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NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 24

AMID NATIONWIDE protests the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the proposed National Register of Citizens, the Union Cabinet Tuesday approved a proposal for conducting Census of India 2021 at a cost of Rs 8,754.23 crore and updation of the National Population Register (NPR) at a cost of Rs 3,941.35 crore.

Briefing the press, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said "no proof, no documents, no biometric" will be required for the NPR and sought to delink it from the proposed NRC. "Iska dur dur tak NRC se kuchh bhi sambandh nahin hai."

While the Census will cover the entire nation, the NPR exercise will be conducted in all states except Assam where the NRC exercise was conducted recently — and the final list **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Ministers Prakash Javadekar, Piyush Goyal on Tuesday. PTI

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DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah Tuesday drew a distinction between the National Population Register (NPR) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) saying both were governed by different

laws and NPR data would never be used for the NRC exercise. In



Parents'

merator comes to the household and records self-declaration. This time, a new query is parents' place and date of birth. This, coupled with the ongoing protests and distrust around CAA-NRC, have raised questions over the intent.

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NPR set to be new flashpoint,

Cong unsure of its own idea

was in charge of first NPR during UPA

First step towards NRC, says Maken who

the Act

Shah says no NPR-NRC link, his

an interview to ANI he said: "NPR is the database on which policy is made. NRC is a process in which people are asked to prove

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

COMING AS it does against the

backdrop of widespread protests

against the new citizenship law,

the government's decision to

approve funds for updating the

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their citizenship. There is no connection between the two processes, nor can they be used in each other's survey. NPR data can never be used for NRC. Even the laws are different...I assure all the people, specially from the minorities, that NPR is not going to be used for NRC. It's a rumour."

Facts show otherwise. That NRC shall be carried out CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

National Population Register is

set to become another political

flashpoint and stoke fears that

the database could be used to

build the controversial National

less than 48 hours after Prime

Minister Narendra Modi said

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First notices go out in UP to 28 residents: Pay Rs 14 lakh for damage to property

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

DAYS AFTER 16 people were killed in Uttar Pradesh where protests over the citizenship law led to a police crackdown and a warning from Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath that "revenge will be taken", the Rampur district administration became the first in the state to initiate the process for recovery of damage to government property including police motorcycles, barrier, dandas.

In identical notices issued Tuesday to 28 people, including an embroidery worker and a hawker of spices who are already in custody, the administration, while holding them responsible for acts of violence and damage to government property, has

Notice lists cost of police barricades, sticks, vehicles

sought explanation on why recoveries should not be made

for damage worth Rs 14.86 lakh.

Zameer's mother Munni Begum

told The Indian Express that she

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worker

Embroidery

Govt clears 4-star Chief of Defence Staff as military advisor



Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar in New Delhi, Tuesday. PTI

SUSHANTSINGH NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE UNION Cabinet Tuesday approved creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) as principal military advisor to the government. In line with the landmark announcement made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech, this fulfils a long-standing recommendation for higher military

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reform, recommended by various expert committees and group of ministers, more so after the 1999 Kargil War.

The CDS will not exercise any military command, including over the three services chiefs, so as to be able to provide impartial advice to the political leadership.

The CDS will be a four-star General, at par in military rank, salary and perquisites with the three services chiefs, and will **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar at Jadavpur University on Tuesday. Express

Governor-Govt standoff: He's denied entry to Jadavpur Univ convocation

ATRIMITRA

KOLKATA, DECEMBER 24

WEST BENGAL Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar was on Tuesday prevented from attending the annual convocation at Jadavpur University (JU) by a group of pro-

testers from the TMC-backed non-teaching staff association who blocked his convoy, waving black flags and shouting slogans against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA).

Dhankhar, who is the Chancellor of state universities. was confined to his vehicle for

nearly two hours. He called up Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das, who expressed helplessness. The Governor then addressed the assembled mediapersons and said the convocation should be suspended. However, the convoca-

tion was held even as Dhankhar **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

After dodgy count, tiger panel calls for revamp

More rigour: Tiger Authority sends note to Wildlife Institute of India

JAY MAZOOMDAAR NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THREE MONTHS after The Indian Express exposed major anomalies in the government's tiger photo database, the National Tiger Conservation Authority, a statutory body under the Environment Ministry, has pro-

posed to overhaul its population monitoring setup, admitting there is no scope for "reconciliation of data", "peer review or inputs from other professionals" in the present scheme of things.

On July 29, the government had announced an estimated 2,987 tigers based on 2,462 individual tigers photographed across India.



The Indian Express report on September 20, 2019

In September, *The Indian* Express investigated each of the 1,635 unique tiger photos claimed in the previous tiger census report released in 2015. And found that, by well-established norms of wildlife population estimation, 221 of these "tiger photos" should not have been counted. The anomalies include duplicates, underage, faulty counting by flanks, and unidentifiable images. This worked out to 16% over-reporting — in other

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Indian women athletes show higher deficiencies and health risks: Study

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MIHIR VASAVDA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

The Indian Express. This page is an initiative of the IN THE last one year, Kalaivani marketing solutions team Srinivasan has progressed from of The Indian Express being on the fringes of Indian **Group and contain** boxing to becoming the next big hope. The 19-year-old attributes content paid for by advertisers. This page the rapid strides, in part, to tracking her menstrual cycle. "I have should be read as an advertisement. been monitoring my periods

helped me plan my training and

In an environment where a conversation on this topic is ignored and considered taboo, Kalaivani is among a handful of Indian sportspersons to take this approach. For her, it's a step not only to remain healthy, but also to prolong her career.

A first-of-its-kind research in the country has shown that an alarming number of Indian athletes miss their periods and are deficient in key minerals, putting them at major risk of suffering career-threatening injuries as



Research by Inspire Institute of Sport tracked menstrual cycles of athletes

well as long-term health consequences, including osteoporosis. In fact, Indian women athletes

showed higher deficiencies and health risks when compared to their counterparts worldwide. Throughout 2019, a multi-

disciplinary research team comprising physiologists, nutritionists, academics and gynecologists — at Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) tracked the menstrual cycles of the athletes training at the Bellary-based high-performance centre, home to some of India's top athletes in sports such as athletics, boxing, judo, swimming and wrestling. The institute, founded by the JSW Group,

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Storm in TN over BJP 'insult' to Periyar

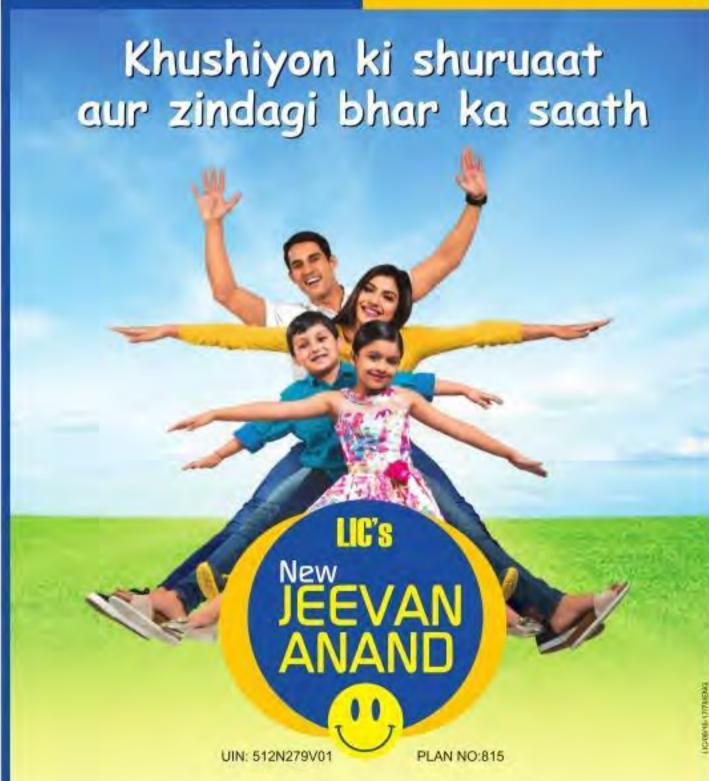
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, DECEMBER 24

THE BJP'S Tamil Nadu unit on Tuesday triggered a controversy with a tweet on Dravidian ideologue E V Ramasamy, popularly known as Periyar, on his 46th death anniversary.

Posting a photograph of Periyar with his wife Maniammai (they got married when he was 69 and she was 31), the party's state unit tweeted from its official handle: "Today is the death anniversary of Maniammai's father Periyar. Let us support the death penalty for people who sexually assault chil-

dren and take the pledge that we will create a society without any POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) accused".

The party's IT wing (@tnbjpitwing) retweeted the photograph and the comment. Both the state party unit and its IT wing later deleted the tweet. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



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The opposition's stand on the NRC and how it could impact it

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In today's episode of the 3 Things podcast, we talk about the CMs of Opposition-ruled states that have opposed the NRC and the impact that their stance could have

90 per cent did not meet the nec-

essary levels of iron. The research

further highlighted that the

prevalence of nutritional deficien-

cies among women is "superior

almost every time compared to

Kevin Caillaud, head of exercise

physiology and nutrition at IIS.

"It's a worldwide problem, but

women athletes should train is

based on what has worked for

men. There has been an increased

effort to understand the issues

women athletes face because of

their cycles, but few of those stud-

ies can be applied in the Indian

context, says Saumya Khullar, an

all of them (researches) use fe-

male athletes who are not Indians

as subjects," Khullar says.

"Considering the physiology of

Indian athletes and their diet pref-

erences... you can't really gener-

The athletes at IIS — aged be-

tween 13 and early 20s, who prac-

tice combat sports — were given a printed copy of the calendar

where they marked their period

dates and number of training days

missed each month due to peri-

ods. The screening led the re-

searchers to find that 39 per cent

of the athletes risk developing a

condition called Relative Energy

Deficiency in Sports (RED-S) syn-

drome, commonly known as

Female Athlete Triad — a combi-

nation of conditions that include

low calorie intake, missed periods

by an imbalance between energy

intake and energy spent — or, in

even simpler terms, when ath-

letes starve themselves to main-

tain or reduce weight. In combat

sports, there is pressure to shed

some kilos before bouts so that

the athlete can 'make weight'; in

endurance events, there is a gen-

eral belief among athletes that

weight loss will improve per-

formance. In the case of women

not consuming enough calories

to support the exercise demands

"We have data to show that

leads to them missing periods.

It is caused, in simple terms,

and weakening of bones.

"The unfortunate thing is that

exercise physiologist at IIS.

Most of the research on how

"It is a huge problem," says

their male counterparts".

bigger in India."

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NPR new

there had been no discussions on NRC since he came to power in 2014.

While two state Governments. Trinamool Congress-ruled West Bengal and Left-ruled Kerala, have already issued orders stopping the NPR exercise in their respective states, the main opposition Congress, which is in power in four states and the union territory of Puducherry, appeared undecided and divided and was hence silent. The Congress, especially the Gandhis, had been very critical of the Government over the citizenship law and the NRC.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar asserted that the Census exercise had no relation with the NRC. The Home Ministry issued a statement saying "there is no proposal at present to conduct a nationwide NRC based on the NPR data," and that the exercise will not seek documents from individuals in every household.

Many in the Opposition said that the NPR, in itself, was little more than a counting exercise but given the deep distrust and tension around the new citizenship law and the NRC and the new query in NPR on parents' birth, it could a key stepping stone towards the NRC.

"It is surprising that the Prime Minister on Sunday said that they are not going ahead with NRC. And today, the Cabinet has allotted Rs 8,500 crore for NPR. What is NPR? The Home Ministry's latest annual report says NPR is the first step towards the creation of the National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC)," former Minister of State for Home Ajay Maken told The Indian Express. He was in charge of the first NPR exercise which was carried out in 2011.

Referring to Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks Tuesday evening in an interview to ANI

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that NPR data cannot be used for NRC, Maken said: "It is a big lie, it is a bigger lie than what Modi had said on Sunday. They are doing NRC in the garb of NPR...The Congress never brought NPR to the extent of linking it with NRC." But the Congress officially did

not react. The idea of NPR actually dates

back to the UPA regime and it was put in motion in 2009 by then Home Minister P Chidambaram. At least two members of the Congress Working Committee saw nothing wrong in the NPR exercise while another senior leader said the party's state governments should not carry out the exercise since they have taken a position against the NRC.

"NPR is basically a first step towards the NRC...if we have said no to NRC publicly, our state governments should not do it. NPR means the database is with you..you just have to do the purging," a senior Congress leader told The Indian Express.

But another leader said that NPR is "not necessarily a precursor to the NRC.

"This is a constitutional requirement, the requirement of law...you have the office of the registrar general of births and deaths...that is a national institution and they are supposed to undertake this exercise to update the population register.." he said. Another leader said "it has been going on for years...was done as part of 2011 census."

The CPM appealed to all Chief Ministers, who have opposed the NRC, to ensure that the NPR exercise is abandoned in their states. The Home Ministry statement, however, goes against its own assertions in Parliament and in its latest annual report where it has been specifically mentioned that NRC would be conducted on the basis of NPR data

.In its latest statement, issued after the Cabinet approval to NPR MHA has said that the objective

of conducting NPR is to "prepare a credible register of every family and individual" living in the country apart from "strengthening security" and "improvement targeting of beneficiaries under various

"No biometric data is being collected. No documents is being sought during the house-tohouse enumeration," the MHA statement added.

Central government schemes".

Chief of Defence

head the newly created Department of Military Affairs in the Ministry of Defence and function as its Secretary.

Making the announcement, Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said, "CDS will have all powers of a Secretary-level officer. The files need not go through the Defence Secretary and the CDS will be empowered to send to it directly to the Defence Minister.'

Apart from being the head of the Department of Military Affairs, the CDS will also be the Permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. He will act as the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister on all tri-services matters. In a clear delineation of roles, the three services chiefs will continue to advise the Minister on matters exclusively concerning their respective services.

The Department of Military Affairs, headed by the CDS, will deal with the armed forces — the Army, Navy and Air Force; works relating to the Army, Navy and Air Force; and procurement exclusive to the services except capital acquisitions. His mandate will also include promoting jointness in procurement, training and staffing for the defence services through joint planning and integration of their requirements; facilitation of restructuring of military commands for optimal utilisation of resources by bringing about jointness in operations, including through establishment of joint/theatre commands; and promoting use of indigenous equipment by the services.

Jadavpur Univ

returned to Raj Bhavan. "We were also gheraoed. The decision to hold the convocation was taken by the administrative body, not me," V-C Das later told reporters.

Denouncing the incident as a "total collapse of rule of law", Dhankhar blamed Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for the protests over the new citizenship law. He later called a meeting of all Vice-Chancellors on January 13, and said he would also seek a discussion with Baneriee on the issue.

When Dhankhar arrived at the university at 10.30 am, a section of students were protesting against him for supporting the CAA. However, it was the nonteaching staff who blocked his convoy and heckled him, shouted slogans like "Dhankhar, go back".

The Governor then opened the sunroof of his vehicle to address mediapersons. "Suspend the convocation... The V-C should quit if he can't handle the situation. The Chief Minister is to blame for this crisis. She opposed the Citizenship (Amendment) Act... in public space, with public funds," he said.

"There can't be complete lawlessness. There is total collapse of rule of law," said Dhankhar. "I appeal to all, don't play with fire, maintain rule of law. You can't allow a handful of people to do this," he said.

He also put out a series of tweets. "The number of those obstructing is only around fifty. System being held hostage and those enjoined with the task are oblivious of their obligations. A collapse that can only lead to unwholesome consequences. Rule of law is nowhere in sight," he

"Am surprised that inspite of my directive to V-C to go by rulebook and abide by my direction

Population register updation starts April

rejected by the state government. The NPR updation and house listing and housing Census will be conducted from April to September, 2020. Population enumeration will be carried out from February 9 to February 28, 2021.

The NPR is a register of usual residents of the country and includes both Indian and foreign citizens. It is mandatory for every usual resident of India to register in the NPR. The first NPR, prepared in 2010 under provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955 and Citizenship Rules, 2003, was subsequently updated in 2015.

According to the proposal moved by the Union Home Ministry, demographic details of every individual will be required for every usual resident on 21 points including date and place of birth of parents, last place of residence, permanent account number (PAN),

Aadhaar (on voluntarily basis), voter ID card number, driving licence number and mobile number. It is not clear whether all have been approved by the Cabinet.

For the 2010 NPR, data was collected on 15 points and did not include date and place of birth of parents and last place of residence. "We are launching a massive

programme of national Census which happens every 10 years. So, 2021 is the Census year. Every house will be mapped, listed during April and September 2020. In February 2021, the headcount will be done," Javadekar said.

He said no proof or document submission will be reguired for the NPR which will be a self-declaration exercise. "No proof, no paper, no biometric is required, whatever you say is correct because we trust the

"NPR was started during the UPA government in 2010 and at that time the cards (of NPR) were distributed by the then Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, and updation of the same was done in 2015. As this is done at an interval of 10 years, it will take place in 2020," he said.

Told that some states were opposed to the move, Javadekar said, "All the states have accepted this and they have issued the required notifications and training of officials for this exercise is going on. Those who live in India will be counted under the NPR."

"Conducting the Census and NPR simultaneously saves a lot of money. One is happening for the sixteenth time and the other for the second time. This will be a big task and information will be collected by trusting the people. It's self-certification. We are

not demanding any proof, no document is required, no biometric is required. There is a biometric in Aadhaar but we are not demanding that here," he

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal, also present at the briefing, said: "Aadhaar number will be optional." Javadekar said: "This will be

the exact UPA exercise which all of you welcomed. We are implementing the same which you can't say is wrong. We are repeating only what the UPA did."

"NPR will be used for NRC we have never said, never meant," Javadekar said. Asked whether details such as place and date of birth of parents will be asked during the NPR, he said: "It will be optional... If you don't remember it, there is no requirement to fill it." He then said he had not seen the form finalised by experts.

Shah says no link, law says otherwise

on the basis of NPR is enshrined in the Citizenship Rules of 2003 under the Citizenship Act 1955. Indeed, NPR is part and parcel of the rules framed for NRC.

Not just this. In its first term, the Narendra Modi government told Parliament at least nine times that NRC will be conducted on the basis of NPR data even calling the former a "logical conclusion" of the latter.

