators such as nutrition, school attendance, years of schooling, drinking water, sanitation, housing, bank accounts, among others.

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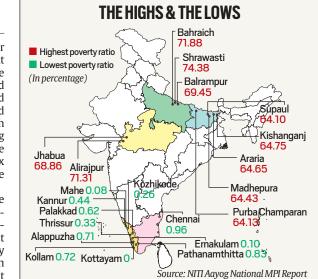
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highest proportion of people at 51.91% of its population who are multidimensionally poor. Eleven Bihar districts have poverty ratio above 60%, with highest rate of 64.75% in Kishanganj, followed by Araria (64.65%), Madhepura (64.43%), Purba Champaran (64.13), and Supaul (64.10%). The lowest ratio was in Patna

at 29.20%, followed by Bhojpur (40.50%), Siwan (40.55%), Rohtas (40.74%), and Munger (40.99%).

Three districts in Uttar Pradesh has poverty ratio of nearly 70% and more: Shrawasti (74.38%), Bahraich (71.88%), and Balrampur (69.45%). Lucknow has the lowest poverty ratio in

the state at 12.16%, followed by Kanpur Nagar (14.34%), Gautam Budh Nagar (17.08%), and Ghaziabad (17.47%). Other key districts in UP have variations in poverty ratios such as 40.79% for Unnao. 34.10% for Rai Bareli. 35.33% for Mathura, and 33.59% for Agra. Overall poverty ratio in the state is 37.79%, according to th MPI report.

Nine out Kerala's 14 districts had poverty ratio of less than 1%, with Kottayam's ratio at zero per cent, followed by Ernakulam (0.10%), Kozhikode (0.26%), and Thrissur (0.33%). The highest ratio in the state is in Wayanad district at 3.48 per cent. The overall poverty ratio

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EXPERT GROUPS un-EXPLAINED der Tendulkar (2009) and the Rangarajan committee (2014) undertook the exercise of estimating monetary poverty. The conventional method is to specify a minimum income to purchase goods and services to meet basic needs. It required defining a poverty line first,

Territory

Puducherry has among the low-

est multidimensional poverty in

each of its four districts: Yanam

at 5.18%, Karaikal at 3.13%,

Puducherry at 1.30%, and Mahe

at 0.08%. Overall poverty ratio in

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on the reference period of 2015-

16 of the National Family Health

Survey (NFHS), and provides

analysis of the headcount ratio

and intensity of multidimen-

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methodology developed by the

This baseline report of the

of

in Kerala is 0.71%.

Union

the UT is 1.72%.

Rs 972 per month per person in rural areas and Rs 1,407 in urban areas at 2011-12 prices. NITI Aayog says MPI will enable estimation of poverty across 12 indicators, capture deprivations and indicator-wise

contribution to poverty.

which the

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tee estimated to be

60 per cent: Barwani (61.60%, Jhabua (68.86%), and Alirajpur (71.31%). Districts with lowest poverty ratio in the state include Indore (10.86%), Bhopal 12.91%), and Jabalpur (19.50%). In Maharashtra, Nandurbar

has the highest poverty ratio at 52.12%, followed by Dhule (33.23%), Jalna at 29.41%, Hingoli at 28.05%, Nanded at 27.48%. Districts with lowest poverty in the state include Mumbai at 3.59%, Mumbai Suburban at 4.65%, Pune at 5.29%, Nagpur at 6.72%, and Bhandara at 8.19%. Overall poverty ratio in Maharashtra is at 14.85%.

In West Bengal, Purulia district had the highest poverty ratio at 49.69%, followed by Uttar Dinajpur (42.84%), Maldah (35.7%), South 24 Parganas (28.3%), and Birbhum (27.6%). Kolkata had the lowest poverty ratio in the state at 2.8%.

Deskhmukh secy

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Central agency.

laundering case

Mumbai: The Enforcement

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ducted searches at the resi-

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that Deshmukh, while in of-

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Maharashtra, "received ille-

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owners" between December

2020 and February 2021

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Mumbai police officer Sachin

The ED probe had claimed

ED opposes

Matter of pride that Kerala has lowest poverty levels: Pinarayi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 27

CHIEF MINISTER Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday said it was a matter of "pride" that Kerala was ranked the lowest in the NITI-Aayog's first ever multi-dimensional poverty index (MPI) released this week.

The government think tank's Multi-dimensional Poverty (MPI) Index listed the state as the one with lowest poverty of 0.71 per cent across India, followed by Goa with 3.76 per cent, Sikkim with 3.82 per cent, Tamil Nadu with 4.89 per cent and Punjab with 5.59 per cent.

In a Facebook post on Saturday, Vijayan said: "It is a matter of pride that the activities done by the Government to ensure the welfare of the people despite several challenges including devastating floods (of 2018) and natural calamities, has laid the foundation for this achievement.

Opposition Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala said on Saturday the report recognises the efforts of the previous Congress-led UDF government, which was running the state in 2015-16

Uniform Mass: Crisis in Kerala Catholic **Church over directive**

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 27

KERALA-BASED Syro-Malabar Catholic Church has plunged into a crisis over the implementation of a uniform method of offering Mass, the top procedure of worship in the Christian world.

Bishops and priests in several dioceses in Kerala and elsewhere in the country came out on Saturday against the directive of Church head Cardinal George Alencherry to implement the uniform Mass code from ovember 28.

For several decades, dioceses under the Syro-Malabar Church have been following different modes of celebrating Mass. While a section of priests offers Mass facing the people, another does so facing the altar. In certain other dioceses, the Church follows a mix of both. Bishops and priests have been divided over the conduct of Mass. As per the uniform mode of offering Mass, priests and bishops across the Church in all dioceses have to perform the ritual facing the altar throughout the service.

After several rounds of delibamong the bishops in the erations, in July this year, Pope Catholic Church over liturgical Francis approved the uniform

rape of an eight-year-old girl on

July 22. The FIR against the con-

vict was lodged the next day.

During the October 4 hearing,

special judge Rai sentenced the

convict to life in prison and or-

dered him to pay a fine of Rs

50,000. The court has also or-

dered a compensation of Rs 7

lakh be paid to the victim from

tional record by conducting trial

in a single day by giving life sen-

tence to the convict till his last

dents have occurred against

Kashmiri people. In the current

breath," the release said.

"Bihar has now made a na-

the victim compensation fund.

NDTV. The Week journalists get IPI award

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE INTERNATIONAL Press Institute(IPI)India on Saturday announced the Award for Excellence in Journalism for this year to Sreenivasan Jain and Mariyam Alavi NDTV and Lakshmi Subramanian and Bhanu Praksh Chandra of The Week, according to a media release issued by IPI.

Jain and Alavi won the award for a report on exposure of the untruthfulness of cases of forcible conversion registered against young men belonging to Muslim community who had married Hindu women in Uttar Pradesh in the name of 'love jihad', the release stated. In the print category, Subramanian and Chandra's report tracing Indians, especially women, trapped in refugee camps in the civil war-torn regions of Syria and Iraq was selected for the award, it stated.

These awards, along with those of last year, will be presented

The Excellence in Journalism

Award 2020 had been awarded to

Ritika Chopra of The Indian Express

for her exclusive reports on the working of the Election Commission during the 2019 Lok

Sabha election which exposed the divide in the Commission and the

unusual tardiness when it came to dealing with poll code violations.

be conducted due to restrictions

The award ceremony could not

soon, the release said.

Trial in a day: Convict in POCSO case gets life term

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA, NOVEMBER 27

Directorate (ED) on Friday opposed and sought dismissal IN WHAT may be the fastest vera plea by former dict by an POCSO court in the Maharashtra home minister country, a court in Araria has Anil Deshmukh's private seccompleted the full trial in a case retary Sanieev Palande, seekand delivered its verdict and puning to quash money launderishment to the convict in one day, ing and corruption case according to a press note issued against him lodged by the by the directorate of prosecution under Bihar's Home Department. Palande and Deshmukh's

On October 4 this year, the court of special judge (POSCO) Shashi Kant Rai conducted trial. recorded statements of witnesses, heard arguments and counter-arguments, convicted

Kashmiri traders beaten up, forced to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' in Ranchi: cops investigate why two similar inci-

Ranchi: A group of Kashmiri traders were allegedly attacked and forced to chant Jai Shri Ram incident three persons have been and Pakistan murdabad in Ranchi's Doranda on Saturday arrested," Ranchi Senior morning, about two weeks after a

matters the accused and pronounced quantum of sentence, the release said. The matter pertains to the

THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

mode of offering Mass and di-

rected the Kerala Catholic

Church to implement it at the

back to Alencherry, who was

mired in shady land dealings in

the past, his subordinate and

Ernakulam Archbishop Antony

Karivil issued a directive to

priests and people of his dio-

cese that status quo (facing the

people) will continue as far as

offering Mass. Kariyil also

claimed that he had the

Vatican's consent to issue such

Alencherry and Kariyil reached

a flashpoint after the former

claimed there was no such di-

rective from Rome to Kariyil.

Subsequently, Kariyil released

the letter from the Vatican, em-

barrassing Alencherry. In

Thrissur, Archbishop Andrews

Thazhath was gheraoed by a

section of priests and laity on

Saturday evening demanding

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would trigger protests in many

dioceses on Sunday where

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Earlier, there was a divide

Church sources said the issue

implemented.

the Church directive.

The showdown between

However, in a severe set-

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earliest.

a directive.

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6.	M/s Nageshwar		1. Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of landed property vide Sale Deed no. 810 dated 14.02.2006, Khata	Dr. Virendra	02.12.2019	₹ 63,92,000.00
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NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice then this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service. The other terms and conditions of the e-Auction are published in the following websites. 1. https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others.

Date: 25.11.2021 Place: Patna

Authorized Officer State Bank of India, SARB, Patna

Waze. According to the ED, Deshmukh's family "laundered Rs 4.18 crore and showing it as received by the trust." OMKAR GOKHALE

the area. Police said three suspects have been arrested and an FIR has been registered over the case. "We have formed a team to

Superintendent of Police similar incident was reported in Surendra Jha said.

The complaint was filed by Rizwan Ahmad Wani who lives in Jharkhand's Doranda, and sells winter clothing in Ranchi. ENS

TEMPORARY CANCELLATION / REGULATION / DIVERSION / RE-SCHEDULING OF TRAINS

In order to strengthen the existing infrastructure and enhanced the safety standards, Railway has decided to undertake the Pre-interlocking and Noninterlocking work in connection with 4th line over Mathura-Palwal section of Agra Division. To execute this work, Railway will take suitable traffic blocks from 30.11.2021 to 05.12.2021. During this period the following trains will be temporarily be affected as under:-

temporarily be affected as under:-						
CANCEL	LATION OF SPECIAL TR	AINS				
Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)					
04419/04420 Mathura Jn Ghaziab	ad - Mathura Jn. EMU Special	04.12.2021 & 05.12.2021				
04495/04496 Agra Cantt Palwal -	Agra Cantt. Special	04.12.2021 & 05.12.2021				
RE	GULATION OF TRAINS					
Train No. & Name	Time/Period of Regulation					
12625 Thiruvananthapuram Central- New Delhi Superfast Kerala Express						
12617 Ernakulam Jn Hazrat Nizamuddin Mangla Superfast Exp.	6					
12903 Mumbai Central - Amritsar Jn. Golden Temple Superfast Express 85 minutes on 05.12.2021 at Mathura Jn. station.						
20807 Visakhapatnam - Amritsar Jn. Superfast Express						
12431 Thiruvananthapuram Central- Hazrat Nizamuddin Rajdhani Exp.	Train will be Regulated for 140 05.12.2021 at Mathura Jn. stati					

	DIV	ERSION OF TRAIN	
Train No. & Name		Diverted Via	Date (from the Originating Station)
18477 Puri - Yog Nagri Rishikesh Daily Express		Agra Cantt., Mitawali, Khurja Jn., Hapur, Meerut City	03.12.2021
R	ESCI	EDULING OF TRAIN	
Train No. & Name	Resch	neduled of Train	
12059 Kota Jn Hazrat Nizamuddin Jan Shatabdi Exp.	Train will be Rescheduled to depart from Kota Jn. at 08.45 hrs instead of 06.15 hrs. (150 minutes late) on 05.12.2021.		
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on public functions necessitated due to Covid-19 conditions. Infant abducted in Punjab traced to UP: handed over to parents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUDHIANA, NOVEMBER 27

FOLLOWING AN eight-day long chase covering 760 kms across three states, a Puniab Police team arrested a Uttar Pradesh-based couple for allegedly abducting a four-month old boy from a shanty in Ludhiana. The accused have been identified as Avdesh Kumar and his wife Juhi of village Kaanp in UP's Lakhimpur district.

Commissioner of Police Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said on November 19, Rupa Devi, who lives in a shanty, lodged a complaint that a man, wearing a mask, came to her saying he wanted to donate warm clothes. He asked her to walk with him and carry her infant to his wife who was sitting in a car parked near the road.

The complainant alleged that the moment she reached the car, the woman snatched the infant and fled in the car. The police officer said they reached the house of one Rijak Pal Singh on the basis of registration plate of the car. Pal told them he had sold his car to Avdesh a few months ago.

Bhullar said that on the basis of investigation, a police team traced the accused to UP and with the help of local police.



People of Maharashtra, your blessings have helped us get here; we are grateful to you, now and forever.

Investments flowed in, employment went up; we worked hard, so you could prosper.

We fought natural calamities, shoulder to shoulder; reached aid to every corner, gave relief to every farmer.

With treatment, vaccination and oxygen production, we kept Corona at bay; cared for your health, night and day.

We protected trees and forests, harnessed the energy of sun and air; to put the global reputation of our state right up there.





Roads will become wider, trains and metro will make travel faster; places and people will connect to each other.

It is two years today, we have taken this journey together; with your blessings, we will continue to take our state further, higher...



Uddhav Thackeray Chief Minister



Balasaheb Thorat Revenue Minister



THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

DITYA SINGH'S first serious foray into the world of cryptocurrencies happened over a failed payment. The owner of a recruitment firm that he runs with his brother, Singh says that sometime in 2015, one of their European clients wouldn't pay the commission and eventually stopped taking calls.

"When we finally got through to the client, he gave us an option to pay in Bitcoins. We had our doubts but since there was no other way to get our commission, we agreed. That's when we realised that there is a whole market around Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies," he says, refusing to reveal his investment or other personal details.

The deeper he dug, the more drawn he was to this decentralised financial system that existed beyond the control of governments and banks. "I also watched a lot of videos related to crypto currencies but they were mostly in English and I realised that discussion in Hindi about the fundamentals was missing in India," he says, adding that he soon began posting videos on YouTube.

The idea clicked. Aditya's YouTube channel, Crypto India, has 1.97 lakh subscribers now and he is routinely invited as an "expert" by news channels.

Singh's story mirrors that of others across India, many of them from Tier 2 and Tier 3 towns, mostly aspirational young investors excited by the opportunities of this newest financial frontier — from Kanha Mohanty, 24, an engineer in Jagatsinghpur, Odisha, whose investments in cryptocurrencies earned him Rs 30,000 over the last one year, to the unemployed Pankaj Chowdhury, 26, from Howrah, West Bengal, whose mantra is to "invest only as much as you can afford to lose".

In the absence of a regulatory framework or safety net, this interest in cryptocurrencies, mostly among first-time investors with little knowledge of either the products or the risks entailed, has caught the attention of policymakers. The government has decided to bring a Bill in the Winter Session starting Monday to prohibit "all private cryptocurrencies in India" with "certain exceptions".

Currently, while India does not recognise cryptocurrencies as legal tender, there is no ban on trading in cryptocurrencies.

A volatile investment

While there is not much clarity on the composition of The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021, on November 24, the possibility of a ban on certain cryptos led to panic-selling, resulting in a correction of over 20 per cent across cryptocurrencies listed on Indian exchanges.

It's this volatility that marks cryptocurrencies. If stock prices are backed by the earnings and growth of a company, there is no such underlying factor for crypto prices, which are mostly driven by hype and demand.

mostly driven by hype and demand. Recently, investors lost millions of dollars as a new cryptocurrency inspired by *Squid Game*, the popular Netflix series, went on a roller-coaster ride. Its value plunged to nearly zero but within days, it was trading at \$38 a token on an exchange called Pancakeswap. After a couple of days, the token's value grew from \$628.33 to \$2,856.65, but five minutes later, it nosedived to \$0.0007.

While Bitcoin, the world's first cryptocurrency, was born out of the 2008 financial crisis, in India, it was around 2015-16 that the digital currency started to get noticed. In March 2020, the Supreme Court reversed the RBI's move to cut the money supply to crypto exchanges, resulting in an exponential increase in investment flows into crypto assets.

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۲	ETHEREUM Symbol ETH	marketcap \$492,095	,993,207
	BINANCE COIN Symbol BNB	marketcap \$100,104,	416,551
?	TETHER SYMBOL USDT	market cap \$73,124,62	20,430
	SOLANA Symbol SOL	MARKET CAP \$59,831,2	25,123
	CARDANO Symbol ADA	market cap \$52,091,4	64,315
\bigotimes	XRP SYMBOL XRP	marketcap \$45,108,8	44,286
(6)	USD COIN Symbol USDC	market cap \$38,033,0	017,002
P	POLKADOT Symbol DOT	market cap \$35,056,2	244,286 017,002 227,774
Ð	DOGECOIN Symbol DOGE	MARKET CAP \$27,419,12	20,042

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"I am not qualified enough to say if crypto is a fraud or not... who knows, it may be the future and we are early entrants. So why not regulate and make people aware that it is high-risk, high-return?"

NILESH SHAH, MD KOTAK MAHINDRA AMC, PART-TIME MEMBER OF THE PM'S ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL



"There is no point suppressing an industry, we have to come out of the shadows...How do we provide the right education to the user and ensure they understand the risk when they get into it."





"We're awaiting further details on the Bill... There have been many positive steps taken by the government to understand the impact of crypto on all stakeholders — investors, exchanges, policymakers."

AVINASH SHEKHAR, CO-CEO OF CRYPTOCURRENCY EXCHANGE ZEBPAY



"There are serious concerns on macro-economic and financial stability, there are deeper issues... I'm yet to see serious, wellinformed discussion in the public space on these issues."

SHAKTIKANTA DAS, RBI CHIEF, AT SBI BANKING CONCLAVE ON NOVEMBER 16

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Digital currencies and how they work

PRANAV MUKUL & ANIL SASI

What is a cryptocurrency?

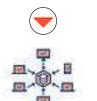
A cryptocurrency is a medium of exchange, such as the rupee or the US dollar, but is digital in format and uses encryption techniques to both control the creation of monetary units and to verify the exchange of money. Bitcoin is considered to be the world's best known cryptocurrency and is the largest in the world according to market capitalisation, followed by Ethereum.

In traditional financial deals, where two parties are using fiat money, a third-party organisation — usually a central bank — assures that the money is genuine and the transaction is recorded. With cryptocurrencies, a chain of private computers — a network — is constantly working towards authenticating the transactions by solving complex cryptographic puzzles. For solving the puzzles,





A transaction request is placed and a virtual 'block' representing that transaction is created



This block is circulated to all the nodes of a particular network, which verify this block for authenticity and uniqueness

During the ICCT20 World Cup in October-November, cryptocurrencies virtually flooded drawing rooms.

Ranveer Singh's 'kuch toh badlega' campaign for crypto trading platform CoinSwitch Kuber, aired repeatedly during the World Cup matches, was among those aimed at millennials in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. His hardsell was hinged on the low-entry barrier for those looking to invest in crypto, and the ease of transaction on a platform that now lays claim to being India's largest crypto asset one.

CoinDCX, CoinSwitch Kuber's rival platform, roped in actor Ayushmann Khurrana. Multiple other smaller exchanges also joined the ad pitch. Reports pegged the collective ad spends by crypto players at a cumulative Rs 50 crore during the course of this World Cup.

The buzz had an unintended consequence: a flurry of meetings in policy circles, and regulators stepping in to temper the claims by exchanges.

