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WEST BENGAL Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee led a massive

rally through the heart of Kolkata

Monday against the amended

citizenship law, and the proposed

nationwide National Register of

Citizens (NRC) — and said that if

the Centre plans to implement

them in the state, "they will have

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Population Register (NPR) in the

state for Census 2021 amid fears

that it was the "first step" to the

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Speaking at the rally, Banerjee said: "As long as I am

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DAY AFTER POLICE ACTION IN JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA

As students protest across country, PM warns against 'vested interests'

Union Ministers Shah, Sitharaman, Nishank echo Modi's remarks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

AS STUDENTS from across the country – New Delhi to Kerala and Gujarat to West Bengal – came out Monday to protest against the police action in Jamia Millia Islamia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for peace and said that "no Indian has anything to worry" over the amended citizenship law, which has triggered a nationwide agitation.

Posting a series of tweets the morning after at least 100 protesters were injured when police stormed the Jamia campus in Delhi. Modi said the "violent protests" were "unfortunate and deeply distressing" and pointed to "vested interests" who "divide us and create disturbance".

Modi's comments came the day after he accused the Congress and its allies of fuelling the unrest over the issue, and claimed that those "spreading the fire" could be "identified by their clothes".

Signalling a concerted government move to address the protesters, the Prime Minister's tweets were echoed by key members of his Cabinet, including

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CITIZENSHIP LAW.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at a protest rally in Kolkata on Monday. Partha Paul

2 protesters wounded, police

probe bullet injury claims

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NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 16

DELHI POLICE will probe claims that two students of Jamia Millia Islamia suffered bullet wounds during Sunday's agitation against the new citizenship law. Both are undergoing treatment

at Safdarjung Hospital.

Police sources told *The Indian* Express that "prima facie, it appears that both suffered bullet wounds".

"It needs to be investigated whether the bullets were fired by police personnel or someone else. Police are likely to approach ballistic experts for more clarity," they said.

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CJI: Many cases of blackmail and extortion in RTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

FLAGGING "fears" over the "abuse" of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, the Supreme Court Monday observed "there have been innumerable cases of blackmail, extortion in its working" which it wanted to address.

The remarks were made by a bench of Chief Justice of India SA Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant. The bench was hearing a plea by RTI activist Anjali Bharadwaj seeking direction to the Centre and states to implement the court's direction earlier this year to appoint information commissioners (ICs) without further delay.

The bench allowed the re-

ABHISHEK ANGAD

PAKUR. DECEMBER 16

UNION HOME Minister and BIP

national president Amit Shah

Monday said a sky-high temple

would be built in Ayodhya

the last phase of Assembly polls

in Iharkhand, Shah said,

"Supreme Court ka faisla aa gaya

hai. Chaar maah kay andar, aas-

maan ko chootha hua prabhu Shri

Ram ka mandir Ayodhya mein

banne ja raha hai (The Supreme

Court's decision has come.

Addressing a rally in Pakur in

within the next four months.

Sky-high Ram temple

months: Shah promise

in Ayodhya in four

Balancing

IN THE past, SC has warned against a situation where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of the time answering RTI queries. At other times, it has also acknowledged information officers have evaded answers to queries. What SC says will invariably influence how public information officers respond to RTIs.

quest and asked the Centre and states to fill the vacancies within CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Amit Shah at an election

Within four months, a sky-high

Ram temple will be built in

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For 100 years, Indians across

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Ayodhya)."

Unnao rape case: Court convicts MLA Sengar, pulls up CBI

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

A DELHI court on Monday held expelled BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar guilty of raping a minor girl in Unnao in 2017, and pulled up the CBI, saying its investigation "suffered from patriarchal approach or inherent outlook to brush the issue of sexual violence against children under the carpet".

While Sengar was convicted under Section 376 (rape) of the IPC and Sections 5(c) & 6 of the POCSO Act, co-accused Shashi Singh was granted benefit of doubt and ac-

quitted of all charges. The court will hear arguments on the quantum of sentence on Tuesday.

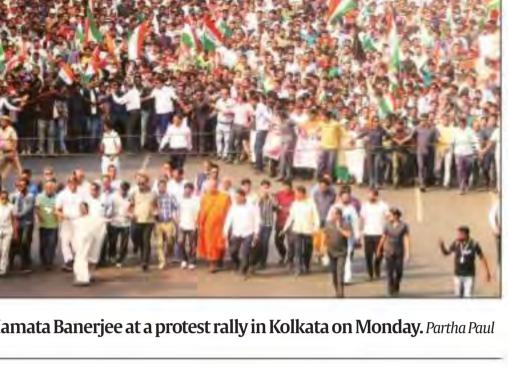
Arguments on quantum of sentence

Saying that he found the victim's testiblemished, truthful and.

of sterling quality", District and Sessions Judge Dharmesh Sharma dismissed the defence counsel's argument that the case was orchestrated since there was an over two-month delay in reporting it. "She comes from a village, not a cosmopolitan area. She had moments of anxiety and despair and was pitted against a powerful person," said the Judge.

Sengar broke down while the Judge was reading out the verdict. His lawyers later said they would file an appeal in the Delhi High Court.

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Atrocities against students



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Jamia V-C Najma Akhtar on **Monday.** Tashi Tobgyal



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studying innocently: V-C

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JAMIA MILLIA Islamia Vice-Chancellor Najma Akhtar Monday demanded a high-level enquiry against police entry into campus and the crackdown on students a day earlier. She said the university would also file an



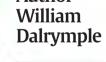


William Dalrymple is guest at Express

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Adda today





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"A STATE in the guise of a merchant" - Edmund Burke's description of the East India Company could well explain the theme of William Dalrymple's latest book, The Anarchy: The Relentless Rise of the East India Company, that was published in September this year. In it, Dalrymple explores how the East India Company rose to become a military and economic conglomerate following the collapse of the Mughals in the pe-

riod between 1739 and 1803. Dalrymple will be the guest at the Express Adda in New Delhi on Tuesday. He will be in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group, and Seema Chishti, Deputy Editor, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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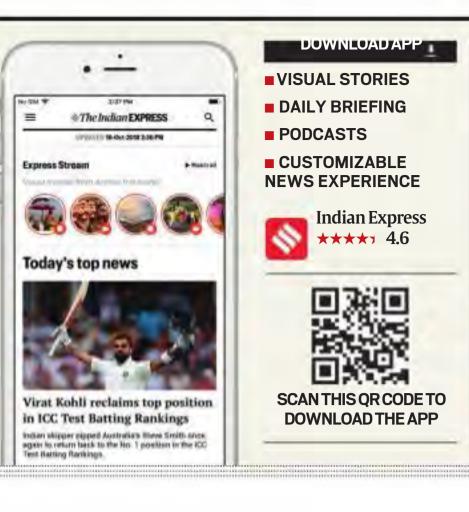
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WON'T TAKE LESSONS ON NATIONALISM FROM SANGH: CHANDRASHEKHAR AZAD

Hinting at a bigger protest against the law, Bhim Army chief Azad said, "The government will have to roll back this Bill. We will bend the government... More people are reaching Delhi on Monday to take this forward..."

VIDEO OF THE DAY



KULDEEP SENGAR CONVICTED:

A timeline of the Unnao rape case. Sengar held in April last year

CAA PROTESTS: LIVE COVERAGE

FULL COVERAGE

Jamia attack assault on India's soul, says Priyanka Gandhi

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Jamia to Assam: In the wake of CAA protests across India

NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY

Our reporters detail how the student protests in Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University turned violent and the state of Assam now

FROM PAGE ONE

Mamata

have to do it over my dead body." She also said: "All of us are citizens of this country, no one can take that away from us."

The rally, which was attended by thousands of people including senior TMC leaders, began after 1 pm near the statue of B R Ambedkar on Red Road and ended around 5 pm at Jorasanko Thakur Bari, the ancestral home of Rabindranath

As the 5-km rally wound up, Baneriee said: "We will be on the street, until and unless the NRC and Citizen Amendment Act are withdrawn."

"If no one comes (to protest), I shall fight this battle alone. But now, all parties are realising why the BJP is doing this. Now the chief ministers of Bihar, Delhi and Madhya Pradesh are also echoing our demand and have taken a stand against NRC and CAA. Nitish Kumar opposed NRC, I think he will be against CAA soon," she said.

On the NRC updation process, officials said it was to take place from April to September next year.

However, a government notification stated that "all activities regarding the preparation/ updation of the National Population Register (NPR) are hereby stayed in West Bengal". "No activity regarding NPR may

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A government official said: "NPR is the first step towards a nationwide NRC. Therefore, we have decided to stall the updation process until further no-

Jamia V-C

FIR against "unidentified police personnel" for the "violence and vandalism".

On Sunday evening, police had thrown teargas shells inside campus, barged into the premises and dragged students out of the library before assaulting them. The action followed a day of protests where some protesters Jamia has maintained these were outsiders and not students set buses and vehicles on fire in some parts of South Delhi.

Addressing a press conference at Jamia Monday, Akhtar said the burning of buses and other vandalism outside the campus as part of protests was "unfortunate", but refused to comment further on it.

"When they chased people from there, people entered our campus. The police entered the campus, chasing after them. All of us (officials) were sitting in a meeting, we were waiting in case the police needs some help. The registrar (an IPS officer himself) was in contact with senior

police officers... But police came inside the campus without taking permission. This is not the rule — that they can enter without asking the registrar, proctor or me," said Akhtar.

"Our library was open; students were working... They hit them with lathis and broke property. They must have damaged property to scare students, but the brutality with which they were made to feel scared is not acceptable. Jamia does not tolerate police entry without seeking permission," she added.

Akhtar said Jamia held an emergency Executive Council meeting Monday in which it was decided that an FIR would be filed and the demand for a high-level enquiry would be made.

"We will demand that there should be a high-level enquiry into the matter. We will request the HRD Minister to look into police entry into campus and the damage done to property as well as the psyche of students. There have been atrocities against students who were sitting and studying innocently, that's not acceptable. So we need to determine who was responsible for this," she said.

"We will also file an FIR against police entry and action," said Akhtar. She said there had been "massive damage to university property". "It's not acceptable that things are broken inside our buildings. Who will pay for this loss? There has also been emotional loss, a loss of confidence and our students' psyche has been affected. Who will be responsible for that? Property aap bana sakte hain, but bachche jis situation se guzre hain usse aap dobara nahi theek kar sakte," said Akhtar.

"We are not forcing any student to leave hostels, but we are facilitating it, because here we could not protect them in the library," she said, adding that nearly 200 students had been injured in Sunday's incident; most of them in the library. However, she confirmed that there had been no deaths.

"We are also demanding that a bypass road be created for public, and the road in front of the campus be given to Jamia to make the campus secure for us," she said. "Jamia should not be targeted. It's a peaceful university, which is born out of the national movement. Students from all parts of the country come to study here. It should not be maligned. The protests are happening everywhere, but only Jamia's name is being highlighted," said Akhtar.

Registrar A P Siddiqui said Sunday was a "war-like situation". "We guestioned the JCP about firing and they denied it. There was no stone-pelting on cops from inside the campus by students. If some outsider has done so, we have no means to verify it," he said.

Akhtar could not meet the higher education secretary Monday as the roads outside the university were blocked in the afternoon. According to university sources, she will brief the ministry officials during the Visitor conference of all central universities on Tuesday at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Till Monday night, the ministry had not decided whether, as per Akhtar's request, an inquiry should be instituted to look into what transpired on campus Sunday evening.

"We will wait for the university's report on the matter and also after hearing the V-C in person," said a ministry official who did not wish to be identified.

CJI on RTI

three months. It also asked the Centre to upload on the official website names of members of the Search Committee for selection of ICs of the Central Information Commission within two weeks.

Appearing for the petitioner, advocate Prashant Bhushan said the non-appointment of ICs was a "clear attempt to frustrate the

Students protest across country

Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.

Shah asked the protesting students to "go through" the Citizenship Amendment Act and not fall in the "trap" laid by "some parties" who are "spreading rumours and inciting violence for their political interest".

Sitharaman warned of "jihadists or Maoists or separatist movements" entering the students' movement. And Nishank appealed to students to "stay away from violence" and "not do anything that goes against the interest of the nation".

Meanwhile, students from across the country, including those from premier institutes such as IIT-Bombay and IIT-Chennai, and Indian Institute of Science(IISc) in Bengaluru, took part in protests against the Delhi police's action. At Jamia, students and resi-

dents of the locality protested against the police action while another protest was held at the Delhi University arts faculty. In the evening, hundreds of students gathered at India Gate to protest against the new law, and read out the Preamble to the Constitution.

On Monday evening, over 1,000 students from Mumbai University gathered at the Kalina campus to condemn the police action. After students of IIT-Bombay staged a protest on campus late Sunday night, sources said HRD Ministry officials spoke to the institution's director to "get the facts" about the agitation. On Monday

morning, students from TISS boycotted classes and assembled in Chembur.

In Tamil Nadu, at least halfa-dozen protest meets were held in Chennai where groups of students from the University of Madras burnt copies of the Act. Students also held protests at railway stations in Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore.

On the IIT-Madras campus, about 100 students carrying placards of Mahatma Gandhi and B R Ambedkar raised slogans against the Act, and the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC). In Bengaluru, a small group

of students at the IISc staged a day-long sit-in on campus against "the anti-human NRC, communal CAA and the police brutalisation against students" in Jamia. At the Puducherry Central

University, over 300 students led a march after boycotting classes.

In West Bengal, protests were held in Jadhavpur University while several student groups across party lines took out a rally inside the Presidency University campus in Kolkata.

In Ahmedabad, around 50 persons gathered outside IIM-Ahmedabad to express solidarity with the students of Jamia. Among those who took part were students from the National Institute of Design (NID) and Gujarat National Law University.

Across Kerala, members of several student organisations held marches and laid siege to central government offices and

blocked trains. Students at the Central University in Kasaragod, University of Calicut, Mahatma Gandhi University in Kottayam and Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) took part in the protests.

In Lucknow, students clashed briefly with police even as heated protests were held at the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Varanasi. Another protest was held in Hyderabad's Maulana Azad Urdu University.

Taking to Twitter to address the protesters, the Prime Minister posted: "Violent protests on the Citizenship Amendment Act are unfortunate and deeply distressing. Debate, discussion and dissent are essential parts of democracy but, never has damage to public property and disturbance of normal life been a part of our ethos." Citizenship

Amendment Act, 2019 was passed by both Houses of Parliament with overwhelming support. Large number of political parties and MPs supported its passage. This Act illustrates India's centuries old culture of acceptance, harmony, compassion and brotherhood," he said.

"I want to unequivocally assure my fellow Indians that CAA does not affect any citizen of India of any religion. No Indian has anything to worry regarding this Act. This Act is only for those who have faced years of persecution outside and have no other place to go except India," the Prime Minister said.

"The need of the hour is for all of us to work together for the development of India and the empowerment of every Indian, especially the poor, downtrodden and marginalised. We cannot allow vested interest groups to divide us and create disturbance." he said.

"This is the time to maintain peace, unity and brotherhood. It is my appeal to everyone to stay away from any sort of rumour mongering and falsehoods," Modi said. Addressing an election rally

in Jharkhand, Shah said: "I would like to appeal to the students to first read the CAA... it has no provision to snatch citizenship from anyone. This act is to give citizenship to unfortunate brothers from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who have been victims of religious persecution." According to government

sources, the HRD Minister has spoken to the vice-chancellors of Aligarth Muslim University, Jamia and JNU, and urged them to engage with the agitating students. V-Cs of all central universities have been asked to keep the HRD Ministry in the loop about protests on campus. Senior Home Ministry offi-

cials, meanwhile, sought to clarify that the amended Act does not make immigrants Indian citizens automatically.

"The central government will frame rules... No migrant from these communities will become Indian citizen automatically. He will have to apply online and the competent authority would see whether he fulfils all the qualifications for registration or naturalisation as Indian citizen," a senior official said.

A. director, Holy Family Hospital.

multitudes of stereotyped outlook towards commission of sexual assault against children or women," he said.

"In my considered opinion, this investigation has suffered from patriarchal approach or inherent outlook to brush the issues of sexual violence against children under the carpet, apart from exhibiting lack of sensitivity and humane approach...investigation in the instant case has not been fair qua victim of crime and her family members. The investigation has not been conducted by a woman officer as mandated by Section 24 of the POCSO Act and successive statements of the victim girl have been recorded by calling her at the CBI office without bothering for the kind of harassment, anguish and re-victimisation that occurs to a victim of sexual assault in such case," the Judge said.

The court held that Sengar's plea that he was not present near the incident spot has "not been proven beyond reasonable doubt or even by preponderance of probability". The court also held that the prosecution was able to prove that Sengar's movement on that day "was not in sync with movements on his two mobile phones..." The court also dismissed the defence counsel's claims that the case was orchestrated by the victim's uncle.

The case dates back to June 4 2017, when the victim, then 17 years old, was allegedly raped by Sengar, a four-time BJP MLA from Bangermau in Uttar Pradesh — he was expelled from the BJP in August this year.

About a year later, on April 3, 2018, her father was allegedly framed in an illegal arms case and arrested. He died in judicial custody a few days later, on April 9, 2018. On July 28 this year, a speeding truck rammed into the car in which the victim, her two aunts and their lawyer were travelling. Her aunts were killed while the victim and her lawyer were critically injured.

On Monday, the Judge questioned the CBI's delay in filing a chargesheet in the gangrape case.

Adda

The Indian Express. Born in Scotland in 1965, Dalrymple was educated at Ampleforth and Trinity College, Cambridge. While still in college, he wrote his first book, In Xanadu, at the age of 22; it won the 1990 Yorkshire Post Best First Work Award and was shortlisted for the John Llewellyn Rhys Memorial Prize.

A consummate storyteller, Dalrymple's long engagement with India began when he moved to the country to write one of his most popular books to date — City of Djinns: A Year in Delhi (1993). His fifth book, The White Mughals (2002), won Britain's most prestigious history prize, the Wolfson Prize, the following year. It will soon be made into a feature film directed by Ralph Fiennes.

In 2006, along with writer Namita Gokhale and Sanjoy Roy of Teamwork Arts, he founded the Jaipur Literature Festival (ILF) one of the world's most celebrated literary festivals.

A frequent broadcaster, Dalrymple has written and presented three television series one of which won the Grierson Award for Best Documentary Series at BAFTA. He has also been awarded five honorary doctorates and held visiting fellowships at Princeton and Brown. In 2018, he was presented the prestigious President's Medal by the British Academy for his outstanding literary achievements and for cofounding JLF.

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Police to probe claims of bullet injuries

Officials and relatives identified the two students as Ajaz Ahmad, a 20-year-old BA student, and Mohammed Suhaib, a 23-year-

old B.Tech student. Delhi Police have officially denied that they "fired bullets at

any student", and said that they would investigate the matter. Sources at the hospital confirmed that two students had been brought in Sunday evening — one with an injury

to his chest and another to his leg — and both told doctors that they had been shot at. Further tests are required to confirm the nature of the injuries, hospital sources said.

Relatives of Ahmad said he was returning home after buying medicines for his mother when he saw cars being vandalised in the area. His family

claimed he was then shot in the

A relative of the second man, Suhaib, said he had "suffered an injury in his foot" but had not been told by doctors if he was shot at. According to hospital

sources, both patients have been operated on and will be under observation for two more days. At both wards, police personnel were stationed outside. In Ahmad's case, a doctor

who did not wish to be identified said a "particle" had been removed from his chest. "He is stable. Doctors have removed a particle from his body, but we are not sure what it is — bullet or teargas shell fragment," said a doctor. "Suhaib is conscious. He suf-

fered a fracture on the toe, which

be able to assess the nature of injuries once the bandage is removed. A K-wire has been placed in his leg for stability," said another doctor.

is bandaged right now. We will

Allegations also emerged that a third person had been admitted to Holy Family Hospital with a gunshot wound, but hospital authorities denied this and said the discharge report mentioned 'gunshot injury' in the 'history' section because that's

When contacted, DCP (southeast) Chinmoy Biswal said, "There have been rumours about bullet injuries and firing

what the patient had told them. "It was alleged by his family

members at the time of admission that it was a gunshot injury. But if you look at the discharge summary, the procedure performed on him explains that a foreign particle has been removed. It does not talk about any bullet," said Father George P

in the Jamia incident. The MLC report from Holy Family states that there's an alleged history of a gunshot wound. This was written based on the statement of the injured. We have not fired bullets at any student. Any foreign body like metal or plastic could have caused injury. Two injured at Safdarjung too alleged gunshot injuries, but if anyone would have been shot at, the ambulance would take them to Holy Family or Fortis, which are the closest. Despite this, we are probing whether the injured were hit by bullets or not.'

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working of the RTI Act".

Responding to this, CJI Bobde said there were also some concerns about the working of the Act. "There is a kind of paralysis and fear... People are afraid to take action," he said.

Bhushan said those doing wrong would be afraid to act.

"Everybody is not doing wrong," the CJI said and added that he had been told that in Maharashtra the "Mantralaya is paralaysed because of this...We don't know why". "Have you seen the kind of people who are asking for information? They have nothing to do with it...There is no question of locus standi in this," he said.

Bhushan said "there should be no locus standi in RTI" as it would discourage public-spirited persons from seeking information and added that "I file so many PILs".

The CJI said filing PILs was different. "There is the other side," and quipped "Is RTI activist (sic) a profession!" Justice Gavai added, "In Mumbai, there are letter heads saying RTI consultant.'

"We are only saying this from our experience as judges," the CJI said. A public-spirited person should be someone who has something to do with the issue, he said. Bhushan sought to differ and

cited the case of electoral bonds, where political parties of all shades would have gained benefits, to make a larger point that only some member of the public would seek information to understand if there was corruption.

The CJI said, "We are not against information and right to information" but there was a "need to evolve some kind of guidelines". "Suppose there is some specialised tender, why is some person not related to that business at all interested...They may be set up by rival business. We are only asking for a filter that can be applied," the CJI said.

Bhushan said the question had come up during the drafting of the RTI law too, a process with which he too was associated. "Do you know why you were part of it? Because everyday, somebody

and you are behind them," the CJI said. The counsel repeated that putting in place any rider would discourage genuine seekers of information. "You are speaking of bonafide situations..There have been innumerable cases of blackmail, extortion. We want to address that," CJI Bobde said. He said the court was wondering if the abuse could be curbed. "You are arguing as if abuse doesn't exist... if something can curb that abuse, think of that way," he said, adding that the concept of locus standi was not unknown to law.

The court said it raised the point only as the subject matter was related and said it would hear more people on the matter.

Ram temple a grand temple in Ram's birth

place Ayodhya, Shah said. He claimed that Congress leaders and their lawyer Kapil Sibal used to plead in the

sault by powerful adults."

comes seeking some information raha hai (do not pursue the case now... Why, what's troubling you)," he said, adding the Congress can neither bring development, nor provide national security or respect peoples' wishes. Sengar

"When she met with the Chief Minister (Yogi Adityanath), there was a tirade unleashed upon the girl and family members... multiple cases were filed against the family members of the girl... the prints of Kuldeep (Sengar) are quite visible," said the Judge. He said the case "manifests

the multitudes of restrictions and taboos within which many women in the rural areas are brought up, grow and survive. It epitomises the fear ingrained in the mind of young girls in the countryside or elsewhere against reporting the issues of sexual as-

"This case reflects that there is nothing wrong with the letter and Supreme Court, "Abhi math chaspirit of the POCSO Act, but with laiye case, baad mein chalaiye. Kyon its not so effective implementabhai, aapke pet mein kya dard ho tion at the ground level due to

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Belief of Investors

- Egalitarian, land of peace
- Protector of Constitutional Rights
- First state to launch new Industrial Policy in the decade of recession
- Relaxation in rules

Belief of Farmers

- Appreciating their hard work, paddy procurement at Rs. 2500 per quintal
- A government delivering on its promises, waived off agriculture loan
- Decrease in cost of irrigation, establishment of Food Processing Units
- Village empowerment through Narva, Garva, Ghurva, Bari

Belief of Tribals

- New era of justice, returned land to villagers in Lohandiguda
- Tendupatta collectors getting Rs. 4000 per sac
- Acquiring 22 forest products at support price
- Starting various processing units
- Review of cancelled Vanadhikaar Patta, stress on Samudayik Patta
- People facing fabricated criminal charges released

Belief of Women

- Campaign to eradicate malnutrition and anaemia
- New Opportunities for education and employment
- Empowering Women by reinforcing Folk Culture

Belief of Youth

- Employment centric quality education
- Future in sports and other sectors
- Decline in unemployment rate, new opportunities in govt. sector
- Right to free education till class 12th

Belief of Public

- Electricity bill halved
- Land to landless and home to homeless
- Universal PDS
- India's first Universal Health Scheme
- Provisions for treatment upto Rs. 20 lakhs





4 THE CITY

DWARKA-SECTOR 8

JAMIA LIBRARY, A DAY LATER













Shattered glass, remains of tear gas shells, blood drops on the floor — a day after Delhi Police stormed the Jamia Millia Islamia campus, its library had several reminders of the chaos inside

Jamia, India Gate, IIT, Delhi University

Protests across city day after police stormed Jamia campus, targeted students

SOURAVROY BARMAN, SHIVAM PATEL& **SOMYA LAKHANI** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

THE RIPPLE effect of police action inside Jamia Millia Islamia was felt across Delhi Monday, with protests, both spontaneous and organised, erupting across campuses and public places.

While campuses saw demonstrations during the day, the action shifted to India Gate in the afternoon, with groups of people gathering to read out the Preamble to the Constitution. The air resonated with the slogans of "Delhi Police down down".

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi and other senior party leaders sat on a silent protest for about two hours in solidarity with Jamia students. After they left, those who had gathered behind the barricades were let in.

A 45-year-old resident of Nizamuddin said she read about the India Gate protest on WhatsApp. "I broke down watching videos of students being beaten up. I told my husband we have to stand with the kids... we have two of our own," said Mrs Ali, who only gave her last name.

Maulana Naseem Ul Quasmi (26) from Nangloi said, "Entering the campus and beating children inside libraries is a terrible thing. This is a way of breaking the Constitution. We are here to show them that we respect the diversity of our nation."

Pamphlets of the Constitution were distributed and phone flashlights were raised to the skies as dozens read it out loud.

One family at the protest said they were visiting from MP's Orchha and stumbled on the protest. "We were students once and our kids will be students too...



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra with Congress leaders at India Gate, Monday. Amit Mehra

I can't imagine the state of parents watching their children being beaten up on TV," said the 37year-old visitor.

Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad joined the gathering in the evening and read the Preamble. While some waved the Tricolour, others held photos of Gandhi and placards with messages such as: "My name is India and my religion is Constitution."

Students at Delhi University also held a protest at the Arts Faculty. Many who had their Political Science examination Monday boycotted it. IIT-Delhi students, too, took out a march in support of Jamia students where a sizeable number of youth turned up.

Meanwhile, the area around Jamia Millia Islamia witnessed waves of protests through the day, both inside and outside the campus. The stretch outside the university pulsated with speeches and slogans against Delhi Police

action and new citizenship law. Addressing students inside

the campus, spokesperson of Jamia teacher's association Majid Jamil said: "This is a long fight... we have to take our movement forward peacefully. Police action was not called for in any way and we condemn it... we demand a ju-

dicial inquiry into their actions..." While Delhi Police personnel steered clear of the core area of demonstrations, groups of khakiclad men stationed themselves near the Sukhdev Vihar Metro station, gates of which were shut down around 5.30 pm. The Jamia

Millia station was shut at 3 pm. The police personnel, however, stopped men and women heading to the protest and asked them to produce identity cards, while noting down their names and other details. Those returning from the protest were also stopped and asked to describe

why they were in the area. Asked if they were approaching everyone walking towards the protest site, a personnel said: "We are approaching those who look suspicious." Among those approached were three youths from Manipur, two from Zakir

Nagar, among others. Around 5.45 pm, a gathering outside the Jamia Millia Islamia Metro station set effigies on fire. Among the bystanders was a 10year-old boy who suffered head injuries during stone pelting be-

tween protesters and police. The child and his parents, both of whom are cobblers, stay in a hut built of tarpaulin near the station, along with around 15 other families. His mother said the boy has been traumatised by the vio-

lence in the area. Around 6.40 pm, a protest march began outside the campus. A group of Jamia students urged the protesters, mostly comprising locals, to end the march when it reached the elevated Jamia station. "We will have to find newer ways to register our dissent. We cannot afford to fall into their trap," Sakib, a final-year MA Political Science student, told the protesters. By 7.30 pm, the area was largely cleared of protesters, with Jamia guards also appealing

to people to head homes.

Scenes from two libraries: '11 students hid in toilets, 4 girls'

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

SHATTERED GLASS from windows and doors; remains of teargas shells; blood drops on the floor; CCTVs smashed; notebooks left mid-sentence — Jamia Millia Islamia's library premises Monday stood testimony to po-

lice action a day earlier. Jamia has two library buildings — new and old. In both, it was primarily the reading room that was open since it was a Sunday. Students, staff and guards said the calm broke around 6:30 pm. "I had come after reading namaz. At 6:30 pm, police entered the reading room and started breaking tables and hitting students with lathis. Teargas was thrown. I tried to run but there was no place to

hide. When I was helping my friend, I got hit on my hand," said Sahil Rabbani, a student. Rabbani ran leaving behind his notebook and course material. The two doors police al-

legedly entered from lay shattered; as was the main door to the building. Just before the reading room, the glass cover of the book case showcasing 'new arrivals' was also broken.

One of the windows, half broken, had several clothes, ostensibly stuck as students tried to escape.

"Students were trapped in tear gas smoke since police had closed the doors behind them. With nowhere to go, they tried to break windows and escape, during which they received injuries and their clothes tore," said an official.

students ran up the stairs to the first floor after sustaining injuries to escape police action, since the area was closed Sunday. Blood on the floor indicated that someone had been there.

At the old building, main doors and windows were smashed and papers were strewn everywhere. Two CCTV cameras and a broken lathi remained on the ground floor reading room. On a chair on the second floor

were bloodstained tissues. Mohd Usman, a library staffer, said they found 50-60 students holed up after the police raid. "There were 11 students hiding in toilets, nine in the new building and two in the old building. Four of them were girls. Two were not able to walk; they were in a bad condition. We just put them into ambulances," he said.

Adnan, a library staffer, said

A senior police officer from

CM seeks time

with Shah on

'deteriorating

law and order'

At Sunday's protest

MALLICA JOSHI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

AS CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal sought an appointment with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the wake of recent protests against the new citizenship law, officials have said they are "nearly certain the meeting would not happen".

"The Delhi government has reached out to the home minister three-four times since he assumed office in May. The first was a request for a courtesy meeting, while the rest were for specific issues. Each time, the request has either been denied or ignored. We expect this will be ignored too," a

senior government official said. On the CM's agenda are also incidents that have happened in the recent past, officials said. "The agenda was simple – to discuss how the law and order situation has suffered in Delhi over the past month-and-a-half. First, the clash with lawyers at Tis Hazari complex; then JNU students being brutally beaten up twice; and now the action in Jamia. The situation has been deteriorating continuously," an-

other official said. Officials said Kejriwal had not heard from the office of the Home Minister till late evening.

AAP, meanwhile, said that protests had been handled poorly. "Ever since Shri Amit Shah assumed office... the law and order situation has been deteriorating in Delhi. Delhi Police handles al issues with lathi and bullets Police lathi charged lawyers, INU students, and differently-abled people. The law and order system has collapsed..." said AAP Delhi unit president Gopal Rai.

MLA Amanatullah Khan instigated violence at a protest site, AAP denied his involvement in any such protest. The party has also decided not to hold any protests against the new citizen-

Among injured: Over 30 cops

JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

MORE THAN 30 policemen, including senior police officers of South and South East districts, sustained injuries while dispersing students and locals protesting the new citizenship law outside Jamia Millia Islamia Sunday evening.

One of the injured policemen, Maqsood Ahmed, a head constable posted in the South district, was allegedly hit with stones and bulbs, and was thrashed after he fell on the ground.

the South district alleged, "I was trying to remove the protesters pelting stones at us outside gate number 7 when I saw Magsood getting beaten up. They even snatched his helmet. Four other officers sustained injuries while trying to save him."

Ahmed is undergoing treatment at Holy Family hospital.

Chinmoy Biswal, DCP (South East) said, "I was standing outside gate number 8 when protesters pelted stones at us. I sustained injuries to my leg and head."

Mandeep Singh Randhawa, PRO. Delhi Police, said, "Students

maximum restraint to disperse them, but they burnt four buses and destroyed several vehicles on the road." Police said they tried to push the protesters towards Jamia Nagar. Randhawa said that since the campus is on both sides of the road, protesters came from differ-

and residents near Jamia staged

protests outside the college

around 2 pm Sunday. Some of

them changed their route and

ran towards Mata Mandir in

New Friends Colony. We used

ent routes with bulbs, bottles and tubelights. They allegedly torched police motorbikes too, he said.

SEVERAL STUDENTS LEAVE HOSTEL FOR HOME

Long night in hostel: 'Kept doors locked, feared raid at 3 am'

SUKRITA BARUAH & **ANANYA TIWARI** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

hand.

A DAY after their campus was stormed by police personnel, hundreds of Jamia Millia Islamia students, many of them injured. left the hostel with suitcases in After the first round of clashes

between students, locals and police on Friday, the university had declared holidays from December 16 to January 5. But many students

had stayed back in the hostels for internships, research work or to continue protests against the new citizenship law. However, after the events of Sunday evening, students began packing their suitcases, saying that they did not feel safe and would rather head home. Students spoke of a sleepless

night and endless phone calls from worried parents.

"I have never received these many calls from my parents before. They are frantically calling us back home. We could not sleep last night; we were so

scared. After what happened here last night, it's just not viable to stay here any longer," said Laila Khan, a student at the Mass Communication and Research Centre, who was heading home to Mumbai.

During the night, rumours flew thick and fast through hostel rooms. "We all blocked our doors and windows because we were afraid that our hostel would be raided at 2-3 am. Friends who live outside the campus were calling and asking us to come stay with them for



Many said they did not feel safe. Tashi Tobgyal

the night, but it was too unsafe for us to move around," said Akshi, a Bachelor of Dental Surgery student from Aligarh, who was leaving the hostel on Monday morning.

Like many others who were leaving in a hurry, Akshi did not have tickets to travel back home friend's house.

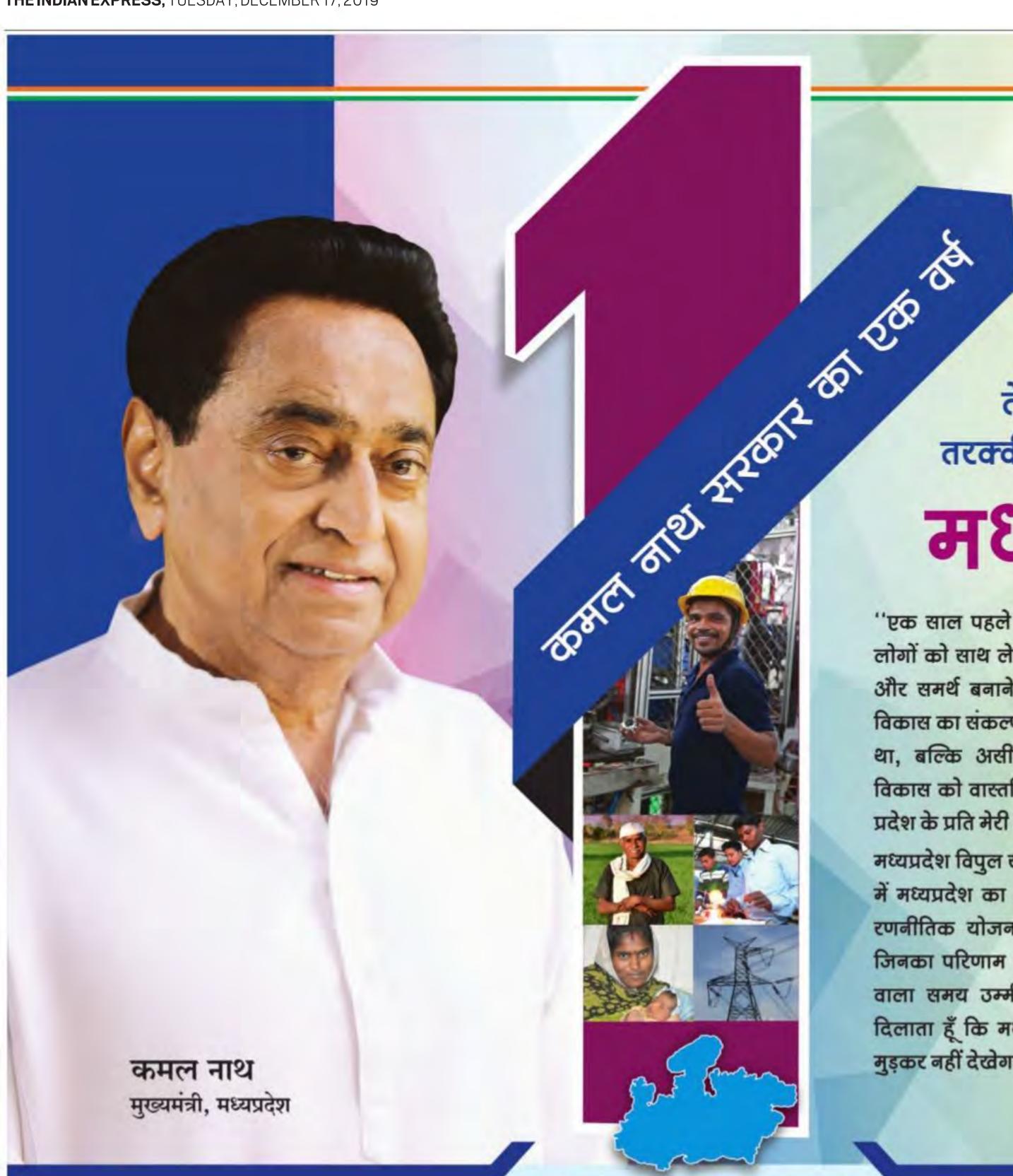
and was first heading to a Similarly, Ubaid Mazhar, a 19vear-old BSc Physics student, was leaving the hostel with friends

around 10-15 Kashmiris in the

hostel, but we cannot go home right now because we don't have tickets. We do not have a plan yet; we are trying to decide where to go next," he said. Several students also spent

the night outside the campus at friends' flats. One of them, Mohammad OS, a 22-year-old law student, returned on Monday morning to collect his books and bag. "Some people have not booked their tickets and some have tickets for tomorrow. But with nowhere to go. "There are they will not wait in the hostel as they are not safe here," he said.

On BJP's charge that Okhla ship law.