First, the law itself: ■The NPR, an enumeration

of "usual residents" (resident for at least six months) of the country, is a data-collection exercise based on voluntary disclosure of information by people and is governed by Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003. The rules were framed under sub-sections (1) and (3) of Section 18 of the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Under Rule 3, which provides for NRC, sub-rule (4), says, "The Central Government may, by an order issued in this regard, decide a date by which the Population Register shall be prepared by collecting information relating to all persons who are usually residing within the jurisdiction of Local Registrar."

Sub-rule(5) of the Rule then says: "The Local Register of Indian citizens shall contain details of persons after due verification made from the Population Register."

Under Rule 4, titled ation of NRIC by verification of marks that there has been no

"Preparation of the National Register of Indian Citizens", subrule 4 says, "During the verification process, particulars of such individuals, whose Citizenship is doubtful, shall be entered by the Local Registrar with appropriate remark in the Population Register for further enquiry and in case of doubtful citizenship, the individual or the family shall be informed in a specified proforma immediately after the verification process is over."

Under Rule 7, the head of the family is supposed to provide correct information to enumerators during NPR exercise failing which he shall be penalised (under rule 17) with a fine extending up to Rs 1,000. ■ The 2018-19 Annual

Report of the MHA, released recently, says that NPR is the first step towards implementation of the NRC. "The National Population Register (NPR) is the first step towards the creation of the National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) under the provisions of the aforementioned Statute (Citizenship Act)," the Annual Report said.

■ In Parliament, on July 8, 2014, in a written reply to a question by Congress MP Rajeev Satav, then MoS Home Kiren Rijiju said, "The scheme of NPR has been reviewed and it has been decided that NPR should be completed and taken to its logical conclusion, which is crecitizenship status of every usual resident in the NPR." On July 15 and July 22

on similar lines during question hour in Lok Sabha. On July 23, he made the same statements in Rajya Sabha. On November 29, 2014, Rijiju told Rajya Sabha: "The NPR is the first step towards creation of National Register of Indian

Citizens (NRIC) by verifying the

citizenship status of every usual

resident.' On April 21 and July 28, 2015, then MoS Home Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhury reiterated the "logical conclusion" statement in Lok Sabha during question hour.

On May 13, 2015, in Rajya Sabha, Rijiju made similar asser-

On November 11, 2016, Rijiju reiterated this during question hour in Rajya Sabha. "The Government has approved the preparation of Population Register comprising details of usual residents in the country The preparation of Population Register is a part of preparation of National Register of Indian Citizens under provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955 read with

the Citizenship Rules (2003)." In his Tuesday interview. Shah, who has underlined several times that the NRC will be held, echoed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Sunday re"There is no point discussing

again, Rijiju linked NPR and NRIC

mented across the country.

detention centres, Shah admitted there were detention centres in Assam and Karnataka. He, however, chose to not link them with NRC. "Whatever detention centres are there are part of a continuous process. People can't just come into the country and start living here. There is a law. If a foreigner enters any country without documents, they are kept in a detention centre until they can be deported to their country. There is no connection between detention centres and NRC. Whatever illegal migrants are caught have to be kept in these detention centres that are being discussed. No detention centre is functional and none have come up under the Modi

alise. So, when we are talking about Indian athletes, we need to make our own judgement."

talk of NRC in the government.

this (NRC) because it is not under discussion at the moment. PM rightly said it has neither been discussed in the Cabinet nor has it been spoken of in Parliament in relationship to the Act. My party's manifesto is at its place. As and when it happens, it won't be done in secret," Shah Shah has repeatedly spoken

about CAA and NRC in the same breath and even asked people to understand the "chronology" where CAA would be followed by NRC. He has also repeatedly said that NRC would be imple-Differing with the PM over

regime," he said.

when athletes were missing their periods, their performance was coming down and not evolving There were some medical concerns as well," Caillaud says. The potential injuries because of Female Athlete Triad include

ACL damage, stress fractures, back and knee injuries in wrestling and shoulder injuries in case of a

Kalaivani, who competes in the 48 kg category, is not surprised with the ignorance Caillaud refers to. "I was 9 when 1 started boxing. My father was my first coach but when I started getting periods, I felt shy to discuss it with him in the beginning," she

At the national camp, where she is surrounded by male coaches and support staff, the conversation surrounding menstrual health is virtually non-existent. It was only at the insistence of Khullar that she started monitoring her periods.

Today, Kalaivani uses a mobile app to track her periods, an approach made famous in sports by the World Cup-winning USA football team. Kalaivani isn't the only one — Tokyo Olympics aspirant Nikhat Zareen, too, has bought into the idea, Caillaud says.

Khullar adds: "We have been able to bring down the number of athletes who miss periods. So that would mean there are more athletes who are healthier.'

Kalaivani testifies to this. "I have been feeling healthier than before," she says. But she also insists on making the conversation on periods 'normal' for better health of women athletes.

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as regards convocation, the same has been started. In utter helplessness as of now I am leaving the Jadavpur University campus. Those concerned must soul search," he tweeted.

Later in the day, he called a press conference at Raj Bhavan, where he alleged attempts by the state government to "usurp" his authority. Saying that there is "a policy paralysis", he accused the state government of trying to "shackle the education system" and put the universities "in a political cage".

Tiger count words, there is one paper tiger for

every seven tigers in the data.

The government has not released the full 2019 report since.

In a note dated December 16 to Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India (WII), also under the Environment Ministry, the NTCA conveyed its proposal to revamp its Tiger Cell to "bring more accountability, transparency and scientific robustness" and "fill the gaps in scientific monitoring and research observed since 2006, started in country".

While the WII has been conducting the quadrennial all-India tiger surveys for the NTCA since 2006, the Tiger Cell was set up through an MoU between the two in August 2016. The Tiger Cell, the NTCA note

observed, has been functioning as a single entity in Dehradun under two senior WII faculties assisted by a set of contractual staff which "centralised the overall structure and has been a challenge to source and disseminate information." Pointing out that the "Tiger

Cell is currently seen as laboratory based population estimation and monitoring unit with database management with lack of inputs from field," the NTCA note underlined that the cell "needs to serve as real technical arm of NTCA and this can only be achieved if it is integrated through Regional Offices."

"We have sent a note on the proposed changes. It will be finalised after discussing with all stakeholders," said Anup Kumar Nayak, member-secretary, NTCA. when All India Tiger Estimation Contacted by The Indian Express,

new director will join in a couple of days," he said.

Periyar, POCSO

But the damage was done, as many, including BJP's allies AIADMK and PMK, condemned the tweet and criticised the party. DMK MP Kanimozhi said

Periyar had worked tirelessly to build a society that encourages women's rights, and the BJP was unaware of women's rights and civilisation. DMK leader M K Stalin

tweeted that the BJP could have given some thought before putting out a demeaning post about Periyar. "Let that fear be there. Periyar is giving jitters even after his death. Will AIADMK pounce like a tiger on this issue? Or will it hide like an earthworm?" he said. "The official handle of BJP has

put out something which I cannot say out in the open. They should tender a public apology for dishonoring Periyar with a false accusation. I never thought they would stoop this low," said MDMK leader Vaiko.

acting director of WII Dr Pradip "BJP and their IT wing's post Singh declined comment. "The about Periyar on his anniversary is disgusting. This shows their jaundiced eyes. This is strongly condemnable," said PMK founder S Ramadoss. "Tamil Nadu is Dravidian land.

> we will not accept if someone talks ill about Periyar or Maniammai. On behalf of Dravidar Kazhagam, we will condemn whoever speaks ill about great leaders like Periyar, Anna, MGR and Kalaignar," said AIADMK leader and state minister Sellur K Raju.

Speaking to reporters, Nirmal Kumar, BJP state president, IT & social media, said: "We removed the tweet after our party leaders and allies requested. We haven't posted anything new. DMK leaders like Anna, Kalaignar have said similar things when they formed their own party."

Women athletes

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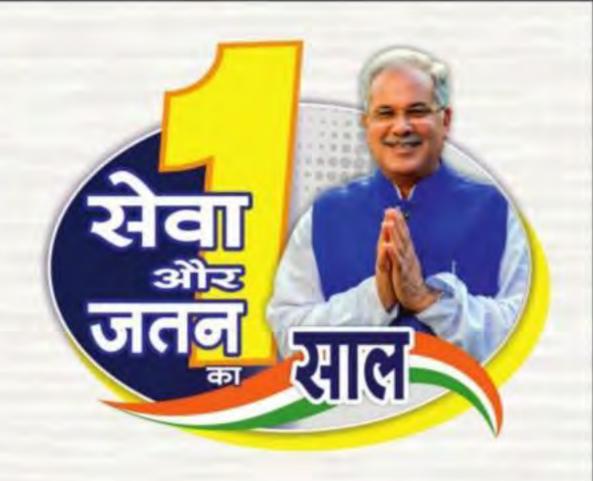
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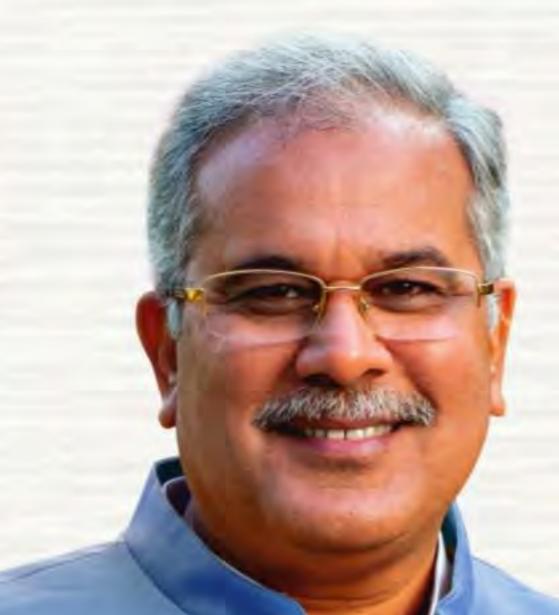
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Shazia Ilmi says being sidelined at **BJP** events

ABHINAV RAJPUT

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

DELHI BJP vice-president Shazia Ilmi has raised the issue of state leadership displaying a bias against her during party gatherings, including at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally at Ramlila Ground Sunday. In the party's internal

WhatsApp group for state officebearers, Ilmi is learnt to have raised the matter of differential treatment being meted out to her by denying her an all-access pass — a facility provided to other senior office-bearers.

Ilmi, who joined the BJP in 2015 after quitting AAP, is also part of the party's media panelists and can be seen in several TV debates defending the party's

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Ilmi said, "I never wanted to raise this through the media, but someone has leaked the internal WhatsApp group chat." She said this wasn't the first time she has faced such bias, so she raised the issue in the group. "The central leadership has taken strict cognizance of the issue," she said.

"I also want to put it straight that this should not been seen through a religious angle, rather it has to do with politics of the state leadership," she said.

Ilmi alleged she was denied an all-access pass during the PM's Ramlila Maidan event

Party sources said besides Ilmi, another woman officebearer has raised the issue of discrimination during Sunday's rally.

A senior BJP leader said Ilmi later managed to sit in the media enclosure at the Sunday event. He said Ilmi was also disappointed over the way she was not given due space in high-level gatherings on two occasions in the past.

In 2017, when state party chief Manoj Tiwari was given charge, Ilmi was appointed as vice-president.

Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari did not respond to calls seeking a comment. Delhi BIP media head Pratyush Kanth said, "Shaziaji has kept her grievances before Tiwariji. The party is looking upon it. "

Jamia Millia Islamia, meanwhile,

led a citizens march from Mandi

House to Jantar Mantar, which

was joined by around 500 peo-

they stated they will "observe

the first day of the New Year as a

beginning of a year of struggles

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Women take the lead at Shaheen Bagh sit-in: NRC will have devastating impact on families

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

A SHARP voice pierces through the noise of women chatting, girls giggling and infants bawling. The men are mostly on the margins.

"Aap logon ko bola tha paanch minute chup rehne ke liye; aap wo bhi nahi kar sakte? (I requested you to keep quiet for five minutes; can't you even do that?)"

A hush descends. Humera Sayed (22) has effortlessly managed to silence a crowd comprising women more than twice her age. "The thing is, when I am on stage, I feel like I own it," Sayed, pursuing BSc from Delhi University's Gargi College, says

The stage is essentially a makeshift tarpaulin and wooden structure pitched on a busy thoroughfare in Shaheen Bagh. And the audience — a mass of women, with children in tow, unruffled by the biting cold.

Over the last 10 days, Shaheen Bagh has emerged as the focal point of resistance against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC). While protests at other places

such as Mandi House and Jantar Mantar have come and gone in waves, the women of Shaheen Bagh have been unrelenting, having vowed not to withdraw their agitation until CAA is "rolled back" or the Centre "promises not to implement NRC". From the stage, there are no

fiery speeches, loud sloganeering or flag waving. Instead, speakers regale the audience with poetry, songs and plays, while a projector occasionally plays documen-

"We are not here to oppose anything. We are here to uphold



At Shaheen Bagh on Monday night. Over the last 10 days, the area has emerged as the focal point of resistance against the Citizenship Amendment Act and the proposed National Register of Citizens. Tashi Tobgyal

our Constitution, the only holy book, the Constitution of Ambedkar. We are telling people that the book is being tinkered with and we won't let that happen," Sayed, who lives in Shaheen Bagh, says.

Asked whether the elders, especially men, take offence to her admonishing them, Sayed says, "Instead, people ring me up when I don't turn up."

Explaining why women are leading the charge here, Adeela, a homemaker, says, "More than anything else, NRC will have a

devastating impact on families. We hold our families together. More than the men, women from families with limited means are vulnerable in terms of not having proper documents to establish their identity, let alone descent."

Shakeela Bano says the visuals of Delhi Police assaulting students of Jamia Millia Islamia left many women in the area shaken, drawing them to the protest site. "The women of the families are taking turns. Some come and sit here during the day, some in the evening, and some sit through the

Youth bodies, student unions New faces, new message: How capital

night. It's not easy, but necessary," she adds.

Musarrat, sitting on the staircase of a large garments showroom overlooking the protest, also stresses on "saving families from being torn apart".

"We have relatives in Assam and have heard how flawed the system is. The spelling of my name differs from one identify card to another, which is the case for many in this country. Tomorrow, in the event of an NRC, what do I do? And (Home Minister) Amit Shah has told a channel that even Aadhaar and voter IDs won't be accepted," she

Performances on the stage are

punctuated by announcements urging the gathering to avoid speaking to the media in case one lacks clarity on NRC or CAA. "When someone asks you, tell

them you are fighting for the spirit of the Constitution. It's not a Muslim issue. It's an issue for the entire country," the organisers announce.

A part of the anxiety voiced by the women stems from Shah's ut-

terances on NRC — nearly every woman here has seen his speeches in video clips that have gone viral on social media.

"Shah has time and again said NRC will be conducted across the country. When triple talaq was abolished, we gave him the ben-

efit of doubt thinking he must've done something good. But not

this time," Musarrat says. While political faces such as Bhim Chandrashekhar Azad, CPM leader Brinda Karat and former Congress MLA Asif Mohammed Khan have stopped by the gathering, the coordination work is being done by Aasif Mujtaba (30), a PhD scholar at IIT Delhi.

Under Mujtaba, around six groups of volunteers take care of the safety of women, preventing the entry of dubious elements, providing medical aid, arranging food and bedding for those staying overnight.

At night, when the performances end, the organisers screen films using a projector. On Tuesday, Lion of the Desert, a film set during the reign of Italian dictator Mussolini, was screened.

Groups of policemen posted in the area keep an eye on the gathering from a distance. Locals said many shopkeepers have approached the police to clear the road, citing loss of business. The protest has blocked a key stretch -Kalindi Kunj Road-linking the

densely populated Shaheen Bagh with the satellite township of Noida for 10 days and 11 nights. Around 12.30 am, as the gath-

ering starts to thin out, some women stay back "to ensure police do not clear the area overnight". Many head home through the alleys, playing video clips they recorded through the evening.

Police reply sought on bail to Darya Ganj accused

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 24

A DELHI court issued notice to Delhi Police in the Darya Ganj protest case, wherein the bail pleas of six persons were supposed to be heard.

Senior advocate Rebecca John told the court she got the order rejecting the bail pleas late Monday evening. However, the public prosecutor told the court no notice was issued to the investigating officer in the case and he himself was not provided with a copy, following which the court listed the matter for December 2.

Violence broke out in Darya Ganj on December 20, when a group of protesters agitating the Citizenship against Amendment Act resorted to stone-pelting, after police tried to forcefully evict them. In the melee, one car was set on fire and several vehicles were damaged.

A magistrate court Monday rejected the bail pleas of all the 15 arrested in the case and sent them to 14 days' judicial custody. It noted that police officers were assaulted and criminal force was used on them by pelting stones, and such incidents create panic in the society.

join forces to oppose CAA **SUKRITA BARUAH &** SHAARDHOOL SHREENATH NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24 OVER 60 youth organisations and student unions from across the country joined hands Tuesday to form a common front in opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Act, National Register of Citizens and National Population Register. Students of

Protesters marched from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar, Tuesday. Tashi Tobgyal

INU Students' Union and TISS Mumbai Students Union.

Among the students' organisations are Congress-backed NSUI; Left-affiliated AISA, AISF, DSF and SFI; DMK Student Wing; Samajwadi Yuvajan Sabha; Chhatra RJD; and Bhim Army Students Federation. "Our purpose is to develop coordination between protesting students/organisations/unions on a national scale and enhance its scope and impact," said former JNUSU president N Sai Balaji.

Mannat Chauhan (19), a stu-

dent of OP Jindal Global University, said Tuesday's protest was the third she had attended

in opposition to the CAA. "When you see one room burning, you don't wait until your room burns too. That's why we see so many people of all age groups out here protesting week after week," she said.

Smriti Singh Rajput (19), spoke on why she believes in repeatedly coming out to protest against this issue.

(Shardhool Shreenath is an intern with The Indian Express)

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

SUSHANT SINGH

"THIS REVOLUTION will not be televised. It'll be Instagrammed." The poster, held up in Mumbai's Azad Maidan last week, captured the uniqueness of the protests against the new citizenship law and NRC. Be it the road outside Jamia Millia Islamia or Shaheen Bagh, Jantar Mantar or India Gate, the protests have brought a demographic, a gender and a community in a mix not seen in public spaces in a long time.

Tanvi Singh, a 26-year-old research scholar at Jamia who hails from Chhapra in Bihar, is a firsttime protester. Opposed to NRC and CAA, she came out in solidarity with other students following police action at Jamia on December 15. "The kind of brutality unleashed by the police against unarmed students was unconscionable. High Court has not intervened. We have to protest to save India's future, which is secularism," she said.