On November 3, an umbrella grouping of 13 members who are part of the cryptocurrency ecosystem put out an advertisement that said, "Crores of Indians have invested over Rs 600,000 crore in crypto assets." Through the advertisement, the group — including the Internet and Mobile Association of India, Blockchain & Crypto Assets Council (BACC), crypto exchanges and others — said they are committed to complying with the BACC's selfregulatory code of conduct, and to ensuring secure access to crores of investors.

This declaration came on the back of alarm bells being raised at various levels — within the government, regulatory circles and leaders in the investment fraternity. So far, going by the initial reactions, they don't seem to be on the same page.

While the Prime Minister's meeting on November 13 on the way forward for the sector called for "progressive and forward-looking" steps, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has advised caution.

On November 16, speaking at the SBI Banking Conclave, he said the issue evokes "serious concerns on macro-economic and financial stability" and that he is "yet to see serious, well-informed discussion" on it.

The RBI has in the past indicated that it is "very much in the game", and getting ready to launch its own digital currency.

Capital market regulator SEBI, meanwhile, has reservations on regulating cryptocurrencies as a financial asset, while a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, which met **15 million** Estimated number of active subscribers on cryptocurrency exchanges in India

Estimated outstanding value of cryptocurrencies across exchanges

CRYPTO CRYPTO

The government's plan for a Bill to act against private cryptocurrencies has reopened the debate on the fast-moving, highly volatile sector, where policy has so far failed to catch up with technology. *The Sunday Express* meets a range of stakeholders — from investors to coin exchange players and the government — on what could be the way forward. By GEORGE MATHEW, PRANAV MUKUL, SUNNY VERMA, HAMZA KHAN & SANDEEP SINGH

on November 15, favoured regulating cryptocurrency exchanges.

The way forward

It's this view — that digital currencies be regulated, instead of an outright ban — that is gradually gaining traction.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* at an Idea Exchange session, Nilesh Shah, MD Kotak Mahindra AMC and a part-time member of the PM's Economic Advisory Council, also favoured this.

"Iam not qualified enough to say if crypto is a fraud or not... who knows, it may be the future and we are early entrants. So why not regulate and make people aware that this is high-risk, high-return? So that tomorrow, if

it goes out of hand, it does not jeopardise many investors," he said.

Ashish Singhal, founder & CEO of CoinSwitch Kuber and BACC co-chair, whose Ranveer Singh ads created a stir, says, "I believe that it (the ads) is one of the reasons why this has been taken up on urgency. But the crypto industry was booming even before the ads came out, so there is no point suppressing an industry... We have to come out of the shadows... How do we provide the right education to the user and ensure they understand the risk when they get into it... So definitely, guidelines and self-regulation organisations are needed to lay down what is allowed,"

Avinash Shekhar, co-CEO of cryptocurrency exchange ZebPay agrees. "We are awaiting further details on the Bill... There have been many positive steps taken by the government to learn and understand crypto and its impact on all stakeholders — investors, exchanges, policymakers. So, we are looking forward to a crypto Bill that takes into consideration all the

inputs from those discussions," he says. Aditya Singh, the investor and YouTuber, isn't perturbed by reports of a ban. "I feel everyone is reading too much into the Bill. The Finance Minister has clearly said that we are not going to ban cryptocurrencies entirely. Crypto has opened so many options and has become even more relevant after Covid, when jobs have been shrinking. For some families, *yeh crypto bhagwan ka roop bankar aa gaya hai* (it's a manifestation of God)," he says. rencies. This process is called mining. At the backend of these transactions is a technology called 'blockchain'.

What is blockchain?

Satoshi Nakamoto — the person (or a group of people) who is said to have conceptualised an accounting system in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis — had mooted an idea where the transactions and the value of money would be recorded digitally on a publicly available and open ledger that contains all the transactions ever made, albeit in an anonymous and encrypted form. This ledger is called the blockchain.

Bitcoin and the thousands of cryptocurrencies are essentially codes recorded on a blockchain that gets longer and longer as more people use them.

There have been voices calling for stablecoins as an alternative to volatile cryptocurrencies. What are stablecoins?

Stablecoins are digital currencies that are backed by a fiat currency such as the US dollar, thus giving it an intrinsic value. From an investor point of view, stablecoins become easier to understand considering the underlying reserve asset. There is also a case being made by sovereign governments for stablecoins such as Tether, USD Coin and Diem (proposed by Facebook's parent company Meta) given that it could increase the reach of their fiat currencies in the digital ecosystem.

How are cryptocurrencies bought?

There are two ways. The first is to buy it from someone and the second is to mine new crypto coins. Buying it from someone usually happens in two ways — an exchangefacilitated transaction or a peer-to-peer transaction. For Indians, the simplest way to invest or trade in cryptocurrencies has been through one of the many exchanges and trading platforms operating in India. These include WazirX, CoinDCX, CoinSwitch Kuber, Zebpay, Bitbns, Giottus, etc.

To be able to trade or invest in cryptocurrencies using INR, users need to register on one of the exchanges by completing a KYC process. Then, a user buying crypto for the first time will need to load INR money in the wallet of their cryptocurrency exchange. The cryptocurrency wallet is identified by a unique address represented by a randomly generated combination of numbers and letters. There are two ways to load money into a cryptocurrency wallet — through net-banking or through an e-wallet.

Here's where the first entry barrier arises.

Once verified, this block is added to a chain of existing blocks called a blockchain



The updated blockchain is distributed to the network, marking the transaction complete

Despite the Supreme Court order that quashed the RBI directive prohibiting banks from allowing their systems to be used for virtual currency transactions, several large banks don't offer their financial infrastructure for investment or trade in crypto.

Among the e-wallets that operate in the country, only MobiKwik is supported on platforms such as WazirX and CoinDCX. Once the transaction is through, the purchased cryptocurrency holding is reflected in the exchange's wallet.

How are they sold for INR?

The Indian exchanges allow sale of cryptocurrencies in exchange for INR as well but given that many of the smaller banks that support the transactions do not have the necessary digital infrastructure to handle the volumes of withdrawal and the volatility experienced by these virtual currencies, disruption in withdrawal services is a common occurrence.

The government plans to bring a Bill to prohibit "all private cryptocurrencies". What are private cryptocurrencies?

While there is no clarity yet on how private cryptocurrencies are defined, indications are that any digital currencies that are not issued by the State will be banned.



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THE RICH get big and the big get rich. Once they are big and rich, there is the clear and present danger that they will be unaccountable. John Sherman, a United States Senator (the first Antitrust Act, 1890, is commonly referred to as the Sherman Act) said, "If we will not endure a king as a political power, we should not endure a king over the production, transportation, and sale of any of the necessaries of life." Standard Oil and AT & T were broken up in the US. China has cracked down on Alibaba, Tencent and Didi. Microsoft, Google and Facebook face the heat in many countries. Why? Because they have become too big, too rich and unaccountable.

Just as we will not endure a king as ruler, we ought not to endure a ruler who wants to be king. Many countries have term limits on their President or Prime Minister because he/she could acquire absolute power.

DEMOCRATIC & RICH

Mr Vladimir Putin has found a way to remain the real power whether as President or Prime Minister. Mr Xi Jinping has consolidated his power, abolished term limits and is all set to begin his third term next year. By any definition, both countries are not democracies. Nor have they broken into the ranks of the rich countries

The top 10 richest countries of the

Big, rich and unaccountable

world by per capita income are: 1. Luxembourg, 2. Ireland, 3. Switzerland, 4. Norway, 5. United States, 6. Iceland, 7. Denmark, 8. Singapore, 9. Australia and 10. Qatar. Except Qatar, which is a monarchy, and Singapore, which is a qualified democracy, the other eight countries are full-fledged democracies. I cannot name the President or Prime Minister of any of the eight, except of the US and, with some effort, of Australia. The moral is that a country and its people can be rich and democratic, though led by quiet, reserved and faceless leaders. None of these leaders has, to my knowledge, been accused of hubris or arrogance.

SLIDE TO **UNACCOUNTABILITY**

Democracy ill sits beside absolute power or disdain for Parliament and the media. There is no place for 'I know it all' or 'I am the saviour' rhetoric. These qualities are acquired when a political party becomes too big, too rich and unaccountable. The BJP claims to be the biggest party in the world and we know it is the richest in India. It has 300 seats in the Lok Sabha (out of 543) and 1,435 seats in the State Legislative Assemblies (out of 4,036). It is the ruling party in 17 states (out of 28). That makes it too big. The BIP is also too rich. According to the Association for Democratic Rights, in 2019-20, the BJP collected Rs 2,642 crore (out of Rs 3,377 crore for all parties) from unknown sources, including the infamous electoral bonds. In the last round of state elections in five states, the BJP spent Rs 252 crore; of that Rs 151 crore was spent in West Bengal alone!

In the last seven years, the BJP has become more unaccountable. It shuns debate in Parliament; passes Bills without scrutiny by parliamentary committees and, often, without a debate in the two Houses; the Prime Minister religiously avoids Parliament and the media; and the government has no hesitation in using the CBI, ED, Income Tax, NIA and now the NCB (Narcotics Control Bureau) against political opponents, social activists, journalists and students.

Despite being too big, too rich and unaccountable, the BJP has won a string of elections. Where it lost, it had no compunction in buying legislators and forming the government with the help of obliging governors. They have proudly given a name to the sordid exercise -**Operation Lotus!**

FEAR ONLY LOSING

The hubris and arrogance were in full display in the passing of the three farm laws and the obstinate defence of the laws. The laws were made through ordinances and converted into legislation without a debate in Parliament. Farmers

protested for 15 months, but the government did not yield. The invitation to farmers for talks was insincere and the talks were political theatre. The abuse and name-calling of the farmers and their supporters ('Khalistanis, anti-national') reached indecent limits. The police crackdown was brutal. The response to the Supreme Court was defiant. Throughout, the government was selfsatisfied and smug — until the intelli-gence reports and survey results seeped into the high chambers.

It is crystal clear that the Modi govger statesman when he repealed the law!

Democracy may yet survive in India

Invisibility of caste in environmental studies



WHEN WE discuss environmental issues in Indian academic spaces, there is reluctance on referencing caste. Environment as a formal subject is taught in most institutions. The field of Environmental Humanities started around 2000 and has been gaining momentum, but in India, it functions with the glaring omission of caste.

We raise two points. First, why is this so in environmental studies in general and Environmental Humanities, in particular. Second, what are the (im)possibilities of anti-caste Environmental Humanities in Indian academia?

Way back in 1997, the late Gail Omvedt had drawn our attention to the question 'Why Dalits dislike environmentalists?'. Preservation of resources, protection of species, setting up of protected areas and campaigns for environment often do not

helped reduce competition over scarce natural resources, and created the right psychological environment.

Such studies thus legitimise the misappropriate distribution of resources without questioning the inbuilt structural mechanisms holding back Dalits.

Lack of representation of Dalits or tribals in these institutions is also a reason. It is our failure that anti-caste discourse, and literature and culture of the marginalised, are yet to become institutionalised in premier educational institutes. Inclusion of caste in the formal syllabus of environmental studies seems possible only at the individual faculty level. For example, at IIT Gandhinagar, where we are based, it is an important part of a formal course. We invite Dalit poets and researchers to discuss their work on environment with refer-



WHEN THE Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the findings of the fifth National Family Health Survey (NFHS), documenting government data on health and family welfare issues, there were a flurry of chest-thumping declarations. Many in the media reported that India's population had "stabilised" and some even claimed that it had begun "declining".

This is not entirely true. According to the findings, India's total fertility rate (TFR) - the average number of children born to a woman in the country over her lifetime – has slipped to 2.0. According to the United Nations, if women have on an average 2.1 children each over a sustained period of time, the population neither grows nor declines and thus stabilises. This means that for India's population to stabilise or decline, it would have to maintain a TFR equal to or less than 2.1 for a sustained period of decades.

Regardless, this drop in India's TFR, which stood at almost 6 in the 1950s, to its current levels is a significant feat. The credit for this achievement must go to the people of India, along with successive governments, especially the bureaucracy. This drop is a sign of changing aspirations, especially among women, who are seeing the wisdom of having fewer children. Started as back as 1951, India's family planning programme is among the world's oldest. The earliest government communication campaigns sought to promote smaller families. But there was little progress as India continued to see rapid population growth. In 1975, when the Indira Gandhi-led government declared Emergency, the desperation to control the population took a dark turn. A widespread mandatory sterilisation programme saw thousands of vasectomies, many of which were forced. These sterilisations became a major issue in the 1977 general elections, when Indira Gandhi was voted out, and India saw its first non-Congress government at the Centre.

Population slowdown is triumph of India's people



There is no better contraceptive pill than education. According to NFHS data, women who had no schooling had the highest TFR of 3.06. Abhinav Saha

India, recognised and committed to a rights-based approach to family planning, which held that if people's needs for family planning and reproductive healthcare are met, along with other basic health and education needs, then population stabilisation will be achieved naturally, not as a matter of control or coercion. The ICPD inspired India's 2000 National Population Policy. But implementation only picked pace when the National Rural Health Mission, now part of the larger National Health Mission, was launched in 2005. The 2000s saw a rekindled interest in population stabilisation, but the burden of family planning stayed with women, with female sterilisation being the most available method. The lack of emphasis on quality of care led to some egregious practices. In 2014, 16 women died in Bilaspur after they were sterilised at a government camp. As a member of a fact-finding team comprising several civil society organisations, led by the Population Foundation of India, I visited the site and conducted several interviews. We found that gross negligence and compromised quality of care had led to these deaths. Our team's inquiry resulted in a report that became the basis for a landmark judgment by the Supreme Court in 2016 and transformed the way family planning services are provided in India. The order by a two-judge Bench headed by Justice Madan Lokur asked the government to put a stop to sterilisation camps and focus on providing tempo-

ernment fears only one thing - losing an election. Petrol and diesel prices were reduced within hours of the results of the by-elections to 30 Assembly seats, where the BJP won just seven. The sudden decision to withdraw the farm laws - taken by Mr Modi without Cabinet approval was a clear indication that he feared massive losses in UP, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa (where his party rules today) and being blanked out in Punjab. The contrived praise for the PM's 'statesmanship' by his ministers only exposed what a crowd of dumb cheerleaders they had become: Mr Modi was a statesman when he passed the law and Mr Modi was a big-

as long the BJP fears losing an election. Even better, an actual defeat in February 2022 may prod the BJP to shed some of its hubris and arrogance.

> derstand why Modi has done so little. After the Pulwama attack, the Indian Air Force conducted a 'surgical strike' on terror-

ist camps in Pakistan, and many political analysts believe that it was this aggressive retaliation that won Modia second term. But surely this is not all that the mighty Government of India is capable of? This kind of cowardly, undeclared war, disguised as jihadist terrorism, is likely to be the only kind that Pakistan will fight in its endless quest to weaken India, so should we not have a strategy by now that fights back using the same tactics? Jihadist killers continue to be sent into Kashmir with the help of the Pakistani army, and their numbers are likely to grow now that we have a gang of violent holy warriors ruling Afghanistan. What is India's strategy to stop this from happening? When incidents of jihadist violence decreased after the abrogation of Article 370, there was no shortage of kowtowing ministers who credited Modi with having stopped jihadist terrorism. Now that we are seeing a jihadist attack almost every other day, who should we blame? As someone who spends many months of the year in Mumbai, it shames me to report that if Pakistan wanted to repeat what happened 13 years ago, it easily could. All that has changed since November 26, 2008, is that armed police commandos and armoured cars can be seen on patrol in those parts of the city where the attacks took place. But, they seem to have more training in protecting VIP politicians than in counter-terrorism. As for ordinary policemen, who are always the first responders in a terrorist attack, they would certainly be as unprepared as they were 13 years ago. Since Modi became Prime Minister, what has changed is that his spokesmen and supporters have no compunction in using the word Pakistani as a term of abuse. They appear with relentless regularity on primetime TV shows to rant and rave against Pakistanis, Islam, and Muslims in general, but as that old cliché says, they sound exactly like empty vessels making a lot of noise. Instead of helping India's case, they end up wrecking it with their venom and childish hostility. It is time that the Prime Minister took personal charge of evolving a new strategy to deal with Pakistan's covert, clandestine war with our own covert, clandestine war. If Hafiz Saeed and his gang of killers cannot be brought to justice in the courts of Pakistan, then India needs to show that it has the capability to deal with them as Israel deals with its enemies. Meanwhile, at an official level there is no harm in reviving dialogue with Pakistan, and this time making clear that we know what happened on 26/11 and we know what is happening in Kashmir. Instead of the Prime Minister complaining at international forums about terrorism, he needs to show that India can and will deal with those who attack us. Only then will the shame of India having done nothing after the 26/11 attack be erased. A memorial to those who died for no reason is necessary because it will serve to remind everyone that India does not forget or forgive her enemies.



We must never forget 26/11

LASTWEEK, in a small sort of way, we commemorated the thirteenth anniversary of 26/11. Why we always have this remembrance only in a small sort of way instead of on the scale that the United States commemorates 9/11 has begun to puzzle me more and more. Let me explain why. After Narendra Modi became Prime Minister in 2014 and went to New York to attend the UN General Assembly's annual meeting, he made it a point to visit the 9/11 memorial. It is a sombre and moving experience, and since I happened to be present, I noticed that Modi looked both sombre and moved. So why in the past seven years that he has been Prime Minister has he not considered building a memorial to those who died in the worst terrorist act committed on Indian soil? This is a Prime Minister who sets great store by memorials, which makes this oversight more puzzling.

It is easy to understand why, when there was a Congress Prime Minister in Delhi, he preferred to forget what happened in the hope that everyone would forget the terrible mistakes made during the attack and after. If the mistakes made during the attack were bad, the mistakes made after it were worse. The attack on Mumbai was an act of war by Pakistan, and the Indian government did no more than whine at public forums that we had provided sufficient proof that those who planned and orchestrated the unspeakable horror we call 26/11 continued to move about freely in Pakistan and continued to remain unpunished.

This itself is proof that the Pakistani State was directly involved. What makes India's weak-kneed response more shameful is that it allowed Pakistan to take charge of the narrative. Pakistanis I met in the wake of 26/11 said they believed that it was Indian intelligence agencies who had planned the whole thing, or they boasted of how "all it took was 10 young Pakistanis to bring India to her knees". The government led by Manmohan Singh, and controlled by Sonia Gandhi, behaved disgracefully and had no reason to attend remembrance ceremonies or build a memorial. It is much harder to un-

acknowledge the role of as well as impact of these initiatives on the marginalised, mainly Dalits. While there are new studies exploring the issues of caste in the context of the environment, for example Mukul Sharma's Caste and Nature, casterelated discussions are yet to be included in the formal pedagogy.

Why are the issues of Dalits and their relation with land, water and food seldom highlighted in environmental academic discussions? Is it because the dichotomy of mainstream and margin is subverted, where the "margins" are essentially the core component of the environment studies discipline. In the field of environmental humanities, the emphasis is on "interconnectedness", between humans, nonhumans; nature, culture; and people, environment. This appears an antithesis to the Indian social system that is deeply and rigidly hierarchical, with unequal access to resources, along the gradient of caste.

The invisibility of caste in environmental studies is deliberate. In fact, some studies justify the caste system as a sustainable way reflecting "genuine cultural adjustment" to "shared" resources. One particular study by M Gadgil and K C Malhotra, 'Adaptive Significance of India's Caste System: An Ecological Perspective', claims that "resource partitioning" has ence to caste, with a mandatory field trip. One of the field sites is Ahmedabad's

largest garbage dumping site at Pirana Those who inhabit these highly degraded inhumane spaces are invariably Dalits, Muslims and the migrant poor. Caste and its connection to resource distribution is what loel Lee has appropriately coined 'Environmental Casteism'.

While elite institutes may appear less enthusiastic to including caste, the power of individuals in making caste issues part of the formal environment curricula is possible. We strongly believe that an anticaste approach and perspective from the margins will make this field more inclusive and diverse in terms of adding more critical reflections from a Phule-Ambedkarite point of view.

This will be an attempt to de-casteise and de-Brahmanise along the lines of Braj Ranjan Mani's argument of questioning Brahmanical pedagogy.