मध्यप्रदेश शासन

तेज कदमों से तरक्की की ओर बढ़ता

मध्यप्रदेश

"एक साल पहले आज ही के दिन हमने सभी वर्गों के लोगों को साथ लेकर चलते हुये उनके जीवन को बेहतर और समर्थ बनाने तथा प्रदेश के हर क्षेत्र के समेकित विकास का संकल्प लिया था। यह मात्र रस्मी संकल्प नहीं था, बल्कि असीमित संभावनाओं के धनी प्रदेश के विकास को वास्तविक अर्थों में संभव बनाने का और इस प्रदेश के प्रति मेरी भावनाओं से प्रेरित एक दृढ़ निश्चय था। मध्यप्रदेश विपुल संसाधनों का प्रदेश है और उसी अनुपात में मध्यप्रदेश का विकास हमारा लक्ष्य है। इस दिशा में रणनीतिक योजनाएं बनाकर प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं, जिनका परिणाम अब हर क्षेत्र में दिखने लगा है। आने वाला समय उम्मीदें पूरी करने वाला है। मैं विश्वास दिलाता हूँ कि मध्यप्रदेश अपनी विकास यात्रा में पीछे मुड़कर नहीं देखेगा।"

एक वर्ष में 365 वचन पूर्ण

कृषि

- 'जय किसान फसल ऋण माफी योजना' के अंतर्गत 20 लाख से अधिक किसानों के ऋण माफ।
- मण्डियों में एक साथ ई-अनुज्ञा ऑनलाइन प्रणाली।
- इंदिरा किसान ज्योति योजना में 10 हॉर्स पॉवर तक के कृषि पंपों के लिये आधी दर पर बिजली उपलब्ध।
- किसान परिवार की कन्याओं के विवाह के लिए कृषक कन्या विवाह सहायता योजना प्रारंभ। इसमें 51,000 रुपये प्रोत्साहन राशि के लिए 2.5 एकड़ तक पात्रता।

बिजली

- इंदिरा किसान ज्योति योजना में अब आधी दर पर बिजली उपलब्ध। इससे लगभग 20 लाख किसान लाभान्वित।
- इंदिरा गृह ज्योति योजना घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं को प्रथम 100 यूनिट तक की खपत पर 100 रुपये प्रति माह में बिजली उपलब्ध।
- घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं तथा लघु एवं सूक्ष्म उद्योगों को 24 घंटे बिजली की आपूर्ति।
- बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के निराकरण के लिये 1912 कॉल सेंटर की सेवाएँ।

उच्च शिक्षा

- सभी शासकीय महाविद्यालयों को भूमि का स्वामित्व देकर अगले 30 वर्ष की विकास योजना तैयार करने का 'भूमि सुरक्षा अभियान'।
- कैम्ब्रिज यूनिवर्सिटी लंदन के सहयोग से अंग्रेजी भाषा का विशेष प्रशिक्षण प्रारंभ।
- IIT व IIM के उच्च श्रेणी के प्राध्यापक पहली बार नवाचार हेतु उच्च शिक्षा परिषद में शामिल।
- विदेश में उच्च शिक्षा के लिए विद्यार्थियों के अर्हकारी अंक और परिवार की आय सीमा को कम किया गया।
- पीएससी से चयनित 3148 प्राध्यापकों व अन्य की नियुक्ति में पहली बार पारदर्शिता से ऑनलाइन पदस्थापना का विकल्प।

आदिवासी समाज

- वन अधिकार अधिनियम 2006 के तहत 8,683 दावों का निराकरण।
- आकांक्षा योजना में विद्यार्थियों को JEE, NEET, CLAT की प्रवेश परीक्षा की तैयारी पर 14 करोड़ 50 लाख रुपये व्यय।
- बालिकाओं की शिक्षा एवं साक्षरता वृद्धि के लिए 82 कन्या शिक्षा परिसर संचालित।
- मुख्यमंत्री मदद योजना में जन्म एवं मृत्यु के अवसर पर प्रति जन्म 50 किलोग्राम गेहूँ/चावल एवं प्रति मृत्यु पर 100 किलोग्राम अनाज गेहूँ/चावल का वितरण।
- आदिवासी समुदाय के देवस्थानों के संरक्षण के लिए आष्ठान योजना।
- तेंदूपत्ता श्रमिकों की मजदूरी की दरों में वृद्धि। मजदूरी और बोनस का हो रहा है नकद भुगतान।

पिछड़ा वर्ग

- पिछड़ा वर्ग हेत् शासकीय सेवाओं में 27 प्रतिशत आरक्षण लागू।
- पिछड़ा वर्ग के परंपरागत कुटीर, हस्तशिल्प, हाथकरघा के उत्पाद जीएसटी से मुक्त।

उद्योग

- निवेश को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए औद्योगिक नीति में महत्वपूर्ण संशोधन। सूक्ष्म, लघु एवं मध्यम उद्योगों के विकास के लिये नई एमएसएमई विकास नीति एवं स्टार्ट अप नीति 2019 लागू।
- पॉवरलूम, फार्मास्युटिकल एवं रेडिमेड गारमेंट के लिए विशेष पैकेज।
- तकनीकी विकास को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए मैन्युफैक्चरिंग इनोवेशन फण्ड की स्थापना।
- निजी भूमि अर्जन के लिये लैण्ड पूर्लिंग पॉलिसी लागू की गई।
- मैग्नीफिसेंट मध्यप्रदेश-2019 का इन्दौर में सफल आयोजन।

युवा

- मध्यप्रदेश में स्थापित होने वाले उद्योगों में 70 प्रतिशत रोजगार स्थानीय युवाओं को देना अनिवार्य।
- प्रदेश के आईटीआई, पॉलीटेक्निक तथा इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेजों से उत्तीर्ण विद्यार्थियों को ग्लोबल स्किल्स पार्क भोपाल कैंपस में प्रिसीजन इंजीनियरिंग कोर्स में प्रशिक्षण।
- शहरी बेरोज़गार युवाओं को 100 दिन के रोज़गार के साथ-साथ कौशल प्रशिक्षण के लिये मुख्यमंत्री युवा स्वाभिमान योजना।
- प्रतिभावान खिलाड़ियों की पुरस्कार राशि एवं खेल संघों की अनुदान राशि में वृद्धि।
- खिलाड़ियों के उच्च स्तरीय प्रशिक्षण के लिए कोच डेवलपमेंट प्रोग्राम।
- खेल अकादमी एवं प्रदेश के राष्ट्रीय स्तर के खिलाड़ियों को चिकित्सा और दुर्घटना जीवन बीमा की सुविधा।
- स्वरोजगार मूलक योजनाओं में ग्रामीण क्षेत्र के बेरोजगारों के लिए पृथक से लक्ष्य।

महिला सशक्तिकरण

- लाइली लक्ष्मी योजना में 3 लाख 20 हजार 289 नई बालिकाओं का पंजीयन।
- मुख्यमंत्री कन्या विवाह/निकाह योजना की अनुदान राशि
 28 हजार रुपये से बढ़ाकर 51 हजार रुपये।
- वृद्धावस्था और विधवा पेंशन राशि 300 रुपये से बढ़ाकर 600 रुपये प्रतिमाह।
- प्रदेश की 202 आशा कार्यकर्ताओं को उसी ब्लॉक में एएनएम के पद पर नियुक्ति।
- प्रदेश की 9411 महिलाओं को राजमिस्त्री का प्रशिक्षण।
- एकीकृत महिला हेल्पलाइन 181 की सेवाएँ प्रारंभ।
- कन्या शैक्षणिक संस्थानों तथा महिला कामकाजी क्षेत्रों को चिन्हित कर वहाँ पुलिस सुरक्षा की व्यवस्था।

Students say kept at police stations despite injuries

Students were marched out

AIIMS trauma centre," he said. It was found that he had fractured

both his hands, had injuries on

Utkarsh Roshan (21), a mas-

ters student at the Mass

Communication Research

Centre, who had been picked up

from the library and detained at

Kalkaji police station, said: "We

had been beaten up before we

were put into a bus but were

treated politely at the police sta-

tion. We were put in a warm

room and given chairs to sit on.'

ited by some teachers, activists

and lawyers, MLA Amanatullah

Khan and Jamia's registrar and

been detained, it was a difficult

night. Mohammad Ali Qureshi,

who lives in Andhra Pradesh,

For parents of those who had

The police stations were vis-

his scalp and multiple bruises.

of campus with hands

raised. Reuters

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

SEVERAL OF the Jamia students who had been detained by police Sunday spent the night at the police stations injured, and claim that they were awaiting legal and medical aid.

Following the protest and subsequent clashes on Sunday, 16 persons had been detained at New Friends Colony police station while 38 had been detained at the Kalkaji police station.

Tanjil Ahmad Choudhary (24), a B.Ed student, alleged he was beaten before being taken to the police station.

"I was in a security booth inside the campus where I was protecting a person with a CISF ID card from angry students. I was dragged out by police and beaten up at around 6:45 pm. Then around 10 of us were rounded up at the central canteen and beaten up, and taken to gate number 3 where we were beaten up again and then again at number 4. I was taken to New Friends Colony police station in a gypsy," he claimed.

According to him, they were made to sit on the floor at the police station and were not given water to drink for four

"I was bleeding from my head but we didn't receive any kind of medical attention. It was only after we were released around 3 am, after some lawyers came to the police station, that we were taken for an MLC at the and his wife received a call from

his son Asif Ali on Sunday evening saying the campus was being stormed and he could hear explosions.

"He studies in the library every evening and that was where he was that evening. He called his mother at 6 pm in a panic and we didn't hear from him after that. His phone was lost in the confusion and we saw all kinds of terrible things on YouTube and Whatsapp. We couldn't sleep all night. We only heard from him at 7 am on Monday. He is on his way back home now. It's terrible because our children are supposed to be safe in their college," his father

Advocate Mangla Verma had visited the New Friends Colony police station to try and help the students. She said that while students were not treated harshly at the police station, certain important services were denied to

"First, several lawyers were there at the police station but they were not allowed to meet the students. The students cannot be denied legal representation. They allowed two lawyers to enter after a lot of negotiation but there was so much police presence and the students were so scared that it served more as a check up to see if the students were alright. Secondly, many of the students were so visibly injured. They should have been taken for an MLC but they had to go themselves only after they were let go after many hours,"

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DAY BEFORE POLICE BARGED INTO JAMIA

Police had input Sunday's march could go out of hand

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

A DAY before Sunday's chaos at Jamia Millia Islamia, where police barged into the campus and assaulted students, the Special Branch of Delhi Police had sent a letter to the South East district police, informing them about students planning a 'community march' to mobilise residents from nearby localities and gather their support against the new citizenship law. The letter also said the involvement of local political leaders and 'ruffians' in the protest could not be ruled out, it is learnt.

The letter poses fresh questions on the police action, especially since it had prior information that things could go out of

On Sunday, a march by students to mobilise support from locals had ended in clashes with police, as the crowd swelled and some of them insisted on marching to the Parliament there and then. This was followed by police action on the campus in the

An officer in the Special Branch told The Indian Express they had sent an advisory to the South East district informing them about the protest. "In our advisory, we intimated them that



Special Branch said a letter was sent to district police

cial elements could also intervene to create ruckus, so district police should make adequate arrangements by calling additional force," a senior officer said.

When contacted, Additional DCP (special branch) Jitendra Mani confirmed they had issued an advisory letter.

On Sunday, the special CP (law and order of southern range) RS Krishnia was at two functions one in South and another in Dwarka district. "The first programme, Swachhata Pakhwada, was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in South district, where L-G Anil Baijal was the chief guest. Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik and JCP (southern range) Devesh Srivastava were also present. Another event local political leaders and anti-so- in Dwarka district saw Patnaik which is also a residential area. Crime Branch will investigate."

and Krishnia in attendance, and they got free by 6 pm," a senior police officer said.

While the district police had initially called in two companies of paramilitary forces with 200 police personnel, as things escalated, four extra companies and more police staff were called in.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that the district police had spoken with the organisers of the student protest, and a rally was also called by AAP Okhla MLA Amanatullah Khan, where around 10,000 people were protesting peacefully at Shaheen Bagh. "But things changed when a local muscleman along with ruffians joined the protest. Protesters then started heading towards Mata Mandir Marg in New Friends Colony,

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They had decided to march towards New Delhi area and decided to take Mathura Road. After reaching there, as police tried to push them, they resorted to vandalism. We started getting calls from panicked residents, and minimum force was used even as they torched DTC buses and private vehicles," an officer privy to the investigation said.

Police then charged protesters with batons and fired tear gas shells. "Police started chasing all stone pelters back to Jamia Nagar. In the commotion, some stone pelters entered the campus and police personnel trailing them followed them inside," an officer said.

Delhi Police PRO M S Randhawa said: "The Jamia campus is not unified and it is situated on both sides of the road. When violence erupted there, bottles, bulbs and tubelights were also thrown. At least 30 police personnel, including a DCP-rank officer, sustained injuries. Some students were detained when police were trying to push them towards Jamia Nagar. Later, they were re-

leased after verification," he said. Meanwhile, Delhi Police has registered two FIRs of rioting and damaging public property against unidentified persons in connection with the violence in South Delhi Sunday. On police storming the Jamia campus, he said: "There was no firing and casualty...the

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ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

IT WAS 12:30 at night and the Delhi Police barricades parked outside the old police headquarters in ITO had become a makeshift podium for students to address the assembly of common citizens and politicians who were protesting "police brutality on Jamia campus and the detention of around 50 students".

Among the crowd were former and current students of Jamia and JNU, and Congress Delhi president Subhash Chopra AAP leaders Imran Hussain and Ankit Lal, along with their supporters. There was also visible anger against "media bias".

Most of them were demanding the withdrawal of the new citizenship law, apart from the release of students detained.

Zafar Ali, a resident of Turkman Gate, said, "I was going to sleep, but then I saw the protest on TV. Anyone will understand that this law is biased against Muslims, so we are here.' He felt the media was not

showing the true picture of the turn of events. "They are accusing the students of rioting, when the fact is that it was the police that entered the campus and beat up students." Khwaja Asad, a former stu-

dent of Jamia, too echoed similar sentiments.

A little distance away, Delhi Police PRO MS Randhawa could be seen trying to negotiate with students: "We will listen to other demands too, but we request you to leave." But many shouted back saying the students were vet to be released.

Some protesters could be seen cleaning the trash around the protest site, while others distributed biscuits and water.

started leaving the site after being told students were released.

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New Delhi: The South Municipal Corporation (SDMC) organised a seminar on holistic and cognitive development of students at Ambedkar Stadium, Sunday. The seminar was attended by 12,000 teachers, parents, and members of school management committees. The seminar focussed on stress management, disaster management and training on CPR and first aid. It was attended by Information Broadcasting minister Prakash Jadvekar, Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari, SDMC Mayor Sunita Kangra, Chairman, Standing Committee Bhupender Gupta and Leader of House Kamaljeet Sehrawat.

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People buy winter wear at Lakshmi Nagar market, Monday. Praveen Khanna

Capital shivers at 12.9°C, coldest Dec day in 16 years

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 16

THE MAXIMUM temperature in Delhi dropped to 12.9 degrees Celsius, 10 degrees below normal and the lowest December temperature in 16 years. Cold winds lashed the city and a dense cloud cover, owing to an active western disturbance that has brought widespread snow to Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, persisted throughout the day making Delhi shiver.

The last time temperature slipped to this extent was on December 25, 2003, when the maximum temperature was recorded at 12.3 degrees Celsius.

On Monday morning, dense fog was observed in Delhi. The difference between the minimum temperature, which is recorded in the early morning hours, and the maximum temperature, recorded between 1.30 pm and 4 pm, was just 2.7 degrees Celsius. This was two degrees above normal and is attrib-

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Thur	7.0°C	18.0°C	Moderate fog
Fri	9.0°C	20.0°C	Shallow fog
Sat	10.0°C	20.0°C	Rain or thundershowers
Sun	9.0°C	20.0°C	Partly cloudy, chance of rain or thunderstorm

uted to a dense cloud cover that trapped heat overnight.

"Most parts of North West India saw a very dense and lowhanging cloud cover Monday, which persisted throughout the day," said R K Jenamani, directorin-charge, IMD Palam centre.

According to forecasts, temperature on Tuesday is also expected to be well below normal.

"Tuesday is expected to see a mainly clear sky. Moderate fog is expected in the morning. Severe cold conditions are expected in a few places. The temperature is expected to be between 7 degrees and 14 degrees Celsius," the official forecast issued by

The lowest maximum temperature ever was 11.2 degrees Celsius, which was recorded on December 28, 1973.

IMD said.

The air quality in the city was moderate Monday, an improvement from the 'poor' category Sunday. The prime reason for this was slightly better wind speed, SAFAR officials said.

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FORM OF CONTRACT: Unit Price Contract (LUMPSUM) For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu/Tamil Nadu urban health care project (TNUHP) the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) circle, (Medical works), Madurai invites prequalification application for the following work at his office upto 3.00 PM on 23.01.2020 in sealed cover from the prequalify contractors / consortium/ Firms.

NIT No.11/2019-2020/BC MC/MW/Madural Dated: 16.12.2019

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AT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Amid exam boycott, JNU set to hold test via WhatsApp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

FACED WITH the boycott of end semester examinations by students, the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) administration has now come up with an unusual way to hold exams through WhatsApp and email.

In a letter sent to all Centre chairpersons Monday, School of International Studies (SIS) Dean Aswini K Mohapatra said the decision was taken "in view of the extraordinary situation" on campus, after a meeting of the Deans of Schools and Chairpersons of Special Centres with the Vice-Chancellor and other officials. It

New Delhi: The confrontation be-

tween the deliberative and ex-

ecutive wing of the North MCD

again came to the fore during

house meeting Monday with

AAP leader of opposition Surject

Singh accusing civic body com-

missioner Varsha Joshi of smil-

the fire at Old Delhi's Anaj

Mandi, which killed 44 people.

said that even a monster would

not laugh at such an incident.

She also asked Singh not to make

other leaders, came to the well

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However, Singh, along with

such allegations.

ing when he raised the issue of

Joshi denied the charge and

Discussion on Anaj

Mandi fire brings North

MCD tension to surface

could not be confirmed if the step was being taken in all Schools.

"There was a consensus in the meeting held on December 16 at 9:30 am that in the academic interest of INU students, an alternate mode of test in the end semester examination for MPhil/PhD and MA Programme be conducted," he wrote.

"Question papers will be sent to the students registered for the courses by the course teachers for MPhil and MA programme. Centre chairpersons may prepare the examination schedule as per the requirement of the Centre. Students are requested to submit the answer scripts to the respective course teachers for evaluation. The last date for submission

apology and suspension of offi-

all 24 hours due to this incident,

there has been an inquiry con-

stituted... no one would be able

to escape." She said it is not fair to

blame an officer who is not in-

tervene but the leaders refused to

return to their seats. After the

drama persisted for long, Joshi

came to the well of the House and

said, "I am requesting you with

to discuss the fire, was dissolved

with no concrete discussion. **ENS**

The house, which was called

folded hands to listen to me."

Mayor Avtar Singh tried to in-

volved in the incident.

Joshi replied, "I am in trauma

cials responsible.

of examination scripts is December 21," he added.

Mohapatra said, "Students may submit the answer scripts either through email or images of hand-written scripts through WhatsApp or personally to course teachers.'

"Those who fail to return exam scripts within the deadline i.e. December 21 may be given an additional day," he wrote.

Asked how the process could be held transparently, ensuring that students did not cheat or verify that they themselves wrote the exam, Mohapatra said, "In the given circumstances, there's no other way. I am only concerned about the future of students."

The INU Teachers' Association

(JNUTA) and JNU Students' Union (INUSU) termed the move "absurd" and "ludicrous".

"That such an unbelievably out-and-out mockery of what is supposed to be a serious academic exercise can be conceived by the JNU Administration under his leadership speaks more.. about how unfit Professor Kumai is to head an institution of higher learning. Needless to say, nothing proposed in the note has been decided through due process," said

The JNUSU said, "These are ploys to divide students and pit one against the other which like always will not succeed however much the admin or the ABVP might try."

the INUTA.

Illegal custody of inter-faith couple: HC pulls up police

PRITAM PALSINGH NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 16

THE DELHI High Court Monday pulled up the Uttar Pradesh Police for illegally taking into custody an inter-faith couple from the JNU campus in July 2018 and assaulting the husband. It also directed the state DGP to write a letter apologising "for the conduct of his police officials".

A bench of Justice S Muralidhar and Justice Talwant Singh further ordered the UP government to pay a compensation of Rs 50,000 each to the couple for wrongful custody and handing over the woman to her parents against her wishes. The HC ordered that the couple be reunited immediately, and assigned them two PSOs. It also directed the Delhi

Police Commissioner and the UP DGP to initiate disciplinary action against officials involved, including SHOs from Vasant Kunj (North) and Ghaziabad's Loni police stations. The action was recommended on the basis of findings of a High Court-appointed committee, set up after the HC was dissatisfied with the handling of the case by police personnel. The committee, comprising

retired Delhi HC judge Justice SP Garg and former IPS officer Kanwaljeet Deol, found that officials of Loni police station had manipulated official records and made incorrect

and false entries, and had visited Delhi without taking permission from higher officials. It also found

that the beat constable at INU, a head constable from the Vasant

The bench also ordered the UP government to pay a compensation of Rs 50,000 each to the couple

Kunj police station, did not inform his SHO about UP police's visit. During the hearing of the

husband's habeas corpus plea, advocate Dibyanshu Pandey sought for the wife to be produced, and alleged that they were illegally removed from their INU residence and the husband was assaulted in lock-up.

The man had submitted that the two got married on June 28 last year and were registered with the Marriage Registration Officer-V in Ghaziabad. The woman's father then approached Loni police and the man was taken into custody from July 3 to 5 and threatened with false rape charges if he tried to reunite with his wife.

The bench further ordered disciplinary inquiry in each case by a senior-level official, to be completed no later than in six months.

The judge observed in the 35page order that "this is not a oneoff instance of failure by the police official of a particular State where an FIR/complaint has been registered and the police officials have failed to follow the due procedures set out in the CrPC and other instructions issued from time to time concerning arrest of persons in a differ-

ent State/Union Territory". It also directed the Delhi and **UP Police to implement sugges**tions given by the committee, to be followed by the police when they enter another state or union territory to make an arrest while probing a complaint or an FIR dis-

closing a cognizable offence.

Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran

Nigam Limited (PuVVNL) (A subsidiary of UP Power Corporation Limited) Purvanchal Vidyut Bhavan Vidyut Nagar, P.O. - D.L.W. Varanasi -221004 Website: http://www.etender.up.nic.in Tender Date Extension The date of submission & opening of e-tender no., EAV-145 & 146/18-19 is here by extended up to 02.01.2020 (15:00 PM) 03.01.2020 (15:00 respectively. Further details car seen at website www.etender.up.nic.in. Other terms and conditions shall remain same. Sd/- (Rajesh Kumar) Superintending "SAVE Engineer (MM-I) **ELECTRICITY** THE

विज्ञापन दिनांकः 16.12.2019 Govt. College of Engineering & Technology Chak Bhalwal, Jammu, Tel. No.: 0191-2623087 Website: www.gcetjammu.org.in, E-mail ID: gcet_jammu1994@rediffmail.com

No.TEQIP-III/GCET/Pr/19/487 Dated: 12.12.2019 **EXTENSION NOTICE**

In view of inadequate response received against Tender No: TEQIF III/2019/JK/gcej/180 "Campus Networking" and TEQIP

III/JK/gcej/86 "ÚTM/Firewall" Dated: 06.11.2019 under TEQIP-III the Last Date for Submission of Tender is hereby extended t 20.12.2019 up to 04:00 P.M. All other terms and conditions of the NIQ shall remain the same. Interested Vendors may obtain further information regarding the Tender

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South body holds seminar

New Delhi: Union Housing and Urban Affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri Monday launched a DDA portal for registration of properties in unauthorised colonies.

May 29: HC

complete investigation.

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2nd CORRIGENDUM dated 03/12/2019

Tender Engulry No. CE/W/13(566)/2019 dated 03/10/2019 and

1st Corrigendum dated 04/11/2019

As per Original Tender

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9 CITIZENSHIP LAW

Jamia echo in campus nation

ANDHRA PRADESH, TELANGANA

Protests in Osmania, UoH, students boycott exam at Maulana **Azad varsity**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 16

SEVERAL STUDENTS of Maulana Azad National Urdu University on Monday protested against the Citizenship Amendment Act and NRC on the campus. The protests were peaceful. A large police force was present inside and outside the campus to prevent any untoward incident. The students raised slogans against the Centre, the new law and NRC. There were protests outside the main entrance of the university on Sunday night following the incidents in Jamia.

The university has postponed an exam which was supposed to be held on Monday. Shaik Umar Faroq, president of the stu-

dents' union, said, "Due to the protest against Delhi Police regarding the attack on IMI students as well as AMU students, the students here are boycotting the exam," he said. A few students of Osmania University

also held a protest on their campus against Delhi Police's action. Students of University of Hyderabad took

out a protest rally from the university against the police action in Jamia.

WEST BENGAL: JU, PRESIDENCY



Students from several institutions take out a protest march at College Street in Kolkata on Monday. Express

JU students take out rally, condemn police action

Kolkata: Students of Jadavpur University (JU) have expressed solidarity with their counterparts at Jamia Millia University and condemned the police action in the national

The students took out a protest rally from the university campus and also denounced the passage of the citizenship law. Students from the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI) also joined the rally.

The General Secretary of Arts Faculty Students' Union (AFSU) of JU, Debraj Debnath said that around 300 students from different students' unions participated in the rally. The students carried placards against the citizenship law and police crackdown on students in Jamia.

The Jadavpur University Teachers' Association (JUTA) also expressed support to the protest against the police action.

Meanwhile, several students' unions of Presidency University cutting across party lines took out a rally inside their campus at College Street. **ENS**

UTTAR PRADESH: AMU, BHU, DARUL ULOOM NADWATUL ULAMA

'No one is safe here anymore... anyone can be a target — for merely exercising a right'



Police block the main gates of Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama in Lucknow on Monday. Vishal Srivastav

AMIL BHATNAGAR & ASAD REHMAN

ALIGARH, LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 16

AT LEAST 26 people have been booked in connection with clashes between police and students of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) during protests against the new citizenship law. They would soon be granted bail by the district court, police said.

The university on Monday declared early winter vacations and postponed exams. University officials claimed four students were injured in the clashes on Sunday. However, students put the number to 25-30.

On Sunday evening, the Bab-e-Syed gate was the epicentre of the clash. A group of students gathered at the gate to protest police action against Jamia students. Within an hour, the protest took a violent turn. The police alleged that students threw stones at them, following which tear gas shells were fired and the protesters lathicharged.

"The historic gate was damaged. No one is safe here and home is more secure.



AMU students protest outside the **university campus.** *Prem Nath Pandey*

Anyone can be a target — for merely exercising a right," said Sara, an AMU student.

About 440 km away in Lucknow, students of Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama in Lucknow were taking out a march on Monday when police pushed them back into the campus. IG, Lucknow Range, S K Bhagat, who was present outside the college on Monday, said, "Students indulged in violence and threw stones at police personnel for 10-15 seconds. We pushed them

back inside the college."

Nadeemuddin (20), a student, said they wanted to hold a peaceful march around the campus. "We wanted to hold a march peacefully. We were not allowed to leave the campus. The police resorted to lathicharge on unarmed students. We were protesting against police atrocities in Jamia and AMU. We did not block any road. We did not indulge in violence," he said.

The university administration has declared holidays from Monday and students were seen leaving for their homes. Mohd Faizan Nagrami, PRO, Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama, said no student was injured.

Two FIRs were filed in connection with the incident

In Varanasi, a group of BHU students staged a protest at the university gates and also took out a march till Assi Ghat. The protest ended peacefully, said Circle Officer Sudhir Jaiswal. "We staged a protest today in solidarity with students of AMU and Jamia Millia University against whom police resorted to lathicharge," said Piyush Pandey, a student.



MAHARASHTRA: TISS, IIT-BOMBAY, SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

'We condemn the acts of violence by police. Why is the govt afraid of students?'

ABHA GORADIA MUMBAI, DECEMBER 16

"The CAA is against the spirit of Constitution... It goes against the basic idea of India as an inclusive, diverse, secular and democratic nation. It is part of the agenda of communal polarisation and we are sure the people of India will not fall prey to such divisive politics," said Suvarna Salve, a sup-

porter of the Samata Kala Manch. Salve was among nearly 1,000 students affiliated to various student outfits who gathered here in a show of solidarity with Jamia students and demanded that the Centre revoke the new citizenship law.

The students who took part in the protest were affiliated to outfits such as Chhatra Bharati, Maharashtra Students Law Association, Maharashtra Students' Union, Students' Federation of India, All India Students' Federation, National Students' Union of India, All India Professionals Congress and Samata Kala Manch, among others.

Earlier in the day, students of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) boycotted classes and took to the streets. The students assembled at Ambedkar Garden in Chembur. At TISS and IIT-Bombay, students took out marches late on Sunday night.

"CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) and NRC defy secularism and have been brought in to break the country. It's a

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh agenda against the Constitution. We condemn the acts of violence by police. Why is the government afraid of students?" said Sachin Bansode, a supporter of Chhatra Bharti.

Protesters accused the Delhi Police of perpetrating unprovoked violence against students who were agitating inside the Jamia campus. They called for an independent judicial probe into the incident. Members of the ABVP did not take part

in the demonstrations. ABVP Mumbai secretary Sarjerao Dholtade said, "ABVP did not participate because we support the CAA and hope for its successful implementation. Regarding the students of AMU and Iamia, all the videos and other evidence are out in the public domain. The law enforcement authorities are also subject to the judiciary and we have faith in the judiciary.'

Students of Savitribai Phule Pune University, too, protested on the issue. With portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr B R Ambedkar, protesters raised slogans

like "Jai Bhim!", "Daman nahi, aman chalega" and "Hum ek hain". Several organisations, including the

NSUI and SFI and Republican Bahujan Vidyarthi Parishad took part in the protest.

"What happened in Jamia was wrong. The government is not giving any funds for education, but it is taking such violent actions every other day," said Suraj Sambhaji Gajaramal, president of RBVP.

GUJARAT: AHMEDABAD UNIVERSITY, GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

'It's our right and responsibility to act now, make a difference'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 16

Around 50 people, who gathered outside the IIM Ahmedabad to protest the citizenship law and express solidarity with the students of Jamia, were detained by police Monday evening. The protesters included students from various educational institutions and voluntary organisations, and Congress leaders.

Students present at the demonstration identified themselves with various educational institutions, including CEPT University, Ahmedabad University, Gujarat University, St. Xaviers' College, Gujarat National Law University and the National Institute of Design.

"The Bill is very openly discriminatory," said a student from GNLU. "We believe that if we don't act now, we don't have any other moment to actively work on it. It's our right and responsibility to go public about it and make a difference," said another student who was later detained.



Students and activists being detained outside IIM Ahmedabad. Javed Raja

As police started detaining protesters, more protesters started trickling in. Dozens of students, lawyers and activists gathered outside Gujarat University police station and demanded the release of the detainees. They were finally released around 7 pm.

Independent MLA Jignesh Mevani tweeted in support of the detained protesters and alleged that it was "state sponsored violence".

TAMIL NADU, PUDUCHERRY: IIT, UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

Students take out marches on campus, burn copies of new law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, DECEMBER 16

IN PROTEST against the new citizenship law, and the police action in Jamia, various students groups organised protests across Tamil Nadu on Monday.

Among half a dozen protest meets held in institutions in Chennai city, student groups of IIT Madras and the University of Madras marched in their campuses and burnt copies of the new law.

In Puducherry Central University, more than 300 students led a march on the road after boycotting classes. Activists of Students Federation of India (SFI), Ambedkar Periyar Study Circle were among the organisations that led protests.

Students under the banner of SFI organised protests in railway stations in Chennai, Madurai and Coimbatore. Protesters were later removed by police from the premises of railway stations.

At the IIT Madras campus on Monday morning, about 100 students carrying



Students protest at IIT-Madras

placards of Mahatma Gandhi and Babasaheb Ambedkar raised slogans against the new law and proposal for nationwide NRC.

At least two dozen students of the University of Madras organised a protest in their campus. After holding a protest march, they had a brief meeting.

Around a dozen students of Lovola College also organised a sit-in protest on

KARNATAKA: IISc, BENGALURU 'Our fundamental duty is to defend our Constitution'

Bengaluru: A small group of students at IISC Bengaluru staged a day-long sit-in protest on the campus against "the antihuman NRC, communal CAA and police brutalisation against students" during protests at Jamia Millia University.

The invitation to students to partici-

pate in the protest said, "We refuse to work when we no longer understand what we are working for. To work in this climate for a government that not only threatens us with de-citizenship but also dehumanises us when we try to raise our voice is to submit ourselves to enslavement." The students held placards saying "CAA is against Article 14", "Solidarity with IMI" and "How dare you say we are not Indian".

"The citizenship law goes against the idea and notion of the Constitution. We as the people of India are protected by the Constitution and as the people of India it is our fundamental duty to defend our Constitution." an IISc student leader said.

Assam

200 held for violence, Himanta says curfew off, Net on from today

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI. DECEMBER 16

NEARLY 200 people have been arrested for alleged involvement in last week's incidents of vandalism and arson in Assam, which has claimed five lives, the state government said

on Monday. Curfew was lifted during the day in Guwahati, and by Monday evening state minister and senior BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sama stated that Assam government has decided to lift curfew "completely" from Tuesday, including night curfew. "Broad band internet connectivity will also stand restored

from tomorrow," Sarma tweeted. On Monday, demonstrations, protests involving cultural events and rallies were held across the state in a peaceful manner. No incident of violence was reported.

Earlier in the day, Sarma said the government does not want to curb democratic and peaceful protests and urged protesters to follow the path of non-violence.

He said: "Peaceful protests will be taken care of by a political process, through a process of reaching out.. We have no problem with democratic protests, but let us not resort to violence.'

Sarma also exuded hope that the Centre will reach out to "peaceful" demonstrators at some point. "The police have registered 136 cases in the state in connection with last week's violence; 190 people have been arrested as of now," he told reporters. He said the number of arrests can go up, and that the state government has taken "very seriously"



AASU activists and citizens at a rally in Guwahati on Monday. Dasarath Deka

the violence which unfolded on the streets of Guwahati on December 10 and 11 and plans to investigate it through a high-level inquiry.

On Monday, hundreds of demonstrators led by All Assam Students' Union (AASU) began a three-day 'satyagraha', following which they courted arrest, and were soon released. AASU leaders told the media that Tuesday and Wednesday will see similar 'satyagraha' movement and spoke about the power of a "peaceful, democratic" fight against the new law.

In Guwahati, curfew remained relaxed until 9 pm, while the ban on internet services, except BSNL broadband connections, was extended to Tuesday evening.

Sarma said the government has focussed on two instances of violence last week: vandalism at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra, a cultural centre in Guwahati, and that in front have witnessed a pattern" on these two and that the "mob" in Guwahati's Hatigaon, a Muslim-majority area, was a "different pattern", the minister said.

of Assam Secretariat in the city. "Clearly we

In the incident at Kalakshetra, Sarma said the government has clear indication of involvement of 24 people. He identified several individuals arrested in Guwahati. Explaining why he identified them, Sarma said only a few of these people arrested for incidents in Guwahati — on the spot and on the basis video footage — are residents of the city. "The number of those who had come from places in lower Assam, such as Barpeta, Goalpara and Nalbari districts, is more," he added.

State Congress president Ripun Bora announced a multi-pronged campaign against the new law.

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Kanhaiya Kumar addresses a meeting in Purnia on Monday. Prince Kumar

If you don't consider us citizens, we don't consider you as govt: Kanhaiya

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, DECEMBER 16

ANNOUNCING A Bihar bandh call issued by the Opposition for Thursday, CPI leader and former INU Students' Union president Kanhaiya Kumar on Monday issued a warning to the Union government on the new citizenship law and the NRC, stating, "If you do not consider us citizens, we do not consider you the government."

event to protest the new law and the NRC, Kanhaiya asked students to stay calm but protest "peacefully and firmly"

Kanhaiya said, "If you do not consider us citizens, we do not consider you the government. You may well have majority in Parliament; we have the majority on the street. This fight is not about Hindus or Muslims...we do not want a country of (VD) Savarkar but of Bhagat Singh and Babasaheb Ambedkar. They want Ashfaq and Bismil to fight, (but) we will not let that happen."

Referring to the police action against protesters in Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University on Friday, he said

when the police use teargas on students, students from across the country need to stay united, but protest peacefully and tell the government that NRC is not needed.

"This is a fight to save the Constitution.... We do not want an India of Pragya Thakur." Getting the crowd to react to his trademark "aazadi" slogan, Kanhaiya said the people now want azaadi, or freedom, from NRC - "We need freedom from the BIP, freedom from the Sangh (RSS)."

"The Prime Minister said he could under-Addressing a huge crowd in Purnia at an stand protesters from their body language, but let me tell the PM that we read his mind very well. We are not going to show you any papers (on NRC) but will tell the people about rising prices of onions and other important public issues," Kanhaiya said in what was his first major public appearance after losing the Lok Sabha polls from Begusarai constituency to BJP's Giriraj Singh.

> The gathering included students from Seemanchal districts of Purnia, Katihar, Araria and Kishangani in Bihar.

The programme was organised by the Joint Forum Against NRC, which has among its active members Kanhaiya and Congress MLA from Katihar Shakeel Ahmed Khan.

Oppn slams Jamia police action, to seek judicial probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 16

A DAY after the police action at Jamia Millia Islamia here amid protests against the new citizenship law, Opposition parties on Monday launched an attack on the central government, saying that democratic rights of the people were being crushed.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra sat on a dharna at India Gate while Opposition leaders said they plan to approach President Ram Nath Kovind to demand a judicial probe into the police action.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi said the government has declared war on the country and its people. "Modi government has become the creator of violence and divisiveness... the government has pushed the country into a dark abyss of hatred... how can a country function if those in power themselves instigate violence, attack the Constitution..." she said.

"They want to create an atmosphere of religious frenzy for making political gains.... and the *sutradhar* is Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Amit Shah... the citizenship amendment Bill and NRC are part of this divisive policy to shift attention," she added.

Opposition leaders also addressed a joint press conference. While all the parties which opposed the Bill were not present, the Congress, the Left, SP and RJD came together to condemn the incident. "The way police forced their way into the university, assaulted students even in libraries and toilets... the police entered the university without permission of the authorities... And they did not even leave girl students... this is barbaric...

What has Cong

Bengal, Delhi: BJP

THE BJP on Monday hit out at the Congress

over its stance on the protests against the citi-

zenship law, with Finance Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman accusing Congress chief Sonia

Gandhi of indulging in political opportunism

and adding fuel to the protests in different parts

pletely rely on opportunism where she has one

standard for herself and her party and different

for others?" Sitharaman said in a statement, ask-

ing "Sonia Gandhi and the Congress leadership

as to what have they done to calm West Bengal

Smt. Sonia Gandhi accusing the government

of 'unleashing assault on countrymen'. It is

a statement which is irresponsible and mo-

tivated aiming at quick political gains,"

Sitharaman said. She reminded the Congress

that "as a responsible Opposition party, it is

incumbent on the Congress and Smt. Sonia

Gandhi to call on all to maintain peace and

calm and to ensure that the Congress party

while, targeted the Congress, AAP and TMC for

allegedly hatching a conspiracy to incite vio-

hatching conspiracy to spread anarchy by giv-

ing a communal tone to every issue, be it abro-

gation of Article 370, the issue of triple talaq or

on Sunday and protests at other universities,

Patra said, "We have seen the conspiracy of these parties since vesterday (Sunday) in Delhi

About the violence at Jamia Millia Islamia

and other parts of the country. The

students know about the

Citizenship Amendment Act. In

fact, there is no infringement of

rights of any Indian citizen, be it

Muslim, Hindu or any other caste

the Ram Mandir," Patra said in statement.

or religion."

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lence and disrupt communal harmony.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra, mean-

"Congress and its allies are in the habit of

"The BJP rejects the press statement of

"Does Smt. Sonia Gandhi's politics com-

done to calm

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of the country.

and Delhi in particular."

does not provoke violence."



(From left) CPI's D Raja, CPI(M)'s Sitaram Yechury, Congress leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad and Kapil Sibal and LJD leader Sharad Yadav in New Delhi Monday. Anil Sharma

Police station vandalised,

vehicles torched in Mau

there should be a judicial inquiry," Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad said.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said "what happened in Jamia...was unacceptable in a democracy... no police can enter any university without the permission of the authorities.... you saw the brutality with which they dealt with the students... this is not a Hindu-Muslim issue. The CAA is an affront to the Indian Constitution... on whose orders the police entered the university?"

CPI general secretary D Raja said there was a civil war-like situation in the country for which Home Minister Amit Shah and the Prime Minister should be held responsible.

"Amit Shah must be held responsible for such brutality by the police. What is the response of the Home Minister, where is he?" Raja asked.

RJD's Manoj Jha, SP's Javed Ali Khan and LJD leader Sharad Yadav also condemned the police action.

Speaking from the dharna at India Gate, Priyanka said the police action was an assault on India's soul. "The youth have the right to protest and raise their voice... the Constitution has given them that right... you have entered an university and attacked students. I am a mother... Those children are of the same age as my children... they go to university to study... you have entered their library, dragged them out and assaulted..." she said.

On the Prime Minister's remarks that the new law does not affect any citizen of any religion in the country, she said, "The PM should speak on atrocities against women which have been taking place on a daily basis, he should speak on employment... he should speak on the sinking economy..."

SC agrees to hear Jamia issue, but says 'all rioting has to stop'

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

HEARING A group of lawyers who wanted the court to take cognizance of the alleged police excesses on students protesting against the new citizenship law at Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), the Supreme Court on Monday expressed displeasure over the "rioting" and "destruction of public property", and said it would hear the matter only if the "rioting" stops.

Calling for an "end to rioting", a bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde warned protesters that "if you want to take to the streets, do that, but don't come to court".

The bench, also comprising Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant, agreed to hear the matter on Tuesday, but specified that "all rioting has to stop". It said students don't have a "licence to break law and order". "The only thing we want is that the violence must stop," said the bench, adding, "if protests and violence and damage of public property will be there, we will not hear the matter".

The group of lawyers had gathered in Courtroom Number 1 at the start of proceedings to raise the issue. "We want the court to take suo motu cognizance of the violence unleashed against students all over the country." Senior Advocate Indira Jaising told the bench. She said the students were being targeted "for peacefully protesting" and there was "serious human rights violation against students" Saying that "hundreds of students are facing FIRs and many are in hospitals", she urged the court to order an investigation. "Someone needs to be held accountable," she said.

Senior Advocate Colin Gonsalves requested the court to set up a committee of judges to probe the alleged police action at AMU. He said he had visited the hospital and lock-up on Sunday where Jamia students were detained. He asked the court to take into account what the AMU Vice-Chancellor and Jamia Chief Proctor had said on the violence

When the CJI expressed concern about destruction of public property, Jaising said the police personnel were burning buses and blaming the students who were "protesting peacefully". The Jamia students, she said, were forced to take shelter in washrooms.