Hailing from an extended family of BJP supporters, she said only her mother and brother support her views. "My cousins and uncles say now that I am eating Jamia's salt, I am talking this language. My Facebook posts are full of comments attacking me. But I



protests are smashing the status quo

Protesters outside Jamia Millia Islamia. Tashi Tobgyal

am standing here in solidarity against this idea of 'othering'."

Like her, young women have been at the forefront of protests. Rakshanda (26), an M.Phil student at Jamia, said there is nothing "Hindu-Muslim" about the university, which is visible in the protests as well. "In my class of six students, four are non-Muslims. My closest friends are non-Muslims. We are away from our families and this is the first time I have come out like this. But they all have been standing with us from the first day of the protests."

Garima (34), working professional, stands with a poster in her hand. She, too, is a first-time protester. "Our Constitution is being destroyed. This is unjust towards minorities, and when you see iniustice, you have to raise your voice. That's why I am here." According to sociologist S S

Jodhka, what stands out "is the spontaneity and political clarity of young girls, who are 20-22 years old, belong to middle-class families and are articulate about citizenship rights".

"This is what the country needs. I am so touched and moved that I would want to work under their leadership," she said.

On the road outside Jamia, the language of protesters is neither religious nor sectarian. There are no clerics, nor are the protests organised by Muslim groups, "They are proud of their identity, but are not ready to be attacked for it or limited by it. It is a shift in the conception of secularism," said author Nilanjana Roy, who has been attending the protests.

"This is an expression of identity without religious overtones. The articulation is radically different from the past, but it is not seeking a solution through a sectarian leader of the community. Never in the past have we seen such extensive participation by Muslim women," said Tanweer Alam, a Jamia alumnus who recently completed his post-graduation from Oxford University. "For the first time, we have witnessed the socially privileged class of Muslims coming out on the streets. All this would not have been possible without the support of Hindus, which has allowed Muslims to come out and not hide behind someone."

Historian Mukul Manglik said the protests show Muslims have refused to be imprisoned by their identity while being targeted for it. "They are moving out of that boundary and reaching out to take it," he said.

The movement has unleashed forces which have made things so far political and constitutional directly personal for the young. It has entered the lexicon of a generation — if the December 16,2012 gangrape case played out on TV screens, these protests are on Instagram — which is clearly leading from the front, expressing in equal measure anger, anguish and hope.

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एवं समय अनुसार सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा। ई-निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की स्थिति में ई-निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस पर निर्धारित समय तक स्वीकार की जायेगी निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये ई-निविदा/ई-निविदाओं को अस्वीकार/विभाजित करने का अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा धरोहर/ई-निविदा राशि रहित व सशर्त ई-निविदार्ये स्वीकार नहीं की जायेगी। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउन लोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के संबंध में कृपया www.etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग आन करें। निविदाओं का विवरण निम्न प्रकार है:- क्रम सं. 1 निविदा संख्या एवं कार्य का विवरण टी-134/19-20:-(**अतिअल्पकालिक**):- विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड मेरठ के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. मुजफ्फरनगर-मोदीपुरम लाईन पर ओ.पी.जी.डब्लू. से संबंधित कार्य। धरोहर राशि 2000.00 निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य 590.00 जी.एस.टी. सहित ई-पोर्टल पर निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय 31.12.2019 सायं 05 बजे तक ई-पोर्टल पर निविदा का प्रथम भाग खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 01.01.2020 प्रातः 12 बजे तक ई-पोर्टल पर निविदा का द्वितीय भाग खोलने की तिथि एवं समय तद्नुसार वेबसाइट पर सचित की जायेगीं। अधीक्षण विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, 130-डी, ''पारेषण भवन'' विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ ''राष्ट्रहित में 3212/वि.पा.मं./ETC/मेरठ

24/12/2019

High Court rejects plea challenging internet shutdown in capital

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Tuesday rejected a plea challenging the shutting down of internet services in various parts of the capital during protests against the new citizenship law

on December 19. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar junked the petition after Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Sanjay Jain, appearing for the Centre, apprised the court that the disruption was only for four hours on December 19 and was no longer in effect. The ASG argued that no rules were violated in issuance of directions for prohibition of telecom services as contended by the petitioner society, Software

Freedom Law Center (SFLC.in). While declining to entertain the issue, the bench said the society or anyone affected by the prohibition of telecom services can file a suit for damages if they

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have suffered any loss due to the disruption. "There is no reason to entertain the petition and interfere...," it added. The petition contended that

the order for prohibition of telecom services in Delhi was issued by a Deputy Commissioner of Police and not the Home Secretary, who is the competent authority to issue such a direction. SFLC.in. which claims to

work for the promotion and protection of digital rights, said in its plea that the direction issued to prohibit telecom services in the city was violative of the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017. It also argued that the order to suspend telecom service for reasons like preventing peaceful protests is not reasonable restrictions under the Constitution. **ENS**



Time to look back and introspect

The world of today has its challenges and risks but also its opportunities and rewards. Christmas is a good time for us to look inwards and reflect on what we truly are as human beings



PRASHANT SOLOMON

HE LAST week of the year is heralded by Christmas. At this time next week, we will be in the year 2020 which is not just a new year but the beginning of a new decade. This is a perfect week for reflection. It is a great time to look back at not just the year but in this case, the last 10 years and take stock of our own lives. Are we happy with the way we have spent the last year or decade as the case may be. Is there something we could have done differently?

We are living in interesting and intriguing times. We are being faced with many challenges in our world today - environmental issues, economic slowdown and an atmosphere of tension in the world that is being caused by focusing too much on our differences instead of our similarities.

The world of today has its challenges and risks but also its opportunities and rewards. Christmas is a good time for us to look inwards and reflect what we truly are as human beings. For while today is a day of celebration, Christmas cakes and carols, it is also the day that we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Today's theme for this Christmas message is community and peace. The world has always had divisions and mistrust among communities. Take the example from the time of Jesus more than 2000 years ago. The Jews and Samaritans lived side by side. They were two sects of people living in Israel. They both despised each other. In fact, the Jews did not even like to utter the word 'Samaritan'. But Jesus often taught great truths in the form of stories which are called parables.

One of these is the Parable of the Good Samaritan-

Luke 10:25-37 New International Version (NIV) The Parable of the Good Samaritan

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

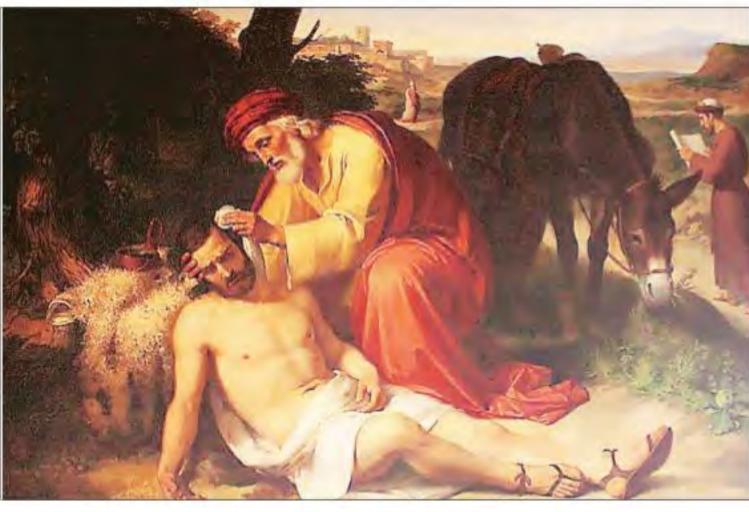
"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"



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In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii (local currency) and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expenses you



may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

What makes this story even more interesting is that the Samaritans were people who were hated by the Jews of that time. They were considered so low

that Israelites did not even want to speak to them. But yet, this Samaritan was the only one who actually helped. On the other hand - the priest and Levite (both respected and high ranking people amongst the Jews) refused to help. This story conveyed a deeper message that despite our prejudices or differences against certain people, we must know that there is good in everyone and sometimes it is the ones who are considered different, the ones de-

DOING GOOD MEANS DOING CREATIVE AND ENTERPRISING THINGS TO MAKE THE WORLD AND ALL LIFE ON IT BETTER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

spised, who actually end up helping you at the end and sometimes the people who you consider as your own may not.

Jesus himself was a Jew and for him to tell a story where a Samaritan was actually the 'hero' of the story was very meaningful as it represents how important he considered it to love, respect and help people irrespective of their religion or background.

When people do that, there will be peace.

"Peace is not the absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition of benevolence, confidence, justice." — Baruch Spinoza

As Spinoza said, peace is not just the absence of war but a state of mind where there is an atmosphere that makes it conducive to thrive. It is a state of mind where the creative spirit of humanity is encouraged to grow and prosper.

As Jesus said at the end of the Biblical account -"Go and do likewise."

This statement is interesting indeed. If we take the phrase - "O God" it can be considered as the simplest communication with God. But within that phrase is encapsulated in the form of anagrams the phrases "Go Do" and the word "good". All we really need to do to please God irrespective of your religion or belief is this - "Go Do Good."

That's it. It is that simple. But doing good is not only about treating yourself and others with love. Doing good means doing creative and enterprising things to make the world and all life on it better for future generations.

Doing good means making new inventions, new discoveries, creating art in any form, creating businesses, creating jobs, creating education and creating a wholesome environment. It is not enough for us to just sit and think good thoughts - but to "go DO good".

"Go and do likewise," said Jesus. Action is important and so is the type of action. We must do good in every way we can in a manner that will benefit the

Christmas 2019 is a perfect time to reflect on our past, present and future. Where do we want our world to be 10 years from now in the year 2030? Think about it and work towards that goal. Each one of us has the potential to be a spark of goodness that will make the world a better place.

But take this moment to let this thought sink in. Enjoy the Christmas spirit of love, joy and universal peace. Merry Christmas and wishing you a Happy new year 2020 and a happy new decade of the 2020s.

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Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2020!

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HC junks plea to replace Delhi **Police with CISF**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

in district courts

THE DELHI High Court has said the existing security system at district courts here provided by police was "sufficient enough" to protect visitors and dismissed a plea seeking to replace the agency with the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar declined to entertain the petition by a lawyer who referred to the November 2 clash between police and advocates at the Tis Hazari court complex and contended that the agency be removed from all district courts in the city.

The bench declined to issue any such direction and dismissed the plea after central government standing counsel Anil Soni told the court that a similar matter had been dismissed by it in November. The court said "the existing system with the help of police... is sufficient enough to protect visitors".

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E-Tender. The Divisional Railway Manager (S&T), Western Railway

Bhavnagar Para invites e-tenders on

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Name of work: Bhavnagar Division:

Provision of Railnet/Internet

connectivity with local Wi/Fi and LAN

for the implementation of UMID over all

Divisional hospital. Health units for

Generating OPD cases through HIMS

(Estimated Cost ₹ 46,90,917.64). (II)

Tender No. 35/2019 Name of work:

of S&T materials in connection with

sanctioned works of construction of

LHS in lieu of unmanned LC gates &

subway [at LC 65 & 66 (Gadhakda-

Savarkundla), LC 83 & 84 (Gadhakda-

Vijpadi) in PRCL section and subway to

connect platform No.I & 2 at Gondall

Bhavnagar division, (Estimated Cost 3

Name of work: Supply, installation

testing and commissioning of signalling

material in connection with provision of

sliding boom at 50 Nos Interlocked LC

gates, Bhavnagar division, (Estimated

Cost ₹ 44,12,957/-). (IV) Tender No.

37/2019 Name of work: Replacement

of Cable Route Marker in PRCL section.

Bhavnagar division (Estimated Cost ₹

17.12,945/-). (V) Tender No. 38/2019

Name of work: Replacement of Cable

Route marker in Non-PRCL section.

Bhavnagar division. (Estimated Cost ₹

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A List of Works For Suppliers And Manufactures

Development of Foot over Bridge (FoB)

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at Hanuman Chowk, Bathinda

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12,92,526.50). (III) Tender No. 36/2019

Their schoolmates apprehended for forging DM's signature, students gather outside his office

ON MONDAY, two minors were apprehended by Gautam Budh Nagar Police for allegedly forging a district magistrate's signature and issuing a fake order declaring school holiday for two days against the backdrop of anti-citizenship law protests in the state.

dents from their government school sat outside the district magistrate's office, with their hands folded and others holding their ears, to seek pardon for their schoolmates.

that I will order for an FIR since the fake order created panic in the district, especially during a sensitive time. During investigation, it was found that two students had created that fake order. Law will take its due course," said B N Singh, District Magistrate, Gautam Budh Nagar.

According to police, the two students allegedly created the fake order using an app because they wanted to enjoy two days off. The FIR has been filed under IPC section 420 (fraud) and relevant sections of the IT Act.

After their friends were apprehended, students from the school gathered outside the DM's office in Sector 27 and said they wanted to meet him.

magistrate to let go of the two students. We understand what they did was wrong, but their careers will be ruined. We will not move until we meet the DM. We hope they will be shown mercy," said one of the

WE ARE STOCKED FOR THE SEASON, PLEAD LICENCEES

HC stays ban on liquor sale in city's department stores

PRITAM PALSINGH NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday stayed the implementation of the Delhi government's order banning department stores from selling beer and wine in the national capital, after it was argued by licence holders that the decision was in "contravention of the principles of natural justice".

Justice Navin Chawla issued a notice to the Delhi government and its Department of Excise Entertainment and Luxury Tax, seeking their stand on the pleas by 15 department stores that have 'L-12/L-12F' licences to sell beer/imported foreign beer and wine within the National Capital

Their licences are valid till March 31, 2020.

to file their response by the next

Delhi government's standing counsel Ramesh Singh, meanwhile, told the High Court that it was a policy decision and the court should not interfere with it.

If the order was implemented, only liquor shops like the one above would have been able to sell alcohol. Department stores claim they cover 20% of beer markets across Delhi.

The court was hearing the plea by M/s UDI Departmental Store and 14 others, who sought the quashing and setting aside of the December 19 order.

Senior counsel Maninder Singh and advocate Amit Saxena, on behalf of the 15 department stores, argued that the decision is nothing more than "a gross abuse of the process of law and is against the legislative intent as enshrined" under the Delhi Excise Act. By the December 19

order, L-12/L-12F licences of the petitioners were withdrawn forthwith by exercising the powers under Section 16(1) of the Delhi Excise Act 2009.

Challenging the same, the plea stated that the order is in contravention of the "principles of natural justice" and against the statute as laid down in Delhi Excise Act, 2009, and Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, as the authority had not stated any reason for withdrawing their licences with im-

mediate effect without giving them an opportunity to be heard. The plea added that the order was passed without application of "judicial mind being non-speaking, arbitrary and unreasonable".

The plea claimed that the licence holders will face a "huge financial loss" since the "festive season is around the corner and major sale of beer and wine used is recorded during this time of the year".

The plea further added that following the order, owners of many department stores who had "taken the space on lease will suffer huge monetary losses since they had already deposited the high commercial rent till March 31, 2020".

The plea stated that they have stocked their stores to the fullest. "However, after the operation and effect of this order, there will be a shortage in the sale of beer and wine, which will lead to its sale through illegal means," it said, adding that the "Delhi government's Excise department has failed to consider that we cover approximately 20% of the total beer markets across Delhi."

Men who stole '100 cars' from capital held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

TWO MEN who claimed to have lifted over 100 cars around Delhi have been arrested, police said Tuesday.

Arif (42), the prime accused, who was referred to as 'Doraemon' by gang members (reportedly because of his appearance), was caught in a stolen Toyota Innova near Govindpuri Metro Station on December 10, following which a case was registered and the accused was ar rested. During questioning, Arif told the police about his associate, Kishan Gopal (49), who was arrested from Rajasthan.

A team of officers, including inspector Bal Krishan Badola and sub-inspector Manmeet Malik along with police personnel from Okhla Industrial Area, were deployed to trace auto-lifters in the area and check with criminals who were out on bail. Chinmoy Biswal, DCP (South

East), said, "We have recovered 11 cars stolen by the gang from different areas. Prior to the theft, Arif would identify vehicles declared as 'total loss' by insurance companies. He would purchase the vehicle and its documents, and later dispose of the vehicle while retaining its documents. He would then steal a vehicle of the same make and colour and replace the number plate and chassis number, giving it the identity of the old car to avoid suspicion, and get a registered car."

The accused lifted cars such as Toyota Fortuner, Mahindra XUV, Tovota Innova, Hyundai Creta, Honda City, etc.

A senior police officer said, "The companies thought Arif was a scrap dealer and sold the cars along with the documents. The accused not only used the car's documents to steal a similar one, but also sold the old car's spare parts at Kabadi Market in Meerut to earn more money."

Police said the accused have been lifting cars for 10-12 years.

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The schedule of main events is given hereunder:-

Commencement of submission of online/offline application form	01.01.2020 (10.00 A.M. onwards)
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Date of Entrance Test	23.02.2020 (11.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M.) (Sunday)
Date of Research Aptitude Assessment (RAA)	06-07/03/2020
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Rule No. 712/191 SHO P/S Bagh-e-Bahu vide communication No. 455/5-

1/PSBB dated 19.12.2019 has intimated that accused Abdul Majeed @ Bhalo S/O Javid Ahmad R/O Dawara, Jammu is evading his arrest in case FIR No. 26/2019 U/S 379/ 380/ 457/ 411/ 401/ 427 RPC, of P/S Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu, since the commission of crime.

It is therefore requested that Hue and Cry Notice of above mentioned accused is being published for the information of Police establishments / Public in general having any clue related to the whereabouts / present location of above named accused, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact Telephone numbers.

Description Roll:

Name	:	Abdul Majeed @ Bhalo
S/o	:	Javid Ahmad
Permanent Add	dress :	Dawara, Jammu,
Age	:	25 years
Build	:	Strong
Height	:	5 feet 2 Inch
Complexion	:	Wheatish
Contacts/Telephor	ne Numbers:	
1. DPO, Jammu	:	0191-2547807, 0191-2561578

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Sd/- Sr. Superintendent of Police Jammu

Mahendragarh at Narnaul. **Notice**

Additional Deputy Commissioner,

Sealed tender/quotations are invited from reputed firms/individual for Domestic Bio-Gas Plant for various Families of District Mahendragarh under Swachh Bharat Mission (World Bank Incentive Grant). Tender forms/terms, conditions can be obtained from office of undersigned w.e.f. 24.12.2019 to 02.01.2020 (working days) upto 5.00 PM (working hour) on cash payment of Rs. 1000/- (Non refundable) or by way of demand draft in favour of undersigned. Tenders will submit bids in separate envelopes i.e. in one envelope the technical bid and in 2nd Financial bids and both bids will be submitted in a single envelope duly sealed. Last date for receipt of such tenders shall be 03.01.2020 at 11.00 AM and will be opened on the same day at 4.00 PM in the office of undersigned in presence of all interested firms/individuals. No tender will be accepted after due date. Unsealed/Open tender shall not be considered.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/bid without assigning any reason(s).