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Suraj Yengde, author of Caste Matters, curates the fortnightly 'Dalitality' column

This was the first time we saw strong evidence of a clear popular rejection of a coercive population-control policy.

For several decades after the Emergency, governments stayed away from family planning. In 1994, the International Conference on Population Development (ICPD), convened under the auspices of the United Nations, brought about a landmark shift in the way governments viewed population-related issues At the ICPD, 179 governments, including

ices has resulted in a high unmet need. However, increased focus on providing services in high-fertility districts may have helped improve knowledge and acceptance of family planning.

Increased reach of the media has

changed women's aspirations, and their

desire for greater control over their lives.

Although NFHS data show that women

desire to have less than two children, their

inability to access family planning serv-

rary methods of contraception.

India's large young population – about 30 per cent is aged between 10 and 24 - is gearing for change. The government needs to play a pivotal role and invest in education, health and creating economic opportunities for young people. It needs to understand that there is no better contraceptive pill than education.

Girls' education has a direct co-relation with a decrease in fertility. According to NFHS data, women who had no schooling had the highest TFR of 3.06, as compared to women with 12 or more years of education who had a TFR of 1.71.

The government must provide health and life-skills education at an early age along with ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health services. It must absolutely swear off coercive populationcontrol policies for good. The way forward requires less chest-thumping and more collaborative efforts if we are to sustain the trend towards population stabilisation.

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STAND-UP comic Vir Das elicited a wholly predictable response to his impassioned lament on the dichotomy of surviving two, contradictory Indias. In the much-applauded monologue held at Washington's prestigious Kennedy Centre, Das highlighted the shocking contrasts we internalise, like how the world's largest population under 30 endures "75-year-old leaders with 150-year-old ideas". Madhya Pradesh's Home Minister declared Das persona non grata in his state while another BJP leader filed a complaint against him for "vilifying" India on foreign soil. Comedy in India has become a dangerous business: in January, comedian Munawar Faruqui was arrested

The power of ridicule

for allegedly passing indecent remarks about Hindu deities. In 2019, comic artist Agrima Joshua received rape threats for a joke on a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji,

It's not difficult to see why touchy politicians feel threatened by comedians. They instinctively understand humour packs in so much more than just frivolous entertainment; it provides clarity on bizarre situations that are otherwise impossible to comprehend. Some years back, a friend's father expired on a cruise liner in the Caribbean. There's nothing funny about this – until you hear that the friends he was travelling with continued with their vacation despite this catastrophe. Undoubtedly, it cast a damp ener on everyone's spirits, but logic had reared its sensible head. They had paid a full advance and had flights booked only at the end of the cruise. Meanwhile, my friend

doesn't tire of relating this morbid story, how he reached shattered three days later, to a teary mother and his father in a morgue. A way, perhaps, to process the painful realisation: what makes every trauma bearable yet unbearable is that life goes on.

Throughout history, disaster has inspired dark satire. The genre of 'tragicomedy' emerged around the 3rd century BC and gained in popularity as theatre evolved to include nuance. It is thriving in a new millennium because we are all familiar with the dysfunctions of adulthood. Existence isn't purely tragic or comic but a frustrating combination of the two. In fact, if one must find fault with Das's diatribe, it's that it wasn't (bitterly) hilarious enough. The best jesters point out deficiencies in human nature and society by slyly revealing them to be absurd. Basically, turning the grim into

grimly amusing. Ridiculousness is implied, never overtly stated. However, when a joke speaks truth to power, it can turn into a lethal tool for disruption. Bill Cosby's life blew up because of one sneer by a comedian: "You rape women, Bill Cosby, so turn the crazy down." Just like that, the floodgates to uncontainable fury burst open.

Indians are not known for their ability to laugh at themselves. In our defence, life here has always been a struggle to keep suffering at bay while building endurance. You need to be able to take basics for granted to engage in light-hearted merriment. But circumstances have us tightly wound up, unable to relax. Alas, even a who-cares attitude is a privilege of richer nations. Our countrymen are religious but not spiritual, which means a lot of mind space is wasted worrying about nonsense, like kids' mar-

riages and relatives' opinions. So, when comedians use our depressing realities as material, not everyone sees that truth is way funnier than fiction. Many people feel genuinely aggrieved that Das was denigrating India abroad, not realising that articulating the unsaid stirs dialogue. It makes room for the perspective that, even with all our differences, we are essentially the same.

To brand comedians as dissenters for critiquing historical wrongs through parody is, ironically, a perfect example of the genre of absurdist comedy - that taps into the paradoxes and irrationalities of the modern world. It takes courage to make peace with our chaotic country and, occasionally, we are entitled to laugh at it. In any case, who are we kidding? The joke's on us.

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MEANWHILE SPANISH POLICE MARCH IN MADRID

Thousands of Spanish police officers marched through Madrid on Saturday to protest against a proposed reform of a security law which they say will hamper their ability to do their work. They were opposed to proposed changes to the 2015 Citizens Security Law, which critics say violates the right to protest and limits free expression.

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Burned cars block a road in Petit-Bourg, Guadeloupe. Reuters

FRANCE

Paris says willing to talk autonomy for Guadeloupe

FRANCE IS willing to discuss autonomy for the French Caribbean territory of Guadeloupe if it is in the interests of the people who live there, government minister Sebastien Lecornu said. Guadeloupe and the nearby French island of Martinique have seen several days of protests against Covid-19 measures that have spilled over into violence. Lecornu, the minister for France's overseas territories, said in a YouTube video issued late Friday that certain elected officials in Guadeloupe had raised the question of autonomy, changing its status as an overseas region. "The government is ready to talk about this. There are no bad debates, as long as those debates serve to resolve the real everyday problems of people in Guadeloupe," he said. REUTERS

SOLOMON ISLANDS Police find three bodies after violent protests SOLOMON ISLANDS police found three bodies in a burned-out building and arrested more than 100 people in this week's violence sparked by concerns

about the Pacific nation's increasing links with China. Australian media reported the bodies were recovered late Friday after riots and protests subsided. No other details were given. Authorities imposed a curfew in the capital Honiara, after a 36-hour lockdown ordered by the embattled

OMICRON VARIANT: MORE COUNTRIES IMPOSE TRAVEL CURBS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

AP& REUTERS LONDON, NOVEMBER 27

BRITAIN BECAME the latest country Saturday to report cases of the new potentially more contagious omicron variant of the coronavirus as governments around the world sought to shore up their defences by slapping restrictions on travel from nations in southern Africa. Amid fears that the recently

identified new variant - named omicron by the WHO - has the potential to be more resistant to the protection offered by vaccines, there are growing concerns that the pandemic and associated lockdown restrictions will persist for far longer than hoped.

UK Health Secretary Sajid lavid confirmed that two people have tested positive with the omicron variant and that the cases are linked and related to travel from southern Africa.

Britain added four more countries – Angola, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia onto the country's travel red list from Sunday. Six others — Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe – were added Friday.

A host of countries, including the Pakistan, US, Australia, Brazil, Canada Iran, Japan and Thailand, joined others, including the European Union and the UK in imposing restrictions on south-

ern African countries. UK Prime Minister Boris

Johnson tightened up rules Saturday, saying anyone arriving in England will be asked to take a a mandatory PCR test for Covid-19 on the second day and must self isolate until they provide a

park money



EVEN AS countries rush to impose travel bans on South Africa and its neighbours, the WHO has warned against tak ing such steps before there is more information about the new variant. Some experts have said that it is likely that the variant is already spreading in other parts of the world and that travel bans at this stage would already be too late. There are also suggestions that omicron was detected in South Africa because of the advances made by the country

in genome sequencing and identifying new variants, and not necessarily because the variant originated there.

negative test. He also said mask-wearing in shops and on public transport will be required and that vaccination will be accelerated.

In addition to the UK, cases have been reported in travellers in Belgium, Israel and Hong Kong. Germany also said it suspected a positive case and Dutch authorities were testing if 61 people who arrived on flights from South Africa with Covid-19 have the variant.

US President Joe Biden on Friday reiterated his call for nations to agree to waive intellectual property protections for Covid vaccines in the wake of the new variant. "The news about this new variant should make clearer than ever why this pandemic will not end until we have global vaccinations," Biden said in a statement.

GERMAN AIR FORCE PLANES TRANSFER COVID PATIENTS: A Covid-19 patient is taken into an air force aircraft in Memmingen, Germany. Hospitals in southern and eastern regions of Germany have warned they are running out of ICU beds because of the large numbers of Covid-19 patients, prompting the country to organise large-scale transfers of patients to other regions. Germany's health minister said he hopes the sight of air force planes transferring patients across the country will act as a "wake-up call" to those who still haven't got vaccinated. Af

S Africa feels 'punished' by travel bans after detecting new variant

LYNSEY CHUTEL JOHANNESBURG, NOV 27

AS THE US and European countries close their borders over fears over the recently detected coronavirus variant, many South Africans say they feel as if they are being "punished" for alerting global health authorities.

Hours after South African scientists announced the existence of a new variant that they said displayed "a big jump in evolution," Britain banned travellers from southern Africa. Other European nations and the US followed suit. "I do apologise that people



A lab at the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine in Durban

took a very radical decision," said Tulio de Oliveira, director of the KwaZulu-Natal Research and Innovation Sequencing Platform and the scientist who announced

Oliveira said he believed that international solidarity would be in favour of South Africa's decision to publicise its findings. The variant, named Omicron by the WHO, was first detected in South Africa and in neighbouring

Botswana. The economies of South Africa and Botswana are reliant on tourists. South Africa's tourism minister, Lindiwe Sisulu, described the temporary travel

bans as "devastating". "Perhaps our scientists' ability to trace some of these variants has been our biggest weakness," Sisulu said. "We're finding ourselves punished for the work we do." NYT

A cure for Type 1 diabetes? For one to have worked

GINA KOLATA NOVEMBER 27

Russia spy chief says Ukraine invasion plan 'malicious' US propaganda

RUSSIA HAS no plans to invade

Ukraine and suggestions to the

contrary are malicious US prop-

aganda, Moscow's foreign intel-

US. NATO and Ukrainian offi-

ligence chief said on Saturday.

cials have raised the alarm in re-

cent weeks over what they say are

unusual Russian troop move-

ments near the border with

Ukraine, suggesting that Moscow

may be poised to launch an attack.

is free to move its troops on its

own territory and that such movements should not be a

Nothing like this is going to hap-

pen," Sergei Naryshkin, head of

Russia's foreign intelligence

agency, said in an interview

broadcast on state television, re-

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course malicious propaganda by

the US State Department."

"Everything that is happening

Naryshkin spoke a day after

the State Department's top US

diplomat for European affairs

said all options were on the table

in how to respond to Russia's

troop buildup near Ukraine's

border and that NATO would de-

cide on the next move after con-

voiced concerns about a possi-

ble Russian attack on Ukraine.

has

Washington, Kyiv and NATO of

provocative and irresponsible

behaviour near its borders.

accused

While US officials have

sultations next week.

Moscow

alleged invasion plans.

cause for concern.

Russia has repeatedly said it

"I need to reassure everyone.

REUTERS

MOSCOW, NOVEMBER 27 vaccination

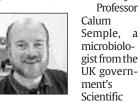
likely to protect

ADITI KHANNA LONDON, NOVEMBER 27

says Omicron

'not a disaster',

THE NEW potentially highlytransmissible variant of Covid-19, named Omicron by the WHO, is not a disaster as vaccines are still likely to protect against the serious disease from it, a UK scientist, who advises the government, said on Saturday.



Professor Advisory Group for Calum Semple Emergencies

(SAGE) struck a note of caution on the worldwide headlines around the new B.1.1.529 variant detected in

South Africa. "This is not a disaster, and the headlines from some of my colleagues saying 'this is horrendous' I think are hugely overstating the situation," Semple told the BBC.

"Immunity from vaccination is still likely to protect you from severe disease. You might get a snuffle or a headache or a filthy cold but your chance of coming into hospital, or intensive care or sadly dying are greatly diminished by the vaccine and still will be going into the future." he said.



Stephen Sondheim

American musical theatre master Stephen Sondheim dies



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 27

CASH-STRAPPED PAKISTAN will soon get \$3 billion as loan from Saudi Arabia as the Cabinet led by Prime Minister Imran Khan



the new variant on Thursday.

man, it seems

RIAN SHFITON'S life was ruled



Ogavai ended Friday. Sogavare blamed outside interference for stirring up the protests calling for his resignation, with a thinly veiled reference to Taiwan and the US. AP

SOUTH KOREA Widow of dictator

issues apology

THE WIDOW of South Korea's last military dictator issued a brief apology over the "pains and scars" caused by her husband's brutal rule as dozens of relatives and former aides gathered at a Seoul hospital on Saturday to pay their final respects to Chun Doohwan. Chun, who took power in a 1979 coup and violently crushed prodemocracy protests a year later before being jailed for treason in the 1990s, died at his Seoul home Tuesday. AF

keep the amount in the country's central bank, media reports said on Saturday.

The Saudi government had promised to maintain a reserve of \$3 billion at the State Bank of Pakistan, Geo News reported.

the aid will remain in the SBP's deposit account for a year.

told The News

cial document as saving.

from the lion Development Fund.

eign reserves, according to the central bank, stood at \$22.773 billion as of November 19, according to Geo News.

According to the agreement,

'The SBP has finalised all arrangements and now everything is in place and the amount of the agreed deposit will be received within the next couple of days," official sources

The federal Cabinet approved the agreement to keep the \$3 billion aid from Saudi Arabia in the SBP, the reports quoted an offi-The Cabinet approved the

State Bank's retention of \$3 bil-Saudi

Pakistan's entire liquid for-

UK: Storm Arwen Leaves 2 Dead

Waves crash against the pier wall at Seaham Lighthouse during Storm Arwen, in Seaham, Britain, on Saturday. At least two people died and tens of thousands were left without power as Storm Arwen brought strong winds across many parts of the UK, with gusts of up to 160 kph. Reuters

US city panel clears bid to demolish Wright Brothers' first bicycle shop

ASSOCIATED PRESS DAYTON, NOVEMBER 27

THE DAYTON Board of Zoning Appeals has approved the city's request to demolish a 129-yearold historic building that once was the site of the Wright brothers' first bike shop.

The city wants to tear down the site because the building has deteriorated to a point where it can no longer be maintained, the Dayton Daily News reported. The Dayton Landmarks



At the site of the shop in Dayton, Ohio. AP

Commission had rejected the city's demolition request in September.

Portugal's

new law on

Preservation groups had also opposed the city's plan. They argued for keeping the building's facade and incorporating it into a redevelopment project. The city appealed the land-

marks commission's decision to the zoning appeals board, which has now given the city permission to raze the property. The shop was first built in 1892

to serve as the Wright brothers' first bike shop. The brothers are credited with inventing and flying the world's first successful motoroperated airplane.

by Type 1 diabetes.

When his blood sugar plummeted, he would lose conscious-Brian Shelton may be the ness without warning. He first person cured of Type 1 crashed his motorcycle into a wall. He passed out in a cusdiabetes.NYT tomer's yard while delivering mail. Following that episode, his supervisor told him to retire, afcontrols its insulin and blood ter a quarter century in the Postal sugar levels. Service. He was 57.

His ex-wife, Cindy Shelton, took him into her home in Elyria, Ohio. "I was afraid to leave him alone all day," she said.

Early this year, she spotted a call for people with Type 1 diabetes to participate in a clinical trial by Vertex Pharmaceuticals. The company was testing a treatment developed over decades by a scientist who vowed to find a cure after his baby son and then his teenage daughter got the devastating disease

Shelton was the first patient. On June 29, he got an infusion of cells, grown from stem cells but just like the insulin-producing pancreas cells his body lacked. Now his body automatically



Shelton, now 64, may be the

first person cured of the disease

with a new treatment that has

experts daring to hope that help

may be coming for many of the

1.5 million Americans suffering

Shelton said. "It's like a miracle."

ished but urged caution. The study

is continuing and will take five

years, involving 17 people with se-

vere cases of Type 1 diabetes. It is

not intended as a treatment for the

"We've been looking for

more common Type 2 diabetes.

something like this to happen lit-

erally for decades," said Dr Irl

Hirsch, a diabetes expert at the

University of Washington. NYT

ture irrespective of Covid-related

measures, the law could come

into force as soon as December 1.

tions abound: must staff be taken

off company email lists when

their shift finishes and then put

back on when they start work

again? What about Europeans

who work in financial markets and need to know what's going

on in, say, Hong Kong, and have

colleagues working in different

tails ... but also in the implemen-

tation," says Jon Messenger, a spe-

cialist on working conditions at

International

"The devil is always in the de-

time zones?

Organization.

Nevertheless, practical ques-

"It's a whole new life,"

Diabetes experts were aston-

from Type 1 diabetes.

MARK KENNEDY

NEW YORK, NOVEMBER 27

STEPHEN SONDHEIM, the songwriter who reshaped the American musical theatre in the second half of the 20th century with his intelligent, intricately rhymed lyrics, his use of evocative melodies and his willingness to tackle unusual subjects, has died. He was 91.

Sondheim's death was announced by Rick Miramontez, president of DKC/O&M Sondheim's Texas-based attorney, Rick Pappas, told The New York Times the composer died Friday at his home in Roxbury, Connecticut.

Sondheim influenced several generations of theatre songwriters, particularly with such landmark musicals as Company, Follies and Sweeney Todd, which are considered among his best work. His most famous ballad, Send in the Clowns, has been recorded hundreds of times, including by Frank Sinatra and Judy Collins.

The artist refused to repeat himself, finding inspiration for his shows in such diverse subjects as an Ingmar Bergman movie (A Little Night Music), the opening of Japan to the West (Pacific Overtures), French painter Georges Seurat (Sunday in the Park With George), Grimm's fairy tales (Into the Woods) and even the killers of American presidents (Assassins),

among others. Tributes quickly flooded so-

cial media as performers and writers alike saluted a giant of the theater. "We shall be singing your songs forever," wrote Lea Salonga. Aaron Tveit wrote: "We are so lucky to have what you've given the world."

'The theatre has lost one of its greatest geniuses and the world has lost one of its greatest and most original writers. Sadly, there is now a giant in the sky," producer Cameron Mackintosh wrote in tribute. AP

CRITICS SAY THE NEW RULES ARE HALF-BAKED, SHORT ON DETAIL AND UNFEASIBLE Workers' paradise? Portugal's new teleworking law takes flak

BARRY HATTON LISBON, NOVEMBER 27

PORTUGAL'S NEW law on working from home makes the European Union country sound like a workers' paradise.

Companies can't attempt to contact their staff outside working hours. They must help staff pay for their home gas, electric

and internet bills. Bosses are forbidden from using digital software to track what their teleworkers are doing.

There's just one problem: the law might not work. Critics say the new rules are half-baked, short on detail and unfeasible.

And they may even backfire by making companies reluctant to allow working from home at all.

"The law is badly written and doesn't meet anybody's needs." says José Pedro Anacoreta, an employment attorney at PLMJ, one of Portugal's main law firms. "It's no good for anyone. ... It doesn't make any sense."

In many places around the world, the Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated a prior trend toward the digitalisation of work

and more flexible work arrangements. Amid such a sudden and massive shift in the employment landscape, governments are scrambling to accommodate working from home in their em-



ployment laws. Those efforts are largely still in their infancy.

During the pandemic some countries have recommended teleworking. Others - like Portugal – have demanded it. Most EU countries have specific legislation on teleworking, though with different aphas grabbed attention around the world. AP

proaches, and others are considering it through amendments,

As home working grew in recent years, workers' "right to disconnect" - allowing staff to ignore work matters outside formal working hours - was adopted before the pandemic in

countries such as Germany,

concept a step further, by flipping the onus onto companies. The employer has a duty to refrain from contacting the employee outside working hours, except in situations of force majeure," meaning an unanticipated or uncontrollable event, states the new law.

Also, parents or caregivers with children up to eight years old have the right to work from home if they choose, as long as the type of work they do is compatible with teleworking.

Fines for companies breaking

the law go up to almost 10,000 euros for each infringement.