"We are not saying the students are inno cent or the police is innocent... All we are saying is that the rioting has to stop," said the CJI Jaising said nobody was promoting rioting, but nobody could stop peaceful demonstrations. "We have enough experience of how rioting happens," said the CJI. "We will decide which rights are affected, but not in this atmosphere. All this has to stop. What is this.. public property is being destroyed, buses be-

ing burnt," he said. As some of the lawyers increased their pitch the CJI said: "We are not going to be bullied like this. All rioting has to stop..." Saying that it was primarily a law and order issue, the CJI said: "I don't think court can do much... It is for police to

handle the law and order situation." In a related development, the Delhi HC on Monday declined to grant urgent hearing to a PIL seeking a judicial probe into the alleged police excesses at Jamia. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar said "there is no urgency" in the matter.

The PIL, filed by an advocate, Rizwan, also a resident of Jamia Nagar, said while the Jamia students and members of the teachers' association were observing a peaceful protest on Sunday, the police entered the campus, used

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court said it will

A dharna against the new citizenship law in front of the Ambedkar statue in

as a demonstration against the new citizenship law and police action at Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia University turned violent on Monday, prompting police to fire in the air. The videos of the violence, which have

PROTESTERS VANDALISED a police station

and torched vehicles in Mau in Uttar Pradesh

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gone viral on social media, show that the computer room of Mau's Dakshintola police station was vandalised with chairs and some computers damaged. A portion of the boundary wall of the police station was also damaged, and firemen could be seen extinguishing fire, which had erupted in one corner of the police station.

Police resorted to lathicharge and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the crowd. The situation was later brought under control.

Dakshintola police station SHO Nihar Nandan Kumar told PTI, "Over 300 barged into the police station premises between 5 pm and 6 pm. They were agitating and had broken the boundary wall. There have been some minor damages. Let me assess the extent of the damage."

An eyewitness said protesters set ablaze 15 vehicles, including those of police.

Police, however, said that protesters pelted stones on them and set ablaze five motorcycles at the police station.

Additional Director General (Varanasi Zone) Braj Bhushan said that no one got injured in the attack and seven persons have been detained. Police are reviewing the videos of the incident to identify assailants involved in the crime, Bhushan added.

Inspector General (Law and Order) Praveen Kumar said in Lucknow, "Three or four motorcycles were set ablaze. "The unlawful assembly has been dispersed. Additional forces have been deployed. Presently, peace and order are being maintained," he said in a statement.

Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Awasthi said senior officials are at the spot. "The mob



Lucknow on Monday. Vishal Srivastav

has been dispersed. Section 144 of the CrPC is already implemented in the district," he said, referring to the section that prohibits an assembly of people.

Director General of Police O P Singh denied reports that a curfew has been imposed in Mau. "Only Section 144 of CrPC is in place, and this should not be considered the imposition of curfew in the district. The situation is absolutely peaceful there and one or two motorcycles were burnt," he said. According to police, a group of people

were protesting over new citizenship law at Mirza Hadipura crossing when a team of district administration officials reached the spot along with a police team and pacified the protesters. "While the protesters were returning, someone among them threw a stone on the police team and soon stone-pelting began," said a police officer, adding that police used mild force to disperse the crowd.

"Irked by it, the protesters set motorcycles parked on the road on fire and pelted stones at the vehicles passing through the area. The situation came under control when additional police force arrived and dispersed the crowd," Additional Superintendent of Police (Mau) Shailendra Kumar Srivastava.

A heavy police force has been deployed in the area, police said.

tear-gas and lathi-charged the protesters.

take up pleas filed by Congress leader Jairam Ramesh and Tripura royal scion Pradyot Kishore Deb Barman challenging the constitutional validity of the new citizenship law on Wednesday. Appearing for the petitioners, Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi told the bench of CJI Bobde and Justices Gavai and Surva Kant that a petition by IUML had been fixed for hearing on Wednesday, and urged the court to take it up that day. The court agreed.

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Kerala rivals protest together

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

DECEMBER 16

THE RULING CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) and Congress-led Opposition United Democratic Front (UDF) on Monday held a joint satyagraha to protest against the citizen-With the issue becoming a rallying point

for the CPI(M) and Congress to come together a rare incident in the state — against the BJP, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala led a three-hour sit-in, where ministers, legislators, party leaders, cultural leaders, Muslim and Christian clerics participated.

Addressing the event, Vijayan said the joint protest showed that Kerala was united on the issue. "The state has always been a model for the rest of the country in similar situations. Kerala is raising the voice to protect secular-

An explosive situation has been deliber-

ately created by the RSS, which has been working to establish a religion-based country, he said. "Attempts are on to destroy Constitutional values. The Citizenship Amendment Bill was passed in a secular country where theists and atheists live. Anything anti-Constitutional will not be allowed in Kerala. The Supreme Court had stated that discrimination based on gender and religion cannot be allowed. Hence, the irrationality of the amended law should be questioned."



CPM-led LDF and Cong-led UDF leaders in Thiruvananthapuram. Maheen Hassan

Chennithala said an autocratic tendency has been growing in the country where people's right to protest is being suppressed. "Fear lingers in the country and the government has been suppressing every voice of dissent," he said. The LDF will organise a human chain from Kasaragod to Thiruvananthapuram on Republic Day. Mass meetings will be held in all district headquarters on Thursday, said LDF convener A Vijayaraghavan.

Meanwhile, the alleged police action at Jamia on Sunday triggered widespread protests across Kerala. Youth outfits of the CPI(M) and Congress and Muslim student organisations held protest marches, laid siege to central government offices and blocked trains at many stations. Students at Central University-Kasaragod, University of Calicut and Mahatma Gandhi University-Kottayam, CUSAT-Kochi took out protest marches.

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Protests continue in Bengal, 354 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA. DECEMBER 16

PROTESTS AND sporadic incidents of stone-pelting at trains and road blockades over the new citizenship law continued for the fourth consecutive day in several parts of West Bengal on Monday, with state police announcing that they had arrested 354 people as "to maintain peace and harmony".

Kolkata Police arrested AIMIM leader Syed Zameer Hasan for allegedly "instigating people" in Park Circus area on the issue of the citizenship law. "Some party AIMIM workers have also been picked up by police in districts. The TMC government is taking no action against the real culprits," AIMIM spokesperson Asim Waqar said.

There were reports of road blockades from East Midnapore, Murshidabad, Malda, Nadia and North 24 Parganas districts. Protesters blocked roads at Ghatal in West Midnapore district, Nakashipara in Nadia district and Kolaghat area in East Midnapore district. Roads were also blocked in Suri and Sainthia area of Birbhum district. At Bakra in Howrah district, police used batons and fired tear gas shells to disperse protesters. At Chakulia in North Dinajpur district, buses and vehicles ransacked.

CM, Governor spar

Kolkata: Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee exchanged stinging letters after the Governor summoned the CM to Raj Bhavan to "personally update" him on the protests across the state over the new citizenship law.

In a letter to Dhankhar, Mamata made it clear that briefing the Governor was not the "prime focus" of her administration and wrote that he must "cooperate" to maintain peace and told him that it was his "constitutional obligation to support the state government".

In the morning, the Governor had slammed the Chief Minister over her decision to hit the streets against the amended citizenship Act, asking her to desist from "unconstitutional and inflammatory" actions. **ENS**

In Malda district, protesters assembled outside Shamsi railway station and blocked rail traffic. A railway spokesperson said that protesters blocked rail tracks in Sealdah-Diamond Harbour and Sealdah-Namkhana sectors.

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vista in Lutyens' Delhi, former President Pranab Mukherjee has a suggestion. While advocating an increase in the number of seats in Lok Sabha, he says that the Central Hall of Parliament can be converted into the new Lok Sabha, and the present Lower House may be used to accommodate the enhanced Rajya Sabha. It will deal with the logistical difficulties of space constraint for seating the enhanced number of MPs, Mukherjee has suggested.

Inspiring Presence

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's decision to sit on a dharna at India Gate enthused the Congress rank and file. Even the old guard the likes of Ahmed Patel, Ghulam Nabi Azad, A K Antony, Ambika Soni, and P L Punia — sat with Priyanka in the biting cold along with young leaders such as K C Venugopal, Sushmita Dev and Jitin Prasada. But many Congress workers were wondering why Rahul Gandhi did not make an appearance. One gets to hear Rahul is abroad — apparently he left on Sunday and will be away for at least a week. In his absence, Priyanka will also travel to Jharkhand to address a rally in Badharwa with JMM chief Hemant Soren and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Bhagel.

Citizenship law

matter, French envoy

Emmanuel Lenain said on

Monday as he noted that his

own country believes in the

Lenain said India is a democracy

Speaking to reporters,

"I don't think it is apt for

Lenain said that nobody

Action Task Force (FATF) and

there is a need to keep pres-

sure on the country.

freedom of religion.

petently take a decision.

State govt to reach out to Pak citizens of Goan origin

liaisons between the state government and the expat community said the department has started collecting details of Goan expats settled in Pakistan. "There are Goans who have gone and settled there... We are trying to explain to them, through our website and emails. We are trying to get in touch with them," Sawaikar told reporters at a press meet in Panaji. He also confirmed the move was made to reassure Goans residing in Pakistan after violence broke in different parts of the country after the passage of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019.

Over 400 theatre personalities show support for Jamia, **AMU students**

the Citizen Amendment Bill".

The names include Sanjna Kapoor, Ramu Ramanathan, Sameera Iyengar, Geetanjali Kulkarni, Mallika Taneja, Anamika Haksar, Rasika Agashe

"This signature campaign started around noon on Monday as a response to the sheer brutality unleashed on the students of Jamia and AMU vesterday (Sunday) by the police. Nothing can justify what we saw and what the students experienced. The bigger trigger has been the playing out of the divisive CAA and the profoundly cynical strategy of the government to isolate and crush minorities," said Sunil Shanbag, the first name on



66% VOTE IN JHARKHAND 4TH PHASE

Voters at a polling booth in the fourth phase of Iharkhand Assembly polls, in Dhanbad on Monday. The fourth phase saw an estimated turnout of 66.66 per cent across 15 Assembly constituencies. According to the Election Commission, 69 booths were categorised as "critical", but no violence was reported. PTI

Very important for judiciary to retain public's trust, says CJI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

PUBLIC TRUST is the "only legitimate source of power for judicial system" and it is "very important for us to ensure that people must remain invested in us", Chief Justice of India S A Bobde said on Speaking at the felicitation by

the Bar Council of India, the CII said: "Alternate possibilities are similar to Hobbesian State of nature, far removed from a society governed by 'rule of law'."

CJI Bobde said "a strong, independent legal profession is sine

qua non for rule of law" and "we are like trustees of one of the most important state power — i.e. judicial branch". The functions of the judiciary are "unique" in comparison to the legislature and the executive, he said, as "it is only in the judiciary that you have a marvellous combination of debates and execution".

of the wings (of democracy) are undoubtedly complimenting to each other. The legislature cannot implement laws passed by it... That task is left to the judiciary. In turn, the judiciary cannot execute all its orders. It needs the executive for this purpose."

He said, "In fact, even our summons/warrants in criminal cases are served by the police. Within the judiciary there is equal interdependence: courts cannot do much unless lawyers perform their task of presenting cases and assisting the courts, and lawyers cannot be effective unless they are heard. It is this interdependence CJI Bobde said, "The functions which makes the bench and bar cooperate to deliver justice. As is the case with a trustee, we are required to take care of the health of the institution to the advantage of the beneficiary — in the present case the 'People of India'."

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

PRANAB'S MESSAGE FOR RULING PARTY

'Take along also those who didn't vote for you'

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

THE RULING party may be entitled to form the government with a majority of seats won, but it should also take into consideration all those who may not have voted for the party or the alliance that emerges victorious, former President Pranab Mukherjee said on Monday.

Mukherjee also suggested that the number of seats in Lok Sabha be increased to 1,000 from the present 545, and advocated a corresponding increase in the number of MPs in Rajya Sabha and the state legislatures.

He called for simultaneous Assembly and Parliamentary elections, and amendment of the model code of conduct to ensure no development work is stopped during the election process.

Delivering the second Atal Bihari Vajpayee memorial lecture organised by Delhi-based think tank India Foundation, Mukherjee said, "A numerical majority of elections gives you the right to make a stable government, but please carry along the others. Lack of popular majority forbids you from a majoritarian government — that is the message and essence of our Parliamentary democracy."

Mukherjee's remarks holds significance in the backdrop of passage of the Citizenship



Former President Pranab Mukherjee at the 2nd Atal **Bihari Vajpayee Memorial** Lecture in New Delhi on Monday. Anil Sharma

Amendment Bill, with opposition parties up in arms against the BJPled government and accusing it of trying to push a majoritarian agenda of "Hindu rashtra".

Mukherjee said, "India has

given numerical majority to political parties or coalition blocks in terms of number of seats but they (the electorate) have never given a popular majority in terms of percentage of votes. Thereby (the electorate has been) enabling the elected majority to form a stable government, but at the same time forcing them to take along and include all minority opin-

Mukherjee was referring to the majority mark of 51 per cent of the popular votes, which no ruling party has got since the first General Election in 1952.

The former President said,

"The Indian electorate has time and again conveyed to the ruling party that goes on to form the government, that yes, they may be entitled to form the government with a majority of the seats won, but they are also to take into consideration all those people who may not have voted for them. The mandate is to govern as a majority party with a stable government, but carry others with you."

"It is also to be noted that every time a government has behaved to the contrary, the voter has punished the incumbent in the elections that follow. Unfortunately, this message of the Indian electorate has never been clearly understood by political players. That is why we think we can do anything when we have an overwhelming majority..."

On Mukherjee's suggestion to raise the number of seats in both Houses of Parliament, it is relevant to note that the last time the number of seats were enhanced in Lok Sabha was in 1977 — on the basis of the 1971 census.

With an average of 16 lakh to 18 lakh people represented by each MP, how can we expect the representatives to be in touch with the electors, Mukherjee asked. He said that there is a strong case for removing the freeze on the number of seats in the delimitation exercise.

DAYS AFTER TATHAGATA ROY'S TWEET ON CITIZENSHIP LAW SPARKED CONTROVERSY

Nagaland Governor to take Meghalaya charge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

NAGALAND GOVERNOR RN Ravi was on Monday given additional charge of Meghalaya, the Rashtrapati Bhavan said in a statement. Ravi will take oath as Meghalaya Governor at Shillong's Raj Bhavan on Tuesday noon, it was announced.

Meghalaya Governor Tathagata Roy is learnt to have gone on leave, days after his tweet sparked controversy in state capital Shillong, with protesters surrounding the Raj Bhavan on Friday.

No stranger to controversy, Roy, who has been explicit in his support of the new law, had on



Tathagatha Roy

December 13 tweeted, "Two things should never be lost sight of in the present atmosphere of controversy. 1. The country was once divided in the name of religion. 2.A democracy is NECES-SARILY DIVISIVE. If you don't want it go to North Korea."

Roy was unavailable for a comment. On Monday, he tweeted, "Some concerned people are hearing wild rumours. This is just to reassure them that

I am coming back here." Claiming that Roy was inside

gherao, a local political leader said, "The state was tense because of the new law, and the Governor's tweet was the last straw. There was a flare-up after that..." Robertjune Kharjahrin, chair-

Raj Bhavan at the time of the

person of CoMSO, an umbrella organisation of 22 NGOs and civil society organisations that are opposing the new law in Meghalaya, said, "There has been a lot of anger among the people in Meghalaya

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against the Governor because he has been refusing to sign the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act. This was compounded by his tweet about North Korea. We have always opthe Citizenship posed Amendment Bill. In a democracy, we have the right to oppose a law and to make our dissent known. Why should we go to North Korea (for that)? Roy is not a BJP member, he heads a state and should have maintained the dignity of the Governor's office."

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NHDC officer held 'accepting bribe' New Delhi: The CBI has arrested a agency got the tender for provid-

deputy general manager of NHDC, Bhopal, while allegedly receiving a bribe of Rs 1 lakh for clearing the bills of a contractor, officials said on Monday. Rajeev Sharma, DGM of

Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation (NHDC) Ltd, was arrested following a complaint by manager of a security agency working for the PSU, the officials said. "This

ing security to NHDC Ltd, Bhopal The DGM (HR), NHDC, Bhopal allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 5 lakh from the complainant in lieu of passing the bills," a CBI spokesperson said.

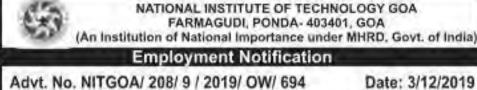
"The CBI laid a trap and caught the DGM (HR) while demanding and accepting the bribe of Rs 1 lakh from the complainant," the spokesperson said.

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Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets an Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 16.07.2019, calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor Mr. Dhurendar Prasad s/o Late Bijli Prasad & Mrs. Rita Devi w/o Dhurendar Prasadto repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹16,21,617.00 (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Only) as on 16-07-2019 together with further interest thereon a the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment

within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereinbelow in exercise of powers conferred on himunder sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the 10th day of December of the year 2019.

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13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. Description of the Immovable Property charged to Bank of Baroda All the part and parcel of residential land& building situated at Thana No 01 Tauzi No 5175, Khata No. 1025, Survey Plot No -2199(Part), Circle No 268 Ward No 01, Holding No 2358, Mauza-Digha, Survey Thana Phulwarishari at present Thana Digha Sub and sadarregistry office and Dist-Patna, Bihar Pin- 800011, area 10 Dhur, property in the name of Mr. Dhurendar Prasad

Date : 10.12.2019

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Place: Patna

the list.

IMAGE OF EMPOWERMENT MUSIC LOVERS were in for a surprise political moment at the concert by rock band U2 on Sunday when Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani's picture popped up in an audio-visual presentation during the show. The segment on women's empowerment celebrated 'Sheroes', or she heroes. Irani shared space with Indian-origin astronaut Kalpana Chawla, US talk show host and gay rights activists Ellen Degeneres, and author Arundhati Roy, among others. SUGGESTING INCREASE AT A time the government is planning to revamp the central

India's internal matter: France *Panaji:* The Goa government on New Delhi: The amended citi-Monday announced an outreach zenship Act is India's internal

programme to reach an estimated 25,000 Pakistani citizens of Goan origin following apprehensions related to the newly passed citizenship law. Goa's NRI Commissioner, Narendra Sawaikar, whose office

and when there are conflicts in views of people then they can approach institutions like the Supreme Court which can comany country to comment on a domestic matter of India. We believe in freedom of religion and it is not for us to comment on the matter." he said. can say Pakistan is fulfilling its commitment on the Financial

New Delhi: More than 400 theatre practitioners from across India have issued a statement to express solidarity with the student fraternity of the Jamia Millia Islamia University and the Aligarh Muslim University saying they have "borne the brunt of state brutality in response to their right to peacefully protest

and Mohit Takalkar.

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3 held for demanding money from toll plaza staff in UP

Muzaffarnagar: Three men were arrested for demanding extortion money and damaging a barrier at a toll plaza on Muzaffarnagar-Saharanpur highway after the staff there refused to pay them, police said. Rikshi Tyagi, son of gangster Vicky Tyagi,

along with his two associates

Gaurav and Ritik demanded extortion of Rs 1 lakh per month from the toll staff, police said. Kotwali station house officer Anil Kapervan said two cases were registered against the accused. The complaint stated that the three men threatened the staff and later damaged a barrier.



Provincial Armed Constabulary recruits at their passing out parade at the Police Training College in Moradabad, UP, on Monday. PTI

Odisha: 7 arrested for illegally extracting sand from riverbed

Berhampur: A former councillor of an urban local body and six others were arrested in Odisha's Ganjam district for illegally extracting and transporting sand from the Rushikulya riverbed at Sunambha sand quarry, police said. The arrest was made on Sunday when police carried out a search at the site following a tip-off, a police officer said. Six vehicles, forged transit passes and two magic pens used to alter date, time and destination of the transportation were seized from the spot, said Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Aska, Suryamani Pradhan.

Body of 8-year-old boy found in plastic bag in Navi Mumbai

Mumbai: The body of an 8year-old boy was found inside a plastic bag on Monday in Panvel, police said. Local passersby who saw the bag alerted police, an official said. "The 8-year-old boy was wearing a t-shirt and black half pants. It seems he was strangled. We are awaiting

the post-mortem report. A murder case has been registered," said Navi Mumbai Deputy Commissioner of Police Ashok Dudhe. "The CCTV footage is being checked. Missing complaints filed with Navi Mumbai police are being checked as well," Dudhe said.

South

Kerala man assaulted on theft charges succumbs to injuries

Kochi: A man, assaulted by a mob on charges of theft near Thiruvananthapuram, succumbed to injuries on Monday at the Medical College Hospital, police said. The incident took place on December 11. An officer at the Thiruvallam police station said 30-year-old Ajesh was beaten up by a mob at his

home in Pappanchani after a native of Malappuram district complained that his cellphone and wallet were stolen by Ajesh. Police arrested five suspects and a search is on for the sixth. They were charged with sections 302, 342, 323, 324 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) among others, the officer confirmed.



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SUM(ELECTION) **DISTIRCT-CENTRAL**

Another Unnao 'rape' victim sets self afire after accused gets bail

Victim critical with 70% burns; man arrested for abetment to suicide

AVANEESH MISHRA LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 16

IN YET another case of alleged rape and criminal intimidation in Unnao, a 23-year-old woman on Monday attempted suicide by setting herself on fire outside the Superintendent of Police's office after the 25-year-old accused was granted anticipatory bail in a case of alleged sexual assault on her for 10 years.

The woman has suffered 70 per cent burns and is admitted to a hospital in Kanpur after being transferred from the district hospital. The accused, Awadhesh Singh, was arrested for alleged abetment to suicide.

Eyewitnesses told the police that drenched in kerosene, the woman reached the main gate of the district police office on foot and lit herself on fire. She then ran towards the police

premises where the fire was doused by officers, said police. Unnao SP Vikrant Veer said she was critical.

On December 5, another 23year-old rape victim in Unnao was set on fire by five men, including two accused — one of whom was freed on bail a few days earlier. She was on her way to catch a train to Rae Bareli in connection with the case. She suffered 70 per cent burns and succumbed to her injuries the following day.

In Monday's case, a case of rape and criminal intimidation against Singh, the main accused, and three others was lodged on October 2. Singh was granted anticipatory bail by the Allahabad High Court on November 28.

The police said that a primary investigation had revealed that the woman and the accused, both from the same vil-

Uddhav Invokes 'Akhand Bharat'

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray at the Vidhan Sabha in Nagpur on Monday.

at the Centre over the new citizenship law. "Nobody should tell us about Hindutva. We are

Hindutvawadi... But if anyone tries to strike at the root of the country by wearing a veil of

Hindutva, our Hindutva will not condone it," he said. Monica Chaturvedi

He later invoked V D Savarkar's 'Akhand Bharat' dream to hit out at the BJP-led government

Andhra Assembly passes Bill for

more residential schools, a med-

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Bill, Chief Minister Y S Jagan

Mohan Reddy said that in the six

months after his party came to

power, his government provided

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The government also plans

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separate SC, ST commissions

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lage in Unnao, had known each other for 10 years.

"A resident of my village, Awadhesh Singh has been sexually harassing me for the last 10 years on the pretext of marriage and blackmailing me to extort money. When I asked him to marry me, he denied and threatened to kill me. I gave my complaint to the police station concerned, the district magistrate (DM) and the SP, but the FIR was not registered. Around 7.30 pm on September 30, Awadhesh Singh along with Raju, Sarvesh and his wife Rachna entered my house and tried to kill me. These people can kill me anytime and are pressurising me to compromise," the victim had said in the rape complaint.

Later, the four had been booked under IPC sections 376 (rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation). During the bail hearing in the HC, the counsel of the accused had argued that the family filed a molestation case against another man in 2009 to extort money. He added that a similar tactic was being used

Unnao SP Vikrant Veer, meanwhile, said the charge sheet in the rape case had been filed on Friday.

against his clients.

While Singh chargesheeted for rape, other accused were chargesheeted for criminal intimidation, he said. The SP said he would know

about the reason of the suicide

attempt only after a magistrate recorded her statement. A fresh FIR has been registered against Singh under section 306 (abetment to suicide) of

The police said that the victim is a graduate and lives with her parents and two brothers, while the accused is an agricultural labourer.

napped by pirates from the high seas off the western coast of

Africa on Sunday and the gov-

ernment has taken up the issue

with Nigerian authorities, offi-

after 18 Indians on board a Hong

Kong-flagged vessel were kid-

napped by pirates near the

kidnapping of 20 Indian crew

members (as reported by the

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE ALLAHABAD High Court Monday declared the election of

Rampur MP Azam Khan's son,

Mohammad Abdullah Azam

Khan, as an MLA null and void on

the ground that he was below 25

years of age when he filed his

nomination papers for the 2017

Abdullah had won the Suar

A single judge bench of

assembly seat in Rampur on a

Justice Surva Prakash Kesarwani

passed the order on a petition

filed by Nawab Kazim Ali Khan,

who had also unsuccessfully

contested the Suar seat on a

Kazim argued that Abdullah was

not qualified to contest the MLA

election because he had not

turned 25, mandated in Article

173 (b) of the Constitution.

Kazim Ali claimed that Abdullah

was born on January 1, 1993, not

on September 30,1990 as

claimed in the nomination pa-

pers filed on January 25, 2017. To

validate his claim, he submitted

Abdullah's Class X marksheet.

In his petition filed in 2017,

Assembly elections.

BSP ticket.

Samajwadi Party ticket.

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 16

The incident comes 10 days

"We are concerned by the

HC annuls election of

Azam's son as MLA

cials said.

Nigerian coast.

disposal of rape cases **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 16**

Apex court sets up

panel to look into quick

about delays in deciding rape cases, the Supreme Court has set up a committee comprising two of its judges to look into the issue of their expeditious disposal.

WITH CONCERNS being raised

Chief Justice of India S A Bobde set up the committee with **Justices Subhash Reddy and MR** Shah as members, sources said.

The decision comes at a time when the killing of the four accused in the rape and murder of a veterinary doctor in Hyderabad has reached the top court, which ordered an inquiry by a threemember committee, headed by its former judge VS Sirpurkar, into the "circumstances" in which they were killed.

The commission, also comprising former Bombay High Court judge Justice Rekha S Baldota and ex-CBI director DR Karthikeyan, has to give its report

within six months from the date on which it begins the inquiry.

Special courts for **POCSO** cases

The Supreme Court said states would have to set up two designated courts in districts where the number of pending cases of child abuse under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act is more than 300.

A bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose made it clear that an earlier direction of the court for setting up one court in each district having more than 100 FIRs under POCSO Act meant that it has to be a designated court

"We make it clear that POCSO cases have to be dealt with by exclusive courts which will not deal with other cases. Where there are more than 100 cases, there would be one exclusive POCSO court. If there are 300 or more cases, there should be two special POCSO courts in a district," it said. PTI



member. Screengrab

Karnataka "Our mission in Abuja has taken up the matter with the school re-enacts Nigerian authorities, as also with the authorities of the neighbouring countries." Kumar said.

"The safety of hostages is paramount and we continue to engage with Nigerian authorities and other stakeholders closely on the recent incidents," he said.

Kazim Ali also said that be-

fore moving the HC, he had

raised the age objection before

the returning officer who re-

of the aforesaid, the election pe-

tition is allowed. The election of

the respondent from 34-Suar

Assembly constituency of

Rampur District is declared void,

and consequently, it is set aside."

cision be intimated by the regis-

trar general of this court to the

Election Commission and the

Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh

Legislative Assembly. A certified

copy of this decision (should) be

sent to the ECI forthwith," di-

his date of birth in Class 10 mark-

sheet was incorrectly mentioned

as January 1, 1993, instead of

September 30, 1990, and he

came to know about it for the

first time in 2015 when he was

pursuing MTech. He said he had

tried to get the birth date, men-

tioned in Class 10 marksheet,

corrected, which had not been

bagged 1,06,443 votes. The BJP's

Laxmi Saini came in second.

In the election, Abdullah had

In his defence, Abdullah said

rected the court.

done so far.

"Let the substance of this de-

The court ordered, "In view

jected the claim.

He said it was the third such

incident in the region this year,

affecting Indian nationals.

Babri demolition DARSHAN DEVAIAH B P MANGALURU. DECEMBER 16

A SCHOOL owned by an RSS leader in Karnataka's Dakshina Kannada district made students re-enact the demolition of Babri Masjid as part of its sports day programmes on Sunday. Among those in the audience

Union minister D V Sadananda Gowda Puducherry Governor Kiran Bedi and Karnataka minister Shashikala Jolle.

Sri Rama Vidyakendra High

School, where the event took place, is owned by Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat, a member of the south-central regional executive committee of RSS. The school's president, Satish

Bhat Shivagiri, said there was "nothing communal" about the play. In a video that went viral on social media, more than a hundred students, dressed in white shirts and saffron dhotis and holding saffron flags, are seen rushing towards a poster of Babri Masjid as the narrator describes the event on a loudspeaker. The narrator says in Kannada: "They demolish the structure with anything they can get their hands on. With enthusiasm, Hanuman bhakts, with Hanuman's anger, demolish the Babri structure."

As the narrator says "Bolo Shri Ramachandra ki Jai, Bharath Mata ki, Jai," the poster of Babri Masjid is brought down by the students, the video shows.

Prabhakar Bhat told The Indian Express, "People on social media only picked up this part of the programme; our students also en-

acted Chandrayaan-2 mission." Shivagiri said, "The event was our annual sports day, where nearly 4,000 students partici-

pated and there were 20 presentations on various topics. One of them was on Shri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. There was nothing communal..."

Woman dies after falling off local train

Thane: A 22-year-old woman on Monday fell from a suburban juries, police said.

Bhopar in Dombivali, fell down from a CSMT-bound fast train around 9:30am and was rushed to a hospital in Shastri Nagar after people saw her lying injured on the tracks..." Pawar added. At least 8-10 people lose their lives daily on the Mumbai suburban network, among the densest in the world.

ment is planning to establish

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According

guard their interests.

SREENIVAS JANYALA

HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 16

ANDHRA

Assembly on Monday cleared

The Andhra Pradesh State

Commission for Schedule Tribes

Bill, which will enable the gov-

ernment set up a separate com-

mission each for Scheduled

Castes (SCs) and Scheduled

Pushpasreevani said the govern-

ment wants to focus on the wel-

fare and upliftment of STs in the

state by allocating special funds

and a separate ST Commission

P Viswarup, who tabled the Bill

in the Assembly, said it would

enable the setting up of a sepa-

rate commission for SCs to safe-

Pushpasreevani, the govern-

Minister for Social Welfare,

would work towards that.

Tribal Welfare Minister P

Tribes (STs).

Pradesh

Bypoll results signal BJP inroads into Vokkaliga belt

Chairpersons for Market Yards

and in the recently-concluded

village secretariat exams. 82.5

per cent of those who cleared

the exams are from the weaker

sections," he said. Speaking on

the subject of education reform,

Education Minister A Suresh said

that job-oriented training cur-

riculum would be prepared to

add one more year to the

Honours or B.Tech Honours and

the extra year would be dedi-

cated to imparting skill develop-

ment, practical courses and job-

oriented education that would

be useful to get employment

This would be part of the ex-

tensive reforms in education

sector the government is plan-

ning, he said. The government

also reiterated that it is prepar-

ing to introduce English as the

medium of instruction from the

primary school level from the

quickly," he said.

next academic year.

"It can be called B.Com

Bachelor's Degree courses.

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 16

THE BIP'S show in the Karnataka Assembly bypolls, in which the party won 12 out of 15 seats, has not only ensured stability for the BSYediyurappa-led government, but also signals the party is breaking the decades-old dominance of the Opposition in Vokkaliga-dominated constituencies in the Mysuru region.

BJP leaders see the results as a "game-changer" in Karnataka, the only south Indian state where it has gained considerable ground. Party leaders say the BJP, which was so far supported by the Lingayats — CM Yediyurappa hails from the community — has broken some barriers this time.



Party eyes Old Mysuru region

BJP LEADERS in Karnataka expect the significant victory in Krishnarajapete, or KR Pet, constituency to open the Old Mysuru region for the party. This, they maintain, will help the party consolidate its position in the region in future. Politics in the Vokkaliga-dominated Old Mysuru region, spread over 11 districts and with 89 out of the state's 224 Assembly seats, has until now been dominated by the JD(S) and the Congress.

"We have achieved the target of becoming the leading party in almost all the districts and we have been able to establish the BIP within the larger framework of Hindutva instead of being a party with the support of one or two

communities," said P Muralidhar Rao, BJP general secretary in charge of Karnataka.

Sources in BJP's Karnataka unit pointed out that the win was emphatic and saw the party making a debut in districts it had never

Chikkaballapur. The most signifivictory was Krishnarajapete, considered to be a fortress of Vokkaligas. The seat has traditionally sup-

ported the ID(S) and former PM H D Deve Gowda. This time, however, BJP's

Narayan Gowda, who defected from ID (S), won the seat with a margin of 9,731 votes. Party leaders credit Yediyurappa's son B Y Vijayendra for the victory in Krisnarajapete.

Vijayendra had camped in the constituency in the run-up to the polls and vowed to win the seat, which is also the home constituency of Yediyurappa, for the party.

"With the bypoll results, the party has proved that with good

candidates and proper planning, won in, such as Mandya and BJP can win Vokkaliga seats too. As for JD(S), its prominent leader Deve Gowda is 86 and his son HD Kumaraswamy is also getting weaker. The BJP's emergence as a party which has influence across the state is imminent," said a party

Rao pointed out that over the last few years, the BIP has been able to come up with a number of leaders from the Vokkaliga community, including R Ashok, CT Ravi, Pratap Simha and Preetham Gowda, and that would help the BJP win the trust of the community. "The clout of these leaders will earn the trust of the community and will give the electorate confidence that this a party that gives space to our community," Rao said.

train between Dombivali and Kopar stations in Thane district and died after being rushed to a nearby hospital with severe in-"Charmi Prasad, a resident of

quently arrested from Indore and

Bhopal on Sept 18 and 19. During

raids on their premises, the police

said, laptops and phones and Rs 14 lakh cash were seized. The gadg-

ets contained hundreds of video

been sent to the Central Forensic

Science Laboratory in Hyderabad

on orders from the Madhya

Pradesh High Court, which is mon-

itoring the probe by a Special

Investigation Team. The

chargesheet was filed in the court

of JMFC A K Gupta. The five

women and their driver,

Omprakash Kori, 45, have been

charged under IPC Sections related

to conspiracy, forgery, extortion,

human trafficking and criminal in-

timidation, as well as Sections 66

(e), 67 and 67-A of Information

Technology Act. All six are in judi-

cial custody, while two others

the Mumbai woman alleged that

during her trip to Indore three

years ago a bouncer took her to

the restaurant-bar 'My Home',

where Soni allegedly raped her.

She also alleged that the bouncer

In the rape case against Soni,

were named as absconders.

The electronic evidence has

and audio clips, the police said.

Lt Gen Naravane set to be next Army Chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, PUNE, DEC 16

VICE CHIEF of the Army, Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane, is set to be the next Army Chief, official sources confirmed to *The Indian* Express on Monday.

He will succeed General Bipin Rawat, who will retire on December 31.

The government has stuck to the seniority principle in appointing Lt Gen Naravane as the next chief as he is the seniormost officer in the Army after Gen Rawat. He will serve till April 2022, when he turns 62.

Lt Gen Naravane had taken charge as the Vice Chief on September 1; before that, he headed the Eastern Command of the Indian Army.

In his nearly four decades in the Army, Lt Gen Naravane has worked in key appointments in active counterinsurgency environments, both in the Northeast and in Jammu and Kashmir, according to the Army. He was also part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka during Operation PAWAN in 1987.

He has been decorated with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal during his career. He was also the Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North) in Nagaland.

An alumnus of the National

Defence Academy, Lt Gen Naravane was commissioned into the 7th Battalion of The Sikh Light Infantry Regiment in June 1980. Hailing from Pune, his father,

Mukund Naravane, had retired from the Indian Air Force, and his mother, Sudha Naravane, was a



Lieutenant General Manoj **Mukund Naravane will** serve as Army Chief till April 2022, when he turns 62

writer and news broadcaster with All Indian Radio in Pune. She died last year.

Lt Gen Naravane is alumnus of the Inana Prabodhini Prashala in Pune and has had a keen interest in painting and sports since school days. His friend from Jnana Prabodhini, Dr Milind Modak, an orthopaedic surgeon, said, "I remember from the schooldays that he has been a very composed and balanced person. (He) took keen interest in painting and sports. I don't remember him impulsively reacting to anything. After he joined the National Defence Academy, we always used to believe that he would do some magnificent in life. All of us from his friend circle and Jnana Prabodhini family are very proud and happy after hearing the news."

The Army Chief retires either at the age of 62 or after serving for three years at the post. The outgoing Army Chief, Gen Rawat, is considered one of the frontrunners to become the first Chief of Defence Staff, a post announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his Independence Day address this year.

Out on bail in rape attempt case, man threatens victim's family, held again

Lucknow: Prayagraj police Monday rearrested a 34-yearold history-sheeter for allegedly threatening a girl and her family to withdraw an attempt to rape case lodged against him in 2017.

The accused was released from prison on bail in April in connec-

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tion with the attempt to rape case. The girl's father alleged that the accused had threatened to shoot and set them ablaze, police said.

Police said a case was lodged against the accused for allegedly trying to rape a 16-year-old girl in 2017. **ENS**

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Vijay Diwas being commemorated at the National War Memorial in Pune on Monday. The event, which marks India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war, was celebrated across the country, with PM Narendra Modi saying that the history created by soldiers will be written in golden letters. Express

2 soldiers killed in Pak firing along LoC in J&K

follow," he stated.

spokesperson said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, PUNE, DEC 16

TWO SOLDIERS were killed in firing from across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipore and Rajouri districts on Monday, officials said.

According to officials, an exchange of fire began along the LoC in Sunderbani sector of Rajouri on Monday evening after Indian soldiers noticed the movement of some armed men under suspicious circumstances and challenged them.

As soldiers challenged those moving along the LoC, they resorted to firing, followed by a heavy explosion, Defence Ministry spokesperson Lt Colonel Devender Anand said. Immediately thereafter, Pakistani troops resorted to "heavy firing" towards the Indian side to support the suspicious movement, leading to retaliation by the

Indian Army, Lt Col Anand said. The exchange of fire between two sides was in progress late

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Monday evening, he added. "In the ongoing heavy exchange of fire, one soldier of Indian Army martyred. Details

Late evening, Pakistani troops initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation in Kalal area of Nowshera sector; the Army is retaliating befittingly, the During the day, Pakistani troops resorted to mortar shelling and small arms fire along the LoC

district and the Indian Army retaliated, it was informed. Havildar Jyotiba Ganpat Chougule, 36, was killed in ceasefire violation by Pakistan in

Gurez sector in north Kashmir. "There was unprovoked ceasefire violation by Pakistan in Gurez sector. Our troops retaliated strongly. One soldier was martyred," an Army officer said.

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Havildar Chougule came from a family of farmers in Mahagaon village, Maharashtra's Kolhapur district. He had joined the Army in 2002.

in Krishna Ghati area of Poonch

He is survived by parents Ganpati and Vatsala, wife Yashoda, sons Atharv and Harsh, and younger brother Rajnikant. The family owns a farm near Mahagaon village.

Vinaya Sawant, close family friend and a neighbour, said, "We all remember him as a calm and composed brotherlike figure from the village, who was always ready to help others... The entire village is mourning his death. We do not know how to console his family members.... The whole village stands with them."

Local officials said the last rites will be performed in Mahagaon on Tuesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Northern Army Commander, Lt General Ranbir Singh, laid wreath at Dhruva Shahid Samarak in Udhampur, I&K, to pay homage to soldiers killed during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War with Pakistan.

Indore police file chargesheet in MP 'honey trap case'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL, DECEMBER 16

INDORE POLICE on Monday filed the chargesheet in the alleged Madhya Pradesh 'honey strap case', naming eight people, including two who are at large.

Meanwhile, Indore police have booked Jeetu Soni, businessman and editor of the newspaper Sanjha Lokswami, on a rape complaint by a Mumbai-based woman. Soni's newspaper had filed several reports on the honey trap case until late-November. The police chargesheet

comes nearly three months after the case came to light in which government officials were allegedly blackmailed and extorted by threatening them with sex clips allegedly involving them. Harbhajan Singh, a now-sus-

pended Indore Municipal

Corporation superintending en-

gineer, had approached the police alleging that he was being blackmailed for Rs 3 crore by some women, who had threatened to circulate clips showing him in a compromising position.

Payal Rohatgi

Payal Rohatgi sent to judicial custody for eight days for remarks on Nehru, others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, DECEMBER 16

A LOCAL court in Bundi sent model-actor Paval Rohatgi to judicial custody for eight days on Monday following her comments against Motilal Nehru and Iawaharlal Nehru, among others.

The Rajasthan Police had picked up Rohatgi from Ahmedabad on Sunday and presented her on Monday at the ACJM court, which sent her to judicial custody. "Our argument is that she enjoys freedom of expression and the Rajasthan police has no jurisdiction," her lawyer Bhupendra Singh Sahay said, adding that "We have already filed a bail plea in the sessions court which will be heard Tuesday."

In a video, which she posted on her social media accounts, Rohatgi made comments about members of the Nehru-Gandhi family, including Motilal Nehru, Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and Sanjay Gandhi.