Sd/-Additional Deputy commissioner, Narnaul 79708/HRY

GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, **SOURA (SRINAGAR)**

Department of Microbiology e-NIT No.: SIMS 01 (VRDL) of 2019

Dated: 21.12.2019

Subject: Abbreviated Notice inviting Tenders for supply/installation of following equipment for the project, "Establishment of VRDL at SKIMS" funded by

DHR/ICMR. For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, e-tenders under Two bid systems are invited through Director Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences

from Original Manufacturers/ their Authorized Distributors/ Dealers for Supply/

Installation of below mentioned equipment's for the project "Establishment of VRDL at

SKIMS". Group **EMD** Nomenclature Tender Fee Laboratory Refrigerator 02 Rs. 500/- Rs. 5.000/-

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B.	2 D Gel Electrophoresis set up	01	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 5,000/-			
C.	Ultra Freezer (-80 C)	01	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 20,000/-			
D.	Semi Dry Blot For Western Blot and Power Supply Unit	01	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 2,000/-			
E.	Gel Drier	01	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 2,000/-			
F.	Liquid Chromatography Set up	01	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 20,000/-			
The detailed tender document is available on www.jktenders.gov.in & on SKIMS website:							

www.skims.ac.in & the NIT schedule is as per following:-Last date for submission of online bids 31.01.2020 upto 3.00 P.M.

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Complete bidding process will be online on e-Tender portal: www.jktenders.gov.in & the tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed NIT.

Sd/- Dr. Bashir Ahmad Fomda

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Is your heart beating normally?

What is Atrial fibrillation (AF) and what is the risk of AF?

Atrial fibrillation is the most common type of irregular heartbeat. AF is also known as arrhythmia, which can lead to blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other heart-related complications. During AF, the heart's two upper chambers (the atria) beat frenziedly and irregularly, which makes them go out of coordination with the two lower chambers (the ventricles) of the heart. Typically, the irregularity occurs as we age and most people with AF symptoms are old. In the West, AF sets in by the time people are in their 60s, whereas in India the average age is 55 years. People with diabetes and hypertension may get it earlier.

A major concern with atrial fibrillation is the potential to develop blood clots within the atria and these blood clots may circulate to other organs and lead to blocked blood flow also known as ischemia. If a clot breaks off, enters the bloodstream and lodges in an artery leading to the brain, a stroke results. About 15–20% of people who have strokes have AF. In extreme cases, atrial fibrillation can also lead to heart failure.

What are the symptoms of AF? And how is it diagnosed?

Unlike a regular heartbeat, in case of AF, the person feels a fast heartbeat and even a pounding in their chest. This feeling often lasts for a few minutes and it is common for people to feel their heart skip a beat. People often get breathless in this situation or feel giddy. Often one may feel an acute pain in the chest, sweat extensively, and feel tired and weak. Patients with diabetes and hypertension may not necessarily have all these symptoms, but they are prone to AF.

To diagnose AF, we examine patients with the help of detailed history and other tests such as an Electrocardiogram (ECG), stress tests, echocardiogram and others. The ECG uses small sensors (electrodes) attached to your chest and arms to sense and record electrical signals as they travel through your heart. This test is a primary tool for diagnosing atrial fibrillation.

In cases where the irregular beating is prolonged, we also use a holter, which is a portable ECG device that can be carried by the patient to record the heart's activity for 24 hours. The holter recording provides us with prolonged data of the heartbeat. The Echocardiogram uses sound waves to create moving pictures of your heart, which helps to diagnose structural heart disease or blood clots in the heart. Then there is the stress test, which involves running tests on your heart while you are exercising. Other than these, blood tests and an X-Ray may also be used to diagnose AF.

A lot of these symptoms are similar to a heart attack. So, how is AF symptom different?

Many heart problems have similar warning signs. For a patient the response could be similar and vague – disturbance, pain, anxiety and so on. A heart attack is a blockage of blood flow to the heart, which is often caused by a clot or build-up of plaque lodging in the coronary artery. Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. The unique symptom with AF is the palpitation and heart-beat-skip feeling that one has. In either of the cases, you should visit a cardiologist immediately. And, thorough investigation is necessary to know if it is AF or an attack.

What is the correlation between AF and stroke?

A stroke leads to persistent disruption of brain function, which is triggered by a sudden shortage of blood supply to the brain. This causes certain areas (those receiving their



Rhythm disorder in the heart is common says **Dr Balbir Singh**, Chairman and Head of cardiology, Max Hospital Saket, Delhi. A pioneer in the field of Atrial Fibrillation, he says not only is it treatable, it is also a common cause for strokes, which can be avoided if treated in time

blood supply from the affected blood vessel) to not receive adequate oxygen and other nutrients. When this happens, the surrounding tissue dies. These areas are therefore either temporarily or permanently unable to perform their normal functions.

This causes long-term effects such as speech and vision disturbances, or paralysis of the limbs and/or facial musculature. The most common cause of stroke is a

AF PUTS PATIENTS AT AN INCREASED RISK OF STROKE BECAUSE BLOOD MAY NOT BE PROPERLY PUMPED OUT OF THE HEART, WHICH **MAY CAUSE IT TO FORM A CLOT**

blood clot. AF puts patients at an increased risk for stroke because blood may not be properly pumped out of the heart, which may cause it to form a clot. This clot can then travel to the brain and block the flow of blood to part of the brain which can result in a stroke.

Many times AF may be missed out as the cause of stroke, which is unfortunate. To understand the relation between stroke and AF, a

DOCTORS DON'T ALWAYS SCREEN PATIENTS FOR AF. MANY A TIMES IT'S DETECTED DURING A TRIP TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM OR A REGULAR DOCTOR'S VISIT, BUT IT'S ALSO UP TO THE PATIENT **TO GET TESTED**

combined study was conducted by neurologists and cardiologists, called the Crystal-AF study (Continuous Cardiac Monitoring to Assess Atrial Fibrillation). This was done using a loop recorder placed under the skin and above the heart to continuously monitor heart beats. The results provided tremendous insights into how a greater number of people suffer a stroke if they have AF.

In fact, even cases of dementia are known to be in patients with AF. So, there is a strong link between the heart and the brain, which needs to be investigated by neurologists as well. A lot of work is being done jointly by cardiologists and neurologists in the area or stroke prevention. Is AF treatable?

Yes, there is treatment for AF and it will depend on the symptoms you have and the cause for the AF. Treating the condition causing atrial fibrillation may help relieve your heart rhythm problems. Basically, treating AF means resetting or controlling your hear heart rhythm to prevent blood clots, which may decrease the risk of a stroke. The treatment could be with medication that can control your heart rhythm and in some cases, you may need a more invasive treatment, such as medical procedures using catheters or surgery to fix a pacemaker to keep the heart beating at the proper rate and from beating too slow.

The costs incurred to treat AF is about a few lakhs and then be on medication is as low as Rs 100 a day, but it is to be taken lifelong. Given the quality of life that one can maintain after being detected with AF, the cost is not much, especially when you have longevity rising.

With so much at stake, especially incidence of stroke, why is so less known about AF?

It is interesting to know that 10% of the population will have AF, especially with increased longevity. For physicians, the need is to know the symptoms and to conduct investigations to diagnose AF. Also, considering the fact that someone with AF has a high chance of getting a stroke, it is crucial that AF is detected and treated. Imagine if AF goes undetected and a patient has a stroke — their quality of life goes off completely. In contrast, the quality of life may not deteriorate so much in case of someone who suffers heart attack.

AF can be missed because of lack of awareness as well as them not being trained to look for it. It's a case of what the mind doesn't know, the eyes don't see. In the US, the World Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Day is celebrated and so is Stroke prevention in AF patients day celebrated. These actions increase the awareness of AF and that it can be treated and check on further harm to one. We can do the same here with efforts by doctors and also the media.

What role is technology playing in diagnosis and treatment?

The past decade has witnessed a lot of advancement in the AF space be it diagnoses or treatment. Technology too has played a big role in this area, especially in the west, where AF diagnoses and treatment is catching up. There are several catheter labs in Europe where the waiting for AF patients is long, because the procedure is so standardised and the number of patients so many.

In fact the Apple Watch has an AF feature app. So, what the app does is to monitor your heart beat and alerts you the moment it figures there is arrhythmia. So, you can understand how common irregular heart beat is for a technology company like Apple to develop an application to help people with arrhythmia know they have an episode.

How can we spread the awareness about AF, what is being done by you?

Screening and optimising stroke prevention in AF is the focus of outpatient AF clinics which are being run with support from companies like Pfizer. These clinics provide active screening for AF in patients admitted and initiating anticoagulation after balancing benefits and risks. A lot of advice and support is also provided to patients, and work is being done on creating protocols to follow when in AF cases. Like I said earlier, prevalence of AF needs to be educated to doctors and also public. The fact that it can be cured should be the biggest reason why awareness about AF should be taken up at a mass scale.

What precautions can one take to have a healthy heart?

Stay away from smoking, sedentary lifestyle and check on your hypertension, cholesterol and diabetes. It's important to live healthy to have a healthy heart. Period checkups also help to maintain records of one's health, which will go a long way in analysing how one has fared over time. There are several new drugs that contain the effects of hypertension and cholesterol in arteries, which when administered early on, checks the deterioration of the heart's functioning. My advice would be for people to take their health seriously, get into regular physical activity, control their diet, eat healthy, maintain their weight, and reduce stress with some form of meditation. Following these principles will largely ensure one stays healthy without any serious ailments to their heart.



BRIEFLY

Three firemen injured in factory blaze

New Delhi: Three firemen received minor injuries during a firefighting operation at a shoe factory in North West Delhi's Narela Industrial Area early Tuesday morning. Delhi Fire Service director Atul Garg said there was no one inside the factory when it caught fire, adding that no casualty has been reported. "We sent 22 fire tenders to the spot and have stationed one there as well," said Garg.

Longest Dec cold spell in 22 years

New Delhi: The capital has recorded its longest cold day spell this December in 22 years. A cold to severe cold day condition has been prevailing in the city since December 15, and is likely to continue till Thursday, after which its intensity would reduce and would abate after December 28. Dense to very dense fog in some pockets of the city is also very likely till December 28, said officials. **ENS**

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CISF commandant planted drugs to get close to woman: Police

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

TO GET closer to a woman IAS officer, Ranjan Pratap Singh, a senior commandant with the CISF posted as Director in the Ministry of External Affairs' Bureau of Security, allegedly planted 550 grams of charas inside the car of her husband while it was parked outside his house, a chargesheet filed by Delhi Police in connection with Singh's arrest stated. "We registered an FIR under

sections 20/61/85 of NDPS Act at Lodhi Colony police station after we received a complaint from assistant commandant Subhash Chand on October 9. Later, we arrested Singh and his friend Neeraj Chauhan. We have filed a chargesheet before a Delhi court and the case is now under trial. We have identified a third accused, but he is absconding and raids are on in Aligarh to arrest him. Singh allegedly procured the drugs from him," a senior police officer said.

Police said they have 60 witnesses, including three star wit-

Singh, a CISF officer, and his friend were arrested earlier

police produced their star wit-

ness — a hawker near a petrol

pump at Aurobindo Marg, from

whose phone Chauhan had al-

legedly made the call. The

hawker claimed Chauhan had

asked for his phone to make an

urgent call, and had a piece of pa-

per with some numbers on it. He

claimed Singh was standing near

his car and they both left after

making the call. Police have re-

covered the purported piece of

paper on which four phone

numbers of senior CISF officers

were listed, the chargesheet

stated.

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"Police found CCTV footage from Pragati Vihar hostel, which shows both accused walking inside the hostel on October 4 and allegedly planting charas inside the vehicle. One of the residents saw them near the car. Police also found CCTV footage from October 9 when they stopped their vehicle near a petrol pump before making calls (to CISF authorities to flag the drugs inside the car)," police stated in their chargesheet.

Both the accused had refused a test identification parade when

police during the questioning that he met the woman while preparing for civil services examination around 20 years ago. In 2000, both attended a fourmonth foundation course in Uttarakhand. "After she got married, he was in constant touch with her

Singh is learnt to have told

as a friend," the chargesheet stated.

Police have stated in their investigation that Singh was allegedly irked when she started avoiding his calls and messages after getting transferred to a new department.

"Initially, he tried to approach her, but she reprimanded him one day for making repeated calls, which agitated him. He decided to frame her husband, a consultant with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and hatched a plan with his friend Chauhan to get him arrested on false charges of possessing narcotics," police claimed in their chargesheet.

"Hours after the woman's husband was detained, she called Singh and asked for his help," the chargesheet read.

Some from Sanjay Camp get new homes, others hopeful

SHIVAM PATEL NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

NIRMALA(60)STANDS under the doorway of her two-room, tinroofed brick house in Sanjay Camp in South Delhi's Dakshinpuri. Having built the house with her husband 25 years ago after coming from Haryana, she may soon have to leave it — for something better.

On Tuesday, Nirmala was one of the many slum dwellers who received a certificate by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal that would entitle them to a pucca house under the Delhi government's housing scheme, Mukhyamantri Aawas Yojana, which was notified in 2017.

The certificates, according to a statement issued by the government, will be distributed to people on the basis of a survey conducted by the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board. "The certificate bears the jhuggi number, name of the head of the family along with a family photograph, code number, survey code number and the voter identity card number of the beneficiary family," a statement said.

"We have lived so many years dreaming of a proper house. If we get it, so many of our problems would be solved," Nirmala said. In the narrow lanes of Sanjay

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Camp, dozens of small tin-roofed houses are squeezed together. An in the area. open drain passes through the middle of the alleyway where

understand the troubles faced by people there

At Sanjay Camp, Kejriwal said: Have worked in slums,

Addressing the residents, Kejriwal said, "Before becoming the CM in 2015, I worked in the slums of Seemapuri and Sundar Nagri. I understand the troubles faced by people living in slums..."

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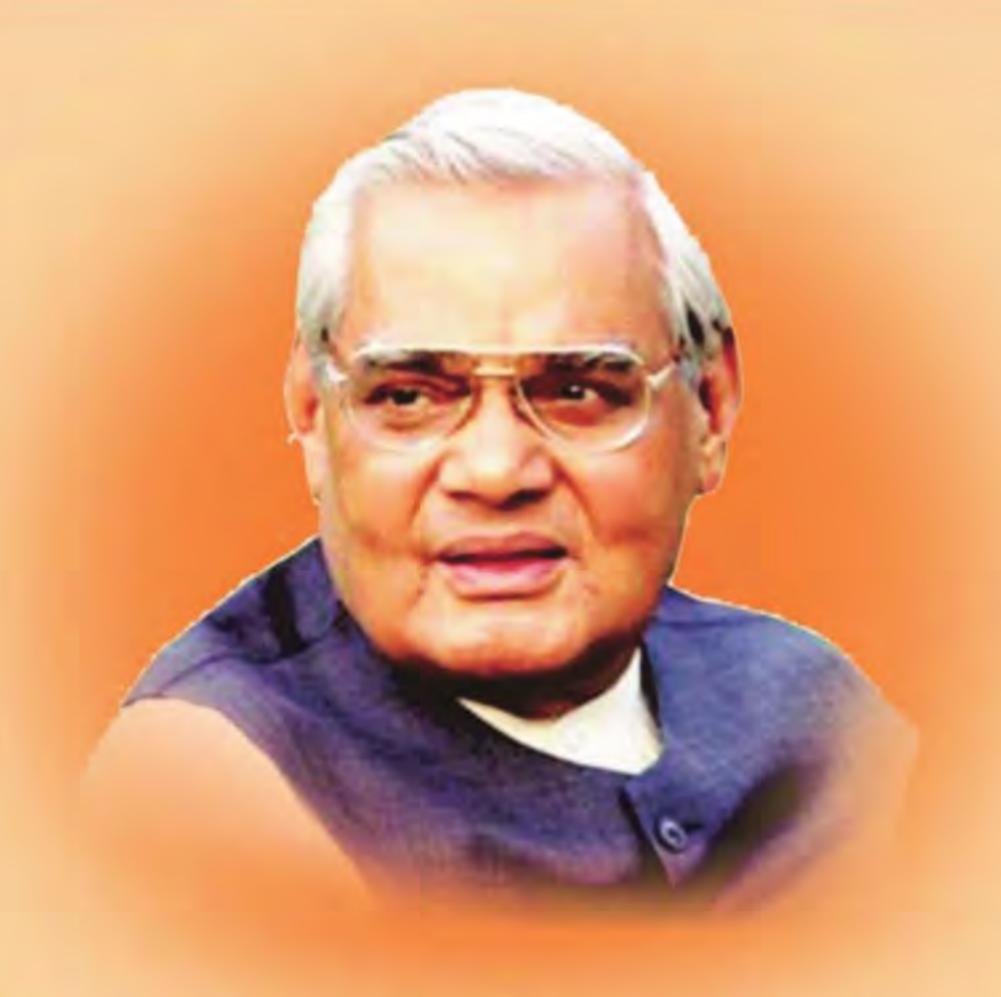
Delhi government's scheme comes close on the heels of an announcement made by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri that the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana will soon be implemented in Delhi.

While Nirmala received a housing certificate Tuesday, many others did not, but said they were registered in a government

survey undertaken a month ago

Saeeda (52) came to the Camp as a child with her mother around 40 years ago from Bihar's Muzaffarpur. "We have spent all our lives here. If they give us a proper house now, we would get to spend some of our last years in

peace," she said. Among the problems faced by locals is lack of toilets. While some in the camp have built toilets in their houses, a majority use two government washrooms in the area, which close after 10 pm. "If we have to use the facilities at night, where do we go?" Saeeda said. Vijay Kumar (40) said: "A proper home would be good for our kids to grow up in. We want the best of everything for them.