The Portuguese rules are meant to address the downside of

what has become known as WFH. The technology that enables working from home has also opened the door to abuses, such as drawn-out workdays as staff remain reachable outside their normal eight-hour shift. But the new law has met with scepticism from those it is intended to protect.

Andreia Sampaio, 37, who works in communications in Lisbon. agrees with the law's purpose but thinks it is too general and will be "very hard" to enforce. Prompted by the pandemic

but designed to apply in the fu-

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extensions or conventions.

France, Italy, Spain and Belgium. It is now becoming the standard. But Portugal is taking that

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CRUDE WATCH

BRENT SEES OVER 8% WEEKLY FALL

New York: With the new variant of the coronavirus spooking investors and causing concerns that a supply surplus could swell, Brent crude settled at \$72.72 a barrel, a weekly decline of over 8%, while US WTI crude fell 10.4% for the week to \$68.15 on Friday. REUTERS

DIIs ACCUMULATE 712,818 CRORE OF STOCKS IN LAST SIX SESSIONS **Domestic institutions bought stocks** as FPIs rushed out during market rout

INVESTMENTS BY FPIs

AND DIIS (in ₹ crore)

Nov 26 -5,785 +2,294

FPIs DIIs

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 27

DOMESTIC INSTITUTIONAL investors (DIIs) were active buyers last week when stock markets faced a nervous sell-off with foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) dumping stocks across the board While foreign investors exited

from stocks worth Rs 25,000 crore (\$3.34 billion) in the last six sessions. DIIs accumulated stocks worth Rs 12,818 crore during the same period. Domestic institutions have been using every major correction to buy into stocks and reshuffle their portfolios. The benchmark Sensex nosedived 2,901 points, or 4.83 per cent, to 57,107.15 in the last six sessions.

On Friday, when the Sensex fell 1,688 points, FPIs pulled out Rs 5,785 crore from Indian markets

while DIIs invested Rs 2,294 crore, according to data available from stock exchanges. On November 24, when the Sensex declined by 320 points, FPIs sold Rs 5,122 crore stocks but DIIs were buyers of Rs 3,809 crore worth of stocks. Insurance companies led by LIC and mutual funds are the major

players in the market, absorbing the sales triggered by FPIs. "Domestic institutions follow the policy of 'buy when others sell'. They are long-term players and utilise every opportunity to get stocks cheap," said an analyst.

In November so far, FPIs have taken out Rs 31,124 crore from Indian markets while DIIs invested Rs 20,598 crore. LIC alone usually invests around Rs 50,000 crore in the markets every year.

Analysts are worried about the sell-off continuing in the wake of several uncertainties relating to

SECTOR WATCH

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Review of overseas

flights: New Covid

variant key cause of

concern at PM meet

Nov 25 -2,300 +1,367 Nov 24 -5,122 +3,809 Nov 23 | -4,477 | +1,412 Nov 22 -3,438 +2,051 Nov 18 -3,930 + 1,885 Source: BSE data

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the new Covid variant and tightening of the monetary policy in the United States. The sharp correction in the market on Friday was mainly triggered by concerns arising out of the new strain of the virus spotted in Africa.

In March 2020, when the Covid pandemic first hit the world, the market crashed with

FPIs pulling out Rs 65,816 crore. However, DIIs which bought Rs 55.595 crore worth of stocks made a good profit as markets bounced back subsequently.

Setting the stage for further downward pressure on other world markets, the Dow Jones Industrial Average in the US on Friday dropped about 905 points, or 2.5 per cent, for its worst day of the year, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite slid 2.3 per cent and 2.2 per cent, respectively. The Dow was down more than

1,000 points at session lows. The big question is whether retail investors will follow the exit route taken by FPIs. Retail investors have been pumping money into the stock markets through SIPs of mutual funds in the last 12 months. Another possible impact of the market rout will be on the IPO market which has been wit-

nessing a flurry of activity with the entry of high-profile unicorns. The FPI sell-off can accelerate

if the US tightens monetary policy. "Foreign brokerages had downgraded India early this month on high valuations. India's valuations vis-a-vis emerging market peers also became stretched. The further negative trigger came from the RBI observation that valuations are stretched," said VK Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Geoiit Financial Services. The market action next week

will depend on how the new virus strain spreads and its impact on the world. There are concerns over rising inflation in the minutes of the recent US FOMC meeting, signalling higher chances of an aggressive policy tightening. Worries over overvaluation and a possible rate hike have been haunting foreign investors.

down carbon intensity of its economy by 45%

India will fall far short of its

By 2030, the shares in primary energy mix will fall, with coal accounting for 45%, oil 33%, and natural gas 8% — with a decline in coal largely offset by a rise in oil and gas

Strongest prospects for displacing fossil fuels are in the power sector, but targets are likely to be missed in absence of

a step change in the sector **Emissions reduction**

benefits will be limited, as long as fossil fuels are the dominant source of power generation Source: Fitch Solutions/PT

capacity to reach 314 GW by 2030, with their share in total generation rising to around 30%



ENSECONOMIC BUREAU Tai: US to

ments to impose travel curbs.

It is the first major trade casu-

alty of the new Covid variant. No

date has been set for reconvening

the 12th ministerial conference,

widely seen as a test of the WTO's

relevance amid criticism by key

ing system that it represents.

programmes for food security.

INTERVIEW: CO-CHAIR OF BACC & FOUNDER-CEO OF COINSWITCH KUBER 'We never advocated crypto as legal tender... but this tech is solving real world problems'

Credit: Company

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Be it Covid-19 certificates, checks

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solving, and these are the prob-

nies from India solving. We will be

who in India is investing in or

Today, 45 per cent of our users

come from tier-1 cities and 55 per

cent come from tier-2 and tier-3

cities. Most of our users are very

young. It is the Gen Z population,

which is very excited about

crypto. Average age is about 25-

26 years on our platform that is in-

vesting in crypto. People from

over 4,000 pin codes have in-

vested in crypto – so it's not that

just people from tier-1 cities have

invested but the whole of India is

investing in cryptos through

CoinSwitch Kuber. To give a sense

of the kind of money they are put-

ting in - on average, they are put-

ting in about Rs 10,000 every

month for investment into crypto

and the value decreases when you

go to tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

There are many real world

the Gen Z

ASTHE government gets closer to opening the curtains on its Bill to regulate cryptocurrencies, the crypto exchange industry hopes for a balance between protection of India's financial stability and the innovation possible from the blockchain technology. ASHISH SINGHAL, co-chair of Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council (BACC) and Founder & CEO of CoinSwitch Kuber, told PRANAV MUKUL and SANDEEP SINGH about the factors that led to the proliferation of crypto investments in the country and the future of crypto exchanges. Edited Excerpts:

Now that there's a clear indication of cryptocurrencies not being recognised as legal tender, what is the future of these digital coins as a mere asset class?

First of all, exchanges and crypto companies never expected India to adopt cryptocurrencies as legal tender. India. being a sovereign country, should have capital controls, financial stability. It makes sense for countries where there is instability, but for India it doesn't make sense to give control to a cryptocurrency.

We, as an industry, stand by lems that we see many compathe government and believe that a CBDC (central bank digital curthe custodians for retail users to rency) is the right way to solve the invest in these companies. Think problem of digitisation. Money is of us as an exchange equivalent in not digital today and CBDC is the the world where crypto comparight way to solve that problem and we have never advocated for crypto to be legal tender in India. Could you give us a sense of

Second. it is not a mere asset class. Asset class is the biggest use case for cryptocurrencies. The next Google, Facebook and Microsoft will be built on blockchain and will hopefully come from India. So, the scope is much wider. It is the new internet in the making, and is not just about trading a commodity. The trading happens because of its use case.

What role do crypto exchanges play in the next 5-10 years and what problem are you hoping to solve?

Think of us like the stock exchanges of the world. Amazing companies do IPOs, create value and an NSE or a BSE provides that access to investment for these companies. The use cases of crypto may be smaller, but those use cases are being solved amazingly.



use cases beyond currencies. When you look at crypto just as a currency, there are many issues that lie - terror, money laun-

dering. But our discussions with the government over the last few weeks indicate there is a broader agreement on ensuring that customers are protected, financial stability is reinforced and India is able to take advantage of crypto technology, and build the next generation of companies on blockchain. The developments that are happening outside as well every now and then, countries adopting crypto. All of that culminated into from the talks of a ban to where we stand today, which is that the government does agree that use case is much bigger and we should have progressive regulations, so we are able to guide everyone in the right direction and don't miss out on innovation.

With regard to the proliferation of cryptocurrencies over the last

few years, what explains how it happened? I would say there are multiple

factors to that and Covid helped, but let me take a step back. Since 2018, crypto was banned in India. The entire revolution of crypto was happening in other countries and the adoption rate was increasing. Crypto is now a household name in the US. Although India wasn't a party to that equation, but in the two-year period after the ban by the RBI, the revolution was happening outside and Indians were learning.

So Indians were not behind in this because of factors like lack of internet penetration. We were almost side by side in figuring out what those developments are and we wanted to be a part of this ecosystem. Once the Supreme Court verdict came in, that gave Indians the opportunity to get into this. In a way, it was the residual demand generated in those two years that has resulted into the growth in the last 1-1.5 years.

Full interview on www.indianexpress.com

areas like design, diversifica-

tion of export product basket

Good design should be pate-

nted: include new things

such as pearls, platinum and

fashion jewellery in the ex-

ports basket; increase collab-

oration with other countries

for fusion jewellery; and lab

grown diamonds," he said at

the inauguration of Gems & Jewellery Manufacturing

Association, 2021. PTI

"Focus on four points...

and lab grown diamonds.

'India faces uphill battle to meet 2030 climate targets' India must substantially alter its current trajectory if it has to deliver on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's climate

targets for 2030, Fitch Solutions said in a note



At the COP26. Mod announced that by 2030, India will increase its non-fossil fuel power generation capacity to

Minister chaired a two-hour meeting with senior government officials to review the public health preparedness and vacci-

Several countries are restricting travel from south African nations, in addition

to curtailing travel from where the flights effective December 15, new variant has been detected senior government officials to



500 GW, generate 50% of its power from renewable sources, reduce its total carbon emission by 1 billion tonnes and bring

Analysts forecast nuclear, hydropower and non-hydropower renewables generation

Based on current state of play, climate objectives, Fitch said

Ministry announced?

PRANAV MUKUL

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

JUST A day after the Ministry

of Civil Aviation announced

the resumption of interna-

tional scheduled commercial

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi on Saturday directed

"review" plans for easing of in-

travel

EXPLAINED

ternational

Covid-19.

restrictions in light

of the emergence

of new evidence

regarding the

Omicron variant of

What had the

On Friday, the ministry announced that international scheduled commercial flights will resume from December 15 after a 21-month ban.

According to the ministry, the resumption was to happen in a calibrated manner with a staggered reopening for countries considered 'at-risk'. These include Europe, including the UK, in addition to South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong and Israel, Among these countries, if India has an air bubble arrangement, flights will be resumed at a 75 per cent capacity as decided in bilateral agreements, and for those without an air bubble, at 50 per cent capacity. For all the remaining countries that are not a part of the 'at-risk' category, 100 per cent of the flights were allowed to resume.

Why is the decision being reviewed?

On Saturday, the Prime

situation for Covid-19, where he was briefed about the omicron variant. The mutation has

been declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a 'variant of concern'.

During the meeting, Modi asked officials to review plans for easing of international travel restrictions in light of the emerging new evidence. In addition to the relaxations announced Friday, India also eased visa restrictions - having resumed granting of tourist visas for those flying on chartered flights from October 15 and for other flights from November 15

Is international travel being

ant has been detected.

restricted by other nations?

Yes. a number of countries are restricting travel from south African countries including South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, etc, in addition to curtailing travel from jurisdictions where the new vari-

www.indianexpress.com

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27 THE WORLD Trade Organization (WTO) has postponed its crucial meet of trade ministers from various countries – scheduled to start from November 30 in Geneva – for a second time, after an outbreak of a new strain of the Covid-19 virus led several govern-

> WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said many could not have participated due to travel constraints. Reuters file

members on the multilateral trad-WTO director-general Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said the travel con-The Geneva meet was to run until December 3 and host talks straints meant that many minison a broad range of issues, includters and senior delegates could ing the WTO's response to connot have participated in face-totaining Covid-19, curbs on fishery face negotiations at the ministerial Conference. "This would rensubsidies and a permanent solution to the public procurement der participation on an equal basis impossible," she said. The meet-The B.1.1.529 variant, known ing was originally due to take as the Omicron variant, detected place in June 2020 in Nur-Sultan, in South Africa has been classified Kazakhstan. Although the General as a "variant of concern" by the Council decided to move the WHO, which says it may spread meeting to Geneva, Kazakhstan more quickly than other variants. was chosen to chair the meet. FE

keep pushing for vaccine IP, WTO reform

DAVIDLAWDER WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 27

US TRADE Representative Katherine Tai said the United States would continue to push for WTO members to agree on an intellectual property framework for Covid-19 vaccines after a major WTO ministerial meeting set for next week was postponed Friday.

The delay of the in-person meeting in Geneva over travel restrictions and concerns about the spread of the new Omicron Covid-19 variant complicates Tai's plans to push her vision for WTO reform and rekindling the spirit of dynamism and compromise that led to the trade body's creation in 1995. In a pair of tweets, Tai said the postponement "is a reminder that we still have much work to do to end the pandemic." **REUTERS**

Goyal to industry: Our effort is to reduce burdensome compliances

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 27

THE EFFORT of the Central government, along with states, is to eliminate burdensome compliances, reduce the need for licensing and rationalise the renewal process with an aim to promoting ease of doing business, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said Saturday.

At the CII National Conference on Ease of Doing Business for Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Goyal suggested that the industry and the government together can engage with the judiciary on issues like fast resolution of commercial disputes and capping adjournments.

"Our effort, along with states, is to eliminate burdensome compliances, or reduce the need for licensing, reduce the regulatory burden, permissions, and ratio-

up until 9 p.m. ET on Friday, ac-

cording to Adobe Digital Economy

Index, which expected total

spending of between \$8.8 billion

outperform other retailers in

part because of their buy-online-

pick-up-at-store services, Cowen

said. Target added more than

18,000 "drive-up" parking

spaces, more than doubling

popular Black Friday deals in-

cluded \$219.99 for a KitchenAid

professional stand mixer that reg-

ularly sells for \$429.99, and sav-

ings of up to \$60 on Apple

Walmart, Target and Best Buy -

are expected to post lower fourth-

Several retailers – including

New Delhi

The company said its most

spots versus last year.

Watches and AirPods.

Walmart and Target stood to

and \$9.2 billion for the day.



nalise the renewal process. But it only happens when we work together. Self-regulation and selfcertification should be the way forward," the union minister said. On fast resolution of commer-

cial disputes, Goyal said the government is working on making mediation the preferred mechanism rather than everybody rushing to courts. WITH PTI

quarter profit margins because of

tight inventory and higher costs

for raw materials, freight and la-

bor. "Even though the holiday sea-

son should be okay from a sales

standpoint – because retailers are

Gems, jewellery: Goyal stresses on design, tie-ups New Delhi: Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday asked the gem and jewellery industry to focus on

File

PIYUSH GOYAL Commerce Minister

> Paytm Q2 loss stretches to ₹473 crore New Delhi: One 97 Communicat-

ions, the parent company of fintech major Paytm, on Saturday posted a widening of consolidated loss to about Rs 473 crore during the quarter ended September, mainly on account of increase in payment processing charges.

Paytm had a loss of Rs 436.7 crore in the same quarter a year ago, according to an exchange filing. Its consolidated total income rose 49.6 per cent to Rs 1,086.4 crore during the quarter from Rs 663.9 crore in the corresponding period of FY21. Pavtm's expense of payment processing charges rose 36 per cent to Rs 670 crore during the quarter. ENS, WITHPTI

BRIEFLY —

MoSon internet New Delhi: Democratic

countries need to join hands to think about creating safety, trust and accountability on the internet which has no boundaries, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Saturday at the first ever India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF).

MCL solar plant

Sambalpur: Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd (MCL) will set up a 50-MW solar power plant in Odisha's Sambalpur at a cost of Rs 301.92 crore as part of its goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2024. PTI

'Xiaomi to set up car plant in Beijing'

REUTERS

SHANGHAI, NOVEMBER 27

CHINESE SMARTPHONE giant tal said on Saturday.

Economic Beijing official WeChat account.

Full report on

Xiaomi Corp will build a plant that can produce 300,000 vehicles annually in Beijing for its electric vehicle unit, authorities in the capi-

The plant will be constructed in two phases and Xiaomi will also built its auto unit's headquarters, sales and research offices in the and Technological Development Zone, the economic development agency Beijing E-Town said on its

Black Friday draws US shoppers, but many go online

RICHANAIDU& ARRIANA McLYMORE CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 27

BARGAIN HUNTERS ventured out in chilly weather to buy Christmas gifts on Black Friday only to discover that many US retailers offered smaller price markdowns this year amid tight supplies.

Covid fears and fewer "doorbuster" sales thinned crowds the day after the US Thanksgiving holiday, which kicks off the year-end holiday shopping season.

On the same day, the World Health Organization named the newly identified omicron variant of the coronavirus as a "variant of concern," triggering worldwide alarm and a selloff in the US stock market.



People line up near a store on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, New York City, on Black Friday. Reuters

Stores on Black Friday had the lowest level of clearance goods for sale in five years or more. Cowen analysts said in a note.

Many shoppers chose to pick up merchandise curbside rather

than venturing inside stores. Black Friday retail sales are up 29.8 per cent versus 2020 through 3 p.m. ET, according to Mastercard SpendingPulse.

Consumers spent \$6.6 billion



Yet retailers had lured shoppers to make holiday purchases as early as September, because the supply chain logjam has prevented them from quickly replenishing year-

end merchandise. **REUTERS**

discounting less – the margins won't necessarily be higher because of inflation," said Forrester Research analyst Sucharita Kodali. US consumers are entering the holiday season flush with cash thanks to a still-hefty pile of savings from multiple rounds of government pandemic relief and double-digit wage increases as businesses compete for workers.

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With a Dot and a Dash How the use of the telegram was of strategic interest for different power structures in the country ARTS etc Eenam-Pechi in Your Backyard An animated short film presents a slice-of-life glimpse into characters who populate the afterlife in Malayalam folklore



Benita Fernando with Ankita Dwivedi Johri

STAND-UP comedian Munawar Faruqui's post on social media from the last fortnight goes something like this: I come from Two Indias

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2014 #FreedomOfSpeech

Faruqui's joke, while alluding to the controversial statements made by actor Kangana Ranaut (who claimed that India actually got its freedom in 2014 when the Narendra Modiled government came to power, and not in 1947), is modelled along the lines of yet another controversy — stand-up comedian Vir Das' Emmy-nominated monologue, *I Come* from Two Indias.

On November 15, Das, 42, posted a YouTube video that presented observations on India, some intended to expose the nation's hypocrisies and ironies, at a sold-out show at the Kennedy Centre, Washington, US. "I come from an India where we take pride in being vegetarians and yet run over the farmers who grow our vegetables" was part of this piece as were remarks on Bollywood, cricket, and the PMCares fund.