The FIR was filed at the Sadar police station in Bundi on Oct 10. on the basis of a complaint by Charmesh Sharma, general secretary of the Indian Youth Congress in Rajasthan. She has been charged under IPC Sections 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) and Section 67 of the IT Act (publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form), said Bundi SP Mamta Gupta.

Five women were subsemade a video of the act. Slew of illegal properties demolished across MP

Bhopal: A slew of illegal and unaution in basements of hospitals and thorised properties allegedly belonging to land sharks and criminals have been demolished in Indore, Bhopal, Gwalior and Jabalpur within days of Chief Minister Kamal Nath giving a free hand to the local administration and police to crack down on mafia at a meeting here on Thursday.

Indore saw the district administration and Indore Municipal Corporation working with the police on Monday to pull down three properties. On Sunday, the corporation demolished illegal construchostels among over 350 such violations in a list drawn separately. The crackdown led to a war of

words between the BJP and the Congress. BJP's Jabalpur MP Rakesh Singhalleged the Congress government was targeting those associated with the BJP. Hitting back, the CM's media coordinator Narendra Saluja said, "The mafia prospered during the 15-year rule of the BIP. Why did the previous government not act against these elements who terrorised people?" MILINDGHATWAI

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

LISTEN TO THEM

This government has no language to talk to those who disagree, and more so, students. Calling them names corrodes democracy

HE IMAGES AND videos of the Delhi Police rampage on the Jamia Millia Islamia campus following students' protests against the new citizenship law in the national capital on Sunday underline an awful, dispiriting dissonance. The police force in Delhi, as in many other states in India, remains, for the most part, a heavy-footed anachronism in a democracy of the young, a brutalising left-over from a more repressive time. But the rankling gap between police and the people showcased on Sunday is about more than just lathi-happy policemen. The silence of the government in the aftermath of the outrage at Jamia — where the police barged into the campus without permission, forced its way into the canteen, mosque and library, dragged and beat up students, rounded up and detained them, using as pretext acts of arson and vandalism outside the university — is part of the problem. Now in its second term in power, the Narendra Modi government is yet to find the language to talk to those who protest and disagree. And this absence, this lack, becomes more glaring, more grave, when it is confronted with restive students.

It is not just that the government, otherwise in constant communication or propaganda overdrive, turns a hard and frigid face to them. It is also that instead of listening to them, it seeks to tar and taint, stick labels and attribute motives, invoke spectres. The distortion of words and meanings goes to the very top — or flows down from there. Listen to the Prime Minister, campaigning in Dumka, in poll-bound Jharkhand, on the day Delhi Police ran riot in Jamia. Those "spreading the fire (aag lagaane waale)" can be "identified by their clothes (kapdon se hi pata chal jaata hai)...", the PM said. He also invoked Pakistan, likening the protests against the CAB to protests by "people of Pakistani-origin ..." against the court decision on Ram-Janmabhoomi and Article 370. It was a bid to discredit the students' protest by painting their criticism of a citizenship law that discriminates against Muslims as anti-national and pro-Pakistan.

Such talk is in tune with the spirit of the law that this government has steamrolled through Parliament, a law that virtually closes India's doors to illegal immigrants who are Muslim because they are Muslim. And it is not the first time that PM Modi, a minister in his government, or a senior functionary of his party, has sought to portray dissent as antinational. This isn't the first time dog-whistle politics has been deployed. And yet, each and every time it happens, it is cause for concern. Because it does not behove a government in a country of India's diversities and democratic standing to sound so insensitive, either to the apprehensions of its minority or to the voice of its young. On Monday, the Prime Minister said no "vested interest group" would be allowed to "divide us and create disturbance." Hopefully, those words are meant to reassure all — irrespective of what they wear.

COP THAT FLOPPED

Madrid meet's failure to address differences over carbon markets, funding, invites questions over UNFCCC efficacy

HE 25TH Conference of Parties (CoP) of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was scheduled as a 12-day summit. Delegates from the 200-odd nations, who had assembled at the Spanish capital of Madrid for the meet, ended up working two more days. But for all their efforts, the negotiators only managed to highlight the disconnect between global climate diplomacy and the imperative of bringing down GHG emissions. The longest meet in the UNFCCC's history concluded on Sunday with an "agreement" mired in generalities and which lacks a roadmap to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Pact. The main item on the meet's agenda framing rules for setting up a new carbon market under the Paris Agreement — has been deferred to next year.

The Madrid talks were expected to nudge all countries to scale up their commitments under the Paris Pact — Nationally Determined Contributions or NDCs — in view of recent studies which show that the world is not doing enough to prevent the extreme impacts of climate change. The Small Island Nations have been pushing for strong directives to all countries to upscale their NDCs in light of the changed realities. At Madrid, they were supported by the EU countries. The developed countries, including the EU, were, however, non-committal when it came to honouring their previous pledges on funds and technology transfers to the developing countries. The talks hit a roadblock when India, China and Brazil argued that they would not support strong language on raising ambitions without a similar call for rich countries to honour their past commitments. CoP 25's final declaration does "invite new climate pledges that represent a progression beyond previous pledges and the highest possible ambition". But it doesn't stipulate a schedule for updating NDCs. And, the demand of the developing countries for a two-year programme to assess the performance of developed countries — reflected in the draft Madrid agreement — does not find a place in CoP 25's final declaration.

The spirit of solidarity that tinged the Paris summit has been witnessed only sporadically after the landmark pact was inked. Individual NDCs have not added up to the pact's goal of keeping global temperatures below 2 degrees celsius above pre-industrial levels. Framing the treaty's rules has been a tortuous process that has re-animated past differences over funding and technology transfers. Meanwhile, protests in different parts of the world have called out environmental negotiators for their inertia. CoP 25 was an opportunity to answer the questions that have been raised over the UNFCCC's processes. Unfortunately, the two weeks of negotiations at Madrid have been an opportunity lost.

PLAYING POLITICS

Ozil is not the first or the last player to lob the

ball while scoring a political point

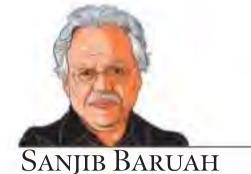
N FRIDAY, OZIL, the Arsenal footballer, instagrammed a message about Uighurs, a Muslim minority group in north-western China, as "warriors who resist persecution". All hell broke loose in China where Ozil is fondly known as "272", numbers which when pronounced sound like his name. The foreign ministry said he was "deceived by fake news", and a broadcast of an Arsenal game was cancelled.

Born in Germany, Ozil is a practising Muslim of Turkish origin, the son of poor second-generation immigrants, and has faced criticism before from the far-right over his preference to recite prayers from the Quran instead of singing along to the national anthem before matches. In 2016, when he posted a picture from Mecca, a leader from an antiimmigrant party asked if he wanted to send a political message. In the 2018 football world cup, two Kosovo-Albanian footballers in the Switzerland team, Xherdan Shaqiri and Granit Xhaka, created a furore when they did an eagle salute after scoring goals, mimicking the

black eagle on the Albanian flag. Before Ozil, football's most famous politically conscious player was the Brazilian Socrates, who once said: "They don't want me to drink, smoke, or think? Well, I drink, smoke, and think." Famous footballers, adored by the masses, he believed, have a social responsibility to "transform society". All one needs, is "a social conscience, a political understanding, and a desire to fight" — to be an "MP without a seat".

A signalling device

Protesters' fears about new citizenship law are founded on history, accumulated experience



THE RAISON D'ÊTRE for the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 is fundamentally ideological. Home Minister Amit Shah's claim in the Rajya Sabha that "crores of people" belonging to religious minorities are persecuted for their faith in neighbouring countries, does not exactly sound like a statement based on his supporting officials' analysis of information from some hitherto unknown database on religious persecution.

Bangladesh's foreign minister, AK Abdul Momen, has said the "allegations of minority repression in Bangladesh" are false. However, Momen's challenge to Shah that he visit Bangladesh for a few months to see for himself the amity between religious groups is naïve. Facts and figures that are figments of an inflamed ideological imagination cannot be refuted by empirical evidence.

The idea that even 70 years after the Partition, Hindus who find themselves on the "wrong" side of the border must be recognised as people crossing into India to join the nation to which they "naturally" belong, is a foundational tenet of Hindu nationalism. Dutch historian Willem van Schendel calls it the narrative of homecoming.

The idea of India as a homeland for Hindus can be traced back to some of the earliest ideological tracts that many in the current political establishment consider sacred. The RSS chief, Mohan Bhagwat, has often asserted that, "no Hindu can be a foreigner in India". He has said this even in Assam, where both migration from eastern Bengal and opposition to it began well before the Partition — an important bit of regional history that does not interest many Indians.

This is not the first time that a major country has adopted an ideology-driven refugee policy. There are lessons to be drawn from the experience of countries that had adopted similar policies before. Ideologically-driven refugee policies seem especially prone to be plagued by the law of unintended consequences. Unfortunately, our country's current snap, uninformed, and policy-illiterate style of law-making does not allow for learning from the experience of others.

The pitfalls of such policies are well understood by those who study them. The best examples come from the US during the Cold War. For nearly three decades, the Cold War shaped the very definition of a refugee in US law. A refugee was defined as a person fleeing "from a communist-dominated country or area".

The Cuban Revolution of 1959, when Fidel

to the US. Not unlike India's recent Citizenship Amendment Act, the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 was adopted to give permanent resident status to Cubans who had lived in the US for a year even if a person had entered the country illegally. Like India's Citizenship Amendment Act, it put Cubans on a fast track to citizenship. During a time when there was little public support for immigration, anti-commu-

Castro's guerrillas ousted the US-backed mil-

itary dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista,

prompted a large-scale emigration of Cubans

nism provided the ideological rationale for these policies. Cubans were supposedly voting with their feet. Their making an exit choice testified to the failures of communism and the moral superiority of capitalism and American democracy. US Ambassador Arthur Goldberg told the UN General Assembly that "many thousands of Cubans have seized every available means of transportation which will take them from Cuba to the United States, but no crowds are pounding on Cuba's gates and seeking admission". Cold War ideologues expected Cuban exiles to become strategic assets for the US, that they would commit themselves to the task of overthrowing the Castro regime, and would one day return to Cuba.

Things didn't quite turn out that way. The Cuban population in the US multiplied nearly six-fold between 1960 and 1970 – from 79,000 in 1960 to 4,39,000 in 1970. It soon became clear that very few of them were refugees in the strict sense of the term; they were not escaping persecution, nor were they leaving Cuba because of "a wellfounded fear of persecution". Most Cubans who arrived in the US after the Cuban Adjustment Act were, according to Cubanborn anthropologist Virginia Dominguez, "consumer refugees".

"Cooperating with the Enemy" was the title of an article on this subject by former Harvard University professor Jorge Dominguez. Unlike the East German government that built the Berlin Wall to prevent emigration, Castro allowed people to leave the island from time to time. He even claimed that far from inflicting damage on his country, "the US had taken from this country many lumpen proletarians and many lazy people". While that can be dismissed as political rhetoric, there is ample evidence to suggest that the Castro government used emigration as an escape valve — to export surplus labour as well as political opposition. Meanwhile, since the Cuban Adjustment Act allowed Cuban immigrants to become permanent residents, which put them on a path to US citizenship, as time went on, Cuban exiles had little reason to remain activists seeking the overthrow of the Castro regime. Thus, the US policy toward Cuba, said Dominguez, was rarely made by the US alone. Castro in effect "forced the US government to surrender to Cuba some US sovereign prerogatives to set US immigration policies."

What are the chances of the Citizenship Amendment Act fueling new waves of Hindu emigration from Bangladesh, as people in Assam and Northeast India now fear? Signaling plays an important role in encouraging or discouraging migration flows. The CAA will be a powerful signal to the remaining Hindu population of Bangladesh to choose the exit option.

Simply to assert that the resistance is misinformed because the law has the cut-off date of December 31, 2014 is a misunderstanding of the history of seven decades of post-Partition migratory flows. After all, with the CAA, Delhi has just got rid of the cut-off dates that were agreed upon in the Assam Accord.

A previous amendment to our citizenship laws was a response to the reality that when Bangladesh became independent in 1971, it refused to take responsibility for migrants who had moved to India during the Pakistan years. Bangladesh agreed to take responsibility only for those who entered India after March 25, 1971, when the Pakistani military crackdown of the liberation struggle in East Pakistan began. India was then faced with a accompli. It had to accept those who entered India before 25, 1971.

ing India to surrender some of its sovereign prerogatives to set immigration policies? That an important date in the annals of Pakistan has acquired such a crucial place in the law and practice of citizenship in India – most recently in the context of the National Register of Citizens — is quite telling. The protesters are right to fear that by the

Is this a case of a smaller neighbour forc-

time the cut-off date of December 31, 2014 becomes irrelevant – giving way to another provisional cut-off date — it will be too late for Assam. Past history and the accumulated wisdom of academic literature is on the side of the protesters.

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FITTING TRIBUTE TO AMBEDKAR

Reservation needs fresh approach to align with times, empower marginalised

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BRAMBEDKAR'S DEATH anniversary was observed on December 6. It is, therefore, an appropriate time for serious introspection. As the chief architect of the Constitution, Ambedkar ensured an equitable atmosphere in every sense, which was essential due to the years of institutional oppression faced by more than a quarter of the Indian population at the time of Independence. Some progress has definitely been made but there still remains a significant distance for us to cover as a society to create the kind of atmosphere that Ambedkar and his colleagues imagined.

The debate on reservation is highly polarised and, usually, brings out the worst in us. Arguments made by all the sides are logical and extremely passionate. It can be challenging to evolve a middle path that includes opposing perspectives. On the one hand, there is a school of thought that derides reservation and advocates a merit-based order. On the other hand, there are ferocious supporters of reservation who consider any debate around reforms as blasphemous. Merit is contextual and means different things to different people. Caste creates networks and upper castes, through years of institutional linkages, have established an infrastructure that invariably

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helps in mentorship and handholding. This is missing for the Dalits. Even the exceptionally skilled and competent Dalits are first treated as Dalits, everything else becomes secondary.

A study by Sukhadeo Thorat and Paul Attewell in 2010 had reportedly observed that "for equally qualified SC and upper caste (about 4,800 each) applicants, SCs had 67 per cent less chance of receiving calls for an interview. What is more disturbing is that the high percentage of less qualified high castes (undergraduate) received calls compared with the more qualified SCs (post-graduates)."

However, this does not absolve the people on the other side of the spectrum who become absolutists when it comes to reservations. Political reservation was never intended to perpetuate the interests of a single family. The case of Lok Janshakti Party is peculiar. Ram Vilas Paswan, Pashupati Paras (brother), Chirag Paswan (son) and Prince Raj (nephew) are in Parliament from reserved constituencies. The community can see through this hypocrisy.

There are a lot of difficult questions that we need to confront as a community. Reforms to reservation have become the need of the hour. A section of SCs and STs have benefitted,

and are constantly benefitting from reservation. It is time we transcend our selfish interests and advocate a rethinking of reservation that is more inclusive.

The contours of reforms in reservation must be developed through a consultative process involving real and potential stakeholders within the Dalit community. The idea of preferential treatment in sectors that are still underrepresented must be explored objectively. The civil society, industry, media, higher judiciary and the upper echelons of bureaucracy still lack social diversity and, therefore, the empathy required to address the concerns of the community. The Ministry of Human Resource Development, through a recent notification, has asked the IITs, IIMs and other premier institutions, to follow the reservation norms in faculty recruitment: People from marginalised communities did not have any leadership role in these institutions for so long

We need fresh dialogue and thinking on reservation. Including the excluded will be the real tribute to not just Ambedkar, but the Constitution of India.

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DECEMBER 17, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDO-BANGLA TALKS stretch of land. BORDER TALKS BETWEEN India and Bangladesh have failed. The Bangladesh delegation flew back to Dhaka this morning amid growing doubts over Bangladesh's intention to adhere to the 1974 land boundary agreement between the two countries. After the three-day talks the two delegations issued a brief joint statement in which both sides have agreed to exercise maximum re-

straint and avoid provocation to ensure the

return of normalcy in the Muhuri Char area

of the Belonia sector on the Tripura

Bangladesh border. This merely means that

the two sides will not resort to exchange of

firings or invectives on the disputed 44-acre

NEPAL ELECTIONS KING BIRENDRA OF Nepal said "regardless of whichever side — partyless panchayat with reforms or a multiparty system — won as a result of people's verdict, in the coming referendum, from now onwards all elections to the different tiers of the proposed political system would be on the basis of adult franchise." In a broadcast to the nation on the King Mahendra memorial and constitutional day, the king said that the prime minister of Nepal would be elected by a popularly elected panchayat or a national

parliament. He also said the council of min-

isters would be responsible to the national level-panchayat.

IRAN CRISIS

IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER Sadegh Ghotbzadeh hailed the departure of the deposed Shah from the US as a "first step to victory". He told reporters it was possible that some of the US hostages would be freed by Christmas and — despite angry declarations by students holding the US embassy — said the authorities were not currently debating setting a trial date for the hostages. Ghotbzadeh said: "I hope that things are now rolling in a positive way. We will try to do our best to defuse the crisis."

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Navigating the Indo-Pacific

India must negotiate growing Chinese presence in the region. Its relationship with Japan, the Quad, will also remain central to Act East policy



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"INDO-PACIFIC" IS today a buzzword that has been interpreted differently by various countries in their outlook or vision documents.

Back in 1971, when Sri Lanka proposed the notion of an Indian Ocean Zone of Peace (IO-ZOP), it was more about the presence of Western powers and establishment of foreign bases. Ironically, China then stood with countries like India in opposing bases in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). Its position was that it did not have, nor did it seek bases anywhere. That is a far cry from its strategy now of actively foraying into the Indian Ocean and seeking bases in Gwadar and Djibouti and special arrangements elsewhere. India's position has also evolved. If India earlier opposed the presence of foreign powers in the Indian Ocean, it now carries out joint exercises with a number of them to promote interoperability. It welcomes the presence of the US, Japan and other partner countries in the Indian Ocean as a counter to the growing Chinese presence.

In the Pacific Ocean, the debate was never about the presence per se of great powers. There, the US military presence on land and sea was taken for granted after World War II. The French and British too, as in the Indian Ocean, continued to have their colonies. The debate was about nuclear tests in places such as Bikini Atoll, French Polynesia and Christmas Island.

As a legacy state of the Soviet Union, Russia has never ceased to be an Indo-Pacific power. It avenged the humiliating destruction of its navy in the 1904-05 Russo-Japanese war by driving Japan out of the northern Korean Peninsula and taking South Sakhalin and the Kuril Islands in 1945. It enjoyed a key base in Cam Ranh Bay during the Cold War. Today, it holds joint exercises with China in the South China Sea and a trilateral exercise with China and South Africa in the Indian Ocean.

The situation in the South China Sea is more complex. Various claimants are pitted against one another, with China's irredentist nine-dash line engulfing the Exclusive Economic Zone of several others. China has yet to produce a clear line with exact co-ordinates on a large-scale map in support of its claims. Earlier, in 1974, China took the Paracel Islands from South Vietnam, with a US in retreat turning a Nelson's eye. Later, China took Scarborough in 2012 and used swarming tactics involving fishing boats at Thitu Island against the Philippines in 2019, the defence treaty between the US and the Philippines notwithstanding. In general terms, the scramble in the SCS is more about fishing rights, natural resources and the domination of trade and energy sea lines of communication.

There are many contradictions in the context of the emerging construct of the Indo-Pacific. For example, the US, like India, Japan, Australia and many others, advocates freedom of navigation and over-flight, and respect for the rule of law and international norms. It adheres to many tenets of UNCLOS without having ratified the treaty. China's adherence to UNCLOS is more honoured in breach than in observance.

Arguably, the US concept of "freedom of navigation" is hard on friend and foe alike. The US conducted freedom of navigation operations (FONOPs) in 2017 against a large number of countries, including friendly nations like India, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines. Similarly, the US Asia Reassurance



Initiative Act (ARIA) of 2018, which embraces the Indo-Pacific as against Asia Pacific, describes China as a strategic and economic competitor. Yet, it also has an entire section that seeks to "promote US values in the Indo-Pacific region". There is a reiteration of the US commitment to upholding rights and promoting democratic values. Not only is China cited in this context along with Myanmar, but an alliance partner such as the Philippines is also in the cross-hairs.

On the other hand, China now justifies its increasing forays in the IOR, including with nuclear submarines, by claiming that it has "always" had a historical right to the Indian Ocean, citing the few voyages of Admiral Zheng He's fleet more than five centuries ago. In fact, there was no Chinese presence in the intervening period because after the brief maritime interludes during the Ming dynasty, China was not a maritime power until recently.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is supposed to endure for half a century. Yet, the absence of a key neighbouring country like India, for very valid reasons, eroded its credibility. Now, many others are questioning the BRI.

The world today is undergoing a fundamental transformation. There are several facets to the emerging uncertainty. Traditional and non-traditional security threats have grown in magnitude. The spectre of terrorism, especially cross-border terrorism, continues to challenge peace and prosperity. Geopolitical considerations are increasingly driving trade and investment decisions; on the other hand, the geo-economic forces unleashed by China's economic rise are redefining the geostrategic landscape of the Indo-Pacific.

There is no doubt that the US-China trade war has been disruptive. It has coincided with the waning of the global economy. No two rival powers are as interlinked by trade and investment as China and the US. Never before have all other countries been as intertwined in a web of relations with both China and the US. This makes for difficult choices. Power, whether economic, political or military, is fractured. No single country can dominate on all issues. Trade and technology are fiercely contested. Nationalism and regionalism are on the rise. There is less multilateralism but greater multi-polarity. Hedging and multi-alignment are part of every country's strategic toolkit. The old consensus is fraying and a balance is yet to emerge. This calls for readjustments.

The "Asian Century" appears inevitable, but the question remains if it will be unipolar, bipolar or multipolar? Will it be a century of peace and development, or will it involve longdrawn contestations?

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Asia is witnessing the simultaneous rise of several powers. Global engines of economic growth have shifted to Asia, first to the Asia-Pacific, and now, more widely, to the Indo-Pacific that includes South Asia. The continent, home to 60 per cent of the global population, has emerged as the new fulcrum for geoeconomic and geostrategic realignment. One could argue that the natural evolution of trade, investment and energy flows favour the broader definition of the Indo-Pacific as against the narrower confines of Asia and the Asia-Pacific. The term Indo-Pacific is certainly more inclusive and better accommodates the

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There are fundamental disruptions to the existing equilibrium in the three sub-segments of the Indo-Pacific. The emergence of the US as a major energy exporter to Asia has eroded the importance of the Gulf oil producers in the Western Indian Ocean. In the South China Sea, the dependence of ASEAN on China for its prosperity and security assurances is growing. In the Pacific, there is a new contestation, which pits US programmes such as the BUILD Act, ARIA and Asia EDGE against the inducements offered by China to small island nations. Japan and Australia have also joined hands with the US in the Blue Dot network to promote infrastructure and connectivity.

The Chinese harbour suspicions about both the Indo-Pacific and the Quad as US devices to contain its rise. It regards trilateral compacts involving US, Japan and India and US, Japan and Australia as adjuncts to strengthening the Quad. However, Chinese scholars and officials are beginning to resort to a wait-and-see approach, since ASEAN centrality is an opportunity to lean on them to shape favourable outcomes through the BRI project and the draft Code of Conduct.

India will have to manage its relations with China, no matter the challenges. Ties with Japan would remain a key component of India's vision for a stable Indo-Pacific and a cornerstone of its Act East policy. The Special Strategic and Global Partnership between India and Japan will be further strengthened during Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's visit. However, India at this juncture does not have to make a binary choice in the Indo-Pacific between a development-centric agenda with ASEAN centrality and a security-centric outlook revolving around the Quad. Both are likely to remain parallel tracks with some overlap for the foreseeable future.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The Labour party's traditional coalition of voters has collapsed. A comeback is only possible if it develops a new, more subtle politics of place" — THE GUARDIAN

Look beyond the diaspora

India must avoid making Pakistan a preoccupation in relationship with UK. It must take advantage of shift in Britain's international orientation



BY C RAJA MOHAN

DELHI IS SURELY relieved that Jeremy Corbyn did not win the recent general elections in the United Kingdom. The Labour Party's hostility towards India on the question of Kashmir, and its political tilt towards Pakistan under Corbyn, galvanised a large section of the Indian diaspora to rally behind the Tories. While Delhi welcomes the return of Boris Johnson as Prime Minister of Britain, it knows that there is much distance to cover before problems with London on Kashmir and Pakistan are overcome.

At its annual conference in Brighton in September, the Labour Party had approved a resolution criticising India's decision to change the constitutional position of Kashmir, expressing support for the Kashmiri "right to self-determination" and calling for "international intervention" and "mediation" between Delhi and Islamabad. South Block reacted sharply to the resolution and the High Commission in London conveyed its dismay and disapproval to India's friends in the Labour Party.

As Labour's unhelpful tone carried over to the Party's election manifesto that followed a few weeks later. Delhi knew that dealing with a Labour government, whose return to power seemed a serious possibility then, would be a major headache. Meanwhile, nearly 130 Indian community organisations in Britain sent strong messages of protests to the Labour Party, and as the elections approached, the diaspora seemed ready to shed its traditional preference for Labour.

Boris Johnson, who was locked in a door-die political battle, grabbed the opportunity to tap into the Indian diaspora's resentment against Labour. He devoted some quality time for a temple-run during the campaign to reassure the Indian diaspora that the Conservative government will be mindful of its concerns.

Whether or not the Indian diaspora made a decisive difference to the overall electoral outcome in favour of Johnson, there is no doubt that Labour's Kashmir policy helped unite the Indian community in Britain. At nearly 1.4 million, the Indian diaspora in Britain is one of the largest and its contributions to civic life — economic, political and social — have steadily grown over the decades. But, it is only now that it is emerging as an assertive force.

While the Indian diaspora might have tasted the first political fruits of its assertion, and though Delhi is pleased at the outcome of the election, the problem of British involvement in Kashmir and other India-Pakistan issues is unlikely to disappear any

time soon. Three problems stand out. First, whether it wants or not, India is being sucked into an unfortunate competition with Pakistan in diaspora mobilisation in the United Kingdom and beyond. This is not very different from the recent developments in the US, where Pakistan has stepped up the effort to direct its diaspora against India's Kashmir policy. Pakistan may have every reason to extend and deepen its sphere of contestation with India into the domestic politics of the Anglo-Saxon world, where the South Asian diaspora is in large numbers, and more broadly in the West. While Delhi needs to fend off Pakistan's tactics, it should avoid the danger of turning this competition with Pakistan as the central preoccupation in dealing with the West and its domestic opinion.

Second, while the Indian diaspora outnumbers the Pakistani diaspora, Delhi may find it increasingly hard to cope with the larger alliances that are beginning to coalesce and question India's current domestic policies. The new coalitions bind the Pakistani diaspora with the broader communities of Muslim organisations and human rights groups. Delhi will also need to reassure a lot of friendly constituencies in the West that are concerned about the nature of recent developments in India.

Third, and more specifically, India has

dealt with the British problem on the Kashmir question for decades now under different governments, both Labour and Conservative. It generally had bigger problems with Labour governments. One might recall, in the first term of Prime Minister Tony Blair, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook's interventionist policy on Kashmir wrecked Queen Elizabeth's visit to India in 1997 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Independence. Conservative prime ministers before Johnson, most notably David Cameron, sought to move Britain decisively away from Labour's tilt towards Pakistan on Kashmir. But it has been a lot harder to change the attitudes of the British establishment or the "deep state".

It is useful to remember that Delhi's most recent political spat with London was under the Conservative government of Boris Johnson. It was over the British role in the United Nations Security Council discussions that followed Delhi's decision to alter the constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir in August. The scrap certainly ended in Delhi's favour, but the structural problem certainly endures.

Delhi must surely pay attention to and manage the tactical shifts in the British establishment's attitude to Kashmir and other bilateral issues between Delhi and Islamabad. It must also recognise, however, that Britain, like so many other countries, has its own interests in Pakistan and faces pressures to respond to them.

In the end, mobilising the diaspora can only be a small part of India's strategy in getting Britain to change its approach towards its issues with Pakistan. If India's economy is nearly 10 times larger than that of Pakistan and there is a much larger swathe of shared interests between Delhi and London, then there surely are other ways of persuading the British establishment to rethink its stance on India.

To get there, Delhi must now focus on the new possibilities with Britain presented by Boris Johnson's victory. For Delhi, this can't be about a tactical play on Kashmir with Britain; nor should it be about Boris Johnson's personal commitment to improving relations with India. For India, the question is about taking full advantage of the historic shift in Britain's international orientation – economic and political – that is about to unfold.

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An attack on the Republic

Those who care for democracy, freedom, secularism and equality must resist CAA

growing aspirations of a

wider constituency.

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AFTER A CHARGED debate, the Constituent Assembly settled for a "jus soli" approach to citizenship. The first Home Minister of India and a key contributor to the debates, Sardar Patel, while arguing for a broad based, nondiscriminatory criterion for citizenship, said "There are two ideas about nationality in the modern world, one is broad-based nationality and the other is narrow nationality. It is not right for us to take a narrow view." Even after being witness to the horrors of Partition, the framers of our Constitution did not budge in favour of religion-based criteria. After the Constitution was enacted, Patel again appreciated the framers for adopting an "enlightened modern civilised" approach to citizenship while stating the ethnicity-based citizenship as outdated. Unfortunately, the duo from Gujarat who swear by Patel is destroying the vision of the Constitution.

The principle of equality before law, irrespective of one's religion, race, sexuality and gender, is a necessary precondition for the functioning of a just society. Making religion a criterion for offering citizenship and excluding one religion from it is an insult to the legacy of this country's freedom struggle, a fraud on our constitution and most importantly, a nefarious attempt to institutionally

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otherise Muslims and plunge them into precarity and fear. Many have opposed the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA) on the basis of this criterion. This Act, along with many other previous decisions of the central government, is part of a larger design of the RSS-BJP combine to make India a Hindu-Rashtra. It should be pointed out repeatedly, that every freedom fighter, from Maulana Hasrat Muhani to Subhas Chandra Bose, from Bhagat Singh to Chandrashekar Azad, made sacrifices and devoted their lives for the cause of a secular democratic India, not for Hindu-Rashtra.

By discriminating between migrants on the basis on their religious affiliation, the CAA divorces India from its rich humanitarian tradition of giving shelter to whoever is persecuted. The choice of three countries — Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan - is arbitrary. If the central government is really concerned about persecuted minorities, then why not extend this gesture for the Tamils from Sri Lanka and Rohingya from Myanmar? Similarly, Hazaras in Afghanistan, and Ahmadiyyas, Shias and Balochs in Pakistan are being persecuted. Atheists are regularly targeted in many theocratic countries. The

Act will only distort India's humanitarian cre-

dentials. The CAA is drawing flack internationally already, including from the UN.

Persecution due to following a certain sect is not the only reason of migration. A growing concern worldwide is about climate refugees. The greed of capitalism and the tendency to over-produce has depleted the natural resources of many regions in the world, forcing people to migrate. Unlike the RSS-BJP combine, nature and poverty do not discriminate. The CAA is silent on this vital issue.

The CAA is in complete violation of Article 14, as our Constitution specifically prohibits any kind of discrimination on the basis of religion. At the founding of the republic, the question of religious minorities was among the more sensitive ones. Many in the Constituent Assembly wanted to wait and see how Pakistan decides to treat its minorities before making a decision on minorities in India. When this issue of relative rights to minorities came up, B R Ambedkar vehemently rejected it saying "I must deprecate any such idea. Rights of minorities should be absolute rights." He added further "If we find that certain minorities in which we are interested and which are within the jurisdiction of another State have not got the same rights which we have given to minorities in

our territory, it would be open, for the State to take up the matter in a diplomatic manner... But no matter what others do, I think we ought to do what is right in our own judgement.". This distinction between India and Pakistan has served India. But the CAA, coupled with the home minister's claim that there will be a nationwide NRC, breaches this commitment to minorities irreparably.

The current government's violent Brahmanical ideology is attacking the very foundation of our democracy. The economy is in the doldrums with mass unemployment and inflation making lives miserable for ordinary people. From Kashmir to Assam, reports of civil unrest and violence are common and the indifference of the government is on display. It is high time that all sections of society who care for democracy, freedom, secularism and equality come together to resist this assault on the idea of a humane, pluralist and egalitarian India. We must oppose and rise against the CAA and NRC. As a country, we should not be left with the guilt the Germans had after they supported the execution of state-sponsored hate and Nuremberg Laws.

> The writer is General Secretary, Communist Party of India

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DIVISIVE LAW

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'At great cost' (IE, December 16). The decisions on Article 370, NRC and now the Citizenship Amendment Bill go against the promise made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Address in 2014. The PM had talked of a 10-year moratorium on caste and communal issues so as to focus more on "vikas". The CAB has pitted citizens against citizens. In the process, it has also tagged Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan as countries that are inherently inimical to non-Muslims. It is bound to have repercussions on international relations.

LR Murmu, Delhi

REVAMP HEALTHCARE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Band aid' (IE, December 16). It is the responsibility of the government to ensure that life saving drugs are accessible, affordable and available. Merely launching flagship programmes will not serve the purpose. The public healthcare system warrants revamping. R&D is seen as a white elephant and companies are cutting corners. Let these companies also invest in R&D. The booming start up sector needs to come forward.

Deepak Singhal, Chennai

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

To encourage quality reader intervention, The Indian **Express offers the Letter of** the Week award. The letter adjudged the best for the week is published every Saturday. Letters may be e-mailed to

editpage@expressindia.com or sent to The Indian Express, B-1/B, Sector 10, Noida-UP 201301.

TOP DOWN NEEDED

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Realisation, not reform' (IE, December 16). The writer has argued that changes should not be foisted on the Muslim community from above. However, that is exactly what the Supreme Court does in thw normal course. Had the Muslim community acted against the discriminatory triple talaq practice on its own, the SC wouldn't have had to step in. If the change does not come from within, the law should take its course.

Chinmay Jain, Delhi

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TELLING NUMBERS

Recent incidence of breast and cervical cancer in India

THE ESTIMATED incidence of breast cancer in India rose 6% from 1.42 lakh in 2016 to 1.51 lakh in 2017, and another 6% to 1.6 lakh in 2018, the government informed Lok Sabha last week. Over the same three years, the

estimated number of cases of cervical cancer increased from 99,000 to 1 lakh to 1.01 lakh, the government said, quoting data from the National Cancer Registry Program of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

MOST CASES OF BRE	AST CANCER		
State	2016	2017	2018
Uttar Pradesh	21,376	22,737	24,181
Maharashtra	14,726	15,522	16,358
West Bengal	10,902	11,550	12,234
Tamil Nadu	9,486	9,870	10,269
Madhya Pradesh	8,334	8,858	9,414
Karnataka	8,029	8,527	9,055
Gujarat	8,001	8,504	9,039
Rajasthan	7,536	7,996	8,483
Kerala	5,682	6,189	6,748
Andhra Pradesh	5,901	6,251	6,620
TOTAL	1,42,283	1,50,842	1,59,924
MOST CASES OF CER	VICALCANCER		
State	2016	2017	2018
Uttar Pradesh	17,156	17,420	17,687

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Uttar Pradesh	17,156	17,420	17,687
Bihar	9,454	9,638	9,824
Maharashtra	8,741	8,811	8,882
West Bengal	7,450	7,509	7,568
Madhya Pradesh	6,222	6,322	6,423
Rajasthan	5,791	5,861	5,933
Tamil Nadu	5,452	5,443	5,432
Karnataka	5,020	5,074	5,130
Gujarat	4,810	4,868	4,928
Andhra Pradesh	4,124	4,149	4,173
TOTAL	99,099	1,00,306	1,01,536

2016. However, totals of all three years are for all states and Union Territories. Projected cases were computed using projected incidence rates and the population (person-years). Source: Government response to Lok Sabha question on December 13, quoting data from the National Cancer Registry Program of ICMR.

TIP FOR READING LIST

THE SCHOLARLY CONFESSIONS OF A Professional Glutton

BOOK

MANY PEOPLE envy food critics — they get to eat out all the time, while the rest of us have to be content with posting reviews on food ordering apps. Some of the more influential reviewers in the West try

their readers an idea of what a restaurant is likely to really serve up to the ordinary punter.

to be anonymous so as to give

But what is it like to be someone who eats — and writes about it — for a living? A part of the answer has now come from Adam Platt, food reviewer for the New York magazine since

2000, in his memoir published last month, The Book of Eating: Adventures in Professional Gluttony. It's a book that food lovers in general and food reviewers who aren't paid for their efforts would enjoy Platt, as the review of the book in The New York Times says, "does not pretend...

to be a super-foodie", and manages to

serve good stories "because he doesn't

over-batter them".

Among the things that being a professional glutton does to Platt's body, as listed by *The NYT* are: "He gets gout. He gobbles 'horse-pill-sized tablets of antacid'. He begins to wear the

kind of 'expandable webbed leather belt favoured by rotund country club golfers, which grew and shrank with the size of one's trousers'. He worries about hitting 300 pounds..."

Among the other occupational hazards that Platt recounts are eating the engorged

sperm sac of the potentially poisonous fugu fish, which led to a tingling tongue and fears that he was dying. "He gets 'pork bloat'. At one meal someone accidentally spits a speck of gristle into his eye and his vision is blurred for weeks. He's often absent at night, and his wife works to maintain a semblance of regularity in their daughters' lives."



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SIMPLY PUT

Shutting down the Internet

There are no detailed official data on Internet shutdowns in India. However, India is widely considered to be a world leader in cutting off access to the Net. This is how, when, and where it has been happening

KARISHMA MEHROTRA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

ON MONDAY, the Software Freedom Law Center (SFLC), the global tracker for Internet shutdowns, was inundated with messages of shutdowns across the country — a frequently recurring phenomenon in India over the past several years.

The world's fastest growing Internet market is also the global leader by far in cutting off access to small and large sections of its population. It is now commonplace during moments of tension for law enforcement and government officials to cut off the Internet as both an early and a preventive response — as much to stymie communication between restive groups to prevent them organising, as to block the spread of rumours and fake news.

The Department of Telecommunications does not maintain data on shutdowns ordered by states — this has been the government's stock response to questions in Parliament on the number of Internet shutdowns. SFLC, which gets most of its data from national and regional newspapers, cautions that "our data is as reliable as the sources it comes from"; however these data are virtually the only ones available on Internet shutdowns, and are referred to widely.

The economic cost to shutdowns is immense: Over the past five years, some 16,000 hours of Internet shutdowns cost the economy a little over \$3 billion, according to estimates in a report by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER).

SFLC also found frequent shutdowns in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Egypt, Congo, Syria, Sudan, Burundi, Iraq, and Venezuela.

Major events in 2019

CITIZENSHIP ACT: On Sunday, as protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act raged in West Bengal, Internet services were stopped in the state's North Dinajpur, Malda, Murshidabad, Howrah, North 24-Parganas and parts of South 24-Parganas districts. In previous days, shutdowns had been enforced in several districts of Uttar Pradesh and in the Northeastern states.

While there were shutdowns in the Northeast at the beginning of the year as well (when the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Bill by the previous Lok Sabha triggered unrest), the first shutdown in the current phase was reported to the SLFC on December 10 — in Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura — the day after Lok Sabha passed the Bill.

In Assam, services were suspended on December 11, when Rajya Sabha too, cleared the Bill, and continued on December 12.

The same day, Meghalaya suspended services for 48 hours because, according to an official memo, "messaging systems like SMS and Whatsapp and social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are likely to be used for the transmission of

information through pictures, videos and text that have the potential to cause civil unrest and exacerbate the law and order situation".

On December 13, protests in Aligarh prompted a shutdown, and on Sunday in Meerut for "law and order maintenance".

Saharanpur on both Sunday and Monday, officials said.

Ahead of a planned protest by students in Aligarh Muslim University on Sunday, the administration acted again to prevent the "spreading of rumours and misinformation" using social media platforms... which can hinder peace and law and order". **AYODHYA VERDICT:** The current sweep-

ing shutdowns come after access to the Internet was cut off as a preventive measure in several states last month ahead of the Supreme Court's Ayodhya verdict, when there were apprehensions of tension and violence. Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh saw the largest numbers of suspensions of Internet services. IAMMU & KASHMIR: Monday marked

the 134th day of the continuing shutdown in Jammu and Kashmir, which began on August 5, the day the erstwhile state was

stripped of its special status under Article 370 of the Constitution. This is the longest ever continuous Internet shutdown in the country. Jammu and Kashmir had earlier experienced a 133-day shutdown between July 8 and November 19, 2016; Darjeeling went 100 days without access to the Internet between June 8 and September 25, 2017.

States with most shutdowns

The most active 'shutdown states', by frequency of shutdowns, have been as follows: **IAMMU & KASHMIR:** The erstwhile

state has seen 180 Internet shutdowns since 2012, according to SFLC. The most commonly offered reasons for cutting access have been "encounter between security forces and militants", "massive search operations", "gunfights", and "attack on CRPF men". A case to

have the Internet restored in the region is currently ongoing in the Supreme Court.

The Internet was suspended around the death anniversary of the slain Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani, and on Independence Day 2017, Republic Day 2016, and Eid 2015. The visit of Prime Minister

Access to the Internet was cut off in Narendra Modi in February also triggered a shutdown.