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AAP releases its report card, taking it to homes party's next step

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, DEC 24

STARTING DECEMBER 26, AAP volunteers will go knocking on the doors of people across Delhi, carrying the party's 'report card', a multi-coloured slim pamphlet that lists the state government's major "achievements" grouped under 10 categories.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal released the report card, prepared in consultation with advisory firm I-PAC, at the party's headquarters in ITO Tuesday in the presence of Delhi government minis-

At the launch ceremony, Kejriwal took a veiled jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi. saying, "Baat toh hoti hai Ramlila Maidan se, par kaam nahi hota (a lot is said at Ramlila Maidan, but very little is actually done)."

While addressing a rally Sunday, Modi had ac-

cused the AAP government of delaying the process of regularising unauthorised colonies.

Reacting to suggestions that the CBI is planning to initiate a fresh case against the AAP, Kejriwal said: "You are welcome, please come We do not fear anything." Earlier in the day, he

tweeted: "We welcome any kind of scrutiny... CAG has already appreciated our work after its audit. CBI has given us clean chit on multiple occasions. Any new investigations are welcome. People who are in public life should always be ready for any scrutiny."

Meanwhile, AAP Delhi convenor Gopal Rai said the door-to-door campaign will continue till January 7.

The party will also organise 700 mohalla sabhas and seven town hall meetings to discuss the report card during this period. The card has 60 pointers that list the AAP government's initiatives.

Marriage rejected, teen & her cousin commit suicide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DEC 24

A TEENAGE girl and her 21-year-old cousin allegedly committed suicide by hanging themselves from a ceiling fan at the girl's house in Bawana Monday afternoon. According to police, the duo wanted to get married, but their families were against the relation-

ship. Gaurav Sharma, DCP, (Outer North) district, said they received a call from a man saying that the two had hanged themselves with *chunnis*. A suicide note was recovered from the room, which purportedly read: "We are sad and disappointed because our families won't let us get married. They care about the family and pride but we care about us. Hence, we are taking this step."

"We found them hanging from *chunnis*; while one was found hanging from a fan, the other was found hanging from a hook on the ceiling. A suicide note signed by the two has been recovered," said Sharma,

adding that no foul play is suspected.

Police said the man lived in Rajasthan's Kota and was preparing for engineering entrance exams. As per the girl's family, the two are second cousins.

Police found that the couple tried to flee from the girl's house in the first week of December, but were caught. The girl's paternal uncle said, "Till last year, the man would come to meet her in Delhi every month. When his visits became frequent, we confronted him. He told us about their relationship and that they wanted get married. We were shocked and told them to break off the relationship.'

Police said the family told the man to go back to Kota. Following this, the couple allegedly planned to flee in December. The girl's family said

an FIR was filed in the matter, but was withdrawn after the couple were found. An officer said, "We suspect the couple planned the suicide. After the girl's parents left for work, the man came to her house and they committed suicide."

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MARATHON MEETINGS

WHILE IT is very unusual for official functions to start before the arrival of a minister, the National Board of Examinations convocation on Tuesday did just that when Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan was delayed by more than three hours at the Cabinet meeting. An apologetic Harsh Vardhan arrived around 2 pm for the 11 am event and spoke to the audience about how gruelling such meeting are — referring to a recent ninehour review meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

ALL EYES ON CMS

NOW THAT the central government has decided to go ahead with updating the National Population Register (NPR), it will be interesting to see how Chief Ministers like Nitish Kumar, Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy and Naveen Patnaik react. All three had announced that they would not implement the NRC in their states. While the central government has tried to delink the NPR and NRC, it has in the past said that NPR is the first step towards creation of the National Register of Citizens. Kumar's JD(U), Reddy's YSRCP and Patnaik's BJD had backed the Citizenship Amendment Bill in Parliament but changed their

TOURIST FRIENDLY

THE CHINESE embassy is delighted that signboards in Chinese have been put up at five ASI-protected archaeological sites in Uttar Pradesh, including the archaeological site at Sarnath, Buddhist relics at Chaukhandi Stupa, Kushinagar and Mahaparinirvana Temple, Piprahwa and Shravasti. Signboards in foreign languages will be installed at all iconic archaeological sites in India which are visited by more than 1 lakh tourists from a particular country every year. A total of five such foreign languages can be included. The work of installing signboards in Sinhalese was completed in November 2019 in view of the large number of Sri Lankan tourists visiting Sanchi.

After man tonsured, Aaditya to Sena: Stay calm while dealing with trolls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

AFTER SHIV Sena workers shaved a man's head in Mumbai for making derogatory comments about Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, party leader Aaditya Thackeray on Tuesday urged party workers to remain calm and restrained while dealing with "trolls" and not take the law in their hands.

Aaditya, in a social media post, said he "learnt of an untoward, angry reaction to a nasty, low life troll, who has used uncivil language towards the Chief Minister's effort to maintain religious harmony and remove fear from Maharashtra about Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)". "Law and order is a subject of the police and shouldn't be taken into anyone's hands," he remarked.

Sena workers had assaulted the man and tonsured his head after he called Uddhav "bald" in a Facebook post. The incident took place Sunday, two days after 33-year-old Hiramani Tiwari, who works for a pharmaceutical firm, commented on Uddhav's remark that the Delhi Police lath-



icharge on students of Jamia Millia Islamia University seemed to be a throwback to the days of Jallianwala Bagh.

Aaditya asked party workers to follow the chief minister who is "calm, composed and aggressive about delivering promises and serving the people" "... Our answer (to the trolls) is to fulfill our promises... to create jobs and revive the economy... and to silence this chaos, divisions, fear, hate by means of drawing a longer line that works for the people and keep them united," he added.

In a veiled dig at BJP, Aaditya further said that their behaviour has been rejected by the democratic India in the recent elections and their retreat has been witnessed by the country.

Maharashtra cabinet nod to subsidised meal scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

THE MAHARASHTRA cabinet on Tuesday gave its approval for a subsidised meal scheme, which was mentioned by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray in the Assembly last week.

Named 'Shiv Bhojan', the meal, which will cost Rs 10, will consist of two chapatis, one vegetable, rice and dal. According to Food and Civil Supplies Department officials, there will be at least one outlet in every district headquarters to prepare and dispense the meal in the pi-

lot phase of the scheme. These outlets would operate between 12 pm to 2 pm. These outlets would be able to turn out a maximum of 500 meals.

The estimated expenditure to run the scheme on the pilot basis would be Rs 6.48 crore in first three months, said an official, adding that more outlets would be opened in other parts of the state depending on feedback.

The official further said that the government will invite interested parties for starting these outlets and has already laid down some criteria for those

who may come forward to do so. The scheme was one of Shiv Sena's main poll planks, and is also part of the Common Minimum Programme prepared by the tripartite government also consisting the NCP and Congress.

However, the scheme had not been given a name in either document. Calling it 'Shiv Bhojan' indirectly links it to the

Railway Board trimmed, cadres merged for 'smooth operation'

5-member Board with merged IRMS officers likely to be in by next year

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

IN A major reform move aimed to end "departmentalism", the Union government on Tuesday drew the curtains on the Railway Board in its present form by merging eight Indian Railways specialised service cadres into a uniform cadre called the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS).

The Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, decided that the present ninemember Railway Board — each member is an officer of the rank of Secretary to the Government of India — will be trimmed to a five-member agency and restructured on the lines of functions, rather than cadres.

As a result, there will be Members for Rolling Stock and Traction (engines, coaches, wagons, etc), Operations and Business Development, Finance, Infrastructure (track, signalling and telecom, etc), and a Chairman who will also be called the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The first batch will be recruited in 2021, the Cabinet decided.

There will be a Director General (Human Resources) to work under the Chairman for



Pivush Goval

controlling the cadre.

The new five-member Board with merged officers, calling themselves IRMS officers, may be in place by the middle of next year.

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal said this would end "departmentalism". Briefing the media after the Cabinet meeting, he said, "Railway Board Members would (up until now) only think of their respective departments and they would work in silos. We have decided to end that for better efficiency and growth."

He called this "modernisation of a 164-year-old legacy".

"The decision was unani-

mous; not a single Board member objected to it," Goyal told The Indian Express after the briefing. "There will be no cadre-specific Board member any more because there will be no separate cadre."

What happens

> **EIGHT GROUP A services** that feed the current departments – Traffic, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Signalling and Telecom, Personnel, and Accounts

— will cease to exist. The

Railways currently recruits officers through the Civil Services exam for cadres such as Traffic. Personnel and Accounts. Engineers of various streams are recruited through UPSC's **Engineering Services** Exam. Now, a separate examination will be held by the government, possibly by UPSC, to recruit

The government's alternate mechanism — Committee of Ministers — will oversee the Managers to the rank of nitty-gritty of the policy change. It will work out the merger of the existing services while ensuring

IRMS officers.

a uniform seniority list. "It will make sure that no one loses out on seniority and promotion prospects," Goyal said.

Committee The Secretaries, in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training, will decide how best to merge the existing services down to the entry level. Being a technical organisation, Railways will continue to require engineers from different fields.

For that, recruitment will be based on indent — each vertical from the fields indicating how many engineers or other specialisations are required to be recruited in a particular hiring year. The move also means that as and when the current Railway Board members retire, the post may not be filled up, to prepare the ground for the next avatar of the Board.

Goyal clarified that only a Railway officer will be Chairman Railway Board or CEO, and that there was no proposal to bring in IAS or outsiders to head Railways.

Additionally, the Cabinet also Secretaries, then a Group of upgraded the post of General Secretary to Government of India. They are currently in the Special Secretary rank.

BJP fined for putting up hoardings at **Indore rally**

Bhopal: The Indore Municipal Corporation has served a notice to the BJP, asking it to pay Rs 13.46 lakh as fine for putting up hoardings and posters for its Sunday rally attended by working president J P Nadda. The fine amount also includes Rs 1.25 lakh as the cost of removing those hoardings and posters.

More than 320 hoardings had been put up across the city ahead of the event held in support of the new citizenship law.

Indore BJP president Gopikrishna Nema told The *Indian Express* that he was yet to receive the notice till late Tuesday. "Our response will depend on the languages used in the notice," he said.

The IMC said the notice has been served for violating the outdoor advertising rules. **ENS**

The party's new demand,

sworn-in on November 28, dif-

tion have delayed the Cabinet

expansion. Besides Thackeray,

Former chief minister Ashok

If he were to join the

Thackeray government, Chavan

will join the ranks of people like

Narayan Rane (Maharashtra),

Babulal Gaur (Madhya Pradesh)

and Banarasi Das Gupta

(Haryana), who chose to become

ministers or deputy chief minis-

The ministry expansion is

ters after having been CMs.

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ficial statement issued by the government said. In a separate decision, the

Pass to be renamed after Vajpavee.



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Cabinet approves

ON THE eve of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary, the Union cabinet on Tuesday approved the World Bank-funded Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Ial), which aims to improve ground water management in seven states.

The scheme will be launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. Briefing about the cabinet decisions, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said that Modi, along with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, will also unveil a statue of Vajpayee in Lucknow.

The Atal Jal scheme had been approved by the World Bank board in June 2018. It was waiting for the Union cabinet's approval for the last several months.

Sharing details, Javadekar said the total budget of the scheme will be Rs 6,000 crore, of which Rs 3,000 crore will be contributed by the World Bank. He said the scheme will benefit seven states - Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

Implementation of the scheme is expected to benefit nearly 8,350 Gram Panchayats in 78 districts in these states, an of-

Union cabinet also approved the strategic tunnel under Rohtang

"The historic decision to construct a strategic tunnel below the Rohtang Pass was taken on June 3, 2000, when late Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister. The foundation stone for the access road to the south



Prakash Javadekar

portal of the tunnel was laid on May 26, 2002," said a statement issued by the government after the cabinet meeting.

The statement further said that the tunnel is now nearing completion and is a step in the direction of providing allweather connectivity to remote border areas of Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh, which otherwise remained cut-off from the rest of the country for about six months during winters.

The 8.8-km tunnel is the world's longest tunnel above an altitude of 3,000 metres, the statement said, adding that it will reduce the distance between Manali and Leh by 46 km and save crores of rupees in transport costs.

In another decision, the cabinet approved the Promulgation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019, which seeks to remove certain ambiguities in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, and ensure smooth implementation of the code.

The cabinet also granted expost facto approval to amend Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 (BEFR). The amendment will extend BEFR to the state of Manipur to give its indigenous people protection from the provisions of Citizenship Amendment Act 2019, and make necessary changes in the said regulation.

Modi congratulates Ghani on re-election as Afghan President

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi congratulated Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday for his re-election for a second five-year term and assured him of India's support for the Afghan-owned, Afghan-led and controlled peace process in the war-torn country.

Afghan election officials on Sunday announced that President Ghani secured 50.64 however, has not gone down per cent votes amid allegations well with either the NCP or Shiv of fraud and malpractice in the Sena, sources said. While September 28 election. Ghani's Thackeray government was rival, Abdullah Abdullah, has rejected the result and announced ferences over portfolio distributhat he will challenge it.

"My dear friend and the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra six other ministers — two from Modi, called this afternoon to each party — have been sworncongratulate me on winning the preliminary results and the Afghan people on the successful Chavan of the Congress is among presidential elections," Ghani said the two-dozen people likely to be in a series of tweets on Tuesday.

"He said, India as a friend, neighbour and the world's largest democracy is fully supporting Afghanistan's democratic rule. India supports the Afghanowned, Afghan-led and controlled peace process. And we are also with Afghanistan in the fight against terrorism," Ghani said.

Responding to Ghani's tweets, Prime Minister Modi said India will always support



Afghanistan's Ashraf Ghani

Afghanistan in their developmental needs. "Close strategic partnership between our people benefits our nations," Modi said asserting that India values the strong friendship with Afghanistan.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi said Modi extended an invitation to President Ghani to visit India at early mutual convenience. The invitation was accepted.

Reiterating India's abiding commitment as a close friend and neighbour to a unified, sovereign democratic, prosperous and peaceful Afghanistan, the PM underlined India's principled support to an inclusive peace process in Afghanistan, the statement said.

Modi also complimented the people of Afghanistan on the successful conduct of the elections and the subsequent lenges, which represents the strengthening of roots of democracy in Afghanistan, according to

process in face of daunting chalthe statement.

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agriculture.

Cong demands berth in rural sector

UP notices

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BEFORE THE first Cabinet expan-

sion of the Uddhav Thackeray-led

Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress govern-

ment in Maharashtra, fresh tens-

ion seems to have developed bet-

ween the post-poll allies Tuesday

Congress, which has got the least

number of ministerial berths as

per the arrangement between the

three parties, is now pushing for

the allocation of an additional key

portfolio in the rural sector. In re-

turn, the Congress has shown

willingness to relinquish claim on

a portfolio with lesser budgetary

tween the parties over govern-

ment formation, the Shiv Sena

will hold the Chief Minister's

As per the negotiations be-

support that had come to it.

According to sources, the

over portfolio distribution.

MUMBAI, NEW DELHI,

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does not even have money to hire a lawyer for her son in custody. "I have not received any recovery notice from the district administration so far. We don't even have money to arrange a lawyer for

She said police came to their house in Nai Basti Sunday afternoon and took Zameer with them. "They did not say why they were taking away Zameer.

The next day, we came to know police had booked Zameer for the Saturday violence and sent him to jail. My son, who has studied only till Class IV, is innocent. On the day of the violence, he was at home," she said. Zameer's

NCP leader Ajit Pawar

post for the full five years. With

56 MLAs, the party will get 14

other ministerial berths in the

government, while the NCP, with

54 MLAs, will bag 16 berths and

retain the Deputy Chief

Minister's position. The

Congress, with 44 MLAs, has

bagged 12 ministerial berths and

that the Home portfolio will go to

the NCP, and Ajit Pawar, a favourite

for the Deputy Chief Minister's

With it now becoming clear

the Assembly Speaker's post.

with the same incident. Mehmood's brother-in-law Faheem, a daily-wage labour hand, said Mehmood too was

home on Saturday. "There was no need for him to participate in the violence... He lives in a rented accommodation and earns a meagre amount. How can he pay such a huge compensation sum?". Near Bilaspur Gate in Rampur,

Cong leader Ashok Chavan

post, is likely to bag it, the Congress

on Tuesday put pressure on allot-

ment of either the cooperatives,

rural development or agriculture

portfolios. While the first two

went to the NCP, the Shiv Sena has

ing third fiddle in the govern-

ment, the Congress leadership

has come under pressure over

intense lobbying by party stal-

warts over ministerial induc-

tions, said sources.

Not wanting to be seen play-

Seema, wife of labour hand Pappu, said her husband had been wrongly arrested in a case of arson. She too said her husband was home on Saturday, and that the police came the next day. "No one was ready to listen," she said.

have since been sent to Rampur jail. Police said Zameer and Mehmood were arrested for their alleged involvement in Saturday's violence at Hathi Khan crossing that left one person dead and five

Rampur District Magistrate Aunjaneva Kumar Singh said: "We issued notices to 28 persons whose role were found by police during investigation. Police submitted evidences against them. They (28) have been asked to submit their response within a week, otherwise the process of recovery against them will be started. Of the 28, a few have been arrested while raids are on to trace others. An accused and his family can submit evidence to support their plea that they have been wrongly booked in the case."

The district administration said the notices were issued following a state government order based on a direction from the Allahabad High Court. The notices were issued on the basis of information provided by local police.

Police have video clips and photographs, including from media houses and local residents. Police have also collected footage of CCTVs near the incident site. In the notice, loss of property

worth Rs 14.86.500 has been cited. It lists, among others, a police jeep of Bhot police station (Rs 750,000), motorcycle of a sub-inspector (Rs 65,000), motorcycle of City Kotwali police station (Rs 90,000), wireless set, hooter/loudspeaker, 10 dandas, three helmets, three body protectors.

compensation?".

Zameer. How can we pay any

neighbour Mehmood, who sold spices on a cart for a living, was also arrested by police on Sunday in connection

Zameer, Mehmood and Pappu

JVM-P EXTENDS SUPPORT TO NEW JHARKHAND GOVT

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BJP erred by ignoring tribal cause: JD(U) on Jharkhand elections

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA. DECEMBER 24

A DAY after BIP lost the Jharkhand Assembly polls, the JD(U), its alliance partner in Bihar, blamed the saffron party's loss on its "anti-tribal policy and

failure to forge an alliance". JD (U) also called the loss a "lesson" for BIP and its allies, as Iharkhand was the fifth state in a year to slip out of BJP control.