The viral clip from the show lasted all of six minutes. As of this week, at least two persons associated with the BJP in Mumbai and Delhi have lodged police complaints against Das; the Madhya Pradesh home minister Narottam Mishra, also from the BJP, has disallowed Das' future performances in the state; and INC spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi tweeted that Das had generalised "the evils of a few individuals and vilified the nation as a

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> Ravina Rawal editor, DeadAnt Co

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whole in front of the world". Das is the latest in a long line of stand-up comedians and satirists who have been intimreligious or national sentiments. In January this year, Faruqui, 28, was arrested at a venue in Indore even before he could perform his set, Dongri to Nowhere. The arrest came after a complaint from the son of a BJPMLA, who accused Faruqui of making jokes on Hindu deities and home minister Amit Shah. The alleged jokes, however, were not made at the venue, as per eyewitness accounts reported in news and research website Article 14. Faruqui spent over a month in jail. "Someone or the other is targeted everyday on the internet now," says Faruqui, who started off with open mics in 2018 and has risen to nearly 1.5 million subscribers on YouTube recently. Earlier this month, organisers cancelled his events in Mumbai and Goa following threats of physical, emotional and financial harm. Faruqui says, "You say what you think is right and what you stand by. There are lots of people who follow you on public platforms. You have to take the responsibility that comes along with it." Other comics have also faced backlash on grounds of "hurting" sentiments, religious or otherwise. By now, it's clear that political humorists come from two Indias - one, where you are thrown in jail for a joke and another, where you joke about your time in jail. In a country where biker groups and physiotherapists are offended by jokes, nationalists can't be far behind.Comedians prepare for a whole lot of things - awkward silences or an audience that is not in on the joke - but is an FIR also among them?



sions). The hike in fuel prices must be to deal with the pandemic-induced slump in the economy," recalls Rangeela, who rose to fame mimicking the Prime Minister. It gave him an idea for a new act. He immediately searched for the nearest petrol pump and got verbal permission from the owner and agreed to share the video with him, he says. The next day, however, moments after he had uploaded the two-minute parody video in the Prime Minister's voice on his YouTube channel, he got a call from the owner, informing him that he was filing an FIR against him.

Rangeela uploaded another video, 'Petrolwala crime', explaining why he decided to not take down the February 16 act. It has got close to 30 lakh views. "If I had taken down the video, then it would have been better to just give up doing comedy. Even I support PM Modi, but that does not mean that I cannot disagree with him," says Rangeela, but admits that decisions such as these have come at a cost. In 2017, the comedian was allegedly told on a reality TV show, on which he was a contestant, to not mimic either Modi or Rahul Gandhi. He was eventually eliminated from it.

Political satirist and member of ATD, Sanjay Rajoura, 49, says his scripts are tailored for his audiences and he relies mostly on everyday observations for inspiration. "Today there is an audience for stand-up comedy even in small towns, where people respond to jokes on issues related to daily life. In urban centres, people are largely ignorant," he smiles, adding, "But jokes on government's criticism work in all centres. Everyone relates to it."

Rajoura and ATD had an FIR registered against them following a show in Shillong in 2019 titled *Science ki honour killing*, but, over the years, he says, only "those who identify

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Balraj Singh Ghai owner, The Habitat, Mumbai



with our content come to our shows" and so the backlash has reduced. "Say if there are 2,000 people in the audience, then only 4-5 people will disagree with us... We also don't upload most of our shows, only small clips," he says.

There have been several warnings in recent years about the shrinking space for freedom of expression in India, such as a steadily falling rank in the World Press Freedom Index. Speaking on this subject also has become a challenge, with observers often labelled as dissenters. Several well-known comedians chose not to comment for this story or retracted their comments, citing various reasons.

"We have artists like Kunal Kamra and Varun Grover, who have developed a strong voice in the space... But they know that it still comes with potential legal complications, threats of violence, people showing up at venues to shut down shows or vandalise the place, and even getting tossed in jail, as we saw earlier this year. Younger comedians are extra cautious. Few are willing to open themselves up to the increasing risks involved," says Ravina Rawal, editor, *DeadAnt Co*, an online publication that tracks India's comedy culture.

Stand-up comedy in India is currently a well-defined genre, distinct from film com-

NO LAUGHING MATTER

Stand-up comedians in India prepare for a lot of things — awkward silences or an audience that is not in on the joke. But, over the last decade, amid increasing instances of fragile egos and easily-hurt sentiments, is an FIR also among them?

edy and YouTubers, but just over a decade old. From around 2017 onwards, Rawal recounts, a lot of comedians were venturing into the space of political satire, and it looked like it could evolve into a solid sub-genre with many exciting voices. Aisi Taisi Democracy (ATD), Das's News on the Loose, AIB's On-Air With AIB, were among them. Audiences also got used to laughing at things they haven't had the nerve to say out loud themselves. "But things started getting messy quickly. I think it comes from the realisation that comedians now have staggering reach and the potential for impact – on young voters, for instance – and that's making everyone nervous," she says.

When Mumbai-based comic Azeem Banatwalla, 32, calls himself a "traditional Muslim man", the audience scoffs, knowing well that the comedian is by no means one. In July 2020, Banatwalla suspended his Twitter account and later issued an apology for tweets from many years ago. He stated that he was subjected to the "vilest of Islamophobic abuse". Over email, Banatwalla tells us that he has spent most of his career making jokes about the culture he was born and brought up in. There are jokes about the stereotype of Muslims being terrorists, but that seems forgotten because the focus is always on perceived slights against "Hindu culture". People with political agendas attack smaller comics and venues - soft targets, essentially - to showcase themselves to their political peers, he adds. Banatwalla says that it is easy for a lot of comics, especially the newer ones, to joke about the right wing. "It's an easy laugh because, let's face it, nobody in the government exactly covers themselves in glory," he says. Banatwalla's apology was one of the many posted online around the same time in 2020.

Rohan Joshi, Sahil Shah and Sapan Verma (also members of East India Company), and Aadar Malik were among them. The spate of apologies rose in the aftermath of a joke on misinformation surrounding a proposed Shivaji statue in the Arabian Sea. Agrima Joshua, the stand-up comedian who had made the joke, was threatened by a Hindu activist with legal action if found guilty of insulting a state and national icon; she was viciously trolled online and subjected to rape threats.

Practising for the last five years, Joshua, 31, has often made digs on Indian politics, but doesn't identify herself as a political humorist. In her first and only video, "UP is the Texas of India", Joshua jokes about life in Uttar Pradesh, as both a citizen and a Christian. She unlisted the video that also mentions the Shivaji statue after threats to her life. "If you profile these men attacking comedians, women and

artistes, you'll learn they are the same people who made an issue out of (Pakistani actor) Fawad Khan performing in India. There's a lot to unpack here — fragile masculinity and the need to protect women or our culture, along with the panic over interfaith and inter-caste relationships," she says.

Stand-up comedian Shyam Rangeela, 26, says that sometimes his family asks him to "go easy" on his content. Earlier this year, when Rangeela was visiting his village in Sri Ganganagar in Rajasthan, he got into a discussion with his friends regarding the petrol price crossing the Rs 100 mark. "As I expressed my concern, most of them said Modiji har kaam soch samajh kar kartein hain (The PM gives a lot of thought to all his deci-

New Delhi

Many believe that political humorists are inherently anti-establishment. Karthik Kumar, who runs Evam Standup Tamasha in Chennai, says that comedy takes pot-shots at the establishment, that they wouldn't take labels like right-wing or left. "We really don't care who's in power. We are the ones who call the emperor naked and if we are not allowed to do that, there is a great loss..." There are comedians whose material aren't anti-establishment, as much as just pointing out little absurdities in political leadership or the social fabric. It may be a small part of a larger narrative on, say relationships and sex, but attacks against them are focused on that stray line or two.

In 2017. 34-year-old comedian Souray Ghosh's joke on how airports in Mumbai were named after Shivaji became the basis for an attack from Maharashtra Navnirman Sena's (MNS) supporters. When Ghosh responded to comments on his video, MNS supporters grew more enraged and Ghosh was forced to issue a statement. The incident came in the way of getting shows in the city, too. "I was never the kind of comedian who had sold-out shows. But even the controversy did not help me sell tickets," he says with a laugh. Last year, Ghosh left Mumbai for good due to pandemicrelated reasons. He opened his own comedy venue, Topcat Retired Comedy Club in Kolkata, with the intention of building the scene in his city. "Comedians have to find a way that works for them because attackers will always find a way. Currently, the whole comedy scene in India is a tad bit defensive," he says.

In Mumbai, The Habitat, currently the most popular venue for comedy events, is no stranger to controversies. Joshua's attackers had vandalised the venue when she had performed her piece; a mob had gathered outside the venue in retaliation to Ghosh's show, and Balraj Singh Ghai, its owner, was asked by the police to shut the venue for a week. Ghai says, "Venues are brick-and-mortar spaces. When a comic is hard to find, the venue is an easier target." As of this year, Ghai has started a light screening of scripts being performed at the venue and is more vigilant about what parts of the show make it to digital platforms.

In one of Faruqui's videos, *Ghost Story*, The Habitat's logo gleams, dented in a corner from the time the attackers came to the venue in July 2020. "I think we are going to let that be there. It's like Leopold Cafe has its bullet marks [from the 26/11 terror attacks]. Let people know what we are dealing with," says Ghai.



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DOWNIN JUNGLELAND



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Don't Throw a Hissy Fit

Being fussy about food can be tricky but it has led to the evolution of an admirable biodiversity

OME ANIMALS and even plants are real primadonnas when it comes to what they eat and where they live and what the climate should be like if they are to survive. At the other extreme are those which don't really give a damn: they'd try anything, adapt to any environment and tolerate hideous living conditions. Scientists have divided them into "specialists" and "generalists". Of course, there are many middle-of-the-roaders that slot between these two extremes, but let's meet a few of the real fusspots and few of who are willing to put just about anything into their mouths and doss down anywhere.

Anyone who has ever tried to rear caterpillars in the hope of them eventually turning into chrysalises and then butterflies will know that the caterpillars will binge like gluttons, but only on their particular brand of food. Offer them something else and they will rather starve to death than take a nibble. There are many other such fusspots in nature — by and large, herbivores tend to be specialists though there are many who break convention.

Among the fussiest is the giant panda — who wants bamboo for breakfast, lunch and dinner and any snacks in between, and who gets 95 per cent of its intake from bamboo. Another famous example is Australia's koala, which has a thing for eucalyptus leaves and nothing else. Eucalyptus leaves are poisonous and shunned by all other herbivores except the koala, whose tummy does not get upset by them, and so it has the whole eucalyptus buffet all to itself, carving an ecological niche for itself.

Now eucalyptus leaves would probably not appreciate being eaten — even if it were by a cuddly animal and, so, would be working towards strengthening its poisons, just as the koala would be working at negating even this, thus setting off a kind of arms race between the two. This, in fact, is how new species evolve — as they get more and more specialised in order to survive. While carnivores generally tend to help themselves to any kind of meat (including rotting), the fastidious Canadian lynx will only want snowshoe hares to be served at its table.



History in Dots and Dashes

In its time, the telegram was a remarkable feat of communication that met more than just routine needs

Jagannath Srinivasan

HE GRANDEUR of the Rashtrapati Bhavan makes it easy to overlook the fact that it is an office too, and quite a busy one at that. Its records, reaching back to colonial times, afford a glimpse into the evolution of the government in India. And occasionally, the telegram peeks out from notes and letters, bearing testimony to its once pivotal role in moving the wheels of the government.

Governments are command and control structures and colonial governments, more so. The advent of the electric telegraph allowed its nerve centre, the governor general, to overcome the limitations imposed by physical modes of communication, cutting down to hours what took days to communicate. William O'Shaughnessy, who joined the East India Company (EIC) army as a surgeon in 1833, had experimented with the telegraph in Bengal but it needed Lord Dalhousie to make the parsimonious Court of Directors of the East India Company — reluctant imperi-alists but active colonialists who were always averse to incurring any expenditure in the usual course - to approve the introduction of the electric telegraph in India. Dalhousie understood the criticality of communications for the empire he was extending and commissioned O'Shaughnessy to work on the telegraph.

From its beginning in Diamond Harbour in 1851, the telegraph grew like a chain, sync-

ing with the military needs of the empire. It moved from Calcutta to Lucknow to Attock, connecting the newly acquired territories. Agra was linked to Bombay and from there to Madras. The transformation of the communication system was electrifying. For instance, a request for troops for the Crimean War (1853-56), which was received in Bombay by ship, was transmitted to Calcutta in six hours. It would have taken at least a week but for

the telegraph. The EIC was to better appreciate the significance of the telegraph during the Indian Rebellion of 1857, when an official noted that "Under providence, the electric telegraph saved us". Freedom fighters, on the other hand, felt they were "strangled by that



eral in 1856, optimistically missed the powder keg of 1857 lurking around the corner to quote the sender General Outram somewhat out of context.

After the Uprising, connectivity between India and England was established, initially by overland telegraph across the Ottoman Empire and Europe and, later, by the undersea cable to the Suez. This telegraphic connection shifted the nerve centre of the empire to England. Students of history would recall that, before the Battle of Plassey, Robert

Clive had been ordered to return to Madras. His reply refusing to do so took a month to reach England, by which time he had put the Company on the path to empire building. The telegraph in Clive's time would definitely have proved providential for India!

Telegrams soon became an integral part of government communications. They would cover the routine and the strategic from the appointment of Major Strachey as the

comptroller of the Viceroys Household in 1903 to the secretary of state for India's queries on the impact of the Rowlatt Act, 1919, and questions on whether the Andaman and Nicobar islands should remain with free India. Lord Dufferin in 1887 had got approval for the creation of the Intelligence Bureau through a telegram from the secretary of state for India. Churchill's infamously peevish remarks during Mahatma Gandhi's fast in 1943, asking the viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, to confirm if Gandhi took glucose in his water when he fasted, and

AT SHORT NOTICE Former President

Rajendra Prasad during the Telegraph Centenary in 1953

transcribed and transmitted by signallers, who had to perforce read the message. To ensure secrecy, the use of the cypher was common, which in the early days of the telegraph was a source of complaints, as the coded messages weren't comprehensible to the signallers. For a colonial government, dealing with a growing nationalist movement (whose leaders were, ironically, major users of the public telegraph), coding was sacrosanct, with the Cypher Rules being strictly followed. A note from 1928 underlines how serious the

telegraphic dots and dashes.

secrecy of communications was considered. HG Haig, secretary to the Home Department, remarked on a reply from George Cunningham, private secretary to the viceroy (PSV), Lord Irwin, "PSV should not have replied

Linlithgow calling Gandhi the "world's most

successful humbug" were conveyed through

Unlike letters, telegrams needed to be

en clair to a telegraph sent to him in cypher." This sin aside, the PSV's office was quite efficient in getting the draft telegrams received from various departments every day approved by the viceroy, encoding and despatching them. Cunningham, however, records the difficulties faced while the viceroy was in Shimla or on tour with his "cypher clerks being always busy". The viceroy being the fulcrum of government and telegrams having become the main mode of communicating the urgent business of governance, Cunningham initiated the Home Department to issue an order in 1930, detailing a procedure to reduce the burden on the PSV's office

London. It was a Reuters cable, received at 10am on December 23, 1912, which informed the India Office of the attack on Lord Hardinge. The official telegram reporting the occurrence in detail, with a medical report on the viceroy's condition, reached the India Office only at 3.30pm. As is required with all government communications, the competent authority (in this case the Viceroy's Council) had to approve the draft of the telegram. Since the Delhi Durbar had continued in spite of the attack, this approval got delayed.

Telegrams received in the same office after Independence would have caused an imperialist like Dalhousie to wince - especially when Hungarian Prime Minister István Dobi's telegram to India's first President, Rajendra Prasad, on December 22, 1961, said that the liberation of Goa gave encouragement to people still languishing under colonial slavery elsewhere, or when Nigerian Prime Minister Abubakar Balewa's telegram to former president S Radhakrishnan lamented Jawaharlal Nehru's demise and noted how his wise counsel would be missed in international affairs, or the time Chairman Mao, who founded Communist China, congratulated India on becoming a republic.

After playing a prominent role in weaving Indian history for over a century, the telegraph was superseded by other modes of communication. The Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum symbolically preserves its legacy in a facsimile copy of the telegram from US President Harry S Truman to Rajendra Prasad on January 26, 1950, greeting him on India

EAT LIKE A BIRD For eclectic eaters like gulls, anything from fish to *namkeen* goes

Of course, there is a dangerous downside to this: Take away the bamboo and where would that leave the giant panda? Well on the road to extinction. If eucalyptus were to suddenly die out, so would the koala. They simply would not have enough time to adjust to another diet. That's why many zoos have hell of a problem feeding stubborn exotic creatures who demand designer food and nothing else. Fussy eaters will need larger territories than non-fussy eaters, because only so much of their favorite food can grow in a particular patch. But it's a frightening dependency and is not confined only to *khaana-peena*!

Many species of plants depend on particular species of insects to pollinate them. The grand banyan tree – a keystone species in the tropical forest – has its own species of wasp, less than one millimetre long, which does this job. If this wasp were to go extinct (say by reckless use of pesticides), the grand banyan would fall and in doing so, eventually bring the entire forest down with it.

Being fussy can be dangerous but it has led to the evolution of our bewildering and astonishing biodiversity, with enough space for all.

At the other end of the spectrum are the "generalists". These would include such lovelies as cockroaches, rats, goats, horseshoe crabs and, of course, ourselves. Our kind can eat anything, live anywhere in any kind of climate we "adjust". Horseshoe crabs, which evolved some 360 million years ago, have an extensive variety in their diet and can tolerate a wide range of water temperature, not to mention low oxygen levels, too. Some specialists also seem to be changing their colour: gulls were supposed to be sea-going fish-eaters but now throng garbage dumps and fight over offerings of namkeen. Bears in Alaska, traditionally living off salmon, berries, roots and honey have now discovered the joys of fast food in suburban garbage bins especially since their wild territories are increasingly encroached upon. And some "generalists" like ourselves have specialised too! The Inuit can live virtually only on meat, fish and blubber with a little seaweed and berries on the side.

Thanks to their eclectic nature, generalists tend to have larger populations than specialists and are less in danger of going extinct. Overpopulation is more their problem. I guess the best compromise — and means of survival — would be not to throw a hissy fit if your favourite dish were not available — but accept what is with good grace. damned wire". Telegraphic information

Telegraphic information, however, didn't always give a complete picture. "All well in Oude," one of the first messages received by Lord Canning when he became governor genwhile on tour or in Shimla.

The flow of information was also aided by news agencies. In the 1860s, Reuters had opened offices in Bombay and Calcutta, and regularly supplied news to the India Office in

becoming a republic – an ode to a technological marvel of a bygone era.

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When we are mindful and content, we feel at home wherever we are



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HOLIDAYS LIKE Diwali, Thanksgiving,

Christmas, Passover and Eid teach us about

our place in this world. They also educate us

about the importance of being at home in

our inner sanctum. But are we paying atten-

tion to the cues they offer? Do we care? Too

many of us live aimlessly, going from one fes-

tival to another, from one social high to an-

other, until we crash and are in

lonely. Being alone is a physical state we

choose. We decide to remove ourselves from

the other to do something that's important to

us. It is right for us, meaningful to us. But be-

ing lonely is an emotional state in which we

One can happily be alone and not be

deep despair.

are disconnected or removed from others. We feel empty, afraid and broken. When we are alone, we can reflect, rest,

travel, create, contemplate. We are choosing a freedom that allows us to be apart from others and not feel lonely. We haven't been forced into being disconnected to people we might choose to be with. We have separated ourselves by our own volition. But when we are lonely, we feel unloved, abandoned and desolate. We feel scared, left out, and forgotten.

When we experience loneliness, we actually have a negative sense of self. But when we choose to be alone, we often take that time of isolation to grow, to go back into ourselves. Then, when we are with others, we are better versions of ourselves.

We can live, love, work and discover, all while being alone and totally at peace with ourselves and the world. But when we are lonely, we feel removed from those we respect and love, even if we are in the same room, and it causes us to languish in a state of despair and desolation.

A busy life doesn't always mean a life that is comfortable with itself or at peace with the world. Name, fame and success get us notoriety, access and material comforts. But a life well lived is a life lived with peace of mind, without self-doubt, and in harmony with one's inner self. It is a long road getting to our inner sanctum where we are never lonely. It is in this home of our soul that we find the equipoise that doesn't require external validation or connection and that is happily lost in acquainting itself to its own self. It is in this sanctum sanctorum of consciousness that we find freedom from those hankerings and distractions that can make us broken when all seems perfectly functional in our lives on the surface.