> **RAJASTHAN:** The state has had 67 shutdowns since 2015, from hyper-local ones to those extending to districts or specific areas. Several have been "preventative measures after communal tensions broke out" or "to prevent the spread of rumours". On August 13, "mobile Internet services were snapped... in 10 police station areas in Jaipur... to prevent rumours as tense situation prevailed after a minor scuffle broke out between two communities". Rajasthan has also seen shutdowns in or-

der to prevent cheating in examinations — it happened for two days in most districts from July 14, 2018 during examinations to recruit constables; and in Bikaner, Sikar, and Karauli districts during the REET exam on February 11, 2018.

Some districts have enforced shutdowns

on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti, during protests by Dalit groups, and during celebrations by Hindu organisations.

UTTAR PRADESH: UP has seen 19 shutdowns since 2015. "Internet services were suspended to defuse the tension prevailing due to protests by Muslims against lynching of a man. According to some sources the protests turned violent after police lathicharged the protesters," the tracker said on July 5, 2019.

Other reasons for shutdowns include: "following brutal murder of a toddler", "following an altercation between some students and a TV channel over reports of a visit by AIMIM lawmaker Asaduddin Owaisi at AMU", "following the killing of Bhim Army leader's brother", and "following the violent clashes between supporters of the Bharat bandh and a pro-reservation group comprising OBCs and Dalits".

Relevant 'shutdown laws'

Home Departments in the states are mostly the authorities that enforce shutdowns, drawing powers from The Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017. The decisions are reviewed by a state government review committee. The central government also has powers under this law, but has not used it.

Other relevant laws are Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.

Section 144 has enabled many of the shutdowns in the recent past, especially until the time the telecom suspension Rules came into force in 2017. Section 144 CrPC gives the District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate or any other executive magistrate empowered by the state government the power to issue orders to "maintain public tranquility".

Less frequently used is The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, whose Section 5(2) allows central and state governments to prevent the transmission of messaging during a "public emergency or in the interest of public safety". or "in the interests of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the state", etc.

FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

Does the 'OK' now signify 'white power'?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

IT'S A common emoji, and in India, a gesture that people frequently make: forefinger bent to touch the tip of the thumb, creating a circle, and the other three fingers outstretched (or perhaps slightly bent). It conveys approval, a "superb" or "fantastic" that one may want to say at the end of a satisfying meal.

It is also a yogic symbol, often made while sitting in padmasana, with eyes shut and palm facing upward. As an emoji, it is translated as "OK" or "all well". In general, the gesture has traditionally been used in contexts that are positive.

But of late, the gesture (and emoji) has sought to be appropriated by those seeking to convey a less benign sentiment.

In the United States, and some parts of Europe, the "OK" sign is now used to suggest "White power". According to Anti-Defamation League, the international nongovernmental organisation that has been fighting anti-semitism and hate in the Western world for nearly a century now, the gesture is now an extremist meme.

It was reported in American media on Sunday that US military officials had opened

an investigation to determine whether some voung cadets and junior naval officers who were seen making the sign during a football match between the Army and Navy on Saturday were trying to convey a racist message.

The origin of the sign A connection has long been made be-

tween the gesture and "OK", the Americanism for approval, agreement, or assent that went into currency in the 19th century. Some believe it started with a humorous piece that the journalist Charles Gordon Greene wrote in 1839 in *The Boston Morning Post*, a newspaper that he founded, using "OK" as an abbreviation for "Oll Korrect" ('all correct', misspelled). People started to make the gesture, seen as vaguely resembling an 'O' and 'K'.

Connection to 'White power'

According to a report in *The New York Times*, it started in early 2017 when some users on the anonymous online message board 4chan began "Operation O-KKK" — to see if they could lead American liberals and the mainstream media to believe that the gesture was actually a secret symbol of White power.

"We must flood Twitter and other social media websites with spam, claiming that the OK hand signal is a symbol of white su-



A masked man makes a hand signal that signifies "white power" at a White supremacist rally in the US in July this **year.** Dave Sanders/The NYT

premacy," one of the users posted, according to *The NYT* report. The prankster suggested that everyone should create fake social media accounts with "basic white girl names" to spread the notion wide.

Soon, however, the 4chan hoax ceased to be one: Neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klansmen, and assorted White supremacists began to use the gesture in public to signal their presence

and to spot potential sympathisers and re-

cruits. "For them, the letters formed by the hand were not O and K, but W and P, for 'White Power'," The NYT report said. As the popularity of the gesture grew, it

added on more symbols — the Southern Poverty Law Center, an American nonprofit legal advocacy that is focussed on civil rights and public interest litigation especially against White supremacist groups, has identified memes featuring the alt-right mascot Pepe the Frog (in picture left), among others

Users of the gesture

Other than random White supremacists, American media reports have named several high-profile far right figures as having flashed the sign openly in public. These include Milo Yiannopolous, the British provocateur who was once an editor for Breitbart News, and Richard B Spencer, a promoter of the 2017 White Power rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In 2018, Roger Stone, a veteran lobbyist and friend of President Donald Trump's, was photographed showing the sign alongwith a gang of White supremacists. The Anti-Defamation League said the gesture had graduated to a "sincere expression of white supremacy" after the Christchurch mosques terrorist Brenton Tarrant was seen showing the sign at a court hearing in March this year.

Destruction of public property: what law says, what top court directed

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

WHILE AGREEING to hear petitions on alleged police excesses on students in Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University, a Supreme Court Bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde on Monday expressed displeasure over rioting and destruction of public property. The CII said the protesters were free to take to the streets, but if they did, they would not be heard by the court.

Despite a law against the destruction of property, incidents of rioting, vandalism, and arson have been common during protests across the country.

What the law says

The Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 punishes anyone "who commits mischief by doing any act in respect of any public property" with a jail term of up to five years and a fine or both. Provisions of this law can be coupled with those under the Indian Penal Code.

Public property under this Act includes "any building, installation or other property used in connection with the production, distribution or supply of water, light, power or energy; any oil installation; any sewage works; any mine or factory; any means of public transportation or of telecommunications, or any building, installation or other property used in connection therewith".

However, the Supreme Court has on several earlier occasions found the law inadequate, and has attempted to fill the gaps through guidelines.

In 2007, the court took suo motu cognizance of "various instances where there was large scale destruction of public and private properties in the name of agitations, bandhs, hartals and the like", and set up two Committees headed by former apex court judge Justice KTThomas and senior advocate Fali Nariman to suggest changes to the law.

In 2009, in the case of *In Re: Destruction* of Public & Private Properties v State of AP and *Ors*, the Supreme Court issued guidelines based on the recommendations of the two expert Committees.



Vehicles were set on fire in Delhi on Sunday. Gajendra Yadav

What the SC said

The Thomas Committee recommended reversing the burden of proof against protesters. Accepting the suggestion, the court said that the prosecution should be required to prove that public property had been damaged in direct action called by an organisation, and that the accused also participated in such direct action.

"From that stage the burden can be shifted to the accused to prove his innocence," the court said. It added that the law must be amended to give the court the power to draw a presumption that the accused is guilty of destroying public property, and it would then be open to the accused to rebut such presumption.

Such a reversal of the burden of proof is

applicable in cases of sexual violence, among others. Generally, the law presumes that the accused is innocent until the prosecution proves its case.

The Nariman Committee's recommendations dealt with extracting damages for destruction. Accepting the recommendations, the court said the rioters would be made strictly liable for the damage, and compensation would be collected to "make good" the damage.

"Where persons, whether jointly or otherwise, are part of a protest which turns violent, results in damage to private or public property, the persons who have caused the damage, or were part of the protest or who have organized it will be deemed to be strictly liable for the damage so caused, which may be assessed by the ordinary courts or by any special procedure created

to enforce the right," the court said. Apart from holding rioters liable and imposing costs, the court also issued guidelines including directing High Courts to order suo motu action, and to set up a machinery to investigate the damage caused and award

compensation wherever mass destruction to property takes place due to protests.

Impact of guidelines

Like the law, the guidelines too, have had a limited impact. This is because the identification of protesters remains difficult, especially in cases where there is no leader who gave the call to protest.

Following the Patidar agitation in 2015, Hardik Patel was charged with sedition for inciting violence that led to loss of life and property; however, Patel's lawyers argued in Supreme Court that since there was no evidence that he had called for violence, he could not be held liable for loss of property.

In 2017, a petitioner who claimed he was forced to spend more than 12 hours on the road on account of an ongoing agitation, moved the Supreme Court seeking implementation of the 2009 guidelines. In its verdict in Koshy Jacob vs Union Of India, the court reiterated that the law needed to be updated — but it did not grant the petitioner any compensation since the organisers of the protest were not before the court.

THE WORLD



"I'm absolutely confident that for two years if every nation on earth was run by women, you would see a significant improvement across the board on just about everything."

- BARACK OBAMA, Former US President

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Hallmark Channel had pulled four TV ads that featured same-sex couples

USA

Hallmark says sorry for pulling ads featuring brides kissing

HALLMARK APOLOGISED Sunday after facing days of backlash for pulling four television ads that featured brides kissing. In a statement, Mike Perry, the president and chief executive of Hallmark Cards, said the team at Hallmark Channel's parent company, Crown Media Family Networks, had "been agonising over this decision as we've seen the hurt it has unintentionally caused" and "they believe this was the wrong decision.' Hallmark said in the statement it would work with GLAAD, an LGBTO media advocacy organisation, "to better represent the **LGBTQ** community across our portfolio of brands".

PAKISTAN Imran Khan to co-convene Global Refugee Forum

Islamabad: Pakistan on Monday said Prime Minister Imran Khan will go to Geneva to co-convene the first-ever Global Refugee Forum (GRF) commencing on December 17. The Global Refugee Forum — the first major meeting on refugees of the 21st century — will be jointly hosted by the UN-HCR, the UN Refugee Agency and the government of Switzerland on December 17-18,2019. The forum is expected to galvanise political support and solidarity and broaden the base of commitments to deal with the growing number of refugee situations across the world.

PHILIPPINES

Rapplerjournalist **Ressalaunches** defence in libel case

Manila: Philippine journalist Maria Ressa said Monday she would not be silenced as she launched her defence against a libel charge that press advocates call an attempt to curb her news site's critical coverage of President Rodrigo Duterte. Her site Rappler has written extensively and often critically on Duterte's policies, including his deadly drugs war that rights groups say may amount to crimes against humanity. "I can go to jail for 12 years for this (case), that is the maximum sentence," she said. "From track record you can see the political goals to shut Rappler up... but we

BRITAIN

Burglars steal jewellery worth \$64 mn from celeb

haven't shut up yet," said

Ressa, who is free on bail.

London: Tamara Ecclestone, the daughter of former Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone, has had an estimated \$64 million-worth of jewellery stolen from her home on a London street known as Billionaire Row. A spokesman said the 35-yearold had been left "angry and shaken" over a raid which evaded both the 24-hour security teams that patrol the street and Ecclestone's own internal security system. Ecclestone, a model, had just left the country for the holidays when the burglars entered her property.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE ON IMPEACHMENT WEDNESDAY

House judiciary panel's impeachment report says Trump betrayed nation

MICHAEL D SHEAR WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 16

HOUSE Judiciary Committee formally presented its case for impeaching US President Donald Trump in a 658-page report published online early Monday, arguing just days before a final vote in the House that he "betrayed the nation by abusing his high office."

The report, which echoes similar documents produced after the committee's approval of impeachment articles for Presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton, contains no new allegations or evidence against Trump.

But it offers a detailed road map for the two articles of impeachment the committee approved, charging that Trump abused the power of the presidency to enlist Ukraine in tarnishing his political rivals and obstructing Congress by blocking witnesses from testifying and refusing to provide documents.

The House is expected to vote Wednesday on whether to impeach the sitting president for only the third time in the nation's history, setting in motion a trial in the Senate early next year that could lead to Trump's



Members of the House Judiciary Committee during a hearing. NYT

removal from office.

"President Trump has placed his personal, political interests above our national security, our free and fair elections, and our system of checks and balances," the report states. "He has engaged in a pattern of misconduct that will continue if left unchecked. Accordingly, President Trump should be impeached and removed from office."

The report argues that the House should charge Trump with abuse of power for holding up nearly \$400 million worth of se-

curity aid and the promise of a White House meeting until Ukraine agreed to announce investigations into former Vice President Joe Biden and 2016 election interference.

It also urges the House to approve an article of impeachment charging the president with obstruction of Congress, saving that "President Trump's obstruction of Congress does not befit the leader of a democratic society. It calls to mind the very claims of royal privilege against which our founders rebelled."

The report includes a scathing 20-page dissent from Rep. Doug Collins of Georgia, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee, who accuses Democrats on the panel of conducting an unfair process in a partisan attempt to drive Trump from office because of their dislike of him and his policies.

Collins concludes: "Before the House are two articles of impeachment against the president of the United States, Donald John Trump. To these articles, the minority dissents." NYT

EXPLAINE

What happens now in Trump impeachment

WITH THE judiciary com-

mittee bringing out its official case for impeachment, the House is expected to vote on whether to impeach Trump or not on Wednesday. The Democrat-majority House is most likely to okay the impeachment. But the President will remain in office pending the outcome of a Senate trial. Before the trial, House lawmakers must choose 'managers' to present their case in the Senate. The trial is likely to take place in January in a Senate which is controlled by Trump's party. This makes it highly unlikely that the Democrats will get the two-thirds majority vote they need to remove the President from office.

Xi vows support for HK leader during 'most difficult' time

NOAHSIN&DONNYKWOK HONG KONG, DECEMBER 16

CHINESE PRESIDENT Xi Jinping offered his support for Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam on Monday, praising her courage in governing the Chinese-ruled financial hub in these "most difficult" times after months of often violent antigovernment protests.

His comments came after Hong Kong police fired teargas in late night street clashes with anti-government protesters as the former British colony's worst political crisis in decades shows no sign of resolution.

"The situation in Hong Kong in 2019 was the most complex and difficult since its return to the motherland," Xi told local media in brief comments before a closeddoor meeting with Lamin Beijing.

"The central government fully recognises the courage and assumption of responsibility you have displayed in these exceptional times in Hong Kong." Hong Kong returned to

Chinese rule in 1997 with the promise of wide-ranging autonomy under a "one country, two systems" formula, including a free press and independent judiciary, which the protesters say is being eroded by Communist Party rulers in Beijing. China denies the charge.

Hong Kong media have speculated that Lam's talks with Xi could yield fresh directives on

Teargas engulfed central Beirut as security forces

chased protesters near

dozens of people.

injured dozens.

Lebanon's Parliament on

Sunday in a second night of

street clashes that wounded

Protesters had returned

despite a fierce crackdown

by security forces the night

violent unrest in the capital

in a historic wave of protests

■ The protests erupted from

anger at a political elite that

corruption and steered the

has overseen decades of

country toward its worst

economic crisis since the

1975-1990 civil war.

that has swept Lebanon

pushed Saad al-Hariri to

since October 17 and

resign as PM.

before when clashes also

■ It marked the most



The central government fully recognises the courage and assumption of responsibility you (Carrie Lam) have displayed in these exceptional times in Hong Kong."

-XIJINPING PRESIDENT OF CHINA

the crisis, including a possible cabinet reshuffle. Xi did not go into specifics, but reiterated his support for Lam despite some previous media reports suggesting she might be replaced.

He added Beijing was "unwavering in supporting Hong Kong police in firmly upholding the law" and said Lam had continued to uphold the "one country, two systems" principle.

Xi said last month that China was "unwavering" in defending national security and sovereignty, implementing the "one country two systems" policy and opposing foreign forces interfering in Hong Kong. He said Monday that these were Beijing's basic positions on Hong Kong affairs. **REUTERS**

Toxic Sydney bushfire haze is a public health emergency: Doctors

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SYDNEY, DECEMBER 16

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST city is facing a "public health emergency" over the bushfire smoke that has choked Sydney for weeks, leading doctors warned Monday after hospitals reported a dramatic spike in casualty department visits.

Hundreds of climate changefuelled bushfires have been raging across Australia for months, with efforts to contain a "megablaze" burning north of Sydney destroying an estimated 20 homes overnight and fires near Perth threatening towns.

More than 20 medical groups including the Royal Australasian College of Physicians — which rep-

resents 25,000 doctors and trainees — released a joint statement Monday calling on Australia's government to address the toxic air pollution.

"The air pollution in NSW is a public health emergency," the Climate and Health Alliance said. "Smoke from bushfires has

produced air pollution of up to 11 times the base hazardous level in parts of Sydney and New South Wales." The New South Wales state

health department said it recorded a 48% increase in the number of people visiting hospital emergency rooms with respiratory problems in the week ending December 11 compared to the five-year average.

Anti-government protesters and riot police clash during a protest near Parliament Square in downtown Beiruton Sunday. AP

2ND CONSECUTIVE NIGHT OF VIOLENCE ROCKS BEIRUT

Amnesty revises Iran protest death toll to 304

London: At least 304 people were killed in Iran during a three-day crackdown against protests across the country in November, according to an Amnesty International toll published Monday.

The rights group had earlier estimated 208 deaths, including two youths aged 15 and 17.

Iran has dismissed such fig-

ures as "utter lies". Amnesty said it collected "harrowing testimony" suggesting that after authorities "massacred"

protesters, they orchestrated a "wide-scale clampdown" to cover up the deaths. "Iran's authorities are carry-

ing out a vicious crackdown following the outbreak of nationwide protests on 15 November,' the London-based rights watchdog said in a statement.

"Thousands of protesters as well as journalists, human rights defenders and students" were arrested, Amnesty said, "to stop them from speaking out about Iran's ruthless repression". PTI

Unbridled power is dangerous: Pak SC on Bajwa's extension case

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, DECEMBER 16

PAKISTAN'S TOP judge cautioned the government that "unbridled power or position, like unstructured discretion, is dangerous" before a Bench headed by him gave a six-month conditional extension to Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa last month, according to the detailed verdict in the case published on Monday.

PM Imran Khan had extended Bajwa's tenure through a notification in August, but the Supreme Court suspended it on Nov 26 due

to irregularities in the extension. After three days of heightened uncertainty, Chief Justice

Asif Saeed Khosa announced that Baiwa would remain the Chief of the Army Staff for another six months during which the Parliament would legislate on the Army Chief's extension.

Justice Khosa, in his additional note on the verdict, said that "in our peculiar historical context Chief of the Army Staff holds a powerful position in ways more than one," adding that "unbridled power or position, like unstructured discretion, is dangerous," Geo News reported. PTI

Saudi Arabia, UAE, other Gulf countries cut diplomatic and trade relationships with Qatar in 2017 **REUTERS**

OATAR'S FOREIGN minister said recent talks have broken a protracted stalemate with Saudi Arabia and that Doha was open to studying demands by its rivals in a Gulf dispute but would not turn its back on ally Turkey.

RIYADH, DECEMBER 16

The row between US-allied Arab states saw Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt cut diplomatic and trade links with Qatar

in June 2017 over allegations that it backs terrorism. Doha denies the charge and says the embargo aims to undermine its sovereignty.

"We have broken the stalemate of non-communication to starting a communication with the Saudis," Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani told CNN on Sunday.

"We want to understand the grievances. We want to study them and to assess them and to look at the solutions that can safeguard us in the future from



Qatar: Talks with Saudi Arabia have broken stalemate

Qatar Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani

any other potential crisis," he said without mentioning what concessions, if any, were possible.

The boycotting nations set 13 demands, including closing Al Jazeera television, shuttering a Turkish military base, downgrading ties with Iran and cutting links to the Muslim Brotherhood.

Sheikh Mohammed, who made an unannounced visit to Rivadh in October amid hints the rift could soon subside, denied Qatar has direct ties with the Brotherhood, which the other countries label a terrorist

organisation.

He also said Doha would not alter its relationship with Ankara in order to resolve the dispute which has undermined Washington's efforts to maintain Gulf unity to confront Iran.

"Any country that opened up for us and helped us during our crisis, we will remain grateful for them... and we will never turn our back to them," he said.

Turkey sent troops, military hardware, food and water to small but wealthy Qatar after the boycott began.

MAN EXPECTED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO SENDING A STROBE GIF ON TWITTER TO A REPORTER WHO HAS EPILEPSY

Latest case of cybercrime: A strobe that induces seizures

MANNY FERNANDEZ HOUSTON, DECEMBER 16

AN UNUSUAL case of cybercrime is playing out in a Dallas courtroom on Monday, with a Maryland man expected to plead guilty to aggravated assault. The victim was a journalist and author. The weapon was a GIF, or animated image, sent on Twitter. And the motive appeared at least in part to be the victim's criticisms of President Trump.

The case has played out for years in the courts, and the scheduled guilty plea by the defendant,

John Rayne Rivello, would be one of the first times the sending of a seizure-inducing tweet was successfully prosecuted as a crime. Rivello was accused of send-

ing a Twitter message featuring a blinding strobe light to an epileptic author who immediately suffered a seizure upon viewing it in December 2016 in Dallas. The message read, in capital letters: "You deserve a seizure for your posts."

Investigators found several digital clues, including a message they said Rivello sent to other Twitter users reading, "I hope this sends him into a seizure," and



Twitter that caused him to suffer an epileptic seizure. NYT

screenshots showing the victim's Wikipedia page with a fake date

of death and epilepsy.com's list of epilepsy seizure triggers.

The victim, Kurt Eichenwald, the author of "The Informant" and a reporter for The New York Times from 1986 to 2006, had been critical of Trump, then a candidate for president, and had appeared on Tucker Carlson's Fox News show just before he received the strobelight message in 2016.

Eichenwald's attacker also appeared to be motivated by anti-Semitic hatred, according to court documents: The Wikipedia page that Rivello had copied included anti-Semitic references, and the Twitter handle that Rivello used was named @jew_goldstein, with the name Ari Goldstein.

Rivello, 32, a veteran who lived in Salisbury, Maryland, was arrested in 2017 and charged in federal court with cyberstalking. Later that year, federal prosecutors dropped the charge, allowing the Dallas County District Attorney's office to proceed with their case against him. Court records in the case indicated the scheduled guilty plea Monday.

Eichenwald's lawyers have likened the attack to sending a bomb in the mail or anthrax in

an envelope. Eichenwald told investigators he had stepped into his home office that evening in 2016

and clicked on the message from @jew_goldstein. The strobe light GIF caused an immediate seizure that lasted about eight minutes, court papers showed. Eichenwald's wife, Theresa

walked into his office, called 911 and took a photo of the strobing light on his computer with her phone.

"This is his wife," she replied to the Twitter account, "you caused a seizure. I have your information and have called the police to report the assault."

Federal health officials estimate that 3.4 million Americans are affected by epilepsy. **NYT**

18 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Rajnish Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Harakh Maurya, R/o H.No. 358/31, Laxman Vihar, Phase-II, Gurugram, Haryana-122001 have changed my name to Rajnish Kumar for all future 0040524389-1 purposes.

Be it known to the public at large that I, M. Jagannatha Prasad Shivachar S/o Sh. S. G. Manjunath R/o C-104, Prateek Wisteria, Sector-77, Noida, have changed my name from M. Jagannatha Prasad Shivachar to Jagannath Prasad for all purpose. 0040524368-1

I,No- 12964338, L/NK, Qudeer Ahmad Khan of 161 TA JAKLI. In my service records (D o B) of my daughter namely Daziya Bano has been wrongly mentioned as 10-08-2002 instead of 03-01-2002. It needs correction. Objections be filed 161 TA JAKLI within seven 0020398562-1

Ahmad Butt, S/OAbdul Gani Butt, R/O Lachipora, Tehsil-Uri, District-Baramulla. In my service records name of son has been wrongly mentioned as Masoiom Mushtag instead of Masoom Mushtag as in school records. It needs correction. Objections be filed concerned authorities within seven days. 0020398557-1

I.No- 12964025N, Hav Mushtag

I,No- 12964025N, Hav Mushtaq Ahmad Butt, S/OAbdul Gani Butt, R/O Lachipora, Tehsil-Uri, District-Baramulla.In my service records name of son has been wrongly mentioned as Masgoob Mushtag instead of Masood Ahmad Bhat as in records. It needs correction. Objections be filed concerned authorities within seven days. 0020398558-1

I,Naseema Begum, W/O-Mumtaz Ahmad R/O-Bandi Sarie, Tehsil-Uri, District Baramulla, In my husband's service records, my name has been wrongly mentioned as Naseem Parveen instead of Naseema Begum. It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020398555-1

I.Jahur Khan S/O Mohammad

Shahjad Khan R/O E-37/1, I-Floor, Galino.11, Subhash-Vihar, North-Ghonda, Delhi-110053. Changedmy Nameto Mohammad Jahur. 0040524336-8

I,Ghan Shyam S/o-Lt. Mathura

Dutt Karageti R/o-C-1/321,Sector-55, Gautambuddha Nagar, Noida, UP., have changed my name, from Ghan Shyam to Ghan Shyam Karageti for all purpose. 0040524373-3

l, hitherto known as Sonia Kanojia W/o Sukhvinder Singh, residing at RZ-526-A, Gali No.24, Tughlakabad Extn. Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have changed my name and shall hereafter known as SONIA KAUR KANOJIA. 0040524304-1

, Zaid Mohd Siddique S/o

Mazher Imam R/o 18/6A, 2nd Floor, Gulshan Aptt, Jogabai, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, Delhi, have changed my name to Zaid Mohd Siddiqui for all 0040524362-1 purposes. , Vinay Sachdeva S/O Ramesh

Chander R/O B-608, Sudershan Park, MotiNagar, Delhi-110015. Changed My Name To Vinay Kumar Sachdeva. 40524348-5

I. Tushar Singh S/o-Sanjay

Kumar R/0-H-34 Police-Colony, Sarojini-Nagar New Delhi-110023, Changed My Name To Tushar Kumar. 0040524336-5

Sunil Kumar S/o Vishnu Bhagwan R/o 25/443 Jatwara Mohalla, Bahadur Garh, Near Jain Mandir Gali, Jhajjar Haryana- 124507 have changed my minor daughter's

name from Veerja Sharma to Supragya Kaushik for all purposes. 0040524345-1 I, Sonia Chitkara W/O Nadeem Khan H.No-69, Rashid-Market-

Extn, Bhagat Singh-Road, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051. Have Changed My Name To Saniya Khan. 0040524336-9

I, Shubhangi D/o Praduman Kumar Jain R/o-210/3, 3rd. Floor Doongar Mohalla, changed my name to

Shahdara Delhi-110032, have Shubhangi Jain for all 0040524348-3 purposes. , Shivani Kumari Jha D/o, Shri

Bishwambhar Jha W/o Shri Varun Kumar Mishra R/o 369-370/G-22 Sector-7, Rohini New Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Shivani Mishra for all purposes. 0040524315-1

I, Sanjeet Kumar S/o Shivajee Mahto R/o-L-7, Kh-99, Taigor GaliNo.13, Brahmpuri, Sahadara, Delhi-110053 have

changed my name to Sanjeet Kumar Mahato. 0040524384-4 I. Rupali Singh D/o Sanjay Kumar R/0-H-34 Police-

Colony, Sarojini-Nagar New Delhi-110023, Changed My Name To Rupali. 0040524336-6

. Rohit S/o Bhim Singh R/o-5-A. Main Market, Madanpur Khadar, New Delhi-110076,

have changed my name Rohit to Rohit Chauhan 0040524384-8

, Renu Devi W/o Parmendra Singh R/o-House.No-176, Vill-Putthi Ibrahimpur, Post-Ramraj Jansath,

Muzaffarnagar (U.P.)-251320, have changed my name to Renu Singh for all

purposes.

I. Ashok Kumar Kathuria S/o Budh Ram R/o A-6/1, Street No-6, Peeragadi Chowk, Mianwali Nagar, New Delhi-110087 have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Ashok Kumar Kathuria. 0040524309-1

I, Rajinder Mehta S/o-Mulakh Raj Mehta R/o-B-7/19, Miyawali-Nagar, Paschim-Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Rajinder Kumar Mehta, for all, future purpose. 0040524384-2

I, Priti Gupta R/O-F-303, Elite-Homz, Sector-77, Noida, have changed my name, from Priti Gupta to Priti Shahi, for all future purpose. 0040524384-1

I. Prafull Kumar S/o Gopal Kishan R/o RZ-D-81, D-Block, Dabri Extension, Delhi-110045. that name of mine has been wrongly written as Prafull Kumar Verma in my Birth Certificate vide registration number 86. The actual name of mine is Prafull Kumar. 0070688434-1

L Poornima Tailor W/O Rahul Kumar Gaurh R/O T-266, First Floor, Full Singh Tanwar Apartment, Ward No.2, Mehrauli, Delhi-110030 Have Changed My Name To Poornima Gaurh. 040524341-1

I, Pawan Yadav S/o Sh. Gajraj R/o RZ-264-65, X Block, New RoshanPura, Najafgarh, South West Delhi-110043, have changed my name from Pawan to Pawan Yadav for all future 0040524312-1 purposes.

I, No- 12964338, L/NK, Qudeer

Ahmad Khan of 161 TA JAKLI. In my service records name and (D o B) of son has been wrongly mentioned as Arshad Ahmad Khan (D o B- 10-10-2000) instead of Irshad Ahmad Khan (D o B – 08-03-2000). It needs correction. Objections be filed 161 TA JAKLI within seven days. 0020398559-1

I, Megha Mittal W/o Nikhil Goel R/o S-74, Sunder Block, Gali No.3. Shakar Pur. Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Megha Goel for all purposes 0040524307-1

I. No- 12964058Y, Hav Nazir

Hussain of 161 TR JAKLI. In my service records name of son has been wrongly mentioned as Faid Hussian instead of Fida Hussian. It needs correction. Objections be filed to 161 TR JAKLI within seven days. 0020398556-1

I, Niladri Chatteriee S/o Sh. Gautam Chatterjee R/o C-705, Arihant Arden, Sector-1. GreaterNoida West, Uttar Pradesh, hereby informs that Niladri Chattarjee and Niladri Chatteriee are same person and I will be known as Niladri Chatterjee for all future purposes. 0010109681-1

Arora R/o C-1/45, 1st Floor, Malka Ganj, Delhi-7, have changed my name to Nidhi Arora for all purposes.

I, Nidhi D/o Mr. Vinod Kumar

0040524372-1

I, Narayan Dass S/o Sh. Subhash Chander R/o RZ-B-9, New Janki Puri D.K. Mohan Garden, New Delhi, India-110059, have changed my name to Narayan Das for all future purposes. 0040524326-1

I, Nandni Kumari W/O Bikash Kumar H-No-203C, Block-E Extension. Shyam Vihar Phase-1 Najafgarh, Dwarka Delhi-110043. changed my name to Nandani Pathak. 0040524384-6

I, Karam Veer S/o Parmey Singh R/o-485 Gali No.14, Bhovapur-Kaushmbi, I.E. Sahibabad, Ghaziabad U.P-201010, have changed my name to Karamveer Singh for all

purposes.

I, Kangna Aggarwal D/o Manoj Kumar Aggarwal R/o-A-18 Tulsi Apartment Sector-14 Rohini Delhi-110085 changed my name to Kangana Aggarwal

0040524348-4

0040524384-10 permanently. I. Kanchan Bala W/0-Ashwani Kumar Chachra R/0-20a/26a Tilak-Nagar Delhi-110018,

Changed My Name To Kanchan Chachra. 0040524336-7 I, Kaku Prasad S/o Tanik Ram R/o Oswalart/Craft E-17, Site-IV, Industrial-Area, Sahibabad-

UP, changed my name to Kuku 0040524336-1 Ram. I. Hemant S/o Sh. Netra Bhushan Gupta R/o 12, Deepali, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have

changed my name to Hemant Gupta for all purposes. 0040524317-1 I. Haseeba Khatoon W/O Mohd

Azharuddin, H-No.C-3, Third-Floor 3623,3625 Katra Deena Begh Near-Hamdard Lal-Kuan Delhi-110006, changed My Name To Haseeba 0040524341-3

I, Gurmehar Singh S/o Manpreet

Singh Kakkar R/o-127, Dhudial-Apartment, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Gurmeher Singh. 0040524336-4

I. Charu Jain W/o Anant Vir Jain R/o-1/282, Sec-1, Chiranjeev Vihar, Ghaziabad have changed

0040524373-1

I, Arun Kumar S/o Late Shri Braham Dutt Singh R/o 3545/2, Mohalla Jatwara, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002 have changed my minor son's name from Lakshay to Devansh Tanwar for all future purposes.

my name to Charu Agarwal.

0040524311-1 I, Arun Kumar Gautam R/o B6/307 sec 17 rohini delhi have changed my minor child's name from Aaruv Gautam to

Aarav Gautam. 0070688428-1

I, Anita Sharma W/o Joginder Kumar R/o Tikkri, Tehsil Sihunta, Chamba, (HP)-176207, have changed my name to Anita Devi for all purposes. 0040524322-1 I Rahul S/o Shyam Lal R/o B-100 B, Shivaji Enclave, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Rahul Singh. 0040524348-1

I, Anil Paul S/o Gajender Nath Pal R/o-D-7/67, Sector-6, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Anil 0040524336-3 Kumar Pal.

I, Amarjit Singh S/o Sh. Jagdish Singh R/o WZ 52 Ravi Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi, India-110018, have changed my name to Amarjeet Singh for all future purposes. 0040524330-1

I, Amarjit Kaur Bajaj W/o Harbhajan Singh R/o A-389, DDA Colony, Choukhandi, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Amarjit 0040524305-1

I. A K Vii (AJAY Kumar Vii) S/O Mahavir Parshad Vij R/O-F-2/218-219, III-Floor, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Change my Name to Ajay Vij. 0040524384-5

I Vijay Kumar S/o Tilak Raj R/o B-494 2nd Floor Sudarshan Park Delhi-110015, Changed My Name To Vijay Budhiraja. 0040524348-9

I Urvila Kumari D/o Vasudev Mahto R/o 1/1, 1F, Gali No-11, Near SDM Court, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Bhawna Kumari. 0070688432-1

I Sushil Goel S/O Lajpat Rai Goel H.No-272, Sector-14 Rohtak-124001 Haryana. Have Changed My Name To Sushil Kumar Goel. 0040524348-7

I Surender Pal Singh S/o Surjeet Singh R/o-H-12A, Vijay Nagar, GTB Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Surinder Pal Singh. 0040524348-2

ISita W/O Shri Ram Verma Add-E-532 Greater Kailash-II New Delhi-110048. Changed My Name To Seeta Verma. 0040524384-3

I Shavait Goel S/O Sushil Kumar Goel, H. No-272 Sector-14 Rohtak-124001 Haryana Have Changed My Name To Shavet 0040524348-6

Kumar Goel, H.No-272, Sector-14 Rohtak-124001 Harvana. Have Changed My Name To Shashi Goel. 0040524348-8 I Neha goel D/o Gyan Chand

I Shashi Prabha Modi W/O Sushi

Rampuri, Chander-Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP-201301. Declear that my father name maintion on document Gyan Chand but Correct name is Gyan Chand Aggarwal. same as my Mother Name on Document Brij Lata Goel, But Correct Name is Brij Lata Aggarwal for All Future 0040524384-9 purpose.

Aggarwal R/o-A-63/G-2,

I Neeta Patwal W/O Keshav Nirmal Choudhary, R/O-Ugf Plot No.144-145 Block-E Omvihar-Extn Uttam-Nagar Delhi-110059 Have Changed My Name To Neeta Nirmal Choudhary. 0040524384-7

I Namrata Jaiswal w/o Pradeep Kumar R/o E-1018 Ashiana Mehrauli Ghaziabad have changed my name to Namrata Pradeep for all purposes. 0070688435-1

I Manoi Shishodia S/O Sh.Krishan Pal Singh Shishodia H.No.32, Krishna-Colony, Sehatpur, Faridabad Haryana-121003, Changed My Name To Manoj Singh. 0040524336-2

I Hemlata Yadav D/o Sube Singh Yadav R/o Yadav Foji Kirana Store, Kherli Phatak, Kota, Rajasthan-324001, have changed my name to Mona 0070688431-1

I Gulsharan Kaur W/O Gian Chand Kalra, H-No-728, Gali Door Wali, Pahargani, New Delhi-110055, changed My Name To Meeta Kalra. 0040524341-2

I Dharam Wati Alias Dharamwati D/o Vinod R/o 387. Jhenda Colony, Asola Extension, Asola Fatehpur Beri, Delhi-110074, have changed my name to Sheetal Tanwer. 0070688429-1

LOST & FOUND

Lost My original possession slip dated 30.12.87 and NOC dated-20.10.87 issued by DDA for property F-132A MIG flats GTB-Enclave Delhi-110093, Finder Contact-Swami Sharan Aggarwal-9891354076. 0040524341-7

I, LAKSHAY Jassal S/o Lakhi Ram Jassal R/o 124/8 west Azad nagar Krishna nagar Delhi-51 have lost my original certificate class-10th year-2012 Rollno-8118263 CBSE 0040524341-6 Delhi.

I, Kiran Sadhwani W/o-Manoj Sadhwani R/o-Flat-No.8, Jangpura-Market, New Delhi-110014,inform that my original chain of Sale-Deed Regd-No.15789 in Book No.1 Vol No.10495 on Page No.1 to 12 dt.26-08-2010.in the office of Sub-Registrar-V New Delhi of regarding, Entire, Third-Floor With Terrace Right Of Property No.D-I/114, Lajpat-Nagar-I New Delhi-110024 has been lost.if found, please contact+91-9810636275.

0040524348-10 **PROPERTY**

COMMERCIAL Premises on rent/ lease. Alibag, opposite S.T. Stand, 900 1st floor, 900 2nd floor, 700 3rd floor carpet area. Contact-9545984699. 0070688270-2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Delhi Business Academy Formerly at F-6, Kailash Colony, New Delhi 110048 Through its Authorised Representative. Dr S

Under instructions from and on behalf of my client Mr. Baibin Singh Kohli S/o Late S. Inder Singh Kohli R/o A-3, Kallash Colony, New Delhi 110048. hereby serve upon you with the following notice:-1. That you the addressee and

my client were embroiled in

itigation pertaining to premises number F-6, Kailash Colony, New Delhi, awned by my client. The said litigation was settled between you and my client vide mediation settlemen dated 09-10-2015 and further the suit was decreed by the Court of Sh. Balwant Rai Bansal, the then ADJ (South-East) Saket Court Delhi in terms of the mediation settlement on 18.07.2016 2. That as per the terms of the mediation settlement, you were also required to move an appropriate application with the oncorned Municipal Corporation of Delhi i.e. SDMC for de-sealing the premises. However, you have failed to do

the needful and it is my client who

has been following up the matter

effectively before the Appellate

Tribunal, Municipal Corporation

of Delhi at Tis Hazan Court, Delhi get the premises bearing no. F Kallash Colony, New Didhi, de-3. That vide order dated 01 02 2018 of the Appellate Triounal, Municipal Corporation of Belin at Tis Hazan Court, Delhi n appeal no. 1007/ATMCD/2016 idled Balbir Singh Kohli Vs. SDMC, the Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to direct de-sealing of premises subject to my client depositing the penalty charges and further complying with the

dated 01.02.2018. 4. That my client has paid the penalty charges and has filed his undertaking with the Deputy Commissioner concerned for desealing of the said premises F-6 Kallash Colony, New Delhi 5. That you the addressee have not some forward to claim your

terms and conditions of the Order

articles lying in the said premises -5, Kailash Colony, New Dethi, till date, despite my client having informed your counsel of the said fact of de-sealing of the That my client has also obtained required sanctions from

he South Delhi Municipa Corporation for demolishing the premises and for rebuilding the same. That as such my client is now in the process o demolishing the said premises F Kallash Colony, New Duthi. Thus by means of this notice, my client hereby grants you time articles from the said premises F Kallash Colony, New Delh failing which, my dient shall not be responsible for any claims. damage, loss of articles caused

This holice is also being published in newspaper apar rom being pasted at the entrance of the premises F-6, Kallasi Colony, New Delhi, for the reason that my client is not aware of your whereabouts nor does my client have your contact details. For any further information you may contact the undersigned at the contact details mentioned herein below BE INFORMED Harshbir Singh Kohli (Advocate)

1-3/189. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi. 27 Mobile Number: 9810658944

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that our client Mrs. Shipra Roy Chowdhury Wio late L.P. Roy Chowdhury R/o A-49, Chittaranjan Park New Delhi has already discovned and severed all her relations, with her son Mr. Neeloy Roy Chowdhury, his wife and their daughter due to their cruel and malicious behavior and deliberate indifference shown towards our client. Our client has already severed, debarred and dispweed the above for all intents and purposes from inheriting all or any of the moveable and immoveable assets/properties of our client Anybody dealing with them will do so at his/her/their risk, cost &

consequences. Perfect Legal Group R-278, LGF, Greater Karalish-1 New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all, by this 'PUBLIC NOTICE that my client Jai Parkash S/o. Late Sh Kishori Lal Rustagi R/O. 1031/1, Mohalla Purani Anai Mandi Sarai, Rewari, Harvana is No 54. Killa No. 20/1, West Jawahar Parl Laxmi Nagar, Village Khureii Khas Shahdara Delhi measuring 100 Sq.Yds alongwith his orothers Satish Chand Rustagi & Om Parkash Rustagi. The brothers Satish Change Rustagi & Om Parkash Rustagi S/O. Late Kishori Lal Rustagi R/O. Rewari, Haryana, or the basis of manipulated, fabricated and sham documents want to sell the above mission and authority of my client. Th Public at large hereby warned and cautioned not to deal with Satish Chand Rustagi & Om

Parkash Rustagi related to sale, mortgage gift and transfer of above mentioned propert property. In case any person(s) deals with them in any manner whatsoever related t above mentioned property, then the person(s shall do so at their own risk & consequence

No. D-223/77

Ch. No. 244, Western Wing

Distt. Courts Tis Hazari, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

By way of the present notice the public is hereby informed that my client Mrs. Usha Singh was the beneficiary of will left by her husband Late Dr. Digvijai Singh, in terms of which he bequeathed his entire share in property bearing No. B-1002, Sunbreeze Apartments. Vaishali, Sector-5, Ghaziabad, Ultar Pracesh upon my client. As per line Will the Testator had bequeathed absolute rights of enjoyment upon the Legatee in every sense including but not limited to selling the said property My client, Smt, Usha Singh intends

to sell her flat bearing No. B-1002, Sunbreeze Aparlments, Vaishali, Sector-5, Ghaziabad, Utlar Pradesh: Any person or persons having any right or interest either by way of inheritance or claim against the said flat should send their claims r writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim thereof within 15 days of publication of this Notice. lating which dalms if any shall be deemed to have been waived. Pranay Raj Singh

Advocate Errol, No. D-2781/2011, C-13, Basement, Parichanasi Enclary, New Belly 110017 Ph-91-9958103126

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JASPAL KAUR Wife of Late Sh DARBARA SINGH residing at H No. D-55/1, Ranjeet Vihar Niloth Extension, Delhi- 110041, declar that name of my Husband ha been wrongly written As DALBII SINGH in his Death Certificate and my Aadhar card, my So JAGJOT SINGH and my Daughte GURJOT KAUR Aadhar Card and other documents. The actual nam of my husband is DARBARA SINGH which may be amended

PUBLIC NOTICE

nformed that my allente Sh Uday Buhadur Singir S/o Chandra Buil Singh and Smt. Urmita Singh W/o Uday Behader Singh R/o Site-2/77 Vikasperi. New Delhi-18 have Debarred their son namely Vibhav Pratap Singh R/o (same as above) from all their moveable and immovable properties & coased all relations with him due to his dishonest, displadient & had hebaylar, in future my clients will not be responsible for any of his acts & dood and dealing:

Prayuen Bastoni (Adv.) Enent. No. D. 2-04/06

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 Applications are invited from PG qualified teachers with minimum two years of teaching experience for B.Sc. (Hons) Nursing Course under University of Delhi for the academic year 2019-20 on ad-hoc basis for the following subjects:

a. Nutritions - 45 hours c. Computer - 45 hours e. English - 60 hours

b. Psychology - 60 hours d. Sociology - 60 hours

 The classes will be held during Jan 2020 to May 2020 for Nutrition, Psychology, Computer & Sociology and for English during Jul 2020 to Nov 2020

Application along with CV should reach to the under mentioned on or before 20 Dec 2019.