JD(U) national spokesperson K C Tyagi told The Indian Express, "Right from making Raghubar Das the chief minister to bringing tenancy laws, BJP's policies had been anti-tribal, the BIP had got it wrong. Raghubar Das has only made things worse for himself by making senior party leader Saryu Rai his enemy.'

Tyagi said the JD(U), which used to partner with the BJP during Babulal Marandi's time after the bifurcation of Bihar, had lost favour with BJP in Jharkhand.

"Had the JD(U), LJP and AJSU been BJP's allies for the Jharkhand polls, the results could have been differ-

Cong takes lead in Chhattisgarh urban body polls

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THE RESULTS of the Chhattisgarh urban body polls, held on December 21, turned out to be a close affair, with the Congress edging out the BJP in the results declared so far on Tuesday.

With a shift to ballot boxes this year, and elections in several wards running close, some results were yet to be declared by the State Election Commission (SEC). However, the ruling Congress took the lead by and large across several municipal corporations.

Senior SEC officials said that so far, results of 1,985 wards have been declared. While the Congress has won 923, the BJP won 814, the Chhattisgarh Janata Congress 17, and independent candidates 278 wards. Results of 799 wards are yet to be declared.

Elections were held in 10 municipal corporations, 38 municipal councils and 103 nagar panchayats. Out of 70 wards in the Raipur Municipal Corporation, the BJP and Congress were neck and neck with 23 and 22, respectively, with two wards going to independents. The Congress held a slight lead in wards yet to be declared.

Under new rules brought in by the Congress government, mayors and chairpersons of urban bodies will be elected by corporators and not through direct elections, increasing the significance of ward elections. The BJP had termed the move

undemocratic. Shailesh Nitin Trivedi of the Congress said the leads were indicative of the faith in the Congress government that had been generated over their one year in power. The BJP, on the other hand, said they were encouraged by their performance and that it was no less than a victory. They accused the government of using its influence in the election.

ent. BJP in Jharkhand had erred in assessing its individual strength in an age of coalition politics."

Asked what effect the Jharkhand poll results would have on the BJP-JD (U) relationship in Bihar ahead of the 2020 Assembly polls, Tyagi said the two states cannot be compared. "We have strong relationship

with BJP in Bihar. Unlike the weak and shadow leadership of Raghubar Das, (Bihar CM) Nitish Kumar has been a very strong leader. Nitish Kumar also has an excellent rapport with senior BIP leaders... The only takeaway from the Jharkhand result for us to keep nursing and respecting our alliance partners."

He added, "While IMM leader Hemant Soren was able to forge a successful alliance with Congress and RJD in Jharkhand, the NDA in Bihar had been a very formidable combination and does not suffer from any anti-incumbency, despite Nitish Kumar being the CM for three terms. The BIP, ID(U) and LJP are too strong for RJD-led Grand Alliance that is refusing to shape up."

Hemant stakes claim to form govt

IHARKHAND MUKTI Morcha (JMM) working president Hemant Soren on Tuesday met Iharkhand Governor Droupadi Murmu and staked claimed to form the government in the state.

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Earlier in the day, Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajatantrik) led by former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi extended "unconditional support" to the pre-poll alliance of the JMM, Congress and RJD. "In a letter submitted to the

Governor, it was stated that there is a support from the MLAs JMM, RJD, Congress and JVMP," a press release issued by Raj Bhavan said. The swearing-in ceremony of Chief Minister-designate Hemant

will be held at 1 pm on December 29 at Morabadi Ground in Ranchi. The announcement came after Hemant was elected JMM legislature party leader. Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajatantrik) led by former

"The Mahagathbandhan which is formed for the development of people of Jharkhand is in symme-Marandi, which won three seats try with our party's oath. in the Assembly elections, ex-Therefore, keeping in mind the tended "unconditional support" beneficial interests of people, we to the pre-poll alliance. In his letwill give our unconditional sup-

ter to Hemant, Marandi wrote: port to the gathbandhan."

RJD leader Tejaswi Yadav accompanied Hemant to Raj Bhavan and was seen standing next to him when the alliance head handed the list of 50 newly elected MLAs to the governor. JMM president Shibu Soren, AICC

IMM working president Hemant Soren arrives for a meet of party MLAs in Ranchi, Tuesday. PTI

in-charge RPN Singh, Jharkhand PCC president Rameshwar Oraon and several other MLAs and leaders were present at Raj Bhavan.

Meanwhile, Dinesh Oraon resigned as Assembly Speaker after he lost from Sisai constituency, where he had

WON'T ALLOW CAA IF SINGLE JHARKHANDI IS UPROOTED: SOREN

New Delhi: IMM working president Hemant Soren on Tuesday said he will go through the details of the new citizenship law. "I have not gone through the NRC and CAB (now CAA) documents that the government of India wants to implement. Citizens are on the roads against these laws. We will go through it and if it uproots even one Jharkhandi from his or her home, then it won't be implemented," he said. PTI

contested on a BJP ticket. The three-party alliance won 47 of the state's 81 Assembly seats in the results declared on Monday. The JMM won 30 seats, Congress 16 and RJD one. The JVM(P) was a part of the alliance before the Lok Sabha elections, but Marandi exited it to contest alone before the Assembly elections.

WITH PTI INPUTS

Azad in Guwahati on **Tuesday.** Dasarath Deka

Azad: BJP lost Jharkhand due to citizenship law

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI, DECEMBER 24

THE BJP lost the Jharkhand elections because of the new citizenship law, veteran Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said in Guwahati on Tuesday. "The more controversial Bills

you bring, the more seats you will lose. They abrogated Article 370 almost a month before Maharashtra and Haryana elections, and they lost.... Haryana they managed somehow by taking a few MLAs from here and there, but they lost. Now they said NRC for the country and the CAA, and they lost Jharkhand too. They will lose Delhi (next)," he said. Meanwhile, tens of thousands

of people gathered at the call of All Assam Students' Union (AASU) at Dibrugarh's Chowkidinghee Field to register their protest against the new citizenship law. AASU general secretary Lurinjyoti Gogoi, other local students' leaders, and eminent citizens of Dibrugarh addressed the people and said the new law poses a threat to the interests of indigenous people of Assam.



Banerjee at rally in Kolkata on Tuesday. Partha Paul

PM, Shah trying to confuse,

says Mamata Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool

Congress chief Mamata Banerjee led another rally to protest the new citizenship law and the proposed NRC in Kolkata on Tuesday and accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister of making "contradictory statements on NRC".

"The Prime Minister is saying that there has been no discussion or proposal on the (nationwide implementation of) NRC But a few days ago, BJP president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah had said NRC would be carried out across the country. The statements are contradictory We wonder who is speaking the truth. They are trying to create confusion," Banerjee said.

"Whatever we have been saying is in public domain. Whatever the BJP has said is in public domain, too. It is for people to decide," the TMC

WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN WEST BENGAL GOVERNOR AND GOVT

'Foul language (used) against Governor, CM has taken lead'

BENGAL Governor **JAGDEEP DHANKHAR** spoke with **RAVIK BHATTACHARYA** on the rift between the state government and the constitutional head of state. Excerpts:

You have criticised the manner in which Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and other state ministers have hit the streets against **Constitutional Amendment** Act (CAA). Why? I never criticised the Chief

Minister but only indicated that this is the time for her to get into governance mode. A Chief Minister is obliged to vindicate the oath to abide by the Constitution. I am amazed how a Chief Minister can lead an agitation against a valid law enacted by Parliament after animated participatory debate. Another worrisome aspect is

how crores from the public exchequer can be used in government advertisements professing opposition to NRC and CAA. She has hit the streets with slogans that are inflammatory and unbecoming of her office. The CAA does not impact any citizen.

As Chancellor of the varsity, you were prevented from entering Jadavpur University to preside over the special convocation.

A handful of people held the system hostage.... It is difficult to repel the thought that all this is being orchestrated with the support of the university and the government.

There has been an effort by the state to usurp the authority of the Chancellor and immobilise his functioning by nonstate actors in front and state actors in the background. These are indicative of a massive slide in the education scenario in the state. The enormity of the situa-



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JAGDEEP Dhankhar **WEST BENGAL** GOVERNOR

tion can be gauged from the fact that formal programmes of five universities have been cancelled without reference to me as Chancellor. No reason has been assigned for any of the cancellations. Universities are in a political cage. To overcome this slide, and to contain this detrimental impact on career of students, I have decided to call a meeting of all V-Cs of universities where by virtue of being the Governor I am the Chancellor.

The CM wrote to you to stand by the government at a time when violent protests against CAA is taking place in Bengal. How did you react?

For over four months the Chief Minister failed in her constitutional obligation to brief me. Her only letter to me is virtually an effort now to gag the constitutional head. I am appalled. She has objected to my tweeting and press meets without being specific. I responded immediately and put the situation in perspec-

tive, calling upon her to engage in soul-searching...

The state government has brought in rules where you, as chancellor, will have to go through the government for communication with varsities. How do you react? All those who care for educa-

tion would be, and as a matter of fact already are, shell-shocked. There is a worrisome paralysis in the education scenario in the state. I would address the issue when it comes to me. There has been outcry against this move by the academics – several former V-Cs have voiced their anguish.

You have been accused by state ministers of running a parallel government.

This is outrageous, preposterous and orchestrated to cover up failures. Would you, or anyone else, give any instance of this? Ministers use foul, abusive language against the Governor; and now the Chief Minister has taken the lead. This is a sorry sate of affairs. The charge rebounds to her. She has an iron grip on her party and the government, and that is why, at her command, ministers and the party followed her in observing total silence over the historic unanimous verdict of the Supreme Court on the Ayodhya (issue) that was nationally and globally applauded.

Ministers point out that the Assembly session had to be adjourned, allegedly because you

delayed in giving assent to Bills. My message under Article 175(2) to the Assembly deals with it comprehensively. Rather than considering the message as mandated by the Constitution the Assembly has been adiourned.

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'Does it behove a Governor to... make political comments?' not cooperating with him on

Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare and senior Trinamool Congress leader **CHANDRIMA BHATTACHARYA** speaks with **SANTANU CHOWDHURY** and **ATRI MITRA** on the ongoing war of words between the state government and West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar. Excerpts:

What is your take on this unprecedented situation following the adjournment of the state Assembly and the **Governor not putting his** signature on several Bills? The constitutional role of the

Governor is to act as a non-partisan link between the Centre and the state. However, with multiple BJP leaders being appointed as Governors in recent past, the BIP has politicised the sacrosanct post in many states. For instance, the current Governor of Bihar contested the 2017 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections for BJP and the Governors of Meghalaya and Rajasthan were once state unit heads of BJP.

Barring a few states, all others have Governors who were once BIP leaders. It's not surprising that they are working in the party's interests. Had the West Bengal Governor been neutral, these situations could have been handled better. In the current scenario, there are two major Bills that require his assent: The West Bengal (Prevention of Lynching) Bill, and The West Bengal State Commission for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Bill. The Prevention of Lynching Bill has already been passed in the Assembly and is

being held back by the Governor. The SC/ST Bill, which is yet to be tabled and discussed in Assembly, is pending for the Governor's recommendatory signature. There was a technical



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BHATTACHARYA

STATE MINISTER,

SENIOR TMC LEADER

error in the first draft of lynching prevention Bill, which was clarified later and a fresh Bill with changes was introduced and passed by the Assembly. But the Governor has still not signed it, citing mere technicalities.

Are you asking whether technicality should come at the cost of justice?

Justice is of prime importance for the Maa-Mati-Maanush government. It forms the foundation of this government. Sadly, in case of the SC/ST Bill, it cannot be tabled since the Governor is withholding his signature. He has sought clarification on the Bill and our officials have done the needful.

At this point, there seems to be no point in wasting time of elected representatives in Assembly sessions if Bills concerning public welfare are being held up.

The Governor has accused state government officials of

several occasions. The state administrative in-

frastructure is wholeheartedly cooperating with His Excellency. He even called government officers and they met him according to his convenience. I do not know what he seeks to achieve by repeatedly accusing the state government of non-cooperation, but he is reducing the dignity of his chair by doing so. Does it behove a Governor to go to the Botanical Garden and make political comments? Sadly, in lieu of such endeav-

ors the line separating active politicians from the Honourable Governor is gradually getting blurred.

The Governor has said the state government is not cooperating with him by not providing him clarifications on several Bills. The government is cooperat-

ing with him and our officials have met him already for that.

How do you see the role of opposition parties regarding this situation? They (Opposition) are trying

to maintain their existence by finding faults in everything and and are trying to paralyse the state machinery with undue interventions from the Governor. They are resorting to petty opportunism and are using this situation to stay relevant in West

What is the way out?

The TMC is trying to take the state to new heights of development with the help of the mandate people have bestowed on us. Sadly, the Governor is trying to create unnecessary roadblocks. In layman's terms, he is misusing the power of his

chief said.

Questioning the Prime Minister's claim on detention centres, the West Bengal CM said, "Detention camps have been built in Assam, where the BJP is in power. Here, in Bengal no detention camp was built and will never be built." ENS

After Naga party sends notice to MPs who voted for CAB, RS member quits party post

Why NPF is

IT IS said that the NPF leadership may have backed the citi-

zenship Bill introduced in Parliament, but with public senti-

does not want to be caught on the wrong foot. At the ground

ment in Nagaland distinctly against the new law, the party

questioning new law

RAJYA SABHA MP from Nagaland K G Kenye has resigned as secretary-general of the Naga People's Front (NPF) after the party sent him and its Lok Sabha MP from Outer Manipur, Lorho S Pfoze, showcauses notices for having voted in favour of the Citizenship

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The notices were sent on December 17 by the party's disciplinary committee, former Nagaland chief minister and Leader of the Opposition T R Zeliang said.

(Amendment) Bill in Parliament.

Kenye, who quit the party post on December 20, told The Indian Express: "I have resigned as party secretary-general. I have not resigned from the party itself. I will continue to be a member of NPF. I resigned to save my party from any embarrassment."

Not indicating whether any further action will be taken against either MP, Zeliang said: "...The NPF has always opposed the Bill. We have had several

power, as NPF Rajya Sabha MP Kenye said. meetings and passed several resolutions against this Bill. They

The party has given the MPs time until December 26 to reply.

Kenye maintained that the party took its decision against him and Pfoze without completely comprehending protections that the new Bill received from the Union government. He pointed out that the NPF has opposed the 2016 Bill. Kenye said, "That Bill had no

provisions for protecting the people of Nagaland when illegal immigrants are naturalised, which could have led to an uncontrolled demographic invasion. When the

duced (in CAB), I saw that the (Union) government had considered our demands; protection was given to Nagaland. So, in interest of the land and the people, I voted in support of the Bill."

now a law — was different from the 2016 Bill, which the NPF had been opposing. "I guess we were unable to communicate this shift to the party leadership in time," he said, calling it a "misunderstanding" that can be resolved. Pfoze said he has already

replied to the notice.

The Naga Students Federation (NSF), which represent Naga students not only in the state but also in neighbouring Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, has sought an explanation from the state's MPs, including NDPP's Tokheho Yepthomi, who voted in

NSF president Ninoto Awomi

Ritwik Ghatak kin object to BJP's use of his movies for pro-CAA campaign

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, DECEMBER 24

THE FAMILY of noted Bengali filmmaker Ritwik Ghatak has objected to the use of his movie clips and dialogues by the BJP during its campaign in support of the new citizenship law and the proposed implementation of the NRC. They condemned the BIP

youth wing's "misuse" of Ghatak's movies to "defend the controversial and discriminatory" law and called it "unethical". They also appealed to BJP to refrain from using Ghatak's movies in the campaign.

BJP's youth wing has been using dialogues and clippings from two movies of Ghatak: 'Meghe Dhaka Tara' (1960) and 'Komal Gandhar' (1961). Some clippings show how

people who migrated to India from erstwhile East Pakistan had to leave everything behind after the Partition. 'Meghe Dhaka Tara' revolves

around a young woman who lives

with his family, refugees from East

Pakistan (now Bangladesh), and makes sacrifices for her family. 'Komal Gandhar' highlights refugees' hardships in the aftermath of the Partition.

In a press statement, Ghatak's

family said, "We strongly condemn misappropriation and misuse of his (Ghatak's) and his cinema by the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha to defend the controversial and discriminatory National Register of Citizen (NRC) and the Citizen Amendment Act (CAA)... Sri Ghatak's cinema reflected his deep empathy for the underpriviledged, in particular the displaced and marginalised victims of political and social upheavals. He was secular to the bone as everyone who had known him can attest (to this fact), and his writings and cinema are proof of this."

BJP leader Rantidev Sengupta denied that Ghatak's movies were being used for political purposes. "Ritwik Ghatak's film clippings are used for humanity, not for a political cause. They have misunderstood... The BJP has no intention to insult him," Sengupta said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, DECEMBER 24 AMID NATIONWIDE protests

against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), West Bengal BJP vice-president Chandra Kumar Bose stocked a fresh row by questioning his party's logic behind not including Muslims in the new law. Taking to Twitter on Monday.

Chandra, who is also the grandnephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, asked why Muslims have been excluded if the CAA is not related to any religion. "If #CAA2019 is not related to

any religion why are we stating -Hindu, Sikh, Boudha, Christians, Parsis & Jains only! Why not include #Muslims as well? Let's be transparent," he tweeted.

"If Muslims are not being persecuted in their home country they would not come so there's no harm in including them. However, this is not entirely true — what about Baluch who live in Pakistan & Afghanistan? What about Ahwadiyya in Pakistan?," Bose said.



Why were Muslims excluded

from CAA: Chandra Bose

West Bengal BJP leader Chandra Kumar Bose

pare it with any other nation — as it's a nation Open to all religions and communities," he added. Chandra even stated that without the state governments support, it is tough to implement

"Don't equate India or com-

the Act everywhere. Mamata Banerjee is among several non-BJP chief ministers who have said that they would not allow the Act to be implemented in their states. "I have just suggested modifi-

cation so that entire nation supports it," he tweeted. He said it must be clarified that the Act is not based on religion.

"Muslims are integral part of our nation, you cannot exclude them. They (BJP) could have simply said minorities, who have been persecuted, will be given citizenship, but once you mention a few religions, you have to mention Muslims as well," Chandra said.

level, NPF leaders point out, there is a fear of inadequacy of the Inner Line Permit (ILP), a travel document for people from rest of India to four states in the Northeast that specifies areas of travel, to protect the state and its culture. The ILP is seen as temporary in nature, implemented on the basis of government notification and Union Cabinet decision. It may even be withdrawn in case an "unfavourable government" comes to

Zeliang said.

needed to consult the party before the vote."