Who wants to think of one's conscience



Home is deep inside us, not grounded in geography; rather, it is a connection between mind and soul. If we have that connection working, and are feeding our soul with the nourishment of mindfulness, then we are at home and at peace with self

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and soul-health when the going is good? No one! Troglodytic life and living is nothing like what we see depicted as desirous or sexy on social media or the idiot box. Movies and books that truly help the self never make it to bestseller lists and hardly get oxygen on the stage of hugely celebrated mindless living and ruthless capitalist profiteering. The high one gets when chasing lucrative success is unmatched and puts all other comforts in its shadow where mindfulness is eaten away by the sparkle and shimmer that is souless indulgence and popularity.

After we have experienced all the riches and material discoveries of the world, after travels across the planet to beaches, valleys, mountains and plains, after retreats or in the hustle and bustle of human madness, we have to retire to our inner sanctum alone and feel in love with the self and loved back by the self. Without this self-love and self-appreciation, we are truly alone even when not lonely.

I learnt the difference between lonely and alone after I started travelling across the US for book tours and cooking demos, for lectures and classes, for appearances and interviews. I was forever on stage. I was seeing the world and the world was seeing me. I was never alone; I was endlessly lonely.

Then one day, my body's total collapse took me to living in India. Living mindfully. I learned to be alone, find value in who I was, appreciate my body's cues, understand my mind's comfort, feed my soul's fulfillment. More importantly, I realised that I'm just as happy being alone as in the company of a gazillion.

I found myself more of myself, reflective, smiling with no one around me at all, singing to myself, writing to free my mind, dancing all alone. I realised I had come home to myself, to my inner sanctum. I had made peace with my body, within my spiritual home, my inner sanctum.

Home is deep inside us, not grounded in geography. Rather, it is a connection between the mind and the soul. If we have that connection working and are feeding our soul with the nourishment of mindfulness, then we are at home and at peace with self, and at peace wherever we are.

So many of us are so lost in the material that we are unaware of the needs of our own mind and soul. We are so lost in the bodily and physical, that we could be living lavishly, eating opulently, travelling like kings and dressing like fashionistas and yet have vacant, homeless eyes and broken hearts and restless minds. It doesn't have to be this way.

When the circuitry between our brain and our soul works, it is then that we live with a social-emotional connect that is at once purposeful and fulfilling. When mindfully happy and satisfied, we feel at home wherever we are, and even when all alone.

We come into this world alone, and it is alone that we leave it. The sooner we appreciate this fact, the sooner we can start making a more meaningful contribution to the world, and also be in harmony with self.



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Solidarity in a Polarised World

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How we can create spaces for discussing transgressions, weave in accountability and work towards a collective transformation



For me, forgiveness and compassion are always linked: How do we hold people accountable for wrongdoing and yet at the same time remain in touch with their humanity enough to believe in their capacity to be transformed?

bell hooks, Black feminist writer



OLADKI izzat layak hoti he, hum uski izzat karte hein. Jo izzat layak na ho, uski hum izzat nahi karte," (We respect a girl who deserves it and not the ones who don't). I turned around and saw a schoolboy, possibly 15 years of age, shouting out these words to a young girl running by in shorts and a T-shirt. The girl immediately slowed down and started walking self-consciously, head bent down, and the boy surrounded by his friends began laughing, back-slapping with "Bilkul, bilkul!".

Fast forward to another time in the same park, where I see two young women, full of glee and laughter, playing badminton in hi*jabs*. Suddenly, a crowd of boys, possibly 13 to 15 years of age, jostle their way through as they return home from evening school. They come close to the girls, snigger and point fingers at them. The girls immediately wrap up their play and scuttle away, leaving the boys to do a victory dance - thumping their chests, stamping on the ground, arms stretched out with loud chortling. What struck me as ironic is that they were wearing school uniforms - whitecollared shirts, ties, trousers – and making fun of young women playing badminton in hijabs, a garment that is very much part of our country's history and cultural traditions. They were also oblivious to the colonial references of their own attire.

These incidents of intersectional transgressions have made me question: What are the different scenarios that could have played out? I could have dismissed these antics as "boys will be boys," the misogyny or Islamophobia might have become invisible and the injustice of it completely obscured. I could have taken to shouting and shaming the boys or even lectured the girls on feminism and how we have to stand our ground, shoving the responsibility of resistance on to them. I could have walked to the neighbourhood school, reported to the authorities, where the boys would have been duly punished, starting another cycle of oppression. Would any of these have helped at all? Not really, as they might have got chastised, but in many ways, I might have worsened the situation for the girls, when the jeers and abuses would be even louder and more vengeful the next time. The only person who might have ended up feeling good about it is me as I would march home after taking a moral grandstand.

Talking about metaphors, this daily play of power in the park is a reflection of what is happening on social media. At every hint of a transgression, there is a knee-jerk outrage, and the wrongdoers are drummed out for public humiliation. Lines are drawn in the sand, sides taken and pushed to polarised positions. Issues that are so nuanced and complex are presented in binaries of black and white. We locate the problem in individuals rather than see it as a reflection of a society that is steeped in gender inequality, casteism, Islamophobia and violence. Shaming might make us feel good about ourselves, but what does it do to dismantle generations of oppression? layakness is measured in terms of culturally sanctioned, stringent ideas of clothing, body language, or religion, where every girl is sorted into good/bad, layak/na-layak boxes, and the boys stuck in a maze of cultural clichés of narrow masculinity. If you take that lens, then their actions in the park make perfect sense. Rather than judging them, it becomes my responsibility not to shame them but to ask myself, what am I doing to perpetuate this injustice? If I am committed to feminist ethics and social justice, does it give me the right to automatically rubbish people who might not have had that privilege? How can I meet them in a way that does not lead to polarisation and further entrenchment?

DANGER OF VIRTUE SIGNALLING

So what am I saying here? Sab chalta hai? Not at all. This is not about obscuring issues of social justice but about reflecting on how the typical virtue signalling in social media – "I am right and you are wrong," is very much like the victory dance of the schoolboys in the park. It ends up othering the problem as if it is out there and we do not have anything to do with it. There is no "us" and "them" here. We all carry scarred memories of the boys' similar metaphorical chest-thumping on Instagram

accountability at the core of school and college curriculum. There was an incident in a school when some Class IX girls took a stand on how the boys in the class commented on their bodies. The wise teacher decided to bring the conversation to the class circle time and built a safe space for girls to talk openly about the humiliation they had to face every day. The teacher later shared with me that what was remarkable was that despite the intensity and pain, there was no blame, and the boys apologised. Together, they started talking about what they could do to make the class a safer and more respectful space for the girls and what steps could be taken if there was a transgression. This conversation created ripples of resistance as the girls were called to speak in the school assembly, and other classes started having conversations on gender politics and diversity, too.

What if this could happen throughout their school life rather than just a one-off class – where issues of gender, sexuality, consent, disability, body types, caste, religion could be discussed in safe spaces without judgement or shaming? How will it be to inform our young people to question power and patriarchy? How would it make this world a safer place for all? How would it enable us to make spaces for discussing wrongdoings, weave in active accountability and

Eenam-pechi in your Backyard



 TALL TALES

 A still from the animation Kandittund!

A Malayalam animation film presents a glimpse into characters who populate the afterlife

Shiny Varghese

FYOU haven't seen it, do. *Kandittund!* (Seen It!) by Mumbai-based Studio Eeksaurus is a Malayalam short film that has leaped over fences that caged animation in India, given us a personality-driven script that allows our imagination to climb outside the box and bursts the myth that without distribution channels, animation cannot be successful.

Kandittund! is inspired by the stories of 89-year-old PNK Panicker, who is sure that ghosts and ghouls surround us and claims to have seen them. He is introduced in the animation by his son, Suresh Eriyat, also the creative director of Studio Eeksaurus, as a "jolly, good fellow" who enjoys watching films and conjuring stories from what he sees on screen and retains from folklore.

We meet characters from the afterworld popular in the Kerala landscape — Eenam-pechi (a pangolin), who traps pregnant women; Aana Marutha, who wears iron chains as anklets and is a pretty harmless one-and-a-halffoot elephant creature; Arukola floats like a faceless shadow, while the six-foot tall Thendan is a deity, whom Panicker has only met once. There's the all-too-familiar Kuttichaathan, too, whom you can call upon to nip your enemies' happiness in the bud.

"I did the video recording on my phone camera four years ago, and wanted to turn it into a film, with real footage of my father and animation in the narration of the ghosts. But it didn't shape up. Adithi joined us two years ago. When she made my father's sketches, it was spoton," says Eriyat, "The film loosely follows a documentary style. Many of these characters are known entities but here they have been reimagined visually."

The film by Adithi Krishnadas is the 24-year-old's ambition of bringing together her childhood love for cartoons and the craziness of Malayalam films. "For me, everything about *Kandittund!* was challenging, but that's what made it fun! For instance, for some of the scenes, I had to enact the actions before a mirror to see how the body moved and then put it back into animation," says Krishnadas, about the film that took nearly 18 months to complete.

While its black-and-white format was a radical decision, Krishnadas has done a fine job of balancing dialogues with 2D animation, says Eriyat. The film is an ode to his father, which comes with an endearing quality of story telling and a peculiar piquant humour. Krishnadas says, "When Panicker talks about the monsters, it's as if they are actually there. You see him surreptitiously

FEMINIST ETHICS IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A BADGE OF HONOUR

The schoolboys I ran into at the park have grown up in a society where a girl's worth and

in May 2020 (the Bois Locker Room controversy), which led to such a massive public outrage and, ultimately, tragedy.

Who did this social media lynching really help? Did it enable in restoring justice or just sow seeds of intense shame with virtue signalling in the guise of social justice — instant high, minimal healing, maximum damage.

GENDER POLITICS AND ACTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The social justice movement can move forward when we instate gender and active

solidarity?

I resonate deeply with these words by bell hooks, the Black feminist writer, "For me, forgiveness and compassion are always linked: how do we hold people accountable for wrongdoing and yet at the same time remain in touch with their humanity enough to believe in their capacity to be transformed?"

Shelja Sen is a narrative therapist, writer, co-founder, Children First. In this column, she curates the know-how of the children and the youth she works with. She can be reached at shelja.sen@childrenfirstindia.com watching the ghost behind a bush, for instance."

What also draws the viewer in is the music. With award-winning sound designer-editor Resul Pookutty and Vijayakumar on board, Eriyat and the team got live *chenda melam* (drum beat) recordings done in Thrippinithura (Kochi). They found Nandhu Kartha, who gave the film its original background score.

For more than two decades, Eriyat's studio has been winning awards for its ad films and animation, centered on local stories with a universal appeal. *Kandittund!* has already won over six international awards, including Japan's Satoshi Kon Award for excellence in animation.

A River Runs Through It

Paris-based Indian writer-filmmaker Vijay Singh on his three-decade-old first novel's recently released Hindi translation

Tanushree Ghosh

THIS NUMBER Does Not Exist, yeh number maujood nahin hai. The lines between Mangalesh Dabral's verse and reality blurred for Paris-based Indian writer-filmmaker Vijay Singh last year, around this time, when the Hindi poet was claimed by COVID-19. Having never met the poettranslator — who had translated poets/writers such as Pablo Neruda, Zbigniew Herbert, Bertolt Brecht and Arundhati Roy (*The Ministry of Utmost Happiness/Apaar Khushi ka Gharana*) — for Singh, 69, Dabral will remain only a telephone voice. One with whom he had deliberated on love, life, death, poetry, music, rivers, mountains.

Thirty-six years since Singh's debut French novel Jaya Ganga: le Gange et son Double (1985), reprints/translations (Jaya Ganga: In Search of the River Goddess, 1989), and a Hindi film (Smriti Mishra-starrer Jaya Ganga, 1996; available on Cinemasofindia.com), comes its first Hindi edition (by Rajkamal Prakashan) and an English reprint (Rupa Publications), released recently.

In the early 1980s, Singh, a PhD student at École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, wrote a fact-cum-fiction article on the caste-class intersectionality of modern Indian society and polity, which was published in the French daily *Le Monde*. That landed him a book deal with Editions



With Ganga as a narrative thread and metaphor, Vijay Singh marries spirituality with surrealism

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Ramsay publishers, to sketch a portrait of India, to be released at the 1985 Festival of India, an event that showcase the country's rich and diverse culture. An inexplicable fascination for the writings of the surrealism master André Breton (especially *Nadja*, 1928), and his exposition of "sensuality... love, chance encounters", had taken the Jawaharlal Nehru University history student to Paris, where, he met Breton's artistwriter wife Elisa, and, through her, the intellectual *crème de la crème.*

The book commission prompted Singh to embark on a Ganga *yatra*, from Gomukh (Uttarakhand) to Gangasagar (Bay of Bengal), a pilgrimage-cum-romanticodyssey, albeit without forethought. "Till today, there's no proper navigation till Allahabad (Prayagraj)," says Singh, who'd changed 200 boats, and travelled by Jeep, over six months.

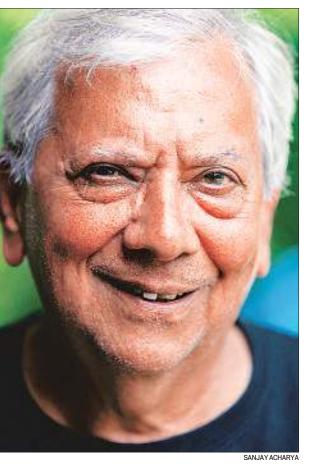
There was no directional help at hand. "No *sadhu*, no *guru* I met had done this journey," he says, "The book kind of ends in Benares; my journey from there on was less difficult. Ganga has been very kind to me."

The journey "showed (him) the Hindu underbelly the Western rationalist had consigned to the dustbin of history".

Among other things, he met people who couldn't pay Rs 150 to cremate the dead, so they tied it to a stone, and when the river receded, the bodies surfaced, and the dogs attacked — it isn't just a post-COVID reality.

With Ganga as a narrative thread and metaphor, Singh marries spirituality with surrealism. Fiction and poetry meets memory, travelogue, reportage, letter, history. *Jaya Ganga*, an instance of automatic writing, is an "empirically, realistically verifiable fictional search," he says.

The story follows the semi-autobio-



SOUL SEARCH Vijay Singh; his book covers

graphical young Paris-based writer Nishant who, haunted by Jaya's memory (part-real, part-fantasy), undertakes a journey along the Ganga, and plans to write a book on it. On the river banks, he meets Zehra, a poetess/nautch girl, falls in love, rescues her from the brothel, instils hope of a better future together. Nishant is a soul in limbo, torn between the past and the present, ephemerality and physicality. The elusive Jaya is the Bretonian "convulsive beauty" (like Nadja), in whose quest lies the author's search for self-identity.

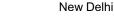
Jaya Ganga, the book, carries backstories, intertextuality, and inadvertent humour, like a tea-shop conversation, where people authoritatively declare an atom bomb has killed thousands in Bhopal, a reference to the 1984 gas tragedy.

Dabral, a man of simple words, was alienated by some of the "baroque-like", "flowery prose" in Jaya Ganga. "Double adjectives", which work in English, "become a catastrophe in Hindi and French," says Singh, whose preference for reported speech met Dabral's emphasis on the dialogue format.

Dabral also steered away from using Urdu words (*rihaish*/residency, *shaista*/civilised), which were used in the film. "He bequeathed the language back to the actors of history, whom I had distorted by writing in English and French," says Singh.

Dabral, whose poetry includes untranslatable English words, was not a linguistic puritan. In Jaya Ganga, the untranslatable lines were either deleted or, the pathniye (readable) ones, reimagined. For instance, in Nishant's letter, Dabral turned "You are the miracle by which leaves change colours/The magic by which Ganga wears her sparrow-veil" into "Pattiyon ke rang badalta chamatkar ho tum/Aik sammohan apsara ka devavtar ho tum".

After Dabral's immaculate rendering, Singh wants to get his *Whirlpool of Shadows* (1992) translated into Hindi. "Among all my books, this (*Jaya Ganga*'s Hindi edition) is the first one which is the closest to the French edition."



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I,Indrawati,W/o Late.Sant Ram R/o-86. Pachosia-Panna.Kair. New Delhi-110043.in my husband Service-Record name of mine has been wornglywritten as Inderawati &-DOB is-01/07/1950.but correctname is Indrawati &-correct DOB-01/01/1950. 40593658-11

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Financial Services 2rd Floor, Paras Tower. Mazra, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun, UK-248171

PUBLICATION NOTICE IN O.A. No. 234 OF 2021

(SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993, READ WITHSUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME Dy No. 576 Date: 16.11.2021

Canara Bank Vs Annu Furniture Manufacture Works & Anr. To.

- 1. M/s Annu Furniture Manufacture Works, H/No. 568, Awas Vikas
- Mis Amila Fumilare umatacular works, Finto. 300, Awas Wass Ranipur More, Haridwar-249407.
 Mr. Dharamveer S/o Mr. Jagveer Singh, H/No. 568, Awas Vikas Ranipur More, Haridwar-249407.

Whereas the above named Applicant Bank has instituted OA No. 234 of 2021 against you for recovery of debts of **Rs. 28,09,303.32 in which** Hon'ble Tribuna was pleased to issue Summons/Notice U/s 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and bankruptcy Act., 1993 and was listed before the Registrar on 16.11.2021.

Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by way o this publication directing you to appear in person or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner before the Tribunal on 11.01.2022. Further, you are required to show cause as to why the relief(s) prayed for in OA should not be granted and to file reply, if any, in your defence in a paper book form in sets and produce all the documents and affidavits under which your defence or claim for set off, counter claim, in this Tribunal personally or through your duly authorized agent or lega practitioner within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time before the Tribunal, the case shall be heard and decided in your absend Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 16th Day of November, 2021. By order of Tribunal

Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal Dehradun

	Colony and other Suitable locations Tender ID- 2021_DJB_211687			onwards		upto 3:00 P.M.	
	SHORT NIT No. 04 (2021-22) Tender ID- 2021_DJB_211699						
S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e- procurement solution	fee	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through e- procurement solution	
1.	Boring and Installation of tubewells at Southern Side of Coronation Waste Water Treatment Plant and other Suitable locations Tender ID- 2021_DJB_211699		Exempted	27.11.2021 9:00AM onwards	1500/-	09.12.2021 upto 3:00 P.M.	
	SHORT N	IT No. 05 (202	<u>21-22)</u> Tenc	ler ID- 2021_DJB_211	700		
S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e- procurement solution	Tender fee (Rs.)	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through e- procurement solution	
1.	Boring and Installation of tubewells at Coronation Waste Water Treatment Plant facing Coronation Park and other Suitable locations Tender ID- 2021_DJB_211700		Exempted	27.11.2021 9:00AM onwards	1500/-	09.12.2021 upto 3:00 P.M.	
	SHORT N	IT No. 06 (20)	21-22) Tend	ler ID- 2021_DJB_211	701		
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	SHORT NIT NO. 06 (2021-22) Tender ID- 2021_DJB_211701					
S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e- procurement solution	Tender fee (Rs.)	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through e- procurement solution
1	Boring and Installation of tubewells along with Delivery Mains at Wazirabad WTP and other Suitable locations. Tender ID- 2021_DJB_211701	1,90,42,030/-	Exempted	27.11.2021 9:00AM onwards	1500/-	09.12.2021 upto 3:00 P.M.
The complete details can be seen on website <u>https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in.</u> The tender has been uploaded on website. Sd/- (S.P. Singh) ISSUED BY PRO (WATER) EE(Project)W-VI						

SSUED BY PRO (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 675/(2021-22)

Waste

Coronation

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Water

Treatment Plant facing Model Town 2,11,17,586/- Exempted

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR DIRECTORATE OF SHEEP HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT KASHMIR LAL-MANDI, SRINAGAR 190008

Tel. No: 09194-2310604. Fax No: 0194-2311063. Email id: kashmirmerino.sheep@gmail.com e-Nit No:- DSHK/ACCTTS/12388-99 Dated: 25 -11 -2021

Subject: E-Tendering Notice for Carriage/Transportation of dry fodder crop and sanjahay.