> College of Nursing Army Hospital (R & R), Delhi Cantt-110010

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document. The detailed tender notice also

can be seen on the Notice Board of the

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const./Northern Railway, 4th Floor, DRM Office, New Delmi-110001 invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted

1.	Name or work and location	commissioning of 25 kV AC single phase OHE for the Electrification work of Ghaziabad-Road Over Bridge at Dhobi Ghat in fleu of L-Xing No. 153 & Modification work in fleu of ROB at L-Xing 31 Garhinarsaru on DLI-RE section.
2,	Completion period of the work	9 Months
3.	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 64,47.789.97/-
4.	Earnest Money Amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 1,29,000/-
5.	Date & time for Submission of E- Tender and Opening of Tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on date 08.01.2020 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 08.01.2020
6.	Detailed Tender Notice & tender document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 25.12.2019 to 08.01.2020, All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER. P.H. DIVISION, SAMBALPUR.

e-PROCUREMENT Bid Identification No. EEPHSBP-17/2019-20 Dt. 13.12.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH

01. Name of Work

Officer Inviting Bid

: 3 nos. Works.

02. Type of Bid : Two Bid Systems 03. Estimated Cost : Rs. 54.02 lakhs to Rs. 127.91 lakhs

04. Period of Completion : 90 (Ninety) days. bid document in the portal

05. Date & Time of availability of: From 11.00 AM of dt. 20.12.2019 to 5.00 PM of 04.01.2020.

Sambalpur, Brooks' Hill, Near

Space Available

Reserve

06. Last date / time of receipt of: 5.00 PM of 04.01.2019 bids in the portal

07. Date & Time of opening of: At 11.00 AM of 06.01.2019 technical bids

Stadium, At/Po- Motijharan, Dist-Sambalpur-768 001.

08. Name and Address of the: Executive Engineer, P.H. Division

Further details can be seen from the web site http://tenders.ori.nic.in or www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Executive Engineer P.H. Division, Sambalpur 13026/11/0019/1920

WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION LEASING OUT OF SLRs SPACES Tender No. 262/2019-20

Tender Notice No. C:78/1/117/Tender/SLR/04/2019-20 Date: 12.12.2019 The Divisional Railway Manager, (Commercial), Western Railway, Ahmedabau invites E-Tenders for the contract of leasing out SLR spaces for a period of 5 (Five) vears in Luggage Compariment of following Trains from Registered Leaseholders (in category 'A' or 'B') over Ahmedabad Division of Western Railway detailed below 'Separately" for Compartment-wise & Train-wise

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Note: 1. To obtain information regarding Terms & Conditions of Tender contact may please be made at the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial) - Ahmedabad during all working days between 10:30 hrs to 17:30 hrs. 2. This is an Electronic Tender (E-Tender) and bids / offers shall be submitted online on IREPS Portal. Required information and documents are available on IREPS Portal (i.e. www.ireps.gov.in). Submission of manual bids / offers against E-Tender is not allowed, and any manual bids offers received shall be summarily rejected. 3, EMD ₹1,00,000/- Per SLR Compartment should be paid online on through IREPS portal and acknowledgement slip of payment must be attached with the offer/bid. 4. Date & Time of Closing & Opening of Tender - 13.01.2020 (Monday) at 15:00 Hrs & 13.01.2020 (Monday) 15:30 Hrs. respectively. Like us on: 🦸 facebook.com/WesternRly - Follow us on: 🛂 twitter.com/WesternRly

Appeal For Identification



General public is hereby informed that this person Name : Unknown S/o : Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 45 Years, Sex : Male, Height : 5 Ft. 4 Inch, Complexion: Wheatish, ID Mark: Handicapped from left leg and Deaf & Dumb, Wearing: Blue Colour Shirt and Pant, has been found in accidental condition on 29.11.2019 at Shop No. 10, Thakur Namkeen Bhandar, Fatehpuri, Lahori Gate,

FIR No. 235/19 Dated 29.11.2019 has been registered at PS. Lahori Gate, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light

Delhi, he was admitted in Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital

and during treatment Dr. declared him dead. In this regard a

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

DP/756/N/19.

PS. Lahori Gate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23953776, 8750870122

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

person Sumit S/o Manoj, R/o H.No. 519, Near Water Tank MCD Colony Sanaypur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 397/16 u/s 356/379/411 IPC has been registered at P.S. K.N.K. Marg. Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Sumit cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Sumit has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the

FIR No. 397/16 u/s 356/379/411 IPC, P.S. K.N.K. Marg, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer said complaint on or before 18.02,2020.

Ms. Richa Sharma, Metropolitan Magistrate (08), DP/3474/RD/19-(Court Matter) Room No. 306, Rohini Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Trilokouri, Delhi has been missing since 26.11.2019 from the area of P.S. Kalyanpuri, Delhi. In this regard a FIR No. 543/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 02.12.2019 has been lodged at PS. Kalyanpuri, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under: Name: Bhawna, Father's Name: Sh. Chandarpal Singh,

Age: 16 years, Height: 5', Face: Round, Built: Medium Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Black Colour Kurta

Website : http://cbi.nic.in SHO e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in

P.S., Kalyanpuri, Delhi Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph.: 011-22772251,

8750870629, 9911425333

APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Lokender R/o 144, Block-B, Inder Enclave-I, Gali No. 3, Near Girdhari Lal Shop, Delhi Other Address:- B-59, Inder Enclave-I, Ph-I, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Sukhi Nahar, Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence under CC No. 147/1/18 u/s 138 NI Act has been registered at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Lokender cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Lokender has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid

the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Lokender of CC No. 147/1/18 u/s 138 NI Act has been registered at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to

DP/3472/RD/19

DP/3473/RD/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Sandeep @ Kaliya, S/o Shri Janial Singh, R/o R-331, Mangolpuri Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 90/16 U/S 392/411/34 IPC PS KNK Marg, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Sandeep @ Kaliya can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sandeep @ Kaliya has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the

Sandeep @ Kaliya of case FIR No. 90/16 U/S 392/411/34 IPC PS KNK Marg, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on 14.04.20.

> By Order Ms. Richa Sharma Metropolitan Magistrate-08

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

person Hanif S/o Sh. Mohd Suleman R/o R/A-208, Hari Enclave, Sultanpuri, Aman Vihar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR. No. 244/11 U/s 457/ 381/411/34 IPC at PS. Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Hanif can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Hanif has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person Hanif of FIR. No. 244/11 U/s 457/ 381/411/34 IPC at PS. Aman Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 18.01.2020. By Order

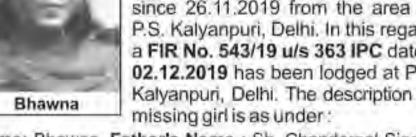
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Principal

said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sumit accused of

By Order

General Public is hereby informed that a girl Bhawna D/o Sh. Chandarpal Singh R/o H.No. 4/64.



&White Colour Pant. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.

DP/7202/ED/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

answer the said complaint on 12,02,2020. By order

Sh. Rakesh Kumar-II, MM(North-West Distt.) Room No.105, 1" Floor Rohini Court, Delhi

OF A PERSON ACCUSED (See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person

Room No. 306, Rohini Court, Delhi

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused

Sh. Gopal Krishan DP/3471/RD/19 Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West) (Court Matter) Room No. 309, 1st Floor, Robini Court, Delhi

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'SPACE FOR FURTHER MONETARY ACTION, TIMING NEEDS TO BE DECIDED'

POLICY WATCH GOODS & SERVICES TAX

Ahead of Council meet, states and UTs get Aug-Sept compensation dues from Centre

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

JUST TWO days ahead of the 38th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, the Central government on Monday released Rs 35,298 crore as the pending compensation payment to states and Union territories for the August-September period.

The GST Council meeting, slated for Wednesday, was expected to be confrontational as several states had raised concerns about the delayed compensation payment and have also been vocal against any tax rate hike significant including tinkering of the tax rate slabs, amid the overall economic slowdown.

West Bengal's Finance Minister Amit Mitra in a letter to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Monday also expressed concerns against any proposal to bring exempted items under the taxable list or hiking the lower slab of 5 per cent to 6 per cent, stating that most items in the slab are of mass consumption and a rate hike could result in inflationary situation which would "further worsen the existing macroeconomic situation for common consumers".

Mitra further said that cess should not be imposed on items for which tax rate has been cut to 18 per cent from 28 per cent earlier.

"So when the economy is passing through a very difficult phase, beset with twin problems, namely, sluggish industrial growth due to slack consumer demand and increased inflation specially on the food items, any move by the GST Council to either tinker with the exempted goods and services or increase the general rate or to impose cess on certain luxury items will be highly detrimental and hugely counterproductive," Mitra said in his letter

In my view, we should not in any way tinker with the rate structure or impose any new cess at a time when the industry and the consumers are going through the most distressing times with stagflation knocking at our door," the letter further said.

Instead of increasing or imposing new taxes or cesses, the GST Council should focus on further simplification of the GST processes and procedures, Mitra said, adding that "the solution of additional resource mobilisation lies not in tinkering with rate struc-

RBI 'saw slowdown' as early as Feb, cut rates 'ahead of time': Das

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI. DECEMBER 16

RBI GOVERNOR Shaktikanta Das on Monday said the central bank would do "whatever is necessary" to address growth slowdown, spikes in inflation as well to ensure good health of banks and non-bank lenders.

"Growth is an issue of discussion in India and global growth is also an issue of discussion because that does impact. For a moment, I am not implying that slowdown that we have seen in India is entirely due to global factors, but it does impact growth prospects for India," Das said at the India Economic Conclave.

Noting that there is a need for an "informed and objective discussion" on the country's economy, Das said the Reserve Bank of India(RBI)saweconomic growth slowdown in February, prompting it to cut rates ahead of the curve and wondered why markets were surprised with the decision to pause rate reduction in the

times in 2019 to 5.15 per cent, the RBI kept the rate unchanged on December 5. GDP growth rate declined further from 5 per cent to a

EXPLAINED **Earnings analysis** shows signs of revival in investment cycle

WHILE THE issue of whether the RBI is ahead of the curve in its rate-cutting action is a matter of debate, the central bank's latest earnings analysis of 1,539 manufacturing companies ahead of last week's policy review has an optimistic ring to it.

The survey pointed to these firms putting over 45 per cent of the funds available with them for fixed assets in the first half of the fiscal, as against 18.9 per cent in the year-ago period, which the RBI Governor said points to a clear process of balance sheet de-leveraging at corporates, banks and nonbanks, which will aid in getting in higher growth in future.

six-year low of 4.5 per cent in the September quarter and retail inflation rose to 5.54 per cent, much above the RBI's 4 per cent medium term target.

"Both the government and the RBI have acted in time ... we have acted a little bit ahead of time in terms of reducing our policy rates. As early as February this year, the RBI saw that there was a growth After cutting repo rate five slowdown, we saw that a momentum for slowdown was building up, so started cutting rates this year," he said.

"While taking a pause, we very

carefully and very definitely said there is space for further monetary policy action but the timing will have to be decided in a manner that its impact is optimum and its impact is maximised," Das said. While maintaining an accommodative stance of the policy, the RBI had earlier said it would be waiting for upcoming data before taking a final call.

Das said investments in infrastructure by both the Centre and states are critical to push up growth. "I was looking at the data of capital expenditure of the

states, it has remained stagnant around 2.6-2.7 per cent of their GSDP(gross state domestic product) over last few years and the infrastructure spending, capital expenditure of state governments also need to be stepped up," he added.

The RBI Governor also said there is a need to focus more on manufacturing, in order to push up the growth process, and asked Indian companies to integrate with the global supply chain to ensure that exports go up.

He said the RBI did a survey as well as earnings analysis of 1,539 manufacturing companies ahead of last week's policy review, which showed early signs of a revival in investment cycle. The survey pointed out that the companies put over 45 per cent of the funds available with them for fixed assets in the first half of the fiscal, as against 18.9 per cent in the yearago period. There is a clear process of balance sheet de-leveraging at corporates, banks and non-banks, which will aid in getting in higher growth in the future, he said.

The RBI Governor also said there is a need for "timely and coordinated" response by all emerging and advanced economies in the world to take the right policies for lifting the global economy.

Low earnings in auto

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■ Twin shocks on

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'Bioabsorbable' stent: NPPA defers price cap exemption decision, cites 'discrepant' documents

PRABHARAGHAVAN NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

once again stalled its decision on whether it will exempt a new cardiac stent developed by Meril Life Sciences from the price caps it has imposed on other products in this category. This time, the decision has been deferred due to discrepancies the regulator found in submissions made to it for the exemption. Meril had approached the **National Pharmaceutical Pricing** Authority (NPPA) for the exemption after it received the drug regulator's approval in 2017 for the stent, a drug-coated product called MeRes 100 that naturally dissolves over a period of time.

the matter "in detail" during a aware of the development said.

to NPPA accordingly."

NPPA, in 2017, had capped the ceiling prices of bare-metal and drug-eluting stents, slashing their **6** KEY POINTS

THE DRUG pricing regulator has

NPPA, which deliberated on

meeting held on December 9, noted that the firm submitted two separate documents which described its product using two different terms — bioabsorbable and bioresorbable. According to the regulator, the firm has submitted a patent document for a 'bioabsorbable' stent, but its licence from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) was for a 'bioresorbable' stent. "Accordingly, the Authority directed that the company may be asked to explain the reasons for submission of these discrepant documents for seeking price exemption under Para 32 of DPCO 2013," read the minutes of NPPA's authority meeting, a copy of which *The Indian Express* has viewed. NPPA is seeking to understand the technical differences between the two terms and will take a call on Meril's submissions after that, a senior government official

"The registered process patent of MeRes100 clearly states that the words bioabsorbable, bioresorbable and biodegradable are used interchangeably throughout specification which addresses the query raised by NPPA," a spokesperson for Meril Life Sciences told *The Indian Express*. "As the terms bioabsorbable and bioresorbable mean the same, we feel there is no discrepancy in our documents and we will respond

maximum retail prices over 75

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per cent in the process. Before coming under price control, these stents used to be priced anywhere between Rs 23,000 to Rs 2 lakh. Meril had been seeking an exemption from this price cap from NPPA, asking the regulator to invoke a paragraph of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, which lists out certain conditions a product has to meet to stay out of the provisions of the regulation.

This includes new drugs developed through indigenous research and development that are patented under the Indian Patent Act, 1970 and not produced elsewhere as well as new drugs produced in the country by a new process developed indigenously and patented. A multidisciplinary committee in February had found that the documents submitted by Meril showed that it met the requirements of this paragraph.

The regulator is still yet to take its final call for various reasons. For instance, last month, NPPA had postponed its decision after health and safety concerns regarding the usage of the stents were raised by a patient activist group. It had also said that the concerns had been referred to DCGI, the Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Health Ministry in October, and that their replies were still awaited.

December policy.

ture but in focusing on antievasion and fraud detection measures". In a letter sent to states last month, the GST Council had admitted the strain on tax collections and the Centre's inability to compensate states for loss of revenue,

has become a "matter of concern" and that the compensation requirements are "unlikely to be met". Slowing GST revenues have been a concern over the

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November when the collections picked up after two months of contraction. The GST Council had asked states to give their inputs and proposals regarding review of items under exemption, GST and compensation cess rates on various

last few months, barring

items, rate calibrations for inverted duty structure, compliance and revenue augmenting measures. At least five Oppositionruled states/UTs – Kerala, West Bengal, Delhi, Rajasthan and Punjab, had issued a joint statement on November 20

ment for August-September, which was due in October. Sitharaman on Thursday had in Rajya Sabha said that the Centre will honour its commitment of compensat-

raising concerns about the

delayed compensation pay-

ing states. In the current fiscal, Rs 55.467 crore was collected till October 31, 2019 and Rs 65,250 crore paid to states, she had said, stating that "there was excess payment of

Rs 9,783 crore". A state finance minister said the balance of the compensation fund was Rs 47,272 crore at the beginning of this fiscal, which then decreased to Rs 23,695 crore as of August 30.

'Weak household consumption to curb growth' The country's weak household consumption will curb the growth of the economy and weigh on the credit

quality of Indian issuers in a range of sectors, Moody's Investors Service said in a report

4.90 GDP growth projection for India by Moody's for fiscal ending March 2020, lowered from 5.8 per cent Share of household consumption in the country's GDP in FY19

FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR WEAKENING

- **ECONOMIC GROWTH:** ■ Rural financial stress
- Low job creation Liquidity constraints
- **GOVERNMENT MEASURES THAT COULD STIMULATE DEMAND:** ■ Income support for farmers and
- low-income households ■ Monetary policy easing
- Broad corporate tax cut
- Credit crunch among non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) the major providers of retail loans in recent years — has exacerbated the slowdown

■ NBFI credit crunch

exacerbating slowdown:

Private banks at higher risk: Privatesector banks have a larger exposure to retail loans and may be more at risk; moreover, an increase in nonperforming loans (NPLs)

would be gradual

Source: PTI

Lenders are not policemen, can't catch each fraud: SBI chief

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

STATE BANK of India Chairman Rajnish Kumar on Monday cautioned against placing too much onus on lenders being held responsible for loans which turned bad or in cases of fund misappropriation by companies, and said that banks were "not policemen" or "Enforcement Directorate".

"Lenders are not policemen. They are not Enforcement Directorate. ... In the normal course of business, it is extremely difficult for them to look for each and every method of siphoning of funds," said Kumar at an event here. Asserting that the Insolvency

and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) had brought about major changes in the behaviour of bankers in the country, the SBI Chairman said that lenders were now far more cautious from the first stage itself, which starts with sanctioning of loans. "The first stage is the sanction, where there is greater scrutiny about the leveraging, the coverage ratio, and the visibility of the equity. That is the first major change. The second stage is the monitoring, which is how do you monitor, and whether the money is being used for the purpose. This

is not an easy task," he said. Kumar's statement comes nearly a week after the Reserve Bank of India said SBI had underreported its bad loans by Rs 11,932

"... In the normal course of business, it is extremely difficult for them (lenders) to look for each and every method of siphoning of fundsl"

RAJNISH KUMAR, CHAIRMAN, SBI

crore for the fiscal ended March 31. According to the assessment done by the central bank, the gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of SBI was at Rs 1,84,682 crore as against Rs 1,72,750 crore reported by the bank for 2018-19.

"There are various methods which bankers were aware of, such as over-invoicing or underinvoicing, and related party trans-

actions. "You can monitor the transactions of on-record related parties, but what to do of the related parties not declared but still related. How do you deal with shell companies?," Kumar said, adding that though lenders were using technological tools, they could yet not claim to have plugged all the loopholes.

Kumar also raised doubts on the efficacy of consortium of lenders and said that while earlier he was of the view that it was a method to mitigate risk, of late, the arrangement was proving to be a source of daily hypes. "There is a multiplicity of lenders and then there is no one lender that is in control of the account. That is a problem ..." he said.

ArcelorMittal completes takeover of Essar Steel

New Delhi: ArcelorMittal on Monday said it has completed the acquisition of debt-laden Essar Steel, marking the former's entry into Indian steel business. ArcelorMittal has formed a joint-venture with Nippon Steel to operate and manage Essar Steel. Aditya Mittal, president and CFO of ArcelorMittal, has been appointed chairman of the JV, while Dilip Oommen has been appointed its CEO.

With the completion of

the Essar acquisition, State Bank of India expects a boost in profitability in the third quarter of current financial year. SBI is set to recover nearly Rs 12.000 crore as it was the biggest lender to Essar Steel. Other than money coming from ArcelorMittal in the Essar Steel case, the recoveries made in other cases in the pipeline will have positive impact for SBI in the fourth quarter, the lender's chairman Rajnish Kumar said. **ENS**

PRE-BUDGET: BANKS, INSURANCE FIRMS & CAPITAL MARKET REPRESENTATIVES MEET FM

Financial sector calls for easier KYC, relief for NBFCs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

IN A pre-Budget meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Monday, representatives of financial sector and capital markets suggested measures for alleviation of stress among NBFCs, governance changes in public sector banks (PSBs) and need for streamlining KYC norms

to expand financial inclusion. They demanded reduction of goods and services tax (GST) rate on term insurance for increasing its penetration. Bankers stressed the need for governance reforms in PSBs with special focus on recommendations of the PJ Navak Committee.

Bankers also suggested need for easing know your customer (KYC) norms to promote credit deployment to digitally active customers.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar said a number of suggestions came from various financial sectors including banks, insurance companies, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and housing finance companies. "There were taxation suggestions. We have taken note of it. Taxation concern would be addressed in given fiscal space. Inflation is still benign, credit

growth is also happening. All

Representatives from financial sector and capital

capital issues and alleviating stress among NBFCs

markets submitted suggestions on enhancing

credit offtake from banks, governance, risk

mind," he said. To give a boost to Indian markets, the representatives submitted several suggestions on enhancing credit offtake from banks, governance, risk capital issues, improving functioning and alleviating stress among NBFCs, the Finance Ministry said in a statement after the meeting.

They also made a case for promoting leasing by reducing GST, and for enhancing support from private banks to the Stand-Up India scheme. The demand for GST reduction comes days ahead of the GST Council meeting SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar

scheduled for December 18.

said taxation change issues relating to improvement in credit growth were discussed. "We have suggested measures to attract investors in financial market."

"We have made a suggestion to raise tax break on NPS (New Pension Scheme) from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh and increasing the age limit for the Atal Pension Yojana to 50 years," Supratim Bandyopadhyay, member (finance), Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, said.

Finance Industry Development Council chairman Raman Aggarwal said overdependence of NBFCs on banks needs to be rectified and funding sources need to be diversified. The industry has requested that a

re-finance window for NBFCs needs to be created under NABARD or SIDBI, he said.

Beside Sitharaman, the meeting was attended by Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur, Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty, Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey, Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian and other senior officials of the Finance Ministry.

and CEO Chandra Shekhar

Ghosh, among others.

Major stakeholders of financial sector and capital markets participated in the meeting including Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor NS Vishwanathan, Securities and Exchange Board of India whole-time member Madhabi Puri Buch, LIC Chairman MR Kumar, Kotak Mahindra Bank MD and CEO Uday Kotak, Bandhan Bank MD

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 16

GIVING A big boost to digital funds movement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday operationalised round-the-clock (24 X 7 basis) availability of the National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) and asked the banks not to levy any charges on NEFT transfer from savings bank account holders.

Customers can now transfer money through NEFT without paying any charges any time of the day whereas banks charge a fee for fund transfer through cheques and demand draft (DD).

"In order to give further impetus to digital retail payments, it has now been decided that member banks shall not levy any charges from their savings bank account holders for funds transfers done through NEFT system which are initiated online (internet banking and/or mobile apps of the banks)," the RBI said in a circular to the CEOs of banks.

RBI operationalises 24x7 NEFT fund

"The RBI operationalised NEFT on 24X7 basis from today 12.00 am. This ensures anytime availability of anytime electronic fund transfer. The RBI now joins an elite club of countries having payment systems which enable round-the-clock fund transfer and settlement of any value," the RBI tweeted on Monday.

"Between 12.00 am and 8.00 am this morning (Monday), NEFT settled over 11.40 lakh transactions," the RBI said.

In June this year, the RBI had said that processing charges and time varying charges levied on banks by Reserve Bank for outward transactions undertaken using the RTGS system, as also the processing charges levied by RBI for transactions processed in NEFT system will be waived by

transfer, asks banks to waive charges the RBI with effect from July 1 2019.

According to the RBI, there

were 23188.87 lakh NEFT transactions valued at Rs 227,93,608 crore in 2018-19. This is expected to rise signif-

icantly with the round-the-clock NEFT transfer availability. The NEFT system, introduced

in 2005, has seen exponential growth in recent years reflecting its popularity as well as increasing customer acceptance. Despite such growth, many banks continued to levy the maximum permissible charges to their customers.

It is desirable that the benefits accruing on account of increasing volume of transactions are passed on to the customers so as to incentivise greater use of the electronic payment system in place of cumbersome paperbased mechanism like cheques/DDs.

these factors will be kept in

'The middle-income trap can happen here'

IN THEIR recently released book titled 'In Service of the Republic', VIJAY KELKAR (former chairman of the 13th Finance Commission) and AJAY SHAH (Professor at National Institute of Public Finance and Policy) lay out the reasons why India lost its growth momentum after 2011. The book also outlines how India can become a liberal democracy because if individual freedoms are not respected and state coercion not contained, even high growth will not be enough. UDIT MISRA spoke with the authors. Edited excerpts.

You start off the book by saying that the book would try to answer why the reforms introduced from 1977 onwards delivered success during 1991-2011 period, but faltered thereafter. So what was the essential reason?

Vijay Kelkar: Simply put, under-developed institutions; weak institutional capacity.

Ajay Shah: Where did we go wrong? We had a slogan of becoming a market economy, of fostering economic freedom, of obtaining the economic dynamism that goes with these. But we did not think through what should be the role of the government in a market economy. It is not a matter of simple deregulation, of shutting down government intervention, as there are market failures in a market economy. There is actually a role for the state. We didn't do enough in thinking through the role of the state, on the problems of state capacity, on how to obtain competence in government organisations. And we failed to recognise the dangers of state power, of state coercion. How do you protect the private sector from state coercion? We didn't agree on an intellectual framework, and we did not build the institutional capacity to protect private persons in a market economy.

Given this argument against too much state intervention and not understanding the role of the state in a market economy, how do you look at the current growth



deceleration in India, which has now gone from being the fastest-growing major economy to a major cause of concern in just 3-4 years? Was this expected? Are these the makings of India falling in the middle-income trap that you mention in the book?

Kelkar: We should not look at the 8 years after 2011. Changes in trend growth are long slow phenomena. Right from independence, our dream was that India should become a prosperous liberal democracy. But there are many instances in the international experience where this has not happened. That (middle-income trap) can happen here and that is why we started thinking about it. The most important word in this book is the 'republic': there is an intimate connection between the objective of liberal democracy and the objective of a prosperous market economy.

Shah: I want to say this in historical sequence. I was very excited about what was happening in India from 1991 onwards. But by 2006, 2007, which were the gogo years for the economy, I was starting to get extremely nervous about the decline in institutions. I was seeing vast sums of money being used by private persons to subvert state institutions. And I had a feeling that this would go badly. You cannot have a functioning capitalism without capabilities in state institutions. It took some time for the data to fall into place, but now the picture has be-

come clear that 2011 was the year when that boom ended. In one data series after another, be it the growth rates of automobile industry or nominal private investments, there is a clear break and deceleration after 2011. So there was the 1991-2011 period and then there are the following eight years. The heart of this story is one of institutional decline.

What has prompted repeated governments to intervene so often? Is it a reflection of widening inequalities, or people's lack of trust in the market providing the solutions?

Shah: This book is not so much about here and now, rather the last 40 years and the next 40 years. With the benefit of hindsight, in the period after 1991, we the economists, the intellectual community, did not do enough in terms of thinking more deeply about the role of the state and the role of the market, understanding market failure, building a legal framework to bring in more checks and balances in the system.

For example, the SEBI Act was repeatedly amended during the 90s, but in those years we had little clarity about the difficulties of checks and balances in an agency, of firmly placing such an agency in a rule of law arrangement. These weaknesses of the analysis of that period are now coming back to bite us.

> For full interview, visit www.indianexpress.com

FIFTH MEETING OF ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

FinComm's final report to take note of GST stabilisation, revenue issues

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

THE FINAL report of the 15th Finance Commission for the fivevear period will not be a "mechanical replication" of the report for 2020-21 that it submitted recently. The Commission may review its recommendations taking into account the structural reforms undertaken by the government, revenue and fiscal position of the Centre and implication of the goods and service tax (GST). Speaking to reporters on

Monday after the fifth meeting of the Economic Advisory Council of the 15th Finance Commission, its Chairman NK Singh said the report will be comprehensive and address wide ranging issues. The meeting discussed likely

macro assumptions for the Commission's award period relating to real growth, inflation, tax revenues and expenditure patterns emerging both at the Union and states level.

a negative outlook for housing

UNSOLD INVENTORY MOSTLY

IN PERIPHERAL AREAS: With

ticket sizes or units located in

peripheral areas with weak

challenges associated with

liquidation of stock are expected

BETTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING

segment have gained momentum,

SALES: Sales in the sub-₹50 lakh

and government incentives

of affordable housing

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REPORT FOR 2020-21 SUBMITTED

■The Commission last week submitted its report for the fiscal 2020-21 on devolution formula, which details how the Centre plans to share taxes with the states

■The Commission's Chairman NK Singh said that it has done modelling of 28 states with two new union territories of I&K and **Ladakh in the 2020-21**

The Council also discussed issues related to stabilisation of GST, relationship between GST Council and Finance Commission and GST compensation being paid to states. At the meeting, some members suggested to have a look at the need for a cyclically adjusted fiscal deficit.

Singh said the Commission has done modelling of 28 states with two new union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

report. It is expected to adopt the same approach in its report for the five-year period

■ Monday's meeting discussed likely macro assumptions for the Commission's award period relating to real growth, inflation, tax revenues and expenditure patterns emerging both at the Union and states level

in the 2020-21 report. It is expected to adopt the same approach in its report for the fiveyear period. As J&K and Ladakh are being treated as Union Territories, they would likely get share in grants and not share in tax devolution. He said the Commission intends to have a robust chapter on direct and indirect revenue issues.

The 15th Finance Commission was constituted by

'Outlook on residential real estate segment negative'

CITIES WITH

LARGE UNSOLD STOCK

WHERE SALES TRACTION

REMAINS SLOW:

■ Delhi-NCR

HEALTHY SALES FOR LARGER

PLAYERS: Homebuyers are leaning

established track record of on-time

thus, larger players are registering

towards reputed developers with

and quality project completion;

Pune

■ Mumbai-MMR

Citing subdued demand, slow sales, over-supply and liquidity crunch, rating agency ICRA has maintained

the President under Article 280 of the Constitution on November 27, 2017 to make recommendations for a five-year period from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2025.

The Centre last month mandated the Commission to submit the report for fiscal 2020-21 by November 30, 2019 and then the final report for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026 by October 30, 2020.

The Commission last week submitted its report for the fiscal 2020-21 on devolution formula, which details how the central government plans to share taxes with the states. The award has not been made public as the formula is to be used in next year's Budget for deciding on sharing of taxes among the Centre and states.

As the government amended Article 370 of the Constitution, J&K was bifurcated into two Union Territories, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

There was a need to change Terms of Reference of the Finance Commission as J&K ceased to be a state.

REASONS FOR MUTED

PERFORMANCE OF

HOUSING SEGMENT:

■ Weak affordability

■ Subdued demand

establishment of a ₹25,000 crore funds for

some of the execution or delivery-related

stalled housing projects, may alleviate

conditions

RELIEF DUE TO ₹25,000 CR FUND:

Government measures such as the

issues going forward

Prevailing liquidity crunch

■ High inventory overhang

BRIEFLY

Date extended for filing advance tax for NE states

New Delhi: In view of the ongoing protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act, the Finance Ministry Monday said the CBDT has extended the last date to file advance income tax return to December 31 for northeastern states.

Yamaha recalls 7,757 units of FZFI, FZ-SFI

New Delhi: India Yamaha Motor(IYM) Monday said it is recalling 7,757 units of its FZFI and FZ-SFI with immediate effect to rectify faulty rear side reflector.

Rupee settles 17p down at 71 against dollar

Mumbai: The rupee settled 17 paise down at 71.00 against the US dollar Monday, after rising crude oil prices and fag-end selling in domestic equities.

RCEP move 'to help vulnerable sectors'

New Delhi: India's stand not to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) deal will help vulnerable sectors, including dairy and farmers, who would have been "threatened" by the RCEP rules, the Commerce and Industry Ministry said Monday. PTI

Pradhan: Rural India to drive steel demand

New Delhi: Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Monday, speaking at the 'Steeling India-2019: Driving metal intensity in key sectors' organised by CII, said steel demand growing in India, technology and innovation can make the Indian steel sector more vibrant.

RIL, BP sign pact on fuel retail venture partners expect the venture to co-

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

THE OVERALL price level of wholesale goods rose 0.58 per cent in November as against 0.16 per cent in October on the back of a rise in food prices, shows data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Monday. After a slowdown in India's

wholesale price index (WPI) inflation since June, this is the first month where the government has recorded an uptick.

Despite muted rise in prices of fuel and manufactured products, the country's WPI inflation has

been impacted by sustained double-digit growth in commodities like food articles, vegetables and pulses as well as a continued spike in onion prices. The data comes nearly a week after the government recorded a three-year high in retail price inflation, which rose 5.54 per cent in November due to

Wholesale inflation rises in November

higher food prices. Wholesale prices of food articles, which contribute to 15.26 per cent of the WPI, rose 11.08 per cent in November 2019 over the same month in the previous year. Milk prices, which makes up 4.44 per cent of the index, grew 1.60 per cent. Wholesale prices of onions, which makes up 0.16 per cent of the index, jumped 172.30 per cent, while vegetables, contributing to 1.87 of the WPI, also saw a 45.32 per cent spike in prices.

Prices of pulses, accounting for 0.64 per cent of the index, grew 16.59 per cent, while eggs, meat and fish, which make up 2.4 per cent, saw an 8.15 per cent rise in prices. At the same time, the price rise in non-food articles, which contribute around 4.12 per cent slowed to 1.93 per cent from a 2.35 per cent rise recorded in October. Cereal prices, too, rose at a slower rate of 7.93 per cent in November compared with an 8.32 per cent rise recorded in October.

Manufactured food products,

which account for 9.12 per cent of the index, also grew 5.05 per cent in November.

Apart from food items, other segments that witnessed a rise in prices include manufactured cement, lime and plaster and other manufactured transport equipment, which recorded a 5.24 per cent and 5.63 increase respectively.

"Due to the weak consumption demand the core inflation in November 2019 also remained benign and came in at -1.7 per cent, marking the fourth consecutive month of deflation," said Sinha. said Sunil Kumar Sinha. principal economist, India Ratings.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 16

healthy sales

UK OIL giant BP and Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) on Monday signed a definitive agreement relating to the formation of their new Indian fuels and mobility joint venture (JV). This follows the initial heads of agreement signed in August this year. The IV is expected to be formed in the first half of 2020, subject to regulatory and other customary approvals.

"The new venture, a further development of RIL and BP's longstanding partnership, will include an India-wide fuels retail service station network and aviation fuel

Brookfield to invest in RIIHL

Mumbai: RIL on Monday said its wholly-owned subsidiary Reliance Industrial **Investments and Holdings** (RIIHL) has entered into binding agreements with **Brookfield Infrastructure** Partners, and its institutional partners, for an investment of Rs 25,215 crore in the units to be issued by Tower Infrastructure Trust. FE

marketing business. Building from RIL's existing businesses, the create a world class fuels partnership to grow rapidly and help meet India's fast-growing demands for energy and mobility," RIL said in a statement.

Source: PTI

The JV expects to expand from RIL's current fuel retailing network of over 1,400 retail sites and 30 aviation fuel stations across India to up to 5,500 retail sites and 45 aviation fuel stations over next five years. Castrol lubricants will also be available across the IV's network. The agreement was signed here by RILCMD Mukesh Ambani and BP Group Chief Executive Bob Dudley. The partners intend to set up a new IV company, held 51 per cent by RIL and 49 per cent by BP.

'India should focus on bank clean-up,

Experts attend 'iLLUMINARE' conference

New Delhi: CEOs, general counsels and top management officials of various Indian and multinational entities attended the 'iLLUMINARE 2019' conference on December 13. Held at Trident Hotel, Gurgaon, it was organised by Anjamo Consulting, and attended by industry experts. **ENS**

Insolvency law to have positive impact on corporate bond market: Sebi chief

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEWDELHI, DECEMBER 16

SEBI CHAIRMAN Ajay Tyagi on Monday expressed hope that positive impact of the insolvency law will be visible on the domestic corporate bond market in five years. Describing the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) as a "landmark reform" in the country's economic history, Tyagi said the Code has brought in behavioural changes among corporate debtors. The Code came into force in December 2016.

"IBC has been a landmark reform that has successfully empowered creditors by increasing their recoveries, improved their debtor discipline... there is scope for further improvement," Tyagi said here. According to him, reforms in

bankruptcy laws leading to bolstering of creditor rights have generally been found to have a positive impact on corporate bond markets owing to increased investor confidence in the markets.

"In case of three BRICS countries — Brazil, Russia and China the five-year average of outstanding corporate bonds to GDP ratio

"IBC has ... successfully empowered creditors by increasing their recoveries, improved their debtor discipline..."

AJAY TYAGI CHAIRMAN, SEB

ruptcy reforms have nearly doubled compared to five-year average of outstanding corporate bonds to GDP ratio prior to implementation of the reforms.

"While there is a positive correlation between recovery rate. recovery timeline and corporate bonds to GDP ratio, experiences also show that there is a time lag between implementation of bankruptcy laws and effect on bond market to the extent of 5-10 years," he noted.

Considering that many financial service providers deal with substantial client firms and are or systematically important, "a separate, clear and appropriate resolution, bankruptcy and liquidation framework for financial service providers is the need of the day," Tyagi said.

He hoped that the FRDI (Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance) Bill being contem-

Extension for Sabka Vishwas Scheme beyond

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEWDELHI. DECEMBER 16

Dec 31 unlikely'

THE FINANCE Ministry is unlikely to extend the last date for 'Sabka Vishwas Scheme', a dispute resolution-cum-amnesty scheme for settling pending disputes of service tax and central excise, which is ending on December 31.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had unveiled the Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme, 2019, with the objective of settling pending disputes of Service Tax and Central Excise in the Budget. Live since September 1, the Sabka Vishwas Scheme provides a one-time window to eligible persons to declare their tax dues and pay the same in

accordance with the provisions. If anyone is interested to utilise the benefits of the Sabka Vishwas Scheme 2019, he or she must apply by December 31 as the last date will not be extended further, a senior Finance Ministry official said. So far, the scheme has attracted substantial attention and positive response, official said adding that 55,693 applications have been received with tax dispute amounting to Rs 29,557.3 crore as on date.

The CBIC has asked its principal chief commissioners to be more proactive in persuading eligible taxpayers to take benefit of the Sabka Vishwas Scheme.