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favour of the Bill.

said, "They should have taken the public sentiment into account... We don't believe we are protected (enough) by the ILP and the exclusion that the Home Minister (Amit Shah) announced."

EXPRESS NETWORK

REPORT ON AMU VIOLENCE

'Cops raised Jai Shri Ram slogans, admin failed in its duty'

ABANTIKA GHOSH NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

A FACT-FINDING report on the violence and police action at the Aligarh Muslim University last week has alleged that police used stun grenades, "usually used in war-like situations or terror operations", against AMU students. Based on anonymous testimonies of students, teachers and others present on campus at the time of the incident, the report concluded that there were "unbridled human rights violations" and the university administration failed in their "duty to protect the campus and its residents against

Denying the report's claims, police have said that students initiated the violence and minimum force was used for self-defence. When contacted by *The Indian* Express, Aligarh (City) SP Abhishek said, "Police personnel might have used stun grenades... In terms of how many stun grenades were used... it can only be concluded after a probe. We have clippings of students throwing back tear gas shells. The stun grenades are non-lethal and only produce sound impact which can be used to disperse crowd."

brutality by Uttar Pradesh Police".

Former IAS officer Harsh Mander, academic Nandini Sundar, rights activist John Dayal and author Natasha Badhwar were part of the 13-member team that issued the report, titled 'The Siege of Aligarh Muslim University', at a press conference here on Tuesday.

The report stated that a student, who picked up a stun grenade thinking it was a tear gas shell, lost his hand even as the university administration de-

fended use of the device. "He (registrar) justified the police action as both necessary and restrained and even spoke casually of the forces using stun grenades. These are devices to temporarily blind and deafen the enemy, known sometimes to cause injury and burst into flames. It is likely that this caused the student to lose his hand... and also possibly the fire

in hostel rooms," the report says. "Students spoke of soldiers and police persons raising chilling slogans like Jai Shri Ram while attacking the students and setting ablaze their scooters and vehicles..." the report states. It mentions alleged use of religiously charged terms such as "aatan*kvadi*"(terrorist) by the police.

The report says that the "Vice-Chancellor claims to have invited the forces into the university, but it is unclear why the RAF soldiers then broke down the gates".

The incident took place on December 15, when a group of students gathered at Bab-e-Syed gate to protest against the police action in Jamia Millia Islamia.

Denying the claims of the report, Aligarh SSP Akash Kulhary said. "There are fact-finding reports here and their validity should also be checked. We cannot give response to everyone... a criminal writ application has been filed at High Court and we have submitted our affidavit along with evidence.... This entire fiasco was initiated by the students of AMU. For self-defence, minimum use of force which is legal right of the police has been used."

"It is factually wrong that stun grenades are used in warlike situations as they are used to disperse crowds. In war-like situation the Army uses grenades,"

Rahul, Priyanka stopped from entering Meerut

AMITSHARMA

MEERUT. DECEMBER 24

UP POLICE on Tuesday stopped Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra from entering Meerut while they were on their way to meet the families of those killed in the protest against new citizenship law and proposed NRC. Police said that the Gandhis were not allowed to visit the families "keeping in mind their security and prevailing law and order situation". Police, however, said that Rahul and Priyanka can visit Meerut on Thursday to meet the

At least six persons have died in Meerut since Friday's protest. "We were suddenly in-

formed that Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi were coming to Meerut to meet the bereaved families of those who died during Friday's violence. We stopped them near Moiddinpur Sugar Mill in Partapur. Keeping in mind their security and the prevailing law and order situation in the town, we have requested them to postpone their plan. They are welcome if they come again on Thursday," Superintendent of Police (Meerut city) Akhilesh Narain Singh said, adding that prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC are already in force in Meerut district.

However, Rahul told reporters, "We asked the police to show us the order, but they did not show any order for stopping us and told us to return."

According to a police statement, Rahul and Priyanka were served a notice which said that Section 144 of CrPC has been imposed and the situation in Meerut was sensitive. "They



Rahul and Priyanka were on their way to meet families of those killed during protests against the CAA. PTI

were told that they would be held responsible for any deterioration of the law and order situation in the district due to their visit," the police said, adding that both went back on their

The Congress hit out at the UP government. "What India needs at this moment is a healing touch and not such curbs against the opposition parties," Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh said. His Rajasthan counterpart

Ashok Gehlot said it was absolutely undemocratic that the leaders were stopped by UP police. "The government is not letting the Opposition stand in solidarity with the victims," he said. Congress leader and former

Rajya Sabha MP Pramod Tiwari, who was with the Gandhis, wondered what the police were trying to hide. A Trinamool Congress dele-

gation, which was scheduled to meet the grieving families in UP, was also detained at Lucknow airport on Sunday afternoon.

With inputs from New Delhi

Meerut Police say 24-yr-old's death not

linked to violence, kin say cops shot him

Anil Vij: Rahul,

Priyanka live

petrol bombs

Chandigarh: Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij on Tuesday described Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi as "live petrol bombs", and asked people to beware of them. "Beware of @priyankagandhi and @Rahul Gandhi as they are live Petrol Bombs where ever they go they ignite fire and cause loss to Public Property," Vij

Haryana Congress spokesperson Prakash Vidrohi said, "Vij is a non-serious person, who is in the habit of passing such comments... In fact, the BJP and RSS have the patent for causing such incidents." ENS

tweeted on Tuesday.

GUJARAT CM, DY CM LEAD PRO-CAA RALLIES

Muslims have 150 countries to live, Hindus have one: Rupani

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE VADODARA, SURAT. DECEMBER 24

LEADING A rally in support of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) at Ahmedabad's Sabarmati Ashram, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani on Tuesday said while Muslims have 150 countries where they can go to, "for Hindus there is only one country - Bharat".

The BJP on Tuesday took out 62 rallies in different cities of Gujarat in support of the new citizenship law. While Rupani led a rally in Ahmedabad, Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel led one in Mehsana, among many such pro-CAA marches.

Addressing a huge crowd, Rupani said, "Muslims in India were happy and their population rose from 9 per cent to 14 per cent...because of the secular Constitution they live a dignified life in India."

He said the percentage of Hindus in Pakistan reduced from 22 to 3 because "they are tortured, raped, their properties destroyed. They returned to India long ago, but they can't avail of benefits because they are not (Indian) citizens... In Bangladesh, Hindus constitute just 2 per cent of the population, while in Afghanistan,



A pro-CAA rally in Vadodara on Tuesday. Bhupendra Rana

the number of Hindus and Sikhs are around 500, (down) from over 2 lakh earlier....

"Muslims have 150 countries where they can live, but for Hindus there is only one country, and that is Bharat.'

Blaming the Opposition for protests against the CAA, the Gujarat CM said, "The Congress and its allies are creating unrest in the country by misleading people, rioting and destroying public property. I want to ask the Congress: how is the CAA against what Mahatma Gandhi said when the country was being divided... that Hindus from these three countries, if they wish to lose citizenship".

come back..."

Acknowledging that the BJP's 2019 Lok Sabha election promise also included the NRC, Rupani said, "At the time of elections, the BJP had announced that if we form the government, then we will remove Article 370, we will pave the path for the temple at Ram Janmabhoomi, we will abolish triple talaq, implement CAA to grant citizenship to our refugees, implement the NRC, and send back infiltrators. The people democratically brought the BJP and its allies to power.'

With CAA, he told the crowd, "not a single Muslim in India will

4 more linked to PFI held: Shamli Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

SHAMLI POLICE have arrested four more members of the Popular Front of India's political arm, the Social Democratic Party of India, a day after arresting three persons associated with PFI, in connection with Thursday's violence in Lucknow.

They were arrested for allegedly attempting to create disturbance on Friday during the protest against the new citizenship law in Shamli, police said. "We arrested four members of SDPI today and 14 other members were arrested earlier. Among the 14 persons arrested earlier, 12 were booked for preventive measures," Shamli SP Vineet Jaiswal said.

The four arrested on Tuesday were identified as Akbar, Naushad, Tahir and Faisal. Police claimed that they were arrested for allegedly trying to assemble a mob despite Section 144 CrPC in place. Police have decided to seek a ban on PFI.

Lucknow varsity expels student for sharing post on anti-CAA protest

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

A 22-YEAR-OLD student of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University in Lucknow has been rusticated from the university for sharing a post on social media calling for a protest against the new citizenship law and the NRC on the campus.

A member of the university's media committee, Dr Tannu Dang, said Ahmed Raza Khan, a student of History (Honours) third year, had called for a protest to be held on Tuesday. "He was rusticated on December 22. He had called for a protest through Facebook even though section

Place: Chandigarh Date: 24.12.2019

144 is in place in the state. He had also incited students to protest against the university administration earlier this month over the running of the university mess. Though the administration addressed students' grievances Khan kept inciting them," said Dang. With more than 2,000 students, the university is run by the state government.

The Facebook post, shared by Khan, says, "We, the people of India (The university won't let disintegration of the country; we will not let our shared culture disappear; we will oppose the religion-based Bill tooth and nail." The post is accompanied by a poster which calls for a protest on December 24.

After Bijnor, Kanpur cops admit to opening fire Lucknow: The Kanpur Police have admitted that some police-

men had loaded their weapons and opened fire during protests against the citizenship law, as shown in video clips on news channels and social media. Kanpur's Senior SP Anant

Deo Tiwari said the firing was in self-defence. "They fired four rounds but it was in the air," Tiwari said, claiming that nobody was injured.

Asked specifically if the death of a person in Kanpur was due to a police bullet, he said, "Forensic examination will es-

Earlier, a video grab surfaced showing a police sub-inspector purportedly loading his pistol, amid the sound of gunfire. The video appeared to be from Yateemkhana in Kanpur.

Meanwhile, the district police in Bijnor said on Tuesday that a youth died when they fired in self-defence last week, contradicting an earlier claim by the state DGP that no one was killed in police firing during the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act.

WHILE SIX people died in Meerut on Friday following protests against the citizenship law, police have only officially linked five of these deaths to the agitation.

KRISHN KAUSHIK

MEERUT. DECEMBER 24

According to a report prepared by senior police officers in the district, they are yet to associate the killing of 24-year-old Aleem, previously mis-identified as Areef, to the violence around the protests. The report, seen by The Indian Express, states that

'Kisi ke baap ka Hindustan thodi hai': A

line from 3 decades ago is rallying call

'someone left him at the hospital" on Friday, where he was declared brought dead. The police have stated in a report that he "was not found to have been involved in any incident" related to the violence that day. Police sources said that nobody has come forward to state that Aleem was involved in any of the incidents.

However, Aleem's family strongly protested the police version and alleged that Aleem was shot by the police. "Whoever I asked, who were there at the place of the incident, I was told that he died from a bullet fired

by the police," Aleem's elder brother Mohammed Salauddin said. He said that "he was taken to the hospital because he was hit by a bullet". "People from our neighbourhood, who saw it and who were there at City Hospital, said the police were taking aim and shot him," Salauddin said.

Violence was reported at City Hospital and Nisarigate, among other areas, during protests against the citizenship law here on Friday.

Police have lodged 14 cases so far, including six in Nisarigate and four in Brahmpuri, from where the deaths were reported.

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(Mr. Mukesh Kumar)

Deputy Secretary

elled. "I wrote this ghazal some 30-35 years ago, though I don't remember the exact year or the context in which it was written. I have recited this ghazal at many mushaiaras and had even forgotten about it, but I don't know what's happened in the last three to four years that like a crop rises

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which this line is taken, has trav-

DEVYANIONIAL NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24 "KISI KE baap ka Hindustan thodi hai". IT WAS a sentiment felt over three decades ago, a line spoken in another time. Today, with its resonant thunder, the line has become a rallying call, most recently on posters held aloft by

those protesting the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and a pan-India National Register of Citizens (NRC). Trinamool MP again, these words have risen Mahua Moitra quoted it in Parliament this June, actor Amala Paul and filmmaker Ashiq Abu shared a Malayalam translation of it on a poster they put up on Instagram, and Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut tweeted it. But even before it became a pushback line, it has been something of a mushaira showstopper over the last few years. Hundreds of miles from the national capital, the seat of the churn over the citizenship issue, its poet Rahat Indori sits in the Madhya Pradesh town that has lent him his name, marvelling yet again at the distance his ghazal 'Agar khilaaf hain hone do", from

> Indori, who has a doctorate in Urdu literature and taught at Indore's

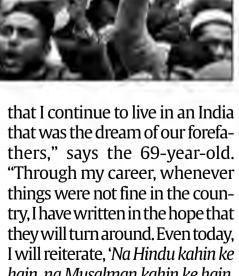
again. Now, wherever I go, people request me to recite this but it's unfortunate that it's often taken as a sher by a Muslim. Yeh kisi ek mazhab ka sher nahi hai (these lines are not for any particular religion). They are for everyone. I wrote this sher as an Urdu poet and as a citizen of India. This country is not the property of any particular individual, party or religion. As the ghazal says, sabhi ka khoon hai shaamil yahan ki mitti mein/ kisi ke baap ka Hindustan thodi hai (this land has seen sacrifices from everyone/ Hindustan is not anyone's property). But I am happy that people are using it to raise their demands; that they are using it to add weight to their nings in Mumbai by first teaming voice; that it's being used as a call

Vishwavidyalaya for many years. "I was born in azaad (free) Hindustan, I live in an India of my forefathers' description, and I pray

for peace in the country," says

Devi

Ahilya



hain, na Musalman kahin ke hain, donon yaheen rahenge, yeh donon yaheen ke hain' (It's not that the Hindu belongs to a particular place or the Muslim. They both belong to this land)," says Indori, who has also penned the lyrics for over 40 films, including Mahesh Bhatt's Sir (1993), Vidhu Vinod Chopra's Mission Kashmir (2000) and Rajkumar Hirani's Munnabhai MBBS (2003). He began his in-

up with T-Series' Gulshan Kumar. A poet who gets the crowds on his feet at mushairas across the country and abroad with his distinct style of delivery, Indori's often deceptively simple words give a hard-hitting message, with the political informing the lyrical. "Sarhadon par tanav hai kya/



Protesters hold posters quoting from Rahat Indori's (above right) ghazal 'Agar khilaaf hain hone do'. Express

zara pata toh karo chunav hai kya (Is there tension at the borders/ Just find out if there's an election around)?" he asks in one. "It's sad, no one had never thought that such a divide could

be brought in. Today, one may feel that the NRC will only affect Muslims, but tomorrow it will affect others, too. This will never end. Nafrat ki buniyad agar ek baar pad jaati hai, toh aap kaate jayeye, uski fasal ugti jaati hai (If you lay the foundation of hate, you will never be able to weed it out)," says Indori, who was a painter before he became a poet, painting film banners in a city which gave India its leading artist MFHusain, with whom Indori shared a close relationship.

Which is why Indori continues to write. "If I don't write on what's happening around us, what will be the difference between me and Nero? There is fire raging through my city, my country and if, at this time, I write about my mehboob's zulf (beloved's tresses), I must be either blind or deaf," he says.

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Kamlesh Tiwari murder: UP

cops chargesheet 13

Chandra Tripathi, said the

chargesheet was filed at a lo-

cal court in Lucknow against

13 persons, 11 of whom are

in jail. One person, identified

as Kaifi Ali, is out on bail.

Tanveer, a resident of Nepal who had allegedly sheltered

the two alleged killers, is ab-

sconding, Tripathi said.

Lucknow: Lucknow Police

Tuesday filed a chargesheet

against 13 persons in connec-

tion with the murder of

Hindu outfit leader Kamlesh

Tiwari, who was shot dead at

his residence in Khurshed

Bagh area of Lucknow on

October 18. Additional

Superintendent of Police,

West (Lucknow), Vikas

Christmas Eve. Rohit Jain Paras

Paradip: A group of unem-

ployed engineering gradu-

ates ransacked the office of

JSW Group in Odisha's port

town of Paradip on Tuesday

alleging non-fulfilment of job

assurance by the company, police said. The unemployed

youths forced their way into

the JSW office and damaged

furniture, computers and

threw away files. After van-

MAHARASHTRA

Irrigation scam: ACB DGP files second affidavit

VIVEK DESHPANDE & SAGAR RAJPUT NAGPUR, MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

RAISING THE stakes in the police officer vs police officer sideshow of the alleged multi-crore irrigation scam, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) DGP Param Bir Singh on Tuesday filed a second affidavit before the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court, this time to say that though his predecessor had taken note of the government communication giving a clean chit to former Maharashtra irrigation minister Ajit Pawar, he had had not "dealt with it" in his affidavit.

Singh's latest affidavit apparently admits to a "bonafide" mistake" in his December 20 affidavit in the PIL hearing into the alleged scam, but effectively ends up further questioning the role of former ACB DGP Sanjay Barve, who is the present the Mumbai Police Commissioner.

Submitting an "unconditional apology" to the court, Singh said that in last week's affidavit, he was wrong to have stated that Barve had not noticed a letter from the Vidarbha Irrigation Development Corporation (VIDC) giving its former chairman Ajit Pawar a clean chit, as its contents had not been mentioned anywhere in Barve's November 2018 affidavit filed before the Nagpur bench. Barve had said in his affidavit that Pawar was involved in awarding irrigation contracts.

After a "relook" at his prede-

cessor's affidavit, Singh said he has found that Barve had indeed seen the March 2018 VIDC response to the ACB's queries, as evident from two paras in the affidavit in which he has discussed it contents, and that he stands corrected on this. But Singh then goes on to say that the former DGP ACB did not "deal" with the letter.

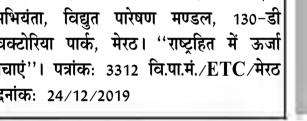
Singh's latest affidavit corrects the line in his previous affidavit that had stated "however, unfortunately, it appears the same was not noticed by the Affaint, which fact becomes clear from the fact that neither it is mentioned nor contents of which are dealt with anywhere in the aforesaid (Barve's) affidavit" to "however, unfortunately the Affiant has not dealt with the same anywhere in the aforesaid affidavit".

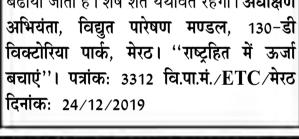
The affidavits by Barve and Singh had presented a contrasting picture about the role of Pawar in the alleged irrigation scam in Vidarbha, with the former clearly mentioning how Pawar had intervened in the process of grant of work by tweaking rules of business, updating of project cost and release of mobilisation advance to contractors and the latter giving him a clean chit on all these counts citing the VIDC letter.

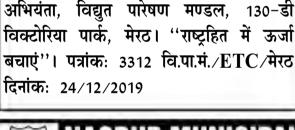
Singh, who has been eying the post of Mumbai Police commissioner since he was Thane Police commissioner, is seen as a contender for the post after Barve's retirement.

Barve is currently on his second extension as Mumbai Police commissioner, which ends on February 29, 2020.

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा तिथि विस्तार सुचना इस कार्यालय की निविदा संख्या टी.-112/19-20 के खुलने की तिथि अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 30.12.2019 तक बढायी जाती है। शेष शर्ते यथावत रहेंगी। अधीक्षण अभियंता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, 130-डी विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ। ''राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचाएं''। पत्रांकः 3312 वि.पा.मं./ETC/मेरठ दिनांक: 24/12/2019







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General public is hereby informed that three boys (depicted in the photo), Namely: 1. Raja 2. Ramu 3. Lala All S/o Unknown All R/o Unknown have been kidnapped since 26.02.2014 from the area of P.S. Roop Nagar, Delhi In this regard a case vide FIR No. 103/2014 u/s 363 IPC dated 04.03.2014 has been registered at P.S. Roop Nagar, Delhi. The description of the missing boys

(1) Raja:- Age : 12 years, Height: About 4', Complexion: Shallow, Built: Normal, Face: Round, Wearing: Unknown, (2) Ramu:-Age: 16 years, Height: About 5'.2", Complexion Shallow, Built : Thin, Face: Long Wearing: Unknown, (3) Lala:- Age: 13 years, Height: About 4'.6", Complexion : Wheatish, Built Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Unknown.

Any person are having any information/clue about these missing boys, may inform SHO, Roop Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in. SHO 5

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Ganga Bhawan, Dehradun



North India Continues To Shiver

Ice skating at Lakkar Bazaar in Shimla on Tuesday. The minimum temperature across Kashmir and Ladakh remained several degrees below the freezing point on Tuesday owing to clear sky, an official of the Meteorological Department said. Pradeep Kumar

No-confidence motion against Srinagar mayor

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 24

THE CRISIS in Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) deepened on Tuesday as 40 corporators moved a no-confidence motion against its Mayor Junaid Mattu, a day after a similar motion was submitted against his deputy.

The fresh no-confidence motion moved by independent corporators was supported by the

Deputy Mayor Sheikh Imran was removed from his post on Monday after a majority of corporators passed a no-confidence motion against him.

"The BJP has supported the no-confidence motion against the SMC Mayor moved by independent corporators," Kashmir BJP media incharge Manzoor Bhat told reporters here. He said the mayor and his deputy had "failed" to carry out development work. "About 29 independent cor-

porators approached us and, as a party that promised grassroots development, we were compelled to support the motion against the mayor. There has been no development work in the last one year. Our party has 11 corporators and in total we are 40 now. We need only 36 corporators (to

move the motion)," he said. The BJP leader said the corporators submitted the motion to the SMC commissioner and a floor test would be conducted. He said the motion in support of the mayor by some councillors on Monday was "fake" and appealed the Lieutenant Governor to order an inquiry into it.

SMC Commissioner Khurshid Sanai confirmed that the no-confidence motion against the mayor has been accepted. He said a floor test has to be held anytime after 48 hours of receiving the motion. "That floor test will determine the fate of the Mayor," he said.

The SMC has a strength of 70 corporators including a mayor and a deputy mayor.

Cops: 4 minors among 5 held for bid to cross over to PoK

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 24

POLICE IN Kashmir's Baramulla said they have apprehended five youths, including four minors, who were attempting to cross over into Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) to receive arms training.

The five set off from Pulwama district to cross the Line of Control (LoC), police said. They were staying at a hotel in Baramulla's Uri when police got a tip-off, and they were held over the weekend. "The detained are in the age

group of 14-18 years and belong to Pulwama district. Their actual plan was to leave on December 18 from Pulwama, but the man who was guiding them didn't turn up. The next day, they decided to leave on their own," Baramulla SSP Abdul Qayoom told The Indian Express.

Qayoom said one of the boys told his friends that he has an atlas, which would help them in the journey. "Another boy from the group said he has watched (Bollywood movie) *Uri: The Surgical Strike*, which shows that after crossing Uri ,they can cross (the LoC)," said the SSP. "During questioning, they said they wanted to cross the border to get arms training. We handed over the boys to their families on Monday after counseling."

According to J&K police officials in Pulwama, a manhunt is on to nab the main conspirator in the case.

Residents along LoC worried as cross-border shelling continues weather conditions are harsh." Mohammad Rafiq Balot, ident of Balkote village in

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 24

AS WINTER sets in along the Line of Control (LoC), cross-border firing and shelling would generally be halted in Jammu and Kashmir. This time, however, there has been an increase in shelling in three districts of North Kashmir. Both Armies have been exchanging fire in Uri, Tangdhar, Keran and Gurez sectors.

"There are some villages where you have one foot of snow today. The suffering of the people has doubled because shelling is taking place even during winters now. Shelling during winters is new for people here,'

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Chairman of the Block Development Council, Uri, in Baramulla district. "We have never seen shelling

taking place when mountains are covered with snow. It is very difficult for the people to take cover in the bunkers in such harsh weather. Shelling has not stopped here now," said Mohammed Jaffar, a resident of Tarbal in Gurez in Bandipore district. Jaffar's village is the last Indian village in the Baktore sector and is now witnessing frequent cross border shelling, which has damaged several residences as well. "It is very difficult even to move towards safer places in winter, because

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Delhi for the conduct of Assembly Election 2020. The estimated cost of the work is approximately Rs

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minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 03 crore (Rs. Three Crore only) for the last 3 three years and having

experience/capabilities of providing such services to the Election work/Government

department/Corporation/PSU/ and corporate houses etc. or similar nature of work done in the past for

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having experience/capabilities to do the work for Election / Government department / Corporation/PSU and

corporate houses etc, or have done similar nature of work in the past for providing of Catering services in

election. Services are required for providing tea breakfast, high tea, lunch, dinner, snacks etc., at different

places of District south East Delhi for the Delhi Legislative Assembly Election - 2020. The estimated cost of

the work is Rs. 1.5 Crore (Rs. One Crore fifty lakh only). All the relevant details are available / downloaded

Mukhtar Ahmad, from

Tangdhar in Kupwara district told The Indian Express, "The winter months are usually silent. This time it is different. There was shelling on the border two days ago...Indian Army chief in a statement has recently said the situation can escalate anytime, which has scared the locals more here."

Villagers say many people have decided to migrate to safer places. "Several villagers in the Silokote village (located along the LoC), have migrated to different places, because after every few days, there is shelling. It is more difficult for people to face all this because of the intense cold," said Faroog Ahmad, a res-

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Baramulla district.

Officials in Kupwara also maintain that skirmishes along the LoC are more frequent this year. "Shelling has taken place in the forward(Army) posts recently; but no damage to been reported in the civilian areas. On the posts, skirmishes used to take place earlier, but this time[in winters], it is little more," Kupwara **Deputy Commissioner Anshul**

A senior defence official in Srinagar told *The Indian Express* on Sunday, "Earlier as well during the winters, we have seen exchange of fire (between the two Armies). But this time the number of exchanges is little bit more."

1 held for death of 3 septic tank cleaners

Palay, an official of a housing society in Govandi area here has been arrested in connection with the death of three labourers while cleaning a septic tank in the residential high-rise, a police official said on Tuesday. The labourers, hired privately, died of suffocation on Monday while they were cleaning the septic tank in the Maurya Society, a 22storey building of the Slum Rehabilitation Authority in

Garg told The Indian Express.

Mumbai: Pawan Vishwanath

Ganeshwadi area, he said. PTI

WEST

Uganda national gangraped after being offered lift

People light candles at Jaipur's St Xavier's Church on

EAST

Unemployed graduates

ransack JSW office

Pune: Two unidentified men allegedly gangraped a 28year-old Ugandan woman at a deserted spot in Lohegaon area after offering her lift on their two-wheeler on Tuesday, said police. The woman has lodged an FIR in this case at Vimantal police station. The woman, a native of Uganda, in her complaint said that she was a businesswoman and came to India on a tourist visa in August. After the incident, the accused made her sit between them on their motorcycle. She raised an alarm after seeing a group of youngsters and the man riding the motorcycle lost his balance, but he picked up the two-wheeler again and the two managed to flee, police said.

dalising the JSW office, they

went to the Model Police

Station here to lodge a com-

plaint against the company.

When the agitators refused

to leave the police station,

about a dozen of them were

detained. Twenty bikes used

by them were seized, said

Superintendent of Police BC

Assistant

Paradip

Mishra.

South

Elephant chases 3 forest guards, tramples one to death

Erode: A forest guard was attacked and trampled to death by a wild elephant near Bhavanisagar in Tamil Nadu's Erode district while two of his colleagues managed to flee to safety, wildlife officials said. Mahendran (48), along with two of his colleagues, went to the forest area on Monday evening to install

cameras to track the movement of wild animals when the elephant emerged from the bushes and chased the three, the officials said. The 48-year-old forest guard was killed while his coworkers managed to escape, they said. The elephant vanished into the thickets, they said.

PTI

BHU student refuses to Mann doesn't accept degree to protest December 19 arrests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 24

A BANARAS Hindu University (BHU) student Tuesday refused to accept his masters degree as a mark of protest against the arrest of "several BHU students" who were held on December 19 for taking part in a stir against the new citizenship law and violating section 144 CrPC.

However, BHU spokesperson Rajesh Singh said it could not be confirmed if those arrested include BHU students as the police had not given the varsity authorities any list of those arrested. Varanasi SSP Prabhakar Chaudhary said 54 persons were arrested from Beniyabagh area last Thursday but it could not be confirmed if any BHU student was among them.

A video that went viral on social media purportedly shows the student, Rajat Singh, on stage during the convocation cere-



convocation ceremony

mony. He is seen purportedly explaining his stance to the Dean Rajat does not accept.

arrested during protests over the new citizenship law on December 19 and I oppose the arrests. I oppose this communal law... Some students who had their convocation on Tuesday are in jail and the administration does not even bother," Rajat said.

like reporter's question, charges at him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 24

SANGRUR MP Bhagwant Mann Tuesday landed in fresh controversy after he charged at a reporter during a press conference here, apparently irked over the latter's question that there was a perception that Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) was the main opposition party in Punjab and not the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

As Mann, the Aam Aadmi Party convenor in Punjab, dismissed the query, the journalist attempted to ask another guestion. Mann then told other reporters to ask questions, before telling the reporter, "Have you taken a contract to ask all the questions?"

When the reporter questioned his conduct, Mann stood up and charged towards him. He was stopped by party leaders accompanying him.

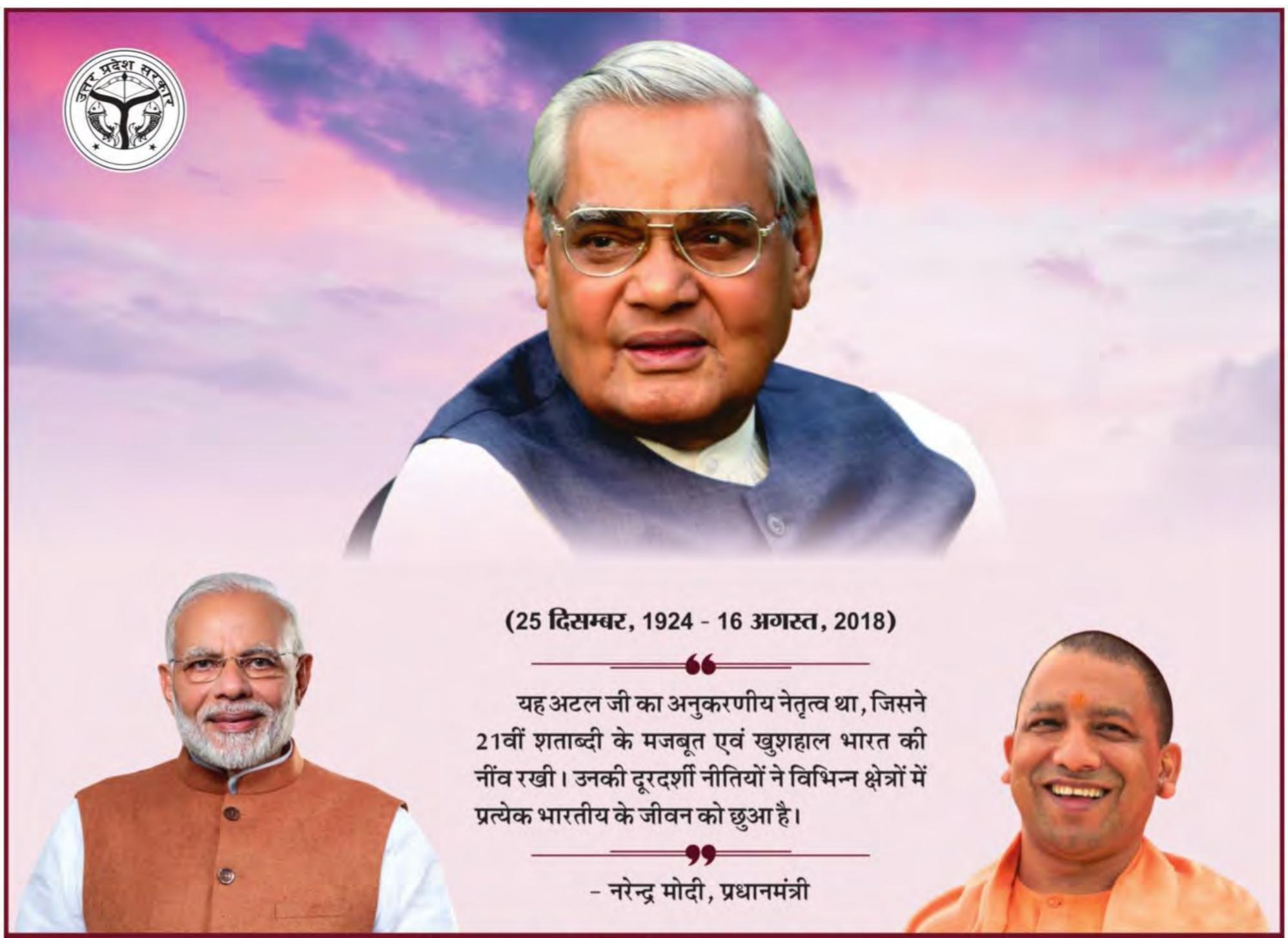
(Online tenders) for providing of Computer, Printers, Photocopier, Scanner, Laptop etc. from reputed firms/ Companies/Proprietors having minimum average annual turnover of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only) and above for last three years and have experience of providing such services to the Election/Govt. Department / Corporation/PSU / Business and corporate house etc or similar nature of work done in the past for election department, this tender is to provide the services at different places of District South East Delhi, for Delhi Assembly Election-2020 The estimated cost of the work is Rs. 40.00.000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs

Sd/-

Rajat Singh during the

of the arts faculty, who is seen offering him the certificate, which "I am a History of Art student... I did not accept my degree because several students were

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"



राष्ट्रवाद के प्रणेता, सुशासन के संवाहक 'भारत रत्न' पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी जी की 96वीं जयन्ती पर शत्-शत् नमन

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful LOT, NOTHING IS GOING TO GET BETTER. IT'S NOT.

— Dr Seuss

The Indian EXPRESS

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

DON'T PROTEST IN UP

Anti-CAA mobilisations have taken the highest toll in Uttar Pradesh. Adityanath government has much to answer for

HE CIVIC PROTESTS against the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) reported from cities across the country have been largely peaceful, barring in states ruled by the BIP — and especially in Uttar Pradesh, UP has seen the maximum violence, accounting for 17 of the 24 deaths reported so far. As this newspaper has reported, 14 of the 16 who lost their lives, all Muslims, died due to bullet injuries from firearms. Subsequently, there has been official confirmation that one person in Bijnor was killed in police firing. Reports are trickling in of the brutal police action inside the campus of Aligarh Muslim University, including in hostels; at least six students have been hospitalised with grievous injuries. There are serious questions concerning the conduct of the UP police and state administration and about how much their actions have contributed to the escalation in violence.

The right to assemble and protest peacefully is guaranteed by India's Constitution. That thousands of people, particularly young people, belonging to diverse faiths, regions, ethnicity and language, have chosen to contest the CAA despite the tame response from political parties is a sign of the argumentativeness of Indian democracy. However, the UP administration seems to be unabashedly unmindful of democratic niceties. Its tone has been confrontational; it has refused to allow any outlet for people to express their disagreement with the controversial Act. The government has detained thousands of people, including human rights activists such as retired IPS officer S R Darapuri and lawyer MohammadShoaib, banned mobilisations and curtailed the internet. The language used by UP Chief Minister Adityanath when the protests intensified — that his administration would extract "badla" (revenge) for the violence — does not befit a person holding high public office; it may even have set the template for the UP police to use excessive force against protestors. The fact is the UP police in the Adityanath regime has had a notorious record of ignoring due process while enforcing law and order. Officials have admitted to over 3,500 police encounters and nearly 80 killings of alleged criminals in a period of over two years, forcing the Supreme Court to intervene.

The UP government must rethink its adversarial strategy towards the citizens' freedom of expression, including the right to express disagreement. In this, it could take a cue from another BJP government. After the CAA protests in Mangalore turned violent and resulted in the death of two persons in police firing, Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa ordered a magisterial inquiry into the incident. Adityanath, too, should order a probe into the charges of police brutality against protestors in UP.

TRUMPING TRUMP

2020 is going to be a bitter year in US politics. India will recognise its own reflection in parts of it

ONALD TRUMP HAS become the third US President to be impeached by the House of Representatives, and like them, in all likelihood, he will be acquitted in the Senate. The House, controlled by the Democrats, voted for his impeachment on two articles. The first article relates to the abuse of power, by putting pressure on the Ukrainian president — by refusing to meet him and release military aid — unless he began an inquiry against Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden's son's business interests in that country. The second relates to obstructing the work of Congress, with Trump charged for threatening witnesses in the congressional inquiry into the abuse of power. The House expectedly voted along party lines, and so will the Republican-controlled Senate.

This was well known before the process began. The Republican leader in the Senate had made it clear that he would do everything in his power to acquit the president. The Democratic argument for going ahead with a process that would be futile has been that Trump's transgressions are so egregious that an impeachment by the House was necessary in order to uphold the US Constitution. Now