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Territory of India, e-Tenders in two bid system (Technical-1 and Financial bid-2) through Chairman State Level Purchase committee, Sheep Husbandry Department, J&K, Kashmir (Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department, Kashmir) are invitedfor Carriage/Transportation of dry fodder crop and sanjahay from Fodder development Farm Lam and Kalsian, Tehsil Nowshera, District Rajouri for the year 2021-22 to various farms of the Jammu Division mentioned below

S.No	Name of the Farm
1.	Sheep Breeding Farm Reasi
2.	Sheep Breeding Farm Panthal
3.	Sheep Breeding Farm Billawar
4.	Sheep Breeding Farm Thathri
5.	Sheep Breeding Farm Balnoi
6.	Sheep Breeding Farm Chandrkote
7.	Dairy Goat Farm Rajbagh

The bidding documents consisting of gualifying information, eligibility, criteria, specifications, bill of guantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of supply/contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the e-procurement website <u>www.iktenders.gov.in</u> as per schedule of dates given below.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	25.11.2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	26-11-2021 to 04-12-2021
3	Bid submission start date	26-11-2021
4	Bid submission end date	04-12-2021(4:00 p.m)
5	Date and time of opening of bids (online)	06-12-2021(2.00PM)

Instructions for bidders regarding e-tendering process:-

- Bidders are advised to download bids submission manual from the "Downloads option as well as from Bidders Manual kit" on the website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint themselves with bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process bidder has to get a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), as per Information Technology ACT-2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from an approved vendor
- iii The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with the Digital Signature. No bidding will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per the schedule mentioned at Para-1
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.

(Note: Scan all the documents on 100dpi with Black and White option.)

	30/-
	Chairman
No:DSHK/ACCTTS/12388-99	State Level Purchase Committee
Dated:- 25 -11-2021	Sheep Husbandry Department
DIPK-13726/21	Jammu & Kashmir
New Delhi	

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054 PUBLIC NOTICE THIS IS TO INFORM AND CAUTION GENERAL PUBLIC AT LARGE, THAT MY CLETT SH. GRANSHYAM DASS 3/O LATE (SKRI) PAMAN MAL R/ 4/112, THIRD FLOGR, DDA FLATS, 110065 HAS ALREADY CANCELLED THE POWER OF ATTORNEY EXECUTED IN FAVOUR SH. INDER KUMAR GULABANI S/O SHRI PARLAD RAI R/O 3/32, OLD DUBLE STOREY, LAIPAT NAGAR - V, NEW DELHI - 110024 IN RESPECT OF PROPERTY BEARING NO.: 4/112, THIRD FLOGR, DALTS, GARHI, EAST OF KAILASH, NEW DELHI - 110025 AND INSALS, NEW DELHI - 110025 AND INSALS SAKET, NEW DELHI - 110025 AND INSTRICT COURTS SAKET, NEW DELHI WICH AS ALSO FLEGA CIVIL SUITI NO.: GAT OF 2021 THED "GHANKYAM DASS

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Hors de combat

Issues of inclusivity, cruelty to animals may soon result in riding being left out of Modern Pentathlon

SHIVANI NAIK NOVEMBER 27

THE VERY premise of horses in a warzone --an ode to which was the modern pentathlon combining show-jumping with swimming, fencing, shooting and running -- has been archaic. Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who patched together this bespoke Olympic sport, was himself giving in to romantic martial nostalgia of knights fleeing enemies. What started as a throwback in the first place is fast fading in sepia too.

The disbanding of ancient cavalries led to military dressage and show-jumping finding their way into international sport, on neatly raked sand. Even that was 109 years ago, when the Swedes at the Stockholm Games aggravated the Baron's annoyance by asking everyone to 'bring your own horse' (BYOH). But the horse question has been ticklish for a few decades now in its century-old history, with the sport's governing body, the International Modern Pentathlon Union (UIPM), having set up an Innovation Commission around the Rio Games to contemplate what could be done about the horses

While the Innovation Commission was innovating, a German coach struck a glum horse, who felt more neigh than aye and refused to jump for his rider at the Tokyo Games. The short clip of the cruel hit on Saint Boy, seen by the greater world, precipitated an internal decision in UIPM to drop riding from the sport. If the buzz inside UIPM is to be believed, the decision had been inevitable, with the only question remaining on which sport would replace riding.

Forty-six top names in pentathlon have since written to IOC to keep the horses in the sport, alleging that removing one of the five disciplines cannot be bulldozed by merely amending the "competition rules" of October 31, but will require deliberations on the 100+ year-old statutes.

They also pleaded to IOC's sense of tradition and history in preserving the fundamentals of the founder's sport. The IOC, meanwhile, has embarked on its path to engage with the youth, and include accessible sports that can hook an evolving trendy demographic.

Even the current set of pentathletes believe that animal welfare needs to be at the core of any reform - forcing a reluctant horse to jump, merely for sport and competition, is too brutish for anyone riding in 2021.

"As the past two decades have proven, we are all ready to adopt changes in the competition rules in order to modernise our sport and make it more possible and accessible," the letter written by the 46, read. "Nevertheless, we are deeply convinced that leaving out rid-



Annika Schleu of Germany broke down at Tokyo Games after she couldn't control her horse to compete in the equestrian portion. Reuters

I'm angry, disappointed and disagree with the idea. They didn't speak to anyone from the athletes' federation.We knew and agreed that there were problems after Tokyo with the ride, and were ready to propose new ideas to improve the sport."

JOE CHOONG

REIGNING OLYMPIC CHAMPION

ing will not solve any of the common reservations about modern pentathlon. Instead, it will create additional challenges and ruin years of hard work for hundreds of athletes. Our equestrian discipline is a fundamental foundation of our sport - to be the ideal athlete - is to be preserved."

Pentathlon isn't shy to change. A few Olympic cycles ago, it welcomed laser-runs, replacing air-pistol target shooting with 20 hits

or 3-minute-40-second laser load and shoot and 800mx4 cross-country. As such, what used to be a 5-day event, in which fencing went on for 14 hours, became a single-day competition in 1996 and will be crunched into 90 minutes at Paris.

While Olympic hosts themselves had parried away Coubertin's efforts to lug in rowing into the modern pentathlon programme at the outset, an entire team event was packed off, to finally make way for a women's competition.

There had been reports after the Executive Board voted out riding that cycling would be included instead, but the UIPM according to a November 5 report in CNN said that wasn't the case. The newly-introduced sport-climbing was an option, again with an eye on the yuppie demographic that has seen more paintball than cavalries blitzing in.

Joe Choong, the reigning Olympic champion in men's modern pentathlon, started out as a national-level swimmer in Britain, and dabbled in rugby and cross-country for fitness. Riding was the last of the five he learnt, and even suffered a fall when a moody horse threw him off in his first competition. "Riding, I found the hardest to pick. It took some time to realise that you can't be thinking about yourself, but must think of the animal. The reward was in striking that balance with someone else, and it gave me another sense of achievement," Choong tells The Sunday Express.

Talent scouts came calling for pentathlon, since it's rare to find athletes who swim and run, he says. Usually, swimming sets the tone - and fencing and shooting are added, at youth levels. He is miffed with UIPM for unilaterally dropping a fifth of history, while blindsiding those at the centre of the sport athletes. "I'm angry, disappointed and disagree with the idea. They didn't speak to anyone from the athletes' federation. We knew and agreed that there were problems after Tokyo with the ride, and were ready to propose new ideas to improve the sport."

The Olympic gold medallist from Bromley watched most of the women's event and was heartbroken to watch it unfold, also with rising anxiety at what this implied.

"It was not nice to watch, very difficult for both the horse and the athlete," he recalls, adding the height of jumping fences has been a persistent problem, with Tokyo only erupting after years of neglect from the federation.

"It's been happening for more than 10 years or more. In fact, if you speak to athletes even from Sydney and Athens (Olympics), they'll tell you the same issues persist with the ride," Choong says. The nuance - though a big blight it casts - is in the height of the jumps, a newly-acquainted horse is expected to jump with an unfamiliar rider, after just 20 minutes of bonding

"Even at the Pan Am Games, horses used

to jumping 90 cm or unschooled in showjumping are asked to go over 120. That's always a disaster. Twenty-minute preps and then a 120 cm jump is not at all easy. Changing the height to 1 metre might be the simple solution," he says.

Choong, however, doesn't think bringing one's own horse is the solution. "No, history says that you have to establish a bond with an unknown animal. I see the ability to form a bond with an animal as technical. Horses bring diversity to our sport and link up the tale of the cavalryman. At the heart of Coubertin's thinking was history - find the first horse you can stolen from the enemy, not your horse. You meet them just minutes before, strike the bond and live the image of the cavalry soldier. Also, if you ask everyone to bring their own horse, that'll make it elitist and limit accessibility to newer countries," he stresses.

Costly affair

Thirty-six riders share 18 horses at the Olympics. Pentathlon can get expensive. And for two medals, the investment, which can run up to 1.5 crore INR a year in training, is wildly exorbitant. To master the 12 hurdles can cost one 25 lakh INR at a riding school in Egypt.

Other issues with governance in the sport include smaller tournaments, which make do with a tetrathlon, omitting riding up to the semifinals. "Then you hope you get a really good horse. But that sends the wrong message out that you are only concerned about four participants," he says. It effectively deprives the rest of the field of what can go awfully wrong at the Olympics: a sullen equine, refusing to jump.

It is expected that beyond the dozen nations, the European traditional powerhouses and Australia, others will vote out riding, hoping to make the sport as compact and relevant as possible. Minus the ride, newer nations might well benefit, while medal gluttons US and China tend to accept rules and get on with sharpening those skills. Pentathletes worry that the sword hangs over fencing next.

Choong's younger brother Henry, 15, is entering the sport under this cloud of uncertainty, and while he himself straddled both the pellets (2-3 years) and laser years - finding laser easier because of the smaller recoil - he says animal welfare needed to be at the heart of riding.

"There are many small things. Tokyo temperatures were 35 degrees, you need to feed water to them because they got thirsty. Don't force them to jump if they refuse and are under stress. Make them as comfortable as possible, use as little as possible of whips, spins. It's not just 'get on the horse and finish round'. Not patting it, forgetting to congratulate it is not okay. It needs the well done and the pat," he says.

Chess Worlds: Carlsen blunders as Game 2 ends in a draw

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NOVEMBER 27

MAGNUS CARLSEN and the challenger Ian Nepomniachtchi sat across the board and dissected some of their moves at the end of Game 2 of the World Chess Championship, which finished in a draw after 58 moves. When the microphone was turned up on the official feed, the current two best players in the world were heard asking questions to each other. They were like two toppers who had given in their paper but were far from satisfied with their answers.

Carlsen, in his post-game comments, used the word 'blunder'. Playing with white pieces Carlsen was expected to give the unconventional Nepomniachtchi a hard time but the Russian was up to the task.

"It was tough. I blundered when I allowed knight c5. I think a lot of things could have been done differently. After that I was trying to hang in there not to lose. The position was very interesting and it was going my way for a bit, but I could not really find a plan. He certainly had chances as well," Carlsen said.

The players will now go into the third consecutive day before they have a rest day. The toll the two draws have taken on them could be vital on Sunday. The game on Saturday was not linear and both players had a chance to wrest the initiative. Carlsen admitted as much that knight c5 'completely escaped his attention'. Nepomniachtchi said despite Carlsen 'missing knight c5' he played interesting lines. "It was a puzzling but interesting game," Nepomniachthci said.

The Russian at times played very quickly. Once he made a move, often he quickly got up and left, leaving Magnis alone for long periods. At times, when he made a quick move, Nepomniachtchi stared at the world champion before sipping from his cup.

Carlsen, however, said he was unaffected by what Nepomniachtchi did.

"I just reckoned he was thinking in the restroom. So yeah it was obviously unusual but I don't think (it affected me)," Carlsen said in the post game media interaction.

What is clear in the early stages of the competition is that Carlsen is yet to find a way to really rattle Nepomniachtchi. The Russian said he didn't feel any nerves after making the first move in Game 1 on Friday.

Carlsen felt if it was a must-win game he could have played differently but he didn't find a clear window of opportunity in Game 2. "I didn't feel I had any great chances per say. I didn't feel that my position was improving quite a bit. I couldn't really see a way to comfortably improve my position and that is why I decided to basically force a draw here," Carlsen said.

BRIDGE West Vulnerable: North/South

NORTH ♠ KJ87 ♥QJ1042 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH ♦ 542 Pass Pass ЗS

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2349 QUICK CLUES ACROSS Ancient city of the oracle (6) Undecided (2,3,3) 10. Singe (4) 11. Wanton or lewd (10) 12. Opposite of low (4)

If it's your Birthday

Sunday November 28

It is time for serious contemplation. You have some big ambitions, but remember projects

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Your most decisive planets strike at the very summit of your solar chart, challenging you to achieve your ambitions, using not one

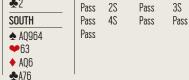
LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) Where there's a will there's a way would seem to be a suitable saying for the moment. Professional affairs are to be afflicted by uncertainty, but the

underlying reason may not

two weeks for a mystery to

matters, you must wait

be clear. In this, as in romantic



West leads the king of clubs, which South won. What should the next card out of his hand be? The West Hand: S-52H-K5D-KJ107C-KQJ104 The East Hand: S-103H-A987D-983C-9853

South should lead a heart. Start setting up heart tricks. It would be horribly wrong for South to do what many players would do, which is ruff clubs in dummy. South has more to worry about than his club losers. He has to worry about his diamond losers too. West is very likely to have the king of diamonds and if so, South has two potential diamond losers to go with the two heart

losers. When South leads his heart West hops up with the king and leads the queen of clubs. South affs this one and leads the queen of hearts, taken by East's ace. So East, who could not respond to 1C, has the ace of hearts. He won' have much more. East's next play is the nine of diamonds. Should South finesse?

nesser : No. South is not interested in finessing. He takes the ace and draws two rounds of trump, which brings in all the missing spades. South now has eleven tricks and can claim the rest. What happens if South tries to ruff a club at trick two? If South had ruffed a club and come back to his hand to ruff another club it

would have cost him his contract. He could no longer set up and use the heart suit (the defenders would remove dummy's last spade entry) and the failing diamond finesse would be fatal. Dealer: South Vulnerable: North/South

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Pass	2NT	Pass	3C	
Pass	4S	Pass	5C	
Pass	6C	Pass	Pass	
Pass				

West leads the jack of hearts, won by the ace in dummy. South saw that he had eleven top tricks and wished that he had gotten a diamond lead, which would have spared him having to guess the diamonds. How do you think South should play the diamonds? Should he lead to the king or the jack?

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to

AOUWLT

MMSUHU

the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get

JUMBLED WORDS

Half the___is often a great__-Benjamin Franklin (5,.,3)

the answer for the given quip

NSUER

EHLIT

17. Sports channel (4) 18. Stock ploy(5) 19. Defeat(4) 21. Dedicate formally to divine or holy purposes(10)

23. Is in debt (4)

13. Swiss peak (10)

- 24. Robbing or stealing from? (7,3) 28. Extras at cricket (4)
- 29. Unique(8)
- 30. A group of nine "End Ena" anagram?(6)
- DOWN The science of heredity (8)
- Seizes or arrests (10)
- Inoffensive (10)
- "Zn" chemically speaking? (4)
- Render senseless or incapable of
- action (4) 6
- Of local origin locally (4) Liquid substance; alcoholic drink
- 14. Head ornament (5)
- 15. 132 inches? (6,4) 16. Associating on very friendly terms
- (10)
- 20. Bony(8)
- 22. Genesis or lineage (6)
- 25. Young attendant (4)
 26. _____ and void ? (4)
 27. Hideous giant (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS Shale I find for my girlfriend (6)
- 9. I'm taking two articles to a first rate copier(8)
- 10. Cylindrical body has a resting place outside(4)
- 11. Baseball player foolishly fueled riot
- (10)12. Said differently when belonging to
- the girl ?(4)13. Sadly, no US beer at this southern
- England resort (10) 17. Deal arranged by a Spartan queen
- (4)
- 18. Tree from New Zealand and New Guinea is good for nothing! (5)
- 19. Nothing in a dry boat (4)
- 21. It takes the father and mother of a
- mind to produce it ! (5-5)
- 23. Skinny object cut short (4)

24. Money you don't get for nothing? 22. Ill used or provoked (6)

25. Abandon in some awful place (4)

26. King's rival nearly became Avenge

27. There'll be questions asked if this

programme is broadcast

Solutions to 2348

QUICK CLUES Across: 8 Amre, 9 Ramshackle, 10 Repast, 11 Athletic, 12

Tractors, 26 Yorker, 27 Decoration, 28

Prey. Down: 1 Imperative, 2 Rewarded, 3

Critic, 4 YMCA, 5 The hague, 6 Screen, 7

Manmohan, 18 Bankrupt, 20 Micron, 22

Shying, 24 Reel, 25 Swim. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 8 Non-U, 9

Ungrateful, 10 Pliers, 11 Suppress, 12 Polish up, 14 Tawdry, 16 Otis, 17 Flush, 18 Seam,

19 Grocer, 21 Baby boom, 23 Scuttles, 26

Down: 1 Coal-porter, 2 Sureties, 3 Putsch,

4 Ages, 5 Bad patch, 6 Hebrew, 7 Bugs, 13

Plumb, 15 Reasons out, 17 Forelock, 18

Suborned, 20 Catnip, 22 Blonde,

24 Carp, 25 Slim.

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Onrush, 27 Brain-child, 28 Ecus

Handicap, 14 Gentry, 16 Lied, 17 Mouse, 18 Begs, 19 Sermon, 21 Business, 23

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will work best if you understand the broader pattern. Listen closely to a family member who has some surprising advice.

Monday November 29

There's intensity in the air. Feelings will well up from the deep, stirring emotions which you had forgotten. A financial choice could trigger a long-term shift in your life.

Tuesday November 30

A shift in solar patterns brings fresh possibilities and new people. Open your heart to the world, but after you have faced the truth. You may agree with someone who has been standing in your way.

Wednesday December 1

You seem to be able to go almost anywhere you want and do what you wish. The coming year is a time to think about what you might do, not about what you ought to be doing. The sky is the limit.

Thursday December 2

You're almost ready to take a leap into the future. You are about to reach a point of no return professionally. It all now depends on what you know.

Friday December 3

Be businesslike. Make practical choices. Fun is based on planning and there'll be time for frivolity, as you have laid the groundwork. Don't worry if a partner is impatient.

Saturday December 4

Venus is forming a relationship with your chart. Expect happy news over the coming month. Those of you entering a new romance will hear declarations of love.



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SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) It's all up for grabs been through enough, but there as the stars jostle for are still some position. How about choices to be made and making a bid for decisions to be taken. Your increased recognition of your best teacher is the law: that talents? This may mean showing off just a little and as doesn't just mean that you must be guided by what is long as you're not arrogant, permissible, but what is other people should respond favourably

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) It is a surprising feature of your sign Underlying certain that you have concerns, like too often allowed vourself to be under-valued. money and joint financial matters, are deeper and you have also taken psychological issues, such as to heart other people's low estimate of your abilities. emotional loss and the way Please realise that you you handle separation from have fallen into a trap from those you love. It's time to which you can now focus on your spiritual self. release yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

It could be said that, after you were made, the mould was broken. Everyone born under your sign now has the right to be considered a genuine one-off, completely unique. If there's anything to learn at the moment, it's that you have your own destiny to fulfil

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Family members

don't always behave as you would like. Partners are

challenging you to explain yourself, yet now may not yet be the right time to come out with hidden truths. There still seems to be a chance that the truth, if it emerges, will be misunderstood

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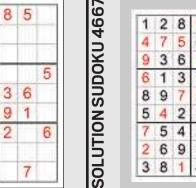
Earth. Solid practical arrangements are required, especially if you want to put your dreams into practice. There is little room for sentiment, and no space at all for useless frills.

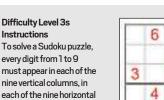
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and if you are sensible you will divert more energy to exciting new projects, especially personal ones, and less to obligations and commitments which you've now outgrown. Romantic matters are ready to prosper at the end of the week.

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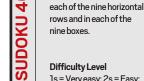




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Answer: Half the **truth** is often a great **lie** - Benjamin Franklin SOLUTION: NURSE, LITHE, OUTLAW, HUMMUS



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VAUGHAN APOLOGISES FOR RAFIQ'S PAIN

Michael Vaughan has apologised "for the hurt" that whistleblower Azeem Rafiq experienced but again denied making racist comments while at Yorkshire. In a BBC interview shown Saturday, Vaughan was asked if he ever made any racist comments during his time at Yorkshire. He replied: "No I didn't, no."

BRIEFLY

Sindhu, Satwik-Chirag lose in Indonesia Open semis

Bali: Ace Indian shuttler P V Sindhu's impressive campaign at the Indonesia Open came to an end after she lost her hard-fought semifinal to former world champion Ratchanok Intanon, here on Saturday. Third seed Sindhu, a twotime Olympic medallist, lost 21-15 9-21 14-21 to world number eight and second seeded Ratchanok in 54 minutes for her third semifinal finish on the trot. The 26-year-old Sindhu had made it to the last four in Indonesia Masters last week and also at the French Open in October. World number 11 men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, seeded sixth, lost exited the Super 1000 tournament after a 16-21 18-21 defeat to top seeded Indonesian combination of Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo in the semifinals. It was 10th straight defeat for the Indian pair against the world number one pair, a two-time former All England Open champions and reigning Asian Games gold medallist.

ICC calls off Women's World Cup Qualifier

Dubai:The ICC on Saturday called off an ongoing qualifier for next year's Women's ODI World Cup in Harare following the emergence of a new COVID-19 variant in the African region, paving the way for Pakistan, West Indies and Bangladesh to make the cut on the basis of rankings. Travel restrictions have been introduced from a number of African countries after detection of the new variant in South Africa stoked fears around the world. The ICC said the decision to stop the event was based on its concerns about how the participating teams would head back in the wake of Omicron variant's rise. The decision was taken during the preliminary league phase of the nine-team tournament, that was to decide the final three qualifiers for the World Cup 2022, to be played in New Zealand, as well as two additional teams for the next cycle of the ICC Women's Championship. "The qualifiers will now be decided according to the team rankings as detailed in the tournament playing conditions. Therefore, Bangladesh, Pakistan and the West Indies will now progress to the event in New Zealand." said the ICC. PTI

Gone in 11 minutes: **ATK Mohun Bagan** crush SC East Bengal

Fatorda: ATK Mohun Bagan crushed arch-rivals SC East Bengal 3-0 in the much-anticipated season's first derby of the Indian Super League at Tilak Maidan here on Saturday. In a scintillating display, ATK Mohun Bagan scored through Roy Krishna (12th minute), Manvir Singh (14th) and Liston Colaco (23rd) as they did not allow SCEB the breathing space to make it three out of three in their ISL exchanges. After a quiet start, Fijian star marksman Krishna connected a perfect cross from Pritam Kotal to net the derby's opening goal. Singh was quick to double the strike with a thunderbolt strike within two minutes. Colaco capitalised on a goalkeeping bloomer from Bhattacharja to make it 3-0. PTI

India find Axar-factor

Left-arm spinner's 5 for 62 on Day 3 proves vital in India taking a 49-run first innings lead

SANDIPG KANPUR, NOVEMBER 27

THERE ARE days where it pays to hold the line, not panic and just wait. If India were fretful on the second day, they poured in an incredible amount of attrition and patience to reclaim the advantage on the third day, bowling out New Zealand for 296, when they looked destined to erase India's first-innings total of 345.

For 66.1 overs and five hours, as New Zealand's openers, Will Young and Tom Latham welded discipline to technique and temperament, thwarting India at every turn, nothing seemed to work or happen.

The strip was tormentingly sluggish, so much so some of the close-in fielders were kneeling and not crouching, edges agonisingly evading the fielders, and reviews were being misjudged. India could have easily wilted, but they laboured on, masking their frustrations, sustaining their energy and sound levels, blocking runs tigerishly, probing tight lines and lengths, barely gifting freebies and shuffling their strategies.

Perhaps, a comeback fashioned in the mould of their new coach Rahul Dravid's ideals. One built on sweat and blood.

Then late in the first session, patience brought its dividends, as Ravi Ashwin terminated Will Young and Umesh Yadav took out Kane Williamson. Then in the second, they bolted the stable door, dislodged the obdurate Tom Latham and skinned through the middle order. At the end of an engrossing, if old-fashioned, day of cricket in the subcontinent, New Zealand, who had begun their innings so promisingly, walked off gloomily, shrugging their heads and pondering how they squandered the advantage, even as India left the field on a pleased note, glowing in the sweat of their toil.

The Test is still on a knife-edge, India's overall lead of 63, is not yet a match-winning proposition. At the heart of India's comeback narrative was Axar Patel, perceivably the most understated of their three-man spin firm. In spite of his mind-spinning entry into Test cricket, he's judged condescendingly, often stereotyped as a conditions-reliant bowler. All of his 27 wickets might have been wrought in extremely beneficial conditions in Chennai and Ahmedabad, against a group of English batsmen allergic to spin as ghosts are to a cross. But here, his five wickets were heckled from a largely unresponsive wicket, where his most decorated partners, Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, laboured 74 overs for three wickets, showing that he could bring a third dimension to India's spin attack.

He is not a Jadeja clone, or an inferior version of him. Rather, he is a different bowler, operating with a different bandwidth of skills, with a different perspective, and someone who is utmost comfortable in his skin. With his height, he wooed more bounce from the wicket, and on a surface with variable bounce, this attribute of him stood out. Though he has a slightly round-arm, he still generates ample bounce. Resultantly, New Zealand batsmen, who were comfortably playing Ashwin and Jadeja on their front foot, were more tentative against him, forcing them to play him a lot on their back-foot and coming out of their comfort zone. Latham's dismissal was a classic example. He was resolute against most spinners, but the variation of bounce was playing at the back of his mind. So to unsettle him and force him to bowl shorter or fuller-Axar was mostly hitting the spinner's good-length-he stepped out. But the ball sped quicker after pitching. turned in a shade, and took his inside edge to be stumped. Among the three, he turned the ball the least, but he discovered more spite from the wicket than the rest. The lighthouse was brought down, New Zealand lost their di-

rection, even though they did fight till the end. In that sense, he is more early-year Anil Kumble like in his methods, relying on bounce, discipline, over-spin, change of angles and pace. He might not possess too many eye-popping variations—he skids the ball in, makes it turn away a shade, bowls the hard-spun straighter one-but he knows how to maximise his gifts. There are more subtleties to his game too. He occasionally uses the scrambled seam to check if he gets more bite. He then presses the middle finger harder on the ball at release to get it to go straighter. A few deliveries were under-cut so that the ball skidded on.

Slowing the pace

Some of the other dismissals are equally illustrative of his craft. He slowed up his pace against Ross Taylor, encouraged him to the front-foot and after he conceded a false sense of security, he slipped one faster into him with a bit of inward turn. Taylor played inside the line and edged behind. Had he been on the back-foot, he could have wristed it through the leg-side. Rather than bamboozling batsmen, he dulls them into making mistakes. Taylor's exit put India further on the front-foot.

Henry Nicholls was given a quick working over. A few balls on length stayed low, and Nicholls brought out his sweep, so that he would push the length back. Axar smartly second-guessed the intention, flung one fuller and faster, which Nicholls completely missed and was trapped in front. By this time, he had grown so much on Kiwi batsmen that doubts began to creep up, and they were increasingly and dangerously content at playing him on the back-foot.

With other bowlers, they could trust the bounce, and the turn, as it was slow. But with Axar, they were unsure of how much he would bounce and how much he would not. Tom Blundell realised the folly when he hung back to defend a good-length ball, only to see his stumps splayed by a crawler. He then fooled Tim Southee with his angle from wide of the crease to wrap up his fifth five-for in seven innings, an incredible feat irrespective of conditions. His accomplices, Ashwin and Jadeja did their part too-Ashwin in continuously chatting with him and encouraging him, putting behind his own lack of fortune. Jadeja, though not at his deceptive best, kept his end quiet. Their chemistry was such that irrespective of the nature of the pitch, India could field three in typical subcontinental pitches in the future.

In many ways, Axar was the perfect poster boy of India's third-day resurgence, because he held the line, did not panic and just waited. He out-willed New Zealand's will. He might not turn the ball by much, but could surely turn the destiny of a match.

SCOREBOARD: India 1st Innings: 345 New Zealand 1st Innings: (Overnight 129/0) Tom Latham st sub(KS Bharat)b Patel 95, Will Young c sub (KS Bharat) b Ashwin 89, Kane Williamson Ibw b Yadav 18, Ross Taylor c sub (KS Bharat) b Patel 11, Henry Nicholls lbw b Patel 2, Tom Blundell b Patel 13, Rachin Ravindra b Iadeia 13. Kyle Iamieson c Patel b Ashwin 23, Tim Southee b Patel 5, William Somerville b Ashwin 6. Aiaz Patel not out 5 Extras: (B-6, LB-4, NB-5, W-1) 16 Total: (all out in 142.3 overs) 296 FoW: 1-151, 2-197, 3-214, 4-218, 5-227, 6-241, 7-258, 8-270, 9-284. Bowling: Ishant Sharma 15-5-35-0, Umesh Yadav 18-3-50-1, Ravichandran Ashwin 42.3-10-82-3, Ravindra Jadeja 33-10-57-1, Axar Patel 34-6-62-5



Axar Patel's five-for included the key wicket of opener Tom Latham.

Six-hitting Dhoni fan KS Bharat shows his prowess behind stumps

SANDIPG KANPUR, NOVEMBER 27

AFTER THE first day's play, Srikar Bharat was stretching in the corner of the ground, when a few teenage boys spotted him. "Woh RCB wala hai na? Six maarke match jeeta tha!" (He is the RCB player right? He hit a six and won a game). Bharat's last-ball six against Delhi Capitals a couple of months ago is his instant connect with the fans. They fumbled for his name, before they gave up, though they squealed for a selfie, which a coyly smiling Bharat obliged. They yelled out a parting wish too, "Six maarke match jitwao!" (Hit a six and win the game).

smile. He wouldn't hit a six in the match; for he was not even in the eleven. He was, yet again, fated to be a nearly man. If Rishabh Pant was not fit for the England series, he would have made his Test debut; if Wriddhman Saha was not fit for this series, or if he had hurt his neck a day before, he would have been playing in this Test.

But fate, in a twisted way, was kinder to him. as Saha sustained a stiff neck on Friday. giving Bharat his first outing in a Test match, but one that would not statistically count as he played as a substitute keeper. He ended and began the day as it is, someone waiting for his first Test appearance.



KS Bharat appeals against New Zealand's captain Kane Williamson. AP

harmony of muscles, in anticipation of a stumping. But what happened next was the stuff of nightmares, Latham bottom-edged it, and rather than collecting the ball from leftin the absence of follow-through. Bharat's flourish is not as minimalistic as Dhoni's, but it's relatively less than Saha. Even when picking on the off-side, he doesn't lift his right-leg as pronouncedly as say Nayan Mongia, that keeper-artist.

The impeccable balance when gathering stood out, most gloriously when he pocketed the catch of Will Young, a faint outside edge off a ball that kept low. He doesn't lose his shape and even when the ball seems to have misbehaved, he is there to pick it, like a strict hostel warden with a never-flinching gaze on his inmates

A few times, the ball did beat him, especially on the leg-side, but there is only so much he could have done on this deck. Relatively easier was the Ross Taylor one, or rather he made it look easy. It's what he always does—makes it look ridiculously simple. He often makes the magnificent look mundane, in a positive sense. When lesser-gifted keepers lunge, he just needs to stretch his arms, because he is already in a better position.

His stability begins with his stance – he has his head on the sixth stump to get the proper vision on the bowler's hand and ball, because

Bharat responded with an all-knowing

side, he had to gather from his right in less than a split second. What's worse, the ball dropped on to the ground in an instant. Now he had to realign his eyes from the left down to the ground. But Bharat had the flexibility of mind and peed of reflexes to make complex moments look natural. A lot of keepers would have groped at it, but he didn't. The hands, like a good keeper's, descended with the ball, the upper-body arched just enough, the knees flexed just enough to maintain the balance, as he gathered the ball and whipped the bails off in the blink of an eye.

India 2nd Innings: 14-1 Mayank Agarwal not out 4, Shubman Gill

b Jamieson 1, Cheteshwar Pujara not out 9 Extras: 0 Total: (1 wkts, 5 Overs)14 FoW: 2-1

Bowling: Tim Southee 2-1-2-0, Kyle Jamieson 2-0-8-1, Ajaz Patel 1-0-4-0.

But between the end and start of the day, he demonstrated that he has the requisite standard to stake a larger claim in the playing eleven. It was a tough examination on an upand-down wicket, an ordeal for keepers, which he passed with flying colours.

The stumping of New Zealand opener Tom Latham might be his most spectacular moment of the match, wherein his agility of mind and body stood out, but there were several other instances too. The moment Latham jumped down the track, he made that sideward shuffle, his hands following his feet in a

From where he was standing, it must have emerged into view at the very last second, but he pushed his hands through, moving forward and stumped him with time to spare. There is a bit of MS Dhoni too - his favourite cricketer and whose maiden ODI century he watched as a ball boy on the ground – in his stumping, any further, batsmen would block the sight of the ball, and as good keepers are Bharat's eyes are always fixed on the ball and not the batsman

But for all the verve he displayed in this match, he could end up as a perennial fringe keeper; deputy to Saha as well as Rishabh Pant. Therein is his fix — he is a better keeper than Pant, but not a better batsman (supposedly); he is a better batsman than Saha, but not a better keeper than him. It could turn out to be the story of his career too. Nonetheless, if he could pile on performances like in the chance breaks he gets he could put pressure on both Saha, now 37, and Pant, still unpredictable. He might not win every game with a six, but he can win games with his glove-work. As was evident on Thursday.

India seniors taking notes and guiding the U-21s at Jr Hockey Worlds

MIHIR VASAVDA

BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 27

HOURS AFTER their shocking loss to France, some of India's junior players received a link for an e-meeting. Their host was the Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Harmanpreet Singh. Having watched from the stands the team concede five goals against an unheralded opponent, the defender-cum-drag-flicker had prepared a dossier of sorts.

Next door, India captain Manpreet Singh was having a conversation on leadership and tactics with the junior team skipper Vivek Sagar Prasad

These weren't crisis talks. Rather, just a casual exchange of ideas between veterans who have been there, done that and rookies for whom this is an initiation to international hockey, except Prasad who was in Tokyo as well.

The relationship between India's senior and junior teams has evolved over the months: from being 'respectful' of the 'seniors', they now idolise the bronze medalists.

Prasad is in awe of the way Manpreet carries the team together. Drag-flicker Sanjay Kumar, who has netted a couple of hat-tricks already, has modelled himself on Harmanpreet. Goalkeepers Pawan and



India started strong and lead by two goals within 10 minutes. Hockev India

Prashant Chauhan look up to PR Sreejesh and forward Araijeet Singh Hundal is in awe of Akashdeep Singh, who wasn't in Tokyo but remains an integral part of the team.

Now, in Bhubaneswar, the U-21 players' heroes have turned into their analysts and mentors. During every match India's colts have played in this World Cup, the senior team members have sat in the stand behind the goal and dutifully made notes. "It's a learning experience for us too," says

India beat Poland, to face Belgium in QFs

New Delhi: Once they went up by two goals inside 10 minutes, India practically stopped playing. Keeping themselves fresh for the quarterfinals but more importantly, aware that their lasteight opponents were watching from the stands, keeping a close on every move they were making. Yet, India eased past Poland 8-2 to end their group stage commitments, finishing second behind France to whom they lost in the opening match. That defeat means while France will face a relatively-easier opponent, Malaysia, in the quarterfinals, defending champions India will square up against Belgium, whose senior side is currently the best in the world. It'll be an even contest -- a repeat of the 2016 Junior World Cup final -- given that both teams have had wobbles in the group stage. ENS

Manpreet. "We are analysing the games from the stands and after it's over, we are giving the players our feedback.

Returning favour

In a way, it's returning a favour as well. Both, senior and junior, teams had a farfrom-desirable build-up to their respective marquee events of the year. For a major part of the last two years, they were locked inside Sports Authority of India's Southern Centre in Bangalore, staying and training together.

As the Olympics got closer and with the national team barely getting any match practice due to the pandemic-forced travel restrictions, the junior team turned into a simulation machine of sorts for them. During training, the coaches would make the under-21 side line up and play like India's opponents at the Tokyo Games. They even played six matches against each other, and the colts eked out a win in one.

The mentoring process began with that. "Whenever we used to spot something, we spoke to them. If they had any problem, they reached out to us," Harmanpreet says. "They just needed some fine-tuning, not a lot of work.'

After India returned from Tokyo with the bronze, the senior team resources were shifted to the junior side. Chief coach Graham Reid was asked to take over the side and the players started to individually guide their juniors.

Even though both teams are in Bhubaneswar – the senior side preparing for next month's Asian Champions Trophy – they are staving in separate bio-bubbles, which means physical interactions aren't possible. "So, we have been in touch through online meetings," Harmanpreet says.

Exchanging ideas

The senior team vice-captain, who was a member of the 2016 Junior World Cup-winning side, has been guiding the defenders and drag-flickers. He spoke to the two freemen the player who floats between his team's defence and midfield – in particular, Sanjay and Yashdeep Siwach.

"Even I play as a freeman so from whatever I observed watching from the stands, I told them. I spoke to them in detail about how they need to stay within the danger lines, aligning with the goalposts, so that they can intercept dangerous balls," Harmanpreet says.

For the senior players, analysing the junior sides from the stands has helped them improve knowledge about their opponents, given that the styles and patterns used by most teams in the World Cup have been very similar to their senior sides. "So, while watching them, we also understand the areas where we can improve," Manpreet, who captained India in the 2013 Junior World Cup, says.\

After the team lost to France, the biggest upset of the Junior World Cup so far, Manpreet had an immediate talk with Prasad

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"That wasn't a time to blame anyone or finger-point. He had to lead the team on the field, make sure the players communicated with each other and showed unity." Manpreet says. "They need to believe in themselves."

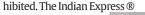
Manpreet knows. Belief carried the team onto the podium in Tokyo.

And as the colts prepare for the biggest test of their nascent careers, facing Belgium in Wednesday's quarterfinals, they'll know the seniors have their backs.

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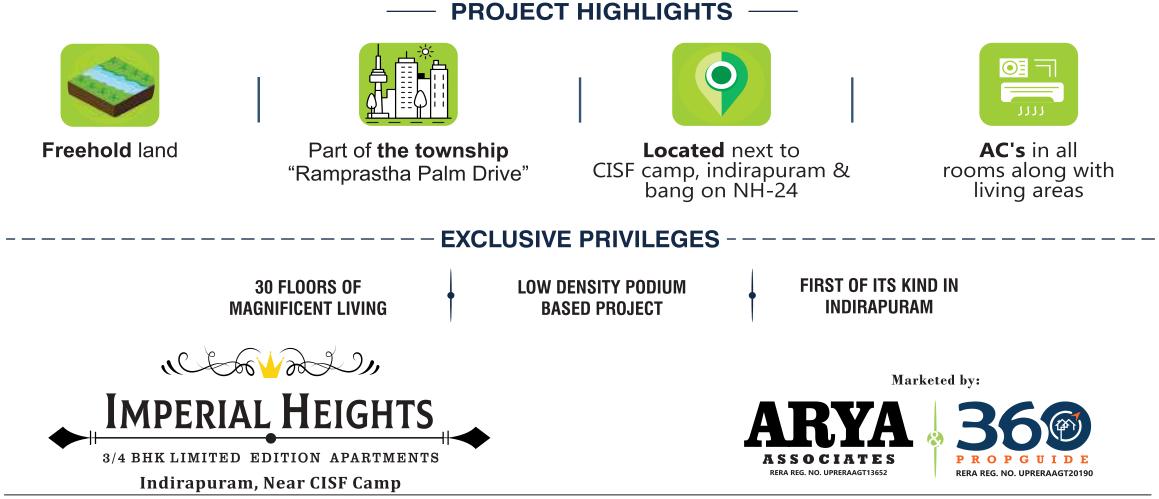


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