PNB shares drop after under-reporting of NPAs labour reforms to address slowdown'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

SHARES OF Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Monday pared early losses and closed marginally down after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the stateowned lender under-reported its non-performing assets by Rs 2,617 crore for the last fiscal.

Shares of PNB dropped 0.85 per cent to close at Rs 63.90 on the BSE. Intra-day, the stock slumped 2.79 per cent to Rs 62.65.

The stock declined 1.01 per cent to settle at Rs 63.80 on the National Stock Exchange. During

the day, it touched a low of Rs 62.60, down 2.87 per cent over previous close.

Over two crore shares of the state-owned lender were traded on the NSE, while more than 15 lakh shares exchanged hands on the BSE.

The public sector lender under-reported its non-performing assets (NPAs) by Rs 2,617 crore for the fiscal year 2018-19, as per RBI's risk-assessment report.

The divergence assessed by the RBI in net NPAs was also Rs 2.617 crore for the fiscal

Also, the divergence in provisioning for bad loans in FY19 was to the tune of Rs 2,091 crore.

India well poised to attract investments that move out of China: Goyal attract investments that wish to

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA MUMBAI, DECEMBER 16

COMMERCE AND Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday said the country is well poised to attract investments that wish to move out of China.

Speaking at the India Economic Conclave 2019, he said the tax reforms introduced by the government recently will ensure investments come back to India. "I think India is well poised to

move out of China. We had a dialogue with a large number of companies. The income tax changes, which were approved by Parliament last week, are an important element in our plan to attract investments to and not let them go to any Southeast Asian countries which earlier offered attractive tax regime," he said. Goyal further said the government is also looking at pooling together land which state and central gov-

ernments have got to offer.

LALITKJHA

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 16 WITH ECONOMIC growth slow-

ing to a six-year low, IMF Chief Economist Gita Gopinath says the government should undertake structural reforms such as bank clean-up and labour reforms to address the slowdown in domestic demand. Gopinath, 48, who is travelling to India this week, rooted for government policies focusing on managing a slowdown in domestic demand, and on boosting productivity growth and supporting employment creation in the medium term.

"Given the cyclical position and the structural challenges of the Indian economy at this point, we recommend that policies focus on managing the slowdown in domestic demand, and on boosting productivity growth and supporting employment creation in the medium term," she told PTI in an interview. Recommending a series of key

policy priorities for the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government, she said, "Politically, the time — early in the government's second term — is right for a structural reform push.'

GDP growth slowed for the sixth consecutive quarter in the Iuly-September quarter to 4.5 per cent as manufacturing slumped on low domestic consumption.

Kolkata-born Gopinath said the policy priorities of the government should also include a credi-

'US-China deal, other developments to support global economic pick-up'

Washington: The announcement of a trade deal between the US and China that will deescalate trade tensions, along with other developments like reduced likelihood of a nodeal Brexit, is likely to support a pick-up in the global economic activity in 2020, said IMF Chief Economist Gita Gopinath.

Global growth moderated to the lowest level since the global financial crisis this year.

trade and geopolitical tensions and country-specific factors in emerging markets. In addition, advanced economies' growth is being

Gopinath said adding that this

is an outcome of heightened

weighed down by weak pro-

ductivity growth and aging

demographics. These factors lead to sharp weakness in manufacturing and trade almost across the globe, she added. **PTI** cated, among others, three policy

ble fiscal consolidation path that is more ambitious than currently envisaged by the government.

"This is needed to reduce the high level of debt and reduce crowding out which would free up financial resources for private investment. This should be driven by subsidy-spending rationalisation and tax-base enhancing

measures," Gopinath said. Responding to a question, Gopinath said India's mediumterm vision to reach a \$5-trillion economy which focuses on boosting investment is appropriate. And so is the commitment to support the rural economy, boost infrastructure spending, streamline the goods and services tax (GST), direct tax reforms, and pursue a

business-friendly policy agenda,

she noted. In this regard, Gopinath advopriorities for the Government o India. First is to accelerate the clean-

up of the banks, other financial institution, and corporate balance sheets and enhance governance of public sector banks to revive bank credit and enhance the efficiency of credit provision, while monitoring closely emerging risks from the liquidity stress in nonbanking financial companies (NBFCs) and enhancing supervision and regulation of the NBFCs.

The Indian-American called for continued fiscal consolidation over the medium term — both at the Center and state levels — to lower elevated public debt levels, supported by further steps to increase tax compliance and administration, as well as improve fiscal transparency. **PTI**

after implementation of bank-

plated will address this gap.

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ON TRIAL

Trump, impeachment and American democracy

The president has forced an invidious choice on Congress

ON DECEMBER 10th the House Judiciary Committee formally accused President Donald Trump of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. It was a solemn moment, and the prelude to Mr Trump becoming only the third president to be impeached. It was also entirely predictable. Mr Trump will now almost certainly be indicted by the House and cleared in a trial by the Senate. If a single legislator crosses party lines, it will be news. That enough to convict him will do so is inconceivable.

Mr Trump's behaviour forced on Congress an invidious choice. He deserves to be removed for attempting to tip the 2020 election. But the impeachment that has unfolded over the past three months will leave Republicans unswayed, voters divided and Mr Trump in office. That is bad for America.

The main facts are not in dispute. Mr Trump ordered \$391m of military aid to be temporarily withheld from Ukraine, which is fighting a Russian-backed uprising. Using back channels, Mr Trump also promised Volodymyr Zelensky, Ukraine's new president, a coveted meeting in the Oval Office if he announced investigations into Ukraine's role in the 2016 American election and, more important, into whether Joe Biden, a potential rival to Mr Trump in the 2020 election, had corruptly protected his son, Hunter. Mr Trump's claim was that Mr Biden, when he was vice-president, had prevented a Ukrainian prosecutor looking into a gas company that had Hunter on its board.

The law is clear, too. Impeachment involves "high Crimes and Misdemeanours", threats to the state and violations of public trust that need not be crimes in themselves. Mr Trump's manipulation of a foreign government to smear his opponent is the sort of election-rigging that bothered the Framers. So much the worse that the president was also acting against the national interest by endangering an ally.

Instead, the arguments have been about what Mr Trump intended. The president's defenders insist that he was not smearing Mr Biden. He had a legitimate concern about corruption, and was conducting relations with the new government in Kyiv in his own way—as is his right. Ukraine's president, they say, did not even know about the delay to the \$391m, which in any case was mostly disbursed eventually. They note that Mr Zelensky denies that the aid depended on his investigations—and no wonder, because Mr Trump never intended such a quid pro quo.

Intentions are hard to get at, especially with a man like Mr Trump who routinely contradicts himself. But this defence does not ring true. Ukrainian officials did in fact know about the delay, and Mr Trump released the money only after a whistleblower had complained about his behaviour. Mr Zelensky's statement is open to doubt, as he has everything to lose from getting mixed up in an impeachment

while Mr Trump remains in power. Moreover, Mr Trump did not take the Ukrainian allegations seriously. If he had wanted the Bidens investigated, the proper course would have been to refer the matter to the FBI, not to use a foreign government.



President Trump, speaking to reporters earlier this month, discussed the unfolding impeachment process. NYT

Before charging ahead, Mr Trump could have asked whether the allegations were substantial. They were not. A Russia expert once on his own staff has warned that the story about Ukrainian meddling in 2016 was a Russian propaganda campaign. The Ukrainian prosecutor pushed out by Mr Biden was shielding corrupt firms: the father was not protecting his son, but exposing him to investigation by a new prosecutor.

"Shall any man be above justice?" George Mason asked when drafting the impeachment clause. "Shall that man be above it, who can commit the most extensive injustice?" Mr Trump wanted to tilt the 2020 election in his favour by tainting Mr Biden. Given a free hand, his illegal efforts to cling to power might continue from the Oval Office. That is why Mr Trump should be removed.

But he won't be. To expel him, the Senate needs to vote against the president with a two-thirds majority. The Democrats, with

47 of 100 seats, would count it a victory to win a simple majority. Public support for impeachment jumped in September when it was announced, to a little under 50%, but all the investigations and hearings since then have not shifted it. Only 21 states have a majority in favour of impeachment.

Democrats argue that this is because the White House has refused to let staff testify, or to release documents to Congress, the basis for that charge of obstruction of Congress. Republicans, they say, abetted by Fox News and others, have thrown sand in voters' eyes by

mounting shifting and inconsistent defences. The Democrats are right. The Republican refusal to take any allegations against Mr Trump seriously has been contemptible. In private, many Republican senators abhor Mr Trump and his methods. But they will not risk their careers by breaking with him in

the national interest. The key to shifting them is public opinion—and it still has the potential to move against Mr Trump. Pollsters report that a third of independent voters are undecided; some of those opposed to impeachment appear willing to reconsider. But the White House will not let the public hear from the witnesses closest to Mr Trump, such as John Bolton, a former national security adviser, and Mick Mulvaney, his acting chief of staff. Sworn testimony from the inner circle could have contained facts and insights with a unique power to change minds.

Democrats could have asked the courts to compel them to testify and turn over documents. If Mr Trump defied the judges, Republican senators would be under severe pressure to break with him. However, rather than submit to the grinding wheels of the law, the Democrats have settled for a vote simply to get it out of the way. They argue that they have already accomplished a lot. They have shown that the president did wrong, they say.

Because the House has sole power over impeachment, they do not need the courts to prove obstruction. Even if they fail to remove Mr Trump, impeachment is deterrent enough.

That is a counsel of despair. Nobody can say how long the courts would take. Democratic leaders cite the months needed to force witnesses to testify in other cases but, mindful of the electoral timetable, the judges could just as well choose to proceed swiftly. While they deliberate, the impeachment inquiry will hang over Mr Trump. That will do more to restrain him from further abuse than a rushed process that is done and dusted early next year. Even if time ran out, the impeachment lapsed and Mr Trump was re-elected, the case might be revived and he might be removed from office. Democrats, however, are focused on the risk that their

party will suffer in next year's elections. They are entitled to put their own electoral calculations first. The Republicans certainly have. But the Democrats should be clear that, even if their party benefits, America will bear the cost.

Mr Trump is getting off lightly. When the Senate absolves him next year he will claim to have been vindicated. On the evidence, he is guilty of abusing his office. Instead, he will stay—possibly for another term. There is little doubt that his sense of impunity will be further redoubled.

Impeachment was designed to be a last solemn resort, not another partisan tool. Settling for today's doomed indictment ushers in tomorrow's. Impeachment's deterrent effect will erode, because it will be seen as a political gesture. The barrier to removal will rise because breaking with your party will be harder. Oversight will be weaker; the presidency more imperial. As the Senate trial draws near. America has nothing to celebrate.

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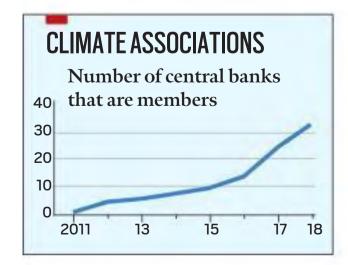
GREEN ENVY

The rights and wrongs of central-bank greenery

Central banks must pay some attention to climate change. But they should resist mission creep

MOST GOVERNMENTS are criticised for failing to do enough about climate change. Much rarer is the public body that is doing too much. Yet central banks, the institutions whose job it is to control inflation, tame the economic cycle and police the financial system, are in danger of falling into this lonely category. Since the global financial crisis, their power in pursuit of those limited economic goals has grown substantially. Now they face pressure to wield it in order to save the planet.

Many are keen to rise to the challenge. A global network of central bankers, led by those in Britain, France and the Netherlands, is working on standardised methods for incorporating climate risks into the stress-tests that banks must pass. Some insurers have already been put through their paces. China's central bank has zealously promoted a new market in green—or at least greenish—bonds. Christine Lagarde, the new president of the European Central Bank (ECB), has declared that climate change should be a "missioncritical" priority for the institution. She wants to study whether the bank should tilt its bond-buying programme away from polluters' debt—a policy dubbed "green quan-



titative easing" (or "green QE"). Europe's regulators are also considering whether to give an easy ride to loans made to green projects.

Some of what central banks have done so far is welcome. But too much greenery risks politicising them and compromising their core missions, which work best when politics is at arm's length. Their leaders should ensure that they stick to tasks for which they were built—and for which they have a democratic mandate.

Start with what is necessary and good. Climate change does not pose a critical threat to the financial system today. But extreme weather and changes in sea-levels could

eventually leave insurers with vast bills and banks with dud loans (such as those secured against properties which end up under water). An imminent risk is a sudden change in climate policy. Were governments to impose a swingeing tax on carbon, many fossil-fuel firms would get into financial trouble, as would firms that depend on dirty inputs. There could be knock-on effects for banks exposed to them. It is within regulators' remit to study such possibilities. Working out a coherent set of global standards for accounting for climate risk is a starting-point for such a task.

Unfortunately this agenda could spread into something less desirable, particularly in Europe, which has just set out new climate targets. It is easy to see the temptation of such policies as green QE. Pushing up the cost of capital that dirty firms pay could have a similar effect to a carbon tax, the holy grail of environmental policies. Firms that can cut emissions easily would do so to avoid the penalty. It might be attractive to outsource a politically risky policy to technocrats.

Yet green QE and schemes like it are misguided, for three reasons. First, central banks lack a democratic mandate to deter emissions. True, climate policy could affect the

as unemployment benefits, with which central banks would never dream of interfering. This is also true for other catastrophic risks: a pandemic that killed lots of workers would have huge economic implications, but nobody thinks central banks should incentivise medical research. And policies to avert global warming also redistribute wealth. That is why proposals for a carbon tax are typically paired with some sort of compensation for the losers—something that is far beyond central banks' remit today.

Second, green QE would be inferior to a carbon tax. The size of the cost-of-capital advantage it gave green firms would vary with



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the quantity of bonds the central bank was economy—but so do all kinds of things, such buying. Becaus QE is a tool designed to stimulate the economy, that volume depends on unemployment and inflation. Why should the incentive to be green vary with the economic cycle? Third, even if it carried democratic legit-

imacy, the expansion of central banks' goals beyond their core remit would be unwise. Power is delegated to technocrats precisely because they are supposed to be neutral and can be easily held accountable against narrowly defined targets. But if it becomes normal for them to tilt capital allocation in a desirable direction, why stop at climate

change? The left would leap at the chance to

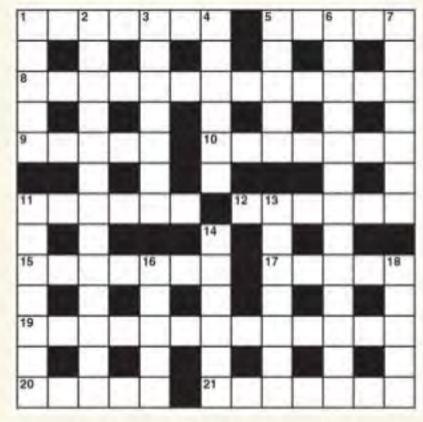
penalise companies that are deemed too ruthless or which have pay structures that offend. Populists might want central banks to favour firms that invest at home and buy local. The more politicised central banks became, the less they would be perceived as in-

dependent authorities on economic policy. If governments want to penalise polluters they can do so directly with taxes, or by empowering new environmental bodies. There is no need to muddy the waters over the responsibilities of central banks. And the banks themselves should resist the perennial temptation to expand their territories.

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ACROSS

- 1 Tips for making financial
- gains(7)5 Victor's opposite number (5)
- 8 They figure a great deal in population surveys (13) 9 Spirit with which the
- band starts producing dance music (5) 10 Away team not yet
- admitted(7) 11 Fighting together and all about to die (6)
- 12 Child brings back ten lines of verse (6) 15 Endure the French type
- of beer (4,3)17 River of silver (5)
- 19 Defeated by the elements? (7-6)
- 20 Rise after start of day looking glum (5)
- 21 Wastes the rewards (7)

DOWN

- Model question (5)
- 2 Climbing a low hill, but not to any great extent (2,1,5,5) Employ someone else as
- $a \mod el(7)$ 4 Attacks with stones,
- perhaps (4,2)5 Solicitors hold it to be
- permissible (5) 6 Changing to steam trains? He should know (13)
- 7 Honour a relation (7) 11 After all, we do turn out
- with official sanction (7) 13 Overburden journalists
- with work(7)14 Sorted out and put
- away(6) 16 Choice example (5)
- 18 Ernest hasn't got time for birds(5)

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OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

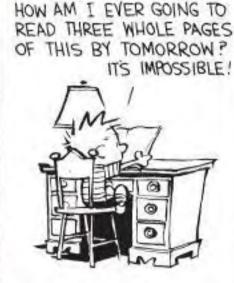






CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson







MARVIN by Tom Armstrong







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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Continue to play for time and don't let anyone else force the pace. This is a very special moment for you as far as vour personal creativity is concerned and the last thing you want to do is let anyone else

up the wrong end of the stick. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) You are now

dictate your movements for

you, especially if they've picked

officially in a period of maximum domestic uncertainty. Let me tell you now that friction will only develop if you battle to keep things as they are. If you accept and even initiate change over the next two months, the consequences could be miraculous.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Get down to some serious work as soon as you can. By serious, I don't mean that it shouldn't be fun, but that anything you do now will be tied in to your destiny. I'd also advise a spot of day-dreaming if required! You might think that this is wasting time, but it's a great way to create space for new ideas.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Once you've dealt

with financial matters, probably no more than routine shopping, you'll be free to let your mind wander. Overseas contacts seem to be important, which means that a family member far away is waiting to hear from you. Plus. an adventurous possibility is on the way.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) To be forewarned, as they say, is to be forearmed. It's therefore important to point out that even though you are entering a phase of unparalleled optimism, some of your hopes may be unrealistic. You must sort out what is

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) The following applies to your life over the

possible from what is not.

next two months, so don't forget it: you are increasingly likely to feel exploited or undermined and will tend to blame other people vet the cause, and hence the solution, lies with you. Once you've taken that on board then you'll be well on the way to finding a solution.

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) The day seems to be divided into two halves, and you can swing to extremes either favouring selfindulgence or putting the emphasis on work. People are convinced that you have a lazy streak, and now may be a good time to prove them right. Don't let them pressurise you.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Don't complain if

you have been disappointed financially. There will be plenty of chances to make up for it later on, perhaps within a few days. Actually, self-indulgence should be a priority, perhaps because it's when you're enjoying yourself that you come up with the answers to rather serious questions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) It's bound to be some time before you can fully recover

from past disturbances, but, in almost exactly one week, you should be able to more than make up for one particular mistake. In fact, it's an astrological law that each time the same opportunity returns, we make better of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Others may make

extravagant gestures, but you ought to be the one to call time on reckless financial adventures. Every single penny, cent, rupee or peseta you spend must be designed to earn two back in the future. You can't guarantee success, but you can do your best.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) While one very important planet, Saturn, urges you to dig your heels in, this could be a risky strategy. For the next twelve weeks, compromise and total flexibility must be an essential part of your strategy. Follow the Jupiterian path — the way of

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

hope and optimism.



important arrangements and plot the next stage of a health and fitness programme. You also need to keep your mind in trim, so you might be seriously investigating a new interest.

the answer for the given quip.

JUMBLED WORDS

the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get A great artist can paint a great picture on a - Charles Dudley Warner (5.6)

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to

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canvas - Charles Dudley Warner Answer: A great artist can paint a great picture on a small SOLUTION: AWARD, SALSA, UNROLL, VACUUM To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear i nine vertical co each of the nin rows and in ea nine boxes.

Difficulty Level 2s

Instructions

SUDOKU 4062

Difficulty Leve 1s = Very easy; 3s = Medium; 5s = Very Hard Genius

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CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY

APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



AWARD-GAIL

BC Tripathi, former CMD of GAIL, was honoured as the 'BestCEO' in the PSU category at the Business Today Best CEO Awards. The award waspresented by Minister of PNG & Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan.



AWARD-PFC

PK Singh, Dir. (Commercial) & Y Venugopal, GM, PFC, receiving the prestigious "Asia's Most Trusted Companies Award 2019" from HemantKaushik, CEO & Chairman of IBC & ZenithSamransamruadkit. Thai Police Major General Commander.



CAMPAIGN-BANK OF INDIA

Bol recently launched HARGHAR DASTAK Campaign with the slogan One Bank, One Team, One Dream toachieve the target of Business mix of Rs.10 trillon by Sep. 2020, where GM(Recovery), HO Swaroop Dasgupta graced the occasion.



Gold Loan Mela-CSB

Gurgaon Branch of CSB Bank Limited conducted a gold loan mela at its branch recently. The occasion was graced by VK Shukla. Zonal Manager of Northern Zonal office, along with Branch Manager, MK Jha & others.



LOI-NHPC & NEA ENGINEERING COLTD

AK Singh, ED, NHPC, exchanging letter of Intent with HD Sakya, MD, NEAEngineering Co Ltd, Nepal, in the presence of Balraj Joshi, CMD, NHPC & TPGautam, Administrator (CEO), EPF of Nepal.



SECURITYWEEK-IOCL

Sanjiv Singh, Chairman, Indian Oil, inaugurated the Security Week,in the presence of GK Satish, Dir. (Planning & Business Dev.), RK Mohapatra, Dir. (HR), and others at Indian Oil's Corporate Office in New Delhi recently.



APPOINTMENT-EPCH

EPCH has nominated RK Jain as President, Social Media, EPCH. A dynamic & versatile personality in the Handicrafts industry, Jain is also associated with EPCH for a long time as member of Committee of Administration.



TOUR-ECOR

ECoR recently arranged aweek-long tour programme to Singapore & Malaysia. The 68 employees of ECoRwill visit places like Sentosa, Universal Studio, etc., in Singapore & SunwayLagoon, KL Tower, Genting Highlands, etc., in Malaysia.



SECURITY WEEK-PRPC

Security week is being observed from Dec 13-19,2019 at PRPC. The program started with administering the security pledge to PRPCians in presence of GC Sikder, CGM (I/c) and other office bearers at PRPC.



CLEANLINESS DRIVE-GRSE

GRSE recently organised a cleanliness drive as part of the 'Swachhta Pakhwada'. The event commenced with an oath-taking ceremony at various units of the shipyard followed by Plogging Activity at TTC Baranagar Unit by 40employees & trainees.



COMPETITION-THDCIL

Minister of State (I/C) for PNRE & Minister of State for SDE, GOI, RK Singh honoured Sneha Kashyap, Sakshi Sahu & Sanya Sejal along with other winners at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi recently.



AWARD-FICCI

Odisha recognized as Best State for the Promotion of Sport at 9th Global Sports Summit organized by FICCI. Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal presented the award to Sports Minister Tusharkanti Behera & Secretary Vishal Dev.



DELHIPOLICE JOB FAIR-2019

Recently, a "Delhi Police Job Fair-2019" was held at NPL, Kingsway Camp, Delhi for the wards of Delhi Policepersonnel and retired police personnel. The event was organized inpartnership with 'Axis Bank' under the aegis of Welfare Wing of Delhi Police & PFWS. Suchana Patnaik, President/PFWS & Amulya Patnaik, CP/Delhi, were the Chief Guests for the opening & closing ceremonies. To facilitate the selection, adedicated portal was created by the Axis Bank, over which, the 'Curriculum-Vitae' of all potential candidates were uploaded & all the Corporate companies were able to select the candidates for interviews on the basis of their qualification & experiences. 77 Corporate entities, including WIPRO, HCL etc. participated in the event as employers. Each corporate employerset-up their separate counters for holding interviews. Walk-in facility to those candidates, who could not applied for Job Fair, was also facilitated. 100 such candidates reached the venue for interview.

NISSAN INDIA recently announced 'Red Weekends', consumerpromotion initiative, featuring a host of lucrative offers on Nissan and Datsunmodels. During December. customers can visit any Nissan dealership andparticipate in exciting activities to win branded merchandise and more. During thispromotion, buyers can also win attractive gifts ranging from instant giftvouchers amounting to Rs 1 crore across Nissan and Datsun models. Elaborating on these exciting offers, Rakesh Srivastava, MD, Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. shared. "Nissan as a customer-centric brand isoffering the highest value proposition to the customers through Red Weekends in a very innovative way to bring New Year festivities through Nissan and Datsunproducts with the first-time best finance offer of 6.99% for 36 months."

BSNL Bharat Fibre channelspartners of BSNL recently met at BSNL Karnataka Circle Headquarters at Bangalore. Bharat Fibre Business Conclave, the partner's education andawareness programme on new emerging technologies and business incentives, wasconvened at the MG Road office, Bangalore. BSNL is putting focused efforts onimproving processes for better partner engagement, in the delivery of last mileservices to the customers. Speaking on thisoccasion, Vivek Banzal, Director CFA, BSNL Board, addressed the gathering & emphasized on the increasing role of partners in bridging the digital divide inthe country. He explained BSNL's Digital Gram Sewak programme whereinBSNL Bharat Fibre partners in the rural areas have started delivering 100 Mbpshigh-speed broadband to the homes in the villages, aimed at achievinggovernment's Digital India mission. Various development programmes ofstate and central Government are highly dependent on good internet connectivity to the homes and same has been mandated in the National Digital Telecom Policy.

PARTNERSHIP-DENTSU X. INDIA

Reckitt Benckiser India, the FMCG multinational, has marquee brands namely, Dettol, Mortein, Strepsils, Harpic, among others, in its portfolio. With operations spanning across more than 60 countries, RB is dedicated to helping people live healthier lives. Underpinned by values such as innovation and partnership, at its



core, RB has also been the flagbearer of the sustainability movement across many countries. From driving sustainable innovation to working on recycling plastic, water and other types of wastes, RB's initiatives are world renowned.

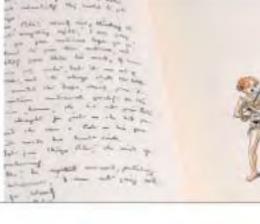
dentsu X India has won this mandate versus IPG the incumbent agency group, Starcom, Madison and Havas. The business will shift effective 1st January 2020.

When asked, Divya Karani, CEO, dentsu X, confirmed, "Yes, we have won the Reckitt Benckiser India mandate. It is an absolute privilege to partner with such a strong, purpose-driven brand. More so, since our values deeply resonate with theirs. We look forward to a productive and enduring partnership with RB." dentsu X India comprises three agencies - dX-matrix, dX-cubic and dX-palette. All three agencies have witnessed steep growth trajectories in the recent past, evident in not just the heft but also the accolades won for their work. Declared "Agency-of-the-Year" by three separate industry forums this year, dentsu X India has also been recognized among the "Top 100 Fastest-Growing Agencies" globally by Adweek. With a distinct take on the evolving communication landscape, dentsu X believes in

delivering experiences that are beyond mere exposures.

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GROWING UP AND MORE

Peter Pan and Wendy, the original manuscript by JM Barrie, who wrote the classic Peter Pan, has been published by SP Books. The manuscript reveals how Peter Pan's dark character was altered to suit audiences, by removing portions where he spoke defiantly and was an egoist.



I can't believe the news today Oh, I can't close my eyes And make it go away How long? How long must we sing this song? How long, how long? 'Cause tonight, we can be as one

IT WAS a little after 7.30 pm when U2 launched into Sunday Bloody Sunday at the DY Patil Sports Stadium in Navi Mumbai on Sunday evening. There'd been some speculation in the crowd about the track order of the last-ever show of 'The Joshua Tree Tour' before the band took the stage: would they play The Joshua Tree album in sequence, or would they kick off with their high-energy, early 2000s offerings like Vertigo and Elevation; or worse, would AR Rahman open the show with *Ahimsa*, the track Bono and he have collaborated on? That fear was put to rest when The Edge played the opening riff of Sunday Bloody Sunday, and on cue, thousands of arms and cellphones went up like a wall, photographing, video-recording, documenting that we are here, we were there, the night U2 came to our town. It didn't matter to us that there was no cellular network inside the stadium. What we didn't know then, is that as we sang And the battle's just begun | There's many lost, but tell me who has won, police forces had entered a central university in Delhi, exerting brute force over students under the cover of darkness.

When the concert began, Bono hailed India as an inspiration to the world. "We are pilgrims, you are our teachers," he said, before promising a night of "rock and roll transcendence." Since they arrived in Mumbai on Thursday evening, Bono and his band members, The Edge, Larry Mullen Jr and Adam



Members of Irish band U2 performed at Mumbai's DY Patil Stadium Photos: Pradip Das

The women here know what we're talking about, the minorities know what we're talking about, the next-door neighbour knows what we're talking about

BONO

Clayton, travelled to Gujarat to visit Sabarmati Ashram; towards the end of the night, the 59year-old frontman and activist spoke about Mahatma Gandhi and said, "India's gift to the world is *Ahimsa* (non-violence)." In the week leading to the concert, with the country burning with protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the National Register of Citizens, one cannot help but wonder, what does it mean to listen to U2's The Joshua Tree in India today?

Growing in the rocky desert of the

American southwest, the Joshua tree rises towards the sun with its branches splayed wide, as though in prayer, as Joshua, the prophet from *The Old Testament*, is said to have done. This particular tour, presented in India by LiveNation and BookMyShow, is noteworthy for using the largest high-resolution LED screen ever seen in a live touring show — a Joshua tree rose above the 200 x 45 feet screen that treated us to spectacular visuals from California's Death Valley, taken by Dutch filmmaker and longtime U2 collaborator, Anton Corbijn. The album was originally written about America, a country that for years has been viewed as a 'promised land'; in its vastness lie salva-

only half-fulfilled. The poetry of *The Joshua Tree* still resonates 32 years after its release because its themes — the personal, the spiritual and

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the political — continue to spark events around the world. Bullet the Blue Sky, about American activities in Central America, Red Hill Mining Town, about the UK miners' strike in 1984-85, Mothers of the Disappeared, about the murdered political dissidents in Argentina in the late '80s – these stories of injustice and inhumanity continue to play out in different parts of the globe. Bono's voice today is no longer as angry or beseeching as it was in the original record, and though his platitudes rankle even the most ardent fan, one cannot deny that his words remain a clarion call for those who believe that art speaks truth

"The women here know what we're talking about, the minorities know what we're talking about, the next-door neighbour knows what we're talking about," Bono said during the show, before launching into *Ultraviolet* (*Light My Way*), a song from their 1991 album, Achtung Baby. Performed against a backdrop of women's movements from over the years, the screen lit up with the faces of those who have "rewritten history to make it herstory": from Mary Wollstonecraft to Rosetta Tharpe, the Gulab Gang to Pussy Riot, from the late Kalpana Chawla to Arundhati Roy, the late Gauri Lankesh to Rana Ayyub, closely followed by Smriti Irani.

Twenty five songs later, which included Bad, Even Better Than the Real Thing, and Desire (which featured a surprise cameo by Oasis' Noel Gallagher), U2 closed the twohour-plus show with One, performed with Rahman and his daughters. As the 40,000plus crowd exited the stadium, cellphones began to ping with news of the events in Delhi. Lyrics from *One* hung heavy in the air: We're one, but we're not the same/We get to carry each other, carry each other.

Speaking Out

Prominent names from the film industry lend voices of support to the Jamia students

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A DAY after Delhi Police entered the campus of Jamia Millia Islamia during a protest over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, filmmakers across India have come forward to voice their support for the students. Director Anurag Kashyap, who had deleted his Twitter account this August after rape threats to his daughter, returned tweeting, "This has gone too far... can't stay silent any longer. This government is clearly fascist... and it makes me angry to see voices that can actually make a difference stay quiet..."

Some of the filmmakers like Alankrita Shrivastava (pictured) have a personal connect to the university at the centre of turmoil. The award-winning director of Lipstick Under My Burkha wrote on Twitter, "I studied at Jamia. It is where I trained to be a filmmaker, where I met my best friends for life. It is the place that gave me hope and encouragement when I was a confused young girl trying to navigate my way through life. I have such fond memories. But today my heart is bleeding for the students of Jamia who have been mercilessly attacked on campus. This is wrong and cruel at every level... I am praying for the students who are injured and fighting for their lives."

Anubhav Sinha (pictured), director of the critically-acclaimed Mulk, which explored communal divide, and Article 15, which showed caste discrimination in all its ugliness, spoke of the urgent need for "icons" from all fields to lend their support to the protesting students. He wrote, "Dear Icons! Films. Sports. Arts. Politics. Literature. Etc. We chose what we chose because most of us didn't want to be government servants," adding, "When no one has the answers, students do. Look at history worldwide."

Actor Swara Bhasker took to her handle to express her shock at the incidents of violence and tear gas at Jamia. "Why are students being treated like criminals? Why are hostels being tear gassed..? What is going on #DelhiPolice ??? Shocking and shameful". "We are with the students! Shame on you, @DelhiPolice", tweeted actor and director Konkona Sensharma. Actor Rajkummar Rao tweeted, "In a democracy the citizens have the right to peacefully protest. I also condemn any kind of act of destruction of the public properties. Violence is not the solution for anything!"

The protests garnered international support too, with Hollywood actor John Cusack, of Serendipity fame, sharing videos of the Delhi protests. He tweeted, "Indian economy in ICU - chaos - civil war."

Meanwhile, Akshay Kumar trended the whole day after he first liked a tweet captioned "Badhai ho... Jamia me Azaadi mili



'India doesn't belong to your father'



students

🕥 I studied at Jamia... today my heart is bleeding for the students who have been mercilessly attacked

hai", showing a video where students can be seen running away from police personnel, and then quickly backtracked. "Regarding the 'like' on the tweet... it was by mistake. I was scrolling and accidentally it must have been pressed and when I realised I immediately unliked it as in no way do I support such acts."

Voices of support were not limited to Bollywood, with actors from the south joining in. Actor Siddharth tweeted, "These two are not Krishna and Arjuna. They are Shakuni and Duryodhana. Stop attacking #universities!..." Malayalam actor Parvathy Thiruvothu shared a video on Twitter of police firing at students in Aligarh Muslim University, calling it sheer "terrorism", while actor Amala Paul and director Aashiq Abu shared a poster on Instagram with a line in Malayalam that said it like it is: 'India doesn't belong to your father'.

SNAP SHOT

Third Time's a Charm

GUITARIST JOHN FRUSCIANTE is set to return to the Los Angeles-based American rock band, Red Hot Chili Peppers, a decade since he last left the band. Bidding goodbye to Josh Klinghoffer, who had replaced the guitarist in 2009, the band announced on social media, "Josh is a beautiful musician who we respect and love. We are deeply grateful for our time with him, and the

countless gifts he shared with us... We also announce, with great excitement and full hearts, that John Frusciante is rejoining our group." This is the third time that Frusciante is marking his return. He had joined in 1988 after guitarist Hillel Slovak's death, a year before the release of their album *Mother's* Milk, but left abruptly in 1992 during the band's 'Blood Sugar Sex Magic Tour'. Frusciante had returned in 1998, and worked on their albums Californication and By the Way, but left again in 2009 to work on his solo career.

Book Award

Amitabha Bagchi wins the 2019 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature for his book, Half The Night Is Gone

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AMITABHA BAGCHI'S novel Half The Night *Is Gone* (Juggernaut Books) has won the \$25,000 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature, presented at the IME Nepal Literature Festival on the Pokhara lakeshore. The shortlist included Jamil Jan Kochai's 99 Nights in Logar,

Madhuri Vijay's The Far Field, Manoranjan Byapari's There's Gunpowder in the Air (translated from Bengali by Arunava Sinha), Sadia Abbas' The Empty Room and The City and the Sea by The Indian Express chief editor Raj Kamal Jha. It was a close contest, and jury chief Harish Trivedi de-

clared that all six books merited the prize. Bagchi, who has earlier published *Above* Average, The Householder and This Place, has successfully attempted a novel with a vast time-span and ample scope, which follows the fortunes of a business family in Delhi

from the pre-Partition era to the present.



Amitabha Bagchi (above); the cover of his book Half The Night Is Gone

His work is illuminated by 20 years of reading North Indian literature in Urdu, Awadhi and Hindi, which began when he was in the US. The Ramcharitmanas is a living presence — even the title of the book quotes it — and the telling is influenced by authors and poets ranging from Shrilal Shukla of Raag Darbari fame to shayars like

Basheer Badr, who are no longer as widely read as Ghalib and Mir. The book is about father-son relations, as much as it is about culture, political and social change, and the collapse of class structures in modern India.

Bagchi teaches computer science at IIT Delhi, but he promises that the philosophical issues latent in his research

will never infect his writing: "Science fiction is not my thing." His focus will remain society and culture, informed by poetry. In his acceptance speech for the DSC Prize, he said: "Hatred is being created by sucking the poetry out of our lives. We write to bring it back in."

Blue is the Warmest Colour

British artists Idris Khan and Annie Morris inaugurate Galerie Isa's relocation with new works that play with the colour blue

BENITA FERNANDO

BLUE IS serious business for artists. Johannes Vermeer ran into debt by lavishly spending on ultramarine; Yves Klein patented an intense hue in 1960 called International Klein Blue; Georgia O'Keeffe's monochromatic 'Blue' series stemmed from her musical tastes; and, closer home, SH Raza deployed blue with startling results in his 'Bindu' series. The history of the colour is inextricably tied to the history of art globally. Any artist working with blue knows that it comes loaded with historical, social and cultural significance. It's for these reasons as well as personal ones that the colour forms the basis of Galerie Isa's newly opened exhibition in Mumbai.

The show features British artist couple Idris Khan and Annie Morris who have let blue rule their latest works. Khan created quite the buzz earlier this year when he made his India Art Fair debut with a series of blue drawings based on a ritual performed during the Islamic Hajj pilgrimage. The drawings were achieved by repeatedly stamping text. In the current exhibi-



tion, Khan uses repetition to create bands of colour that are reminiscent of American abstract expressionist Mark Rothko's colour field paintings.

"There is a cacophony of sounds in these works," says Khan. It's not just text that he layers though. Back in 2004, he achieved Impressionistic effects by digitally layering photographs of industrial structures by Bernd and Hilla Becher. Presently, he layers music sheets sourced from London shops to make musical palimpsests, such as *The Old Tune* (2019) and *The Calm is But a Wall* (2019). "People usually ask me what score this is. It's Chopin but I have layered the sheets to the point where it no longer matters. I make the notations abstract; music is abstract. You can't read them anymore and that can be frustrating



for some people," says the artist. The final effect is as if Khan has made snapshots of sound waves. Moreover, the prints are dominated by blue, hinting at all kinds of musical things such as the blues and nocturnes. Khan adds, "This blue can sort of make you happy or unhappy. It has an immediate effect on the emotions."

Morris, who calls herself a "colour nerd", has a similar opinion. "Blue is a comforting colour," she says. Morris is renowned for her towering "stacks", a form she settled on after a personal tragedy some years ago. The couple's first child was a stillborn, and the grief took the form of sculptures that convey the experience of motherhood. Morris makes uneven spheres out of pigment, plaster and sand, which seem to be precariously placed on top of each other. While the totem-like sculptures are poly-



(From far left) Works titled *Stack 9*, Cadmium Red; Untitled, 2019; Idris Khan and Annie Morris

chromatic, with vivid turquoise and chrome oxide green for example, their fulcrums are the ultramarine boulders. "Blue is the colour I start with," says Morris. Earlier this year, for Ahmedabad's Kasturbhai Lalbhai Museum, Morris deconstructed the colour by making a stack in different shades of blue. She repeats the exercise in this exhibition with a sculpture titled Stack 7, Ultramarine Blue Dark.

The exhibition also marks the gallery's first after it relocated from its Kala Ghoda base to Ballard Estate. The gallery's earlier site was a compact, split-level setting. The gallerist Ashwin Thadani chose the new location for its high ceiling and spacious halls, "perfect to show artists with challenging mediums," he says. That would include Morris' skyward stacks and Khan's delicate glass works.

> The exhibition will be on view at Galerie Isa till February 20

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To utilise Champions League T20 window, BCCI mulls a mini IPL

DEVENDRA PANDEY

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THE BOARD of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is mulling options on how to best reutilize the erstwhile Champions League window, after the Indian board discontinued the inter-franchise tournament five years ago. A mini-IPL could be on the cards so that existing teams can participate longer than the usual allotted two months.

As per the minutes of BCCI-Indian Premier League governing council meeting held on November 5, accessed by *The Indian Express*, the board is considering getting back the two-month-window for their home cricket season.

Hemang Amin, IPL's chief operating of-

ficer, informed the IPL GC, as per the minutes, "The Champions League (CLT20) used to be played during the Sep/Oct window of around 15-20 days, however, CLT20 was discontinued five years ago, the last event being the CLT20-2014. The Asia Cup, which is another event hosted every alternate year, was generally played during June, however after CLT20 was discontinued the Asia Cup is now played during the CLT20 window of Sep/Oct and ICC has also scheduled the T20 World Cup in 2020 (Australia) and 2021 (India) around the same time. Since the Sep/Oct was CLT20 window, BCCI should look at utilizing this as a 2nd IPL window so the existing teams can have a longer participation instead of the two months and this will also entail that BCCI creates a new revenue stream which will

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be beneficial for the teams. BCCI and extension of brand IPL." After discussions, it was decided that the BCCI general body will take a call on this in the future.

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associate ICC members during the months of July-August. However Amin informed the house, "Till date no such friendlies have been played, however, a number of teams have requested that IPL teams be allowed to play IPL friendlies against each other at an overseas location instead of playing against an ICC associate member as this will help explore the brand IPL outside of India and it will draw interest amongst the Indian diaspora and give them an opportunity to see IPL teams in action outside of India."

BCCI's secretary Jay Shah was of the view that this issue needs a discussion with a larger group and advised that it will be taken up at an appropriate forum.

RR to play in Guwahati

Meanwhile, IPL franchise_Rajasthan

Royals will play four of its IPL games in Guwahati. RR's request to the Indian board to allow four games in Guwahati this coming IPL season, as forwarded to Supreme Court-appointed Committee Administrators (COA), was accepted.

"Rajasthan Royals' request of playing at Guwahati as an alternate venue in addition to their designated home venue in Jaipur was made during COA's tenure and was approved on the basis of the IPL rule that allows any team to play at an alternate venue subject to them playing minimum of four matches at their designated original home venue. The members ratified the approval by COA of RR's request to play at Guwahati," the minutes read.

IMG box

Former Indian cricketer Surinder

Khanna has enquired about event agency IMG and the fees paid for their services in conducting IPL tournament. IMG has been associated with the IPL since inception and after their deal of ten years it was subsequently renewed for 5 years (2018-2022) through a tender process. Khanna wanted a BCCI in-house team to conduct IPL in-

stead of IMG. "Currently they are being paid an average of Rs 33.5 crore per year. Khanna was of the view that the amount paid is very high and checked whether this can be done inhouse by BCCI to which Amin replied that it can be done in-house as IMG also hires the freelance staff which BCCI can also hire. However, this can be looked into after the current contractual arrangement with them comes to an end," the minutes read.

Rolling out the ODI red carpet

Pitch reading is never foolproof but the one at Vizag promises to produce a run-fest, which suits the Windies gameplan

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

VISAKHAPATNAM, DECEMBER 16

EVEN FROM a distance, the firmness of the ACA-VDCA Stadium pitch was visible. A senior grounds-staff predicted a belter --scores in excess of 300.

When India and West Indies had last played an ODI at Vizag in October 2018, the match ended in a tie, with both teams scoring 321. Virat Kohli had led India's charge with an unbeaten 157 and Shai Hope responded with a 123 not out.

Shimron Hetmyer had bludgeoned to a 64-ball 94. On Sunday, in the first match of the ongoing series in Chennai, Hope and Hetmyer once again proved to be India's nemeses, both scoring hundreds this time and making a stiff run chase appear like a walk in the park.

West Indies batters are strong-armed enough to dismiss any bowling on flat pitches. At Chepauk, the surface was a little two-paced to start with, which became easier for batting when evening dew arrived.

The ground-staff at Vizag informed that they haven't watered the outfield for the last three days to keep it as dry as possible, an antidote to dew. Then again, in winter -- Vizag being a coastal town, it doesn't have a proper winter though - dew will make its presence felt after sundown at every venue in this part of the world.

Unlike Chepauk, it's not a fresh pitch at Vizag. Some local matches have already been played here. So it's unlikely that the ball will hold up. In fact, given the hardness of the top soil, the pitch is expected to offer decent bounce and the ball should come nicely on to the bat. On the face of it, West Indies, a side that bat deep and are heavily loaded with power-hitters, probably have

Jasprit Bumrah, along with Prithvi Shaw, is likely to train with the Indian team at Vizag as part of his fitness assessment. Bumrah is recuperating from a stress fracture. Without him, India's bowling in white-ball cricket, especially in death overs, becomes depleted.

Mohammed Shami didn't bowl badly in the slog overs yesterday. But unlike Bumrah, he is not a death-overs specialist and on Sunday, when he bowled at the back-end of the West Indies innings, Shami offered at least one boundary ball every over. Deepak Chahar is relatively inexperienced at this level and although he has been pretty consistent, the seamer doesn't have a lethal yorker. Also, at Chahar's pace, bouncers become a tad risky at the death. Shivam Dube made his ODI debut yesterday and it turned out to be a baptism of fire for the youngster.

Between 41st and 48th over, India had conceded 59 runs in the first ODI without a wicket. And the hosts will have little margin for error at Vizag, for in a three-match series, they face a win-or-bust contest here.

Modern-day cricket sets 300 as par score in ODIs. India struggle to get there unless Rohit Sharma or Virat Kohli scores big. Shikhar Dhawan deserves an honourable mention here, for when on song the lefthander has the ability to make an impact

With all due respect to Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant, who batted very well under pressure at the first ODI and shared a 114run fourth wicket partnership, they failed to take the game away from West Indies. Both got out at the wrong time, Iver in the 37th over and Pant in the 40th over. Both had time to stretch their innings without taking too many risks. Iyer departed to a soft dismissal, flicking a back-of-a-length ball from Alzarri Joseph straight to midwicket. The Mumbai batsman might still get the benefit of the doubt, as the ball seemed to have stopped a bit. Pant, yet again, perished to an attempted big hit. He was playing well and going at a 100-plus strike-rate. Another few overs of him would have taken India's total past 300. The 22-year-old also missed an opportunity to

score his maiden ODI hundred. Chief selector MSK Prasad, though, preferred to put things in perspective. "See, unfortunately what happened in T20 games, he (Pant) wasn't getting enough deliveries. So he was trying to strike the ball from the word go. (But) he had a lot of time yesterday. He had the time to do it (build his innings). It was a wonderful opportunity for him. There's no doubt that people



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must be putting pressure on him, but his knock yesterday should have really calmed his nerves. It will do a world of good to his confidence," the chief selector told The Indian Express.

At MS Dhoni's spiritual home, Pant probably couldn't afford to fail. His wellcompiled half-century earned the appreciation from the Chepauk crowd and kept the Twitter trollers quite. But from the team's point of view, the southpaw needed

West Indies have had a clear strategy for the short-form. They pack their team with batters and back themselves to chase any target, or post a big total when batting first. As far as India are concerned, the four specialist bowlers ploy probably backfired at Chepauk. It needs to be seen if the hosts bring in Yuzvendra Chahal at Vizag. It might be a touch risky to go with a specialist bowler less on this pitch.

Windies fined for slow over-rate

PTI adds from Chennai: West Indies players have been docked 80 per cent of their match fees for maintaining a slow overrate in the first ODI against India in Chennai. ICC match referee David Boon imposed the fine after Kieron Pollard's side was ruled to be four overs short of its target on Sunday after time allowances were taken into consideration.

"In accordance with Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to minimum over-rate offences, players are fined 20% of their match fees for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time. As such, the team have each been fined 80% of their match fee," the ICC said in a statement.

There was no need for a formal hearing as West Indies skipper Pollard pleaded guilty to the offence after the end of the match and accepted the proposed sanction. On-field umpires Nitin Menon and Shaun George, third umpire Rodney Tucker and fourth umpire Anil Chaudhary leveled the charge. West Indies won the match by eight wickets to take a 1-0 lead in the threematch series.

I've realised there's nothing like 'natural game' in international cricket, says Pant

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OFTEN ACCUSED of not putting a premium on his wicket, rising Indian batsman Rishabh Pant says he has now understood that there is no concept of "natural game" in international cricket where one has to play according to the situation. Pant's soft dismissals in recent times and poor work behind the stumps have been a matter of concern for the Indian team.

But the 22-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman from Delhi finally came good and struck his maiden ODI half century, albeit in a losing cause, in the first one-dayer against West Indies here. After the match, Pant said he is constantly trying to improve his game.

"I've realised after playing a fair bit at the international level that unlike at amateur levels of cricket, there isn't anything like natural game. At the international level, you have to play according to the situation, or what the team demands," said Pant at the post-match press conference.

"It's my learning curve, I'm thinking that. From the team's point of view, whatever I can do to help my team win, to have a good score on the scoreboard, that's what I was focussing on. In the end, I got some runs," he added.

He said he will continue to focus on his game rather than think about the "talk going around" about him.

"As an individual and as a player, I want to focus on my processes. All the talk going around, they're good and sometimes they're not. At the moment, I'm concentrating on my game and that will hold me in good stead," said Pant, who scored 71 off 69 deliveries.

Pant has copped a fair amount of flak lately, but said it hasn't shaken his self-be-



Rishabh Pant made 71 off 69 balls against Windies in Chennai on Sunday. It was his maiden ODI half-century. AP

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RISHABH PANT

lief. "I will always tell a person that you have to believe in yourself. It doesn't matter what people say around you. Sometimes you don't get runs, sometimes you get runs, but the process is always important," he said.

Asked how important this knock was under the current circumstances, he replied: "Personally, if I play for India, every innings is important for me. As a youngster I want to improve each and every day."

Pant has been greeted with chants of 'Dhoni, Dhoni' at various stadiums, but at Dhoni's second home, they chanted 'Pant, Pant' on Sunday.

"Sometimes it's important when crowd supports you," Pant reflected. "From an individual point of view, I was trying to improve myself every day but I wasn't getting there. I am not saying I got there, but I try to improve."

On his thought process on and off field, he said, "If I'm practising, I think about cricket. If I'm off the field, I'm not thinking about it too much. I talked to the team management and they told me, 'just calm yourself, see what you can do around to improve your game, improve your fitness, just try to improve yourself in every way'."

BRIEFLY ____

'Embrace it': Lyon on Kiwi bouncer barrage

Perth: Australian spinner Nathan Lyon said there was nothing untoward in the bumper barrage New Zealand served up in the first Test in Perth, and he expects more of the same. After Australia won the first of the three-Test series by 296 runs, captain Tim Paine said the Black Caps' liberal use of short-pitched bowling had a Bodyline feel to it. Bustling Kiwi seamer Neil Wagner, who has a reputation for using the short ball to good effect, led the way and picked up a number of wickets through catches on a packed legside field, as well as having a mini-battle with Aussie batsman Matthew Wade. Wade let the short balls hit him on several occasions as the New Zealand tactic worked and Australia lost seven wickets for 58 runs in the second innings. Although he's the one man in the Australian bowling attack who doesn't have the option to fight fire with fire, Lyon said the likely prospect of more hostile bowling in the next two Tests didn't bother him. "I think you have to embrace it, it's a challenge," he said. "We were playing against the number two team in the world and they've had success playing the brand of cricket they're playing at the moment. The Bodyline series I'm not sure, but short bowling is going to be a tactic. I'm going to cop it so it's unfortunate I can't dish it out so that's why I've got to get the big boys to look after me."

NZ's Ferguson ruled out, Boult likely to play

Perth: New Zealand paceman Lockie

Ferguson will play no further part in the three-match series against Australia because of the calf injury he sustained during the 296-run loss in the first test at Perth Stadium, coach Gary Stead said on Monday. The 28year-old suffered the injury on the first day of his debut test and will need four to six weeks to recover, Stead told reporters in Perth, ruling the fast bowler out of the second and third matches in Melbourne and Sydney. There was better news about quick Trent Boult, who usually leads the New Zealand attack but made way for Ferguson in Perth as he recuperated from a side strain. "Trent's going really well, he was probably three or four days short of being ready for the first test match," Stead said. "That was a risk that we weren't prepared to take given the length of the season and what was left to come." A replacement for Ferguson in the squad would be named on Tuesday, Stead said. The second test begins at Melbourne Cricket Ground on December 26.

I want to be where Kohli is, says Babar

Karachi: Prolific Pakistan batsman Babar Azam wants to achieve the "legend" status that Virat Kohli has acquired. "Look he (Kohli) has already achieved a lot. He is a legend in his country. Honestly there is no comparison with me right now but eventually I also want to get to where he is today," Azam said. "The media and people have drawn comparisons between me and Virat Kohli but I realise that I still need to get more runs in red ball cricket to be ranked among the top players. That is why in recent months I have been focusing a lot on getting consistent scores in Test matches," he added. Babar, who scored his second Test hundred in the last three game on Sunday at against Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi, said he wanted to be a batsman who, like Kohli, could win more matches for his team. Babar, who made a Test hundred at Brisbane and 97 in the daynight Test at Adelaide, said the traditional format remains the most difficult. "When I got out cheaply to a bad shot in the first innings at Brisbane, I was very cross with myself because I realised no top batman should get out like that. In the following innings I made it a point to be patient and build my innings although playing strokes comes naturally to me," he explained.

Punjab taps into catchment area

Chandigarh's debut has seen an exodus of players, which has given lesser-known talents from Punjab an opportunity to flourish

GAURAV BHATT PATIALA. DECEMBER 16

AT 30, Sharad Lumba is the oldest player in the Punjab Ranji squad. With one match to his name — last week's opening-round fixture against Rajasthan — he is also the least experienced. Under-15 to under-25, Lumba ran the gamut of age-group cricket for Punjab, but his knocks couldn't put a dent in the ceiling that separated the Amritsari hopeful from Chandigarh stars.

"Often it felt like nobody was noticing what I was doing in local cricket. I knew the hard work I was putting in, and not getting a chance was disheartening. It took me three years to make the team, and three more years to get a game," Lumba says on the eve of Punjab's second-round match against Hyderabad.

"But you can't focus on things which aren't in your control. I waited for my time and an opportunity."

That opportunity came this season as Chandigarh made its Ranji debut after a 37year wait. Ex-Punjab players make up more than half of the brand-new team (8 of 15: Manan Vohra, Barinder Sran, Arpit Pannu, Bipul Sharma, Raman Bishnoi, Gurinder Singh, Jaskaran Singh and Uday Kaul). Devoid of its fruitful conveyor belt, Punjab had to look at its smaller centres for talent.

"It works both ways," says the middleorder batsman. "I know so many good players in Chandigarh who were not getting a chance to shine. Similarly, there are many players like myself from Amritsar, Ludhiana who will find it easier to break into the Punjab line-up now." Captain Mandeep Singh believes local cricket in Punjab, much like the Ranji plate group, tends to get overlooked.

"It wasn't like there was no chance for players from smaller centres. But the performances were largely neglected. We know there are good players in the Ranji Trophy plate division. But it's easier to be ignored because of the impression that they can only perform at that level. This season, things have changed a lot. We will miss the Chandigarh guys. But because of so many openings now, if a talent is identified he can be fast-tracked," says Mandeep, pointing out Ashwani Kumar as an example, the 18-year-old pacer who too made his debut against Rajasthan.

With a 10-wicket away win in Jaipur, early table-toppers Punjab continued what has been a solid domestic season for them. They missed out on Vijay Hazare semifinal berth after a washout knocked them out on a 'wins in group-stage' rule.

They qualified for the Syed Mushtaq Ali 'Super League' after failing in their last three campaigns. Mandeep, vice-captain Gurkeerat Singh Maan and pacers Siddharth Kaul, Sandeep Sharma form the experienced core, and the presence of national team hopeful Shubman Gill further bolsters the side.

Punjab, firm favourites

Punjab are the firm favourites against a troubled Hyderabad side which lost their opener at home to Gujarat, and the players attribute the buoyancy in the camp to getting a coach of their choice. "We asked Munish Bali sir to be appointed as coach for this season," says Mandeep. "All of us have played under him before, so there's mutual understanding and respect for each other." Bali, former India Under-19 assistant coach who was earlier with Andhra Pradesh, has coached the current Punjab lot at the age-group level.

"The kids demanded me as the coach. There's good communication with this group, but my biggest concern was the lack of accomplishments for Punjab cricket. So we focused a lot on fitness camps, and team-building during the off-season," says Bali, adding: "All the Chandigarh players were also part of Punjab camp because we didn't even know that they will be a new team this season itself. Now our priority is to spread the game across the state."

Punjab has relocated their base to Patiala after three years, and barring a dedicating the World Cup to Sachin.'



Punjab's Shubman Gill during a practice session ahead of the team's Ranji Trophy encounter against Hyderabad in Patiala. Harmeet Sodhi

From tying the knot to tying TN into knots: Gowtham becomes Karnataka's leading man

VISHALMENON NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

THIS IS close to a five-decade-old incident, but old-timers at Mumbai's/Bombay's maidans still recount it with glee. It goes back to 1962, when Sudhakar Adhikari, a prolific opening batsman for Bombay and West Zone, was scheduled to tie the knot on the morning of his team's Ranji Trophy game against Maharashtra. His captain Polly Umrigar exempted him from attending the practice session on match-eve, but for the opener to be included in the playing XI, Umrigar put forward a condition: Adhikari had to be in the dressing room by the time he goes out for toss on match day. During those days, first-class fixtures would begin at 10.30 am and finish by 5.15 pm.

As the story goes, Adhikari got married at 9.05 am during a ceremony at Shivaji Park, and rushed to the Brabourne Stadium to arrive just moments before Umrigar went for the toss. Bombay batted first and Adhikari struck a splendid century. Adhikari went back to attend his wedding reception in the evening.

Last week, Karnataka off-spinner Krishnappa Gowtham also found himself in a similar predicament. His team was scheduled to play arch-rivals Tamil Nadu in the season-opener at Dindigul, but Gowtham was getting married 48 hours before the

match would begin. After the wedding, there was a spate of rituals that was to follow the day after. "We were scheduled to play Tamil Nadu from December 9 and my wedding was scheduled on December 7, which was followed by some rituals the next day. So, there was no way I could have made it on the match-eve. The ceremony was taking place in Bengaluru and the match was in Dindigul, which is a good 10-hour drive...so it was touch and go," R. Sai Kishore.



Gowtham finished with a match-haul of 16 wickets against Tamil Nadu. PTI

Gowtham told *The Indian Express*.

Despite the time constraints, one thing was certain — the Karnataka team was desperate to have their off-spinner on the field in Dindigul. Over the last two seasons, Gowtham has risen in the ranks to become a vital cog in the team, providing them with stellar contributions with bat and ball.

They were up against Tamil Nadu that boasted of an impressive array of India players such as captain Vijay Shankar, Ravi Ashwin, Dinesh Karthik and Murali Vijay along with the regular domestic incumbents such as Abhinav Mukund, Baba Aparajith and

Karnataka, on the other hand, were without KL Rahul, Manish Pandey and bowlers T Prasidh Krishna and Abhimanyu Mithun for this game. The team management could not afford to lose Gowtham.

"I got married on December 7, completed all my rituals the following day and hired a taxi and left for Dindigul on the 8th," Gowtham admitted. After a strenuous 10-hour drive, he joined his team-mates in the early hours on December 9, just in time before his captain Karun Nair walked out for the toss.

On the field, Gowtham did not display any signs of weariness, underlining his utility with his all-round abilities. He was a bundle of energy with the bat, scoring a whirlwind 39-ball 51 while batting at No.9 that gave Karnataka the impetus late on Day 1 and in the first session on the second day.

However, it was his bowling that shone through in the subsequent three days, handing the former Ranji Trophy champions a narrow 26-run win. It was a match where spinners from both teams dominated the proceedings — Ravi Ashwin with a matchtally of 8 scalps was eclipsed by Gowtham's herculean efforts -6/110 and 8/60. The 31vear-old would walk away with the Man-ofthe-Match award, but it was the manner in which he mopped off Tamil Nadu's doughty lower-order that paved the way for Karnataka's victory.

Things were pretty tense on the final day with Tamil Nadu requiring 181 for a win, were 114/7 at one stage with M. Ashwin and Sai Kishore at the crease. Karnataka's trumpcard removed Kishore. Subsequently, a ninth-wicket partnership between Ashwin and Manimaran Siddharth blossomed and they looked poised to take Tamil Nadu home. Under such dire circumstances, Gowtham cleaned up Siddharth and then trapped Vignesh, the No.11 batsman to complete the formalities.

In recent times, Gowtham has made it a have a fracture on my foot," he concluded.

SECOND-ROUND FIXTURES

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- **PUNJAB VS HYDERABAD Patiala**
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habit of fashioning improbable wins. He has shown the propensity to reserve his best against Tamil Nadu. Earlier this month, he enhanced his death-over bowling reputation, by holding his nerve to etch out a one-run win to clinch the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

What made this compelling was that he was struck for consecutive boundaries off his two deliveries by Ravi Ashwin, which brought down the task to an achievable five off four deliveries. But Gowtham hardly flinched.

Looking back, he explained that bowling

the final over gave him confidence while bowling on Day 5 in Dindigul. "Yes, the last over in the Syed Mushtaq Trophy final did play in my mind, when I was bowling on the final day. If anything, it only gave me confidence to replicate my act again. It was a pretty good pitch for batting, and there was something in for the pacers as well. I am glad that I played a part in the team's winning cause," he asserted.

These twin match-winning acts in the fortnight not only underscored Gowtham's value as an all-format player, but also brought to the fore how vital he remains during those crunch moments in a game. He attributed this to Shane Warne and his stint with the Rajasthan Royals. "He (Warne) is a person who has tremendous tactical acumen and game awareness. I have learnt how to approach tense match situations after my conversations with him during the IPL," he elaborated.

It's little wonder that his team-mates cal him 'the finisher'.

Gowtham out with an injury

Karnataka were dealt with a devastating blow after Gowtham was ruled out of the upcoming Ranii Trophy encounter against Uttar Pradesh in Hubli with a hairline fracture on his foot. He is likely to be replaced by either I Suchith or Pravin Dubey. "I will not be available for the next match against Uttar Pradesh as 1

JOURNEYMAN

Record-breaking spinner Aman resets his goals

NITIN SHARMA CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 16

GROWING UP in Solara village in Gaya district in Bihar, 33-year-old Ashutosh Aman would often watch old videos of Bishan Singh Bedi and Sunil Joshi bowling left-arm spin. He would also rely on his cousins, who were being trained at Bedi's academy, to send him videos of coaching classes hoping

he would be able to pick up something. Last year, left-arm spinner Aman went past his hero. He was playing in the lower Plate Group as Bihar was one of the teams, which made its debut. He broke Bedi's 44year-old record of taking most wickets (64 wickets) in a Ranji trophy season with 68 in

eight matches in the Plate Group. Aman hopes to do an encore this season and go past his own mark. He is also donning the captain's hat now so his fortunes are linked to the team's too.

He first fell in love with the game after

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watching Sachin Tendulkar bat. He then tried his hand at fast bowling but when he realised he could not generate too much pace, he started to bowl spin. "Last year, when I broke Bedi sir's record

It wasn't like there was no chance

But the performances were largely

neglected. We know there are good

ignored because of the impression

that they can only perform at that

level. This season, things have

changed a lot. We will miss the

MANDEEP SINGH,

played in Amritsar.

had to overcome.

PUNJAB CAPTAIN

Chandigarh guys. But because of

so many openings now, if a talent is

identified he can be fast-tracked."

match in Mohali, all their home ties will

be played at the Dhruve Pandove Stadium.

The under-23 competition is scheduled for

Mohali, while the under-19 ties will be

Chandigarhian exodus that the team has

from last year, we are also missing other

key players. Jiwanjot's move to

Chhattisgarh meant we lost our long-time

opener. MS Gony retired and Yuvraj exited

the scene. Harbhajan too is not available.

So there were spots open and that's where

expectations of that kind, along with cap-

taincy, used to bog me down," says

Mandeep. "But a young, fresh line-up frees

me up as well. I am not going to think of

too much in the future, but eventually, I

have to win the Ranji Trophy for Punjab.

For me, it's as important as breaking back

as well. "It's a dream for every Punjab

cricketer. It's been a long wait (Punjab won

their only Ranji Trophy title in 1992-93)

and it's important because we want to

dedicate such success to Yuvi and Bhajju

pa, after what they did for our team. In this

state, it will be as big as them winning and

Lumba is thinking along similar lines

"Yuvi and Bhajji pa left a legacy. Earlier

all the fresh talent comes in."

into the national team."

Bali adds that it wasn't just the

"Manan to Chandigarh is a loss. But

for players from smaller centres.

players in the Ranji Trophy plate

division. But it's easier to be

ter. Even though I have not met him, I hope to meet him one day. Perhaps, I can help my team this year to qualify for the main group," Aman told The Indian Express. Aman got his big break when he joined the Air Force. He got into the Services team

in Ranji Trophy, he had praised me on twit-

and made his debut against Delhi in the 2014 Vijay Hazare Trophy. He played in only one match in Vijay Hazare Trophy that year and was on the bench for the next two seasons. He played on and off in 2017 before deciding to move to Bihar last year. He made an immediate impact bagging 14 wickets in eight matches.

Bihar coach Subroto Banerjee and captain

Pragyan Ojha showed faith in his abilities

and he went onto the break the Ranji

Trophy record for most wickets.

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"While I played for Vijeta Club in Gaya, I would often dream about playing in Ranji Trophy. I joined Indian Air Force at the age of 17. It also meant that I got full facilities to train and playing for Services team helped me a grow as an cricketer. Last year, my captain Pragyan Ojha told me that I will play in all the matches. Pragyan bhai always told me to try variations. I worked on my speed control and

ball flight and it helped me a lot," Aman, who is a Sergeant in Indian Air Force, said.

At 33, Aman believes that he has enough time to fulfil his current dream of playing for India 'A' first and then the senior Indian team. The left-arm spinner was selected for India Blue in this year's Duleep trophy but could not get a match.

"I still believe that I can achieve my dream of playing for India. Last year, I had met Ajinkya Rahane after my record in Ranji Trophy and he told me to keep bowling to my strength and it will be my mantra this year too. Shikhar Dhawan too had tweeted about my record and I aim to take his wicket one day. I had met Ravindra Jadeja in 2016, when he had claimed 38 wickets in four matches to make a return to the Indian team and sought tips from him. Whatever I can add in my bowling will help me in achieving my dream of playing for India," Aman added.

The journeyman will have his hand full when his side takes on Chandigarh on their home turf.



Before joining Bihar, Ashutosh Aman had played for Services. Kamleshwar Singh

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Federer broke down after riots in Colombia

REUTERS

LONDON, DECEMBER 16

ROGER FEDERER admits he suffered a "bit of a breakdown" during last month's tour of Mexico and South America after rioting in Colombian capital Bogota forced him to cancel his exhibition match against German's Alexander Zverev.

The 38-year-old's five-country tour is covered in broadcaster ESPN's candid documentary 'Roger Federer: Everywhere is Home' which will air on Dec. 17.

It charts the 20-time Grand Slam champion's journey, including the history-making match in Mexico City bullring when a 42,517 delirious fans watched him take on German Zverev — a record crowd for a tennis match. One of the most memorable segments of the documentary comes in Bogota when large scale demonstrations and riots led to a curfew imposed by the government, shortly before Federer and Zverev were supposed to start

With a huge crowd already present, Federer reluctantly decided the situation was not safe. Footage shows Federer walking back to his locker room where he broke down in tears and was hugged by Zverev.

"We went to warm up and were having a blast on the court, but then everything started to get a bit crazy," Federer said.

"I was thinking is this the best scenario? Because people need to get home and be safe and this was honestly when I knew we shouldn't play, it was too much stress and pressure for everybody.

ing to be the dream match it was supposed to have been and I could feel it all falling apart at the end. When I came back (to the locker room) I was emotionally wasted."

Throughout Federer's illustrious career, visits to South America have been rare with few big tournaments held there.

His tour took in Chile, Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico.

"It was an unbelievable and amazing trip, each step along the way as the fans expressed their love of the sport and appreciation for the experience," the Swiss great said.

A test for City's European ambitions

Pep's EPL side, seeking its first Champions League title, drawn with thirteen-time winners Real Madrid

ASSOCIATED PRESS NYON, DECEMBER 16

MANCHESTER CITY'S reward for winning its Champions League group was a guaranteed last 16 pairing with a team that only finished

runner-up. It got Real Madrid. The record 13-time champions will host the first leg on Feb. 26 against the ambitious Premier League title holders, who are trying to win the European Cup for the first time.

The match pits Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane against City manager Pep Guardiola. Zidane has won three Champions League titles in three attempts with Madrid, while Guardiola has been seeking his third title for almost a decade after winning twice with Barcelona.

"The only way to be top in Europe is going forward and (playing in) semifinals and finals and winning the Champions League," City director of football Txiki Begiristain said at UEFA headquarters after Monday's draw.

City's best run in the Champions League was reaching the semifinals in 2016, losing 1-0 over two legs to Madrid. That was soon after Zidane took over in Madrid, and just before Guardiola was hired to replace Manuel Pellegrini in Manchester.

Also, Liverpool was sent back to the Spanish stadium where it won the title last season. The first leg against Atletico Madrid will be at the Metropolitano Stadium on Feb. 18.

"I think that Liverpool know (the stadium) very well," said Atletico director Clemente Villaverde, describing the unbeaten Premier League leaders as "at this moment the best team we have in Europe."

Liverpool coach Jurgen Klopp said there were "pretty much four or five potential finals already in the last 16."

Spanish league leader Barcelona will face "I had a bit of a breakdown. It was not go- Napoli with the first leg in Italy, and Chelsea will face Bayern Munich in a rematch of the 2012 final. Chelsea won that title in Bayern's home stadium, which will host the second leg on March 18. In other matchups: Paris Saint-Germain coach Thomas Tuchel was paired with his former club, Borussia Dortmund; Lyon will take on Juventus: Tottenham will play Leipzig; and Atalanta will meet Valencia.

> Lyon will face Juventus, a team led by Cristiano Ronaldo, without its own star forward. Memphis Depay left Sunday's French league game with a season-ending knee injury. The Juventus games will be played on the



Guardiola has been seeking his third title for almost a decade after winning twice with Barcelona. Reuters

CLLAST 16 DRAWS

Dortmund	VS	PSG
Real Madrid	VS	Man City
Atalanta	VS	Valencia
Atletico Madri	d vs	Liverpool
Chelsea	VS	Bayern
Lyon	VS	Juventus
Spurs	VS	Leipzig
Napoli	VS	Barcelona

same nights_Feb. 26 and March 17_as Madrid plays Man City.

"The whole world will be watching, no doubt," Madrid director Emilio Butragueno said. "We will experience football at its best and then the fans will be lucky to enjoy this kind of game."

Two pairings feature teams playing in the knockout rounds of the Champions League for the first time. Leipzig will play the first leg at Tottenham and Atalanta will go up against

United draw Club Brugge, Arsenal get Olympiakos in Europa League

MANCHESTER UNITED will take on Club Brugge in the last 32 of the Europa League while struggling Arsenal will face Greek side Olympiakos following Monday's draw in Nyon. United, who won the competition under Jose Mourinho in 2017, travel to Bruges for the first leg on February 20 before returning to Old Trafford a week later.

"There is no easy team at this stage but the team is doing well and hopefully we can get a good result," United club ambassador Park Ji-Sung told BT Sport.

"A couple of years ago we won the trophy and we know how beneficial it is, particularly with qualification to the Champions League."

Arsenal are languishing ninth in the Premier League after sacking coach Unai Emery but finished top of their group in Europe and are also away in the first leg.

"We are not doing so well, unfortunately in the Premier League, so this could be a route into the Champions League next year, so I'm sure it will be one of our priorities," said Arsenal club secretary David Miles. Ajax were drawn with Spanish outfit

Getafe following their surprise exit from the group stage of the Champions League, while Serie A leaders Inter Milan travel to Ludogorets.

favourites for the competition alongside last season's Champions League semi-finalists Ajax after failing to get past Barcelona and Borussia Dortmund in Europe's top competition. Celtic face FC Copenhagen of Denmark

while Steven Gerrard's Rangers come up against Portuguese outfit Braga. Sevilla travel to Romanian side Cluj with

the five-time winners riding high in La Liga, while fellow Spaniards Espanyol travel to Wolverhampton Wanderers, who are enjoying their first European campaign in nearly four decades.

Klopp and Liverpool to watch Liverpool play in Qatar

REUTERS

DOHA, DECEMBER 16

LIVERPOOL MANAGER Juergen Klopp will gather with his players on Tuesday in their Doha team hotel -- to watch Liverpool in action back in England in the League Cup.

The bizarre situation has come about because the European champions are in Qatar ahead of Wednesday's Club World Cup semifinal against Mexico's Monterrey. But a fixture clash means another Liverpool team, made up of youth players, will be facing Aston Villa around 24 hours earlier.

Liverpool's Under-23 coach Neil Critchley will be in charge of the team at Villa Park and Klopp said he and the first-team squad will be supporting them from afar in their quarter-final The runaway Premier League leaders will

watch the first game of the Club World Cup last four at the Doha's Khalifa International Stadium, between Brazilian's Flamengo and Asian champions Al-Hilal of Saudi Arabia before rushing back to their hotel. "It's good. Tomorrow night we start with

watching the other semi-final live in the stadium, I think it should be possible. And then we will leave there a bit earlier and sit here in front of the television and watch that game," said Klopp. "It will be absolutely exciting. I'm really de-

lighted for the boys." To add to the complications, the Under-23 side has been weakened further with Curtis Jones and Neco Williams called up to be part of the team in Qatar.

But Klopp says he has faith that the youthful side will be able to put in a strong performance against more experienced opponents. "I know how a lot of people in the public

Antonio Conte's side will be among the see it, but if all the football games would be decided before we start, only because of the perception of the people, then most of the games wouldn't be played. I believe, I'm a big believer in everybody has a chance," he said

"From the boys' point of view, if I would be in their boots I would be excited like hell, looking forward to it like hell, run for my life, all that stuff." "Just give it a proper try and we will sit

and will be with them. All our thoughts are with them, the more experienced players are looking forward to it to watch the game and shout them forward from here," he added.

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African athletes seek Indian boost in fight against gender crackdown

NIHAL KOSHIE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 16

LAST WEEK, 27-year-old Ugandan Annet Negesa was granted asylum in Germany nearly three months after she travelled to Berlin. Negesa, an inter-sex athlete, feared for her life in her country where LGBTQ people are often persecuted — death penalty is being proposed.

Negesa owes her new life in Germany to athletes' gender activist and researcher Dr Payoshni Mitra.

Payoshni was an expert on the panel for defending 800 metres Olympic champion Caster Semenya when the South African challenged the rules, which put a cap on testosterone levels in women athletes. She was also the one Indian sprinter Dutee Chand turned to for support in her case against World Athletics – previously known as IAAF over similar regulations.

When Negesa, a former world junior bronze medallist in 800 metres, wanted to break her silence about how her career fell apart in 2012 after being asked to undergo surgery to be eligible to participate, she turned to Payoshni. "A fellow athlete who knew about my

plight asked me if I wanted to speak to Payoshni as she could help. I shared my number and got in touch with Payoshni," Negesa says about the first interaction between her and the Kolkata-born activist in June. They met in the capital of another African

country and a bond of trust was built, Negesa says. "Meeting her was very helpful and important in terms of getting courage for standing in front of people and talking about what happened to me. She also helped me connect with people who could help me at a time when I felt my life was in danger in Uganda," says Negesa.

London-based Payoshni has made multiple trips to Africa to talk to athletes whose careers have come to a halt because of female eligibility rules — and its previous version, hyperandrogenism guidelines.

"Negesa felt very unsafe and fearful. Recently in October a gay rights activist was killed in Uganda. There have been several other cases of violence against LGBTIQ+ people in Uganda," Payoshni says.

"Negesa identifies as an intersex person and even though we all think that internationally her story was all kept confidential (Differences in Sexual Development - DSD athletes affected by the eligibility rules), it wasn't. In the immediate sports fraternity, people know which athlete may have a DSD or may have high testosterone. So people in Ugandan athletics community knew what happened to her in 2012, why she suddenly stopped competing. Negesa used to forward me links about incidents of violence against the LGBTIQ+ community in Uganda. She was



Middle-distance runner Negesa with athletes' gender activist Payoshni Mitra.

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not safe," she says. Presently, Payoshni is helping several athletes from the African continent. Venues of meetings, travel plans and identities are closely guarded so as to avoid the risk of these athletes facing any threat if they are from countries which have strict anti-gay laws.

The initial conversations between the two over a social media platform was often interrupted as Negesa ran out of data and it took time for her to find enough money to get a top-up. No longer the world-class athlete she was post-surgery, Negesa was reduced to doing menial jobs.

In June, just before she reached out to Payoshni, she was working on a site where sheds were being built for cattle.

Payoshni calls athletes like Negesa as "disappeared athletes" because once they are not allowed to compete they fall off the radar and the World Athletics, the governing body for track and field, turns a blind eye to them.

"I am worried because in some conservative countries in the world, like Uganda, the DSD regulations put athletes at risk of receiving such violence. I am working with current athletes, including those in Africa, who have faced public humiliation, loss of livelihood, severe impoverishment, marginalisa-

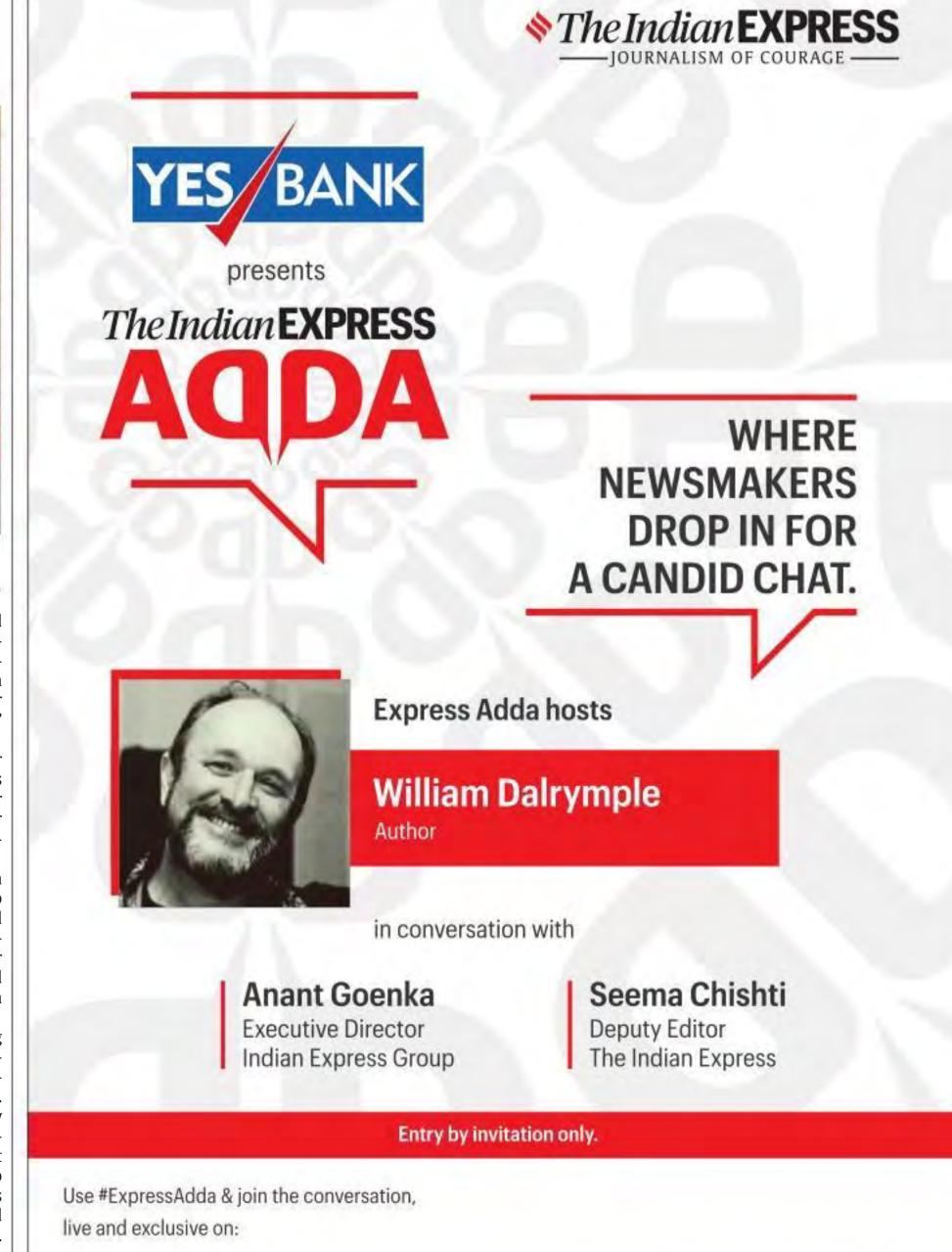
tion by family and friends for being dropped from certain specific track events. These regulations coerce young athletes to take medical steps, which is what we notice in Negesa's case. Even if one tries to switch her events, she is still outed. This must stop," Payoshni says.

World Athletics' Eligibility Rules for Female Classification requires DSD athletes to take hormone suppressants and lower testosterone levels below five nanomoles per litre (nmol/L) to compete internationally between 400m to a mile.

Negesa is looking forward to a new life in Berlin. She has already contacted a coach to see how she can stay in touch with track and field. She hopes to travel to Uganda but currently makes do with telephone calls to her family. "I have been talking to my parents and siblings and they just keep asking me when I am coming back," Negesa says.

Seeking out Payoshni's help and being part of a documentary by German broadcaster ARD on athletes affected by DSD regulations was a turning point in Negesa's life. "I wanted the athletics body to come to know that what they are doing is not good for athletes. It not only destroys a person's life but also a person's dreams. What happened to me was not right and other female athletes who are affected by DSD regulations should not have to go through such things," she says.

After the documentary was aired, in a statement issued in October, World Athletics said: "The IAAF has never forced any athlete affected by its regulations to undergo surgery, nor paid for any of their treatment. It has in some cases paid for the medical investigation and diagnosis of the athlete by an independent medical centre so the athlete is fully aware of her condition."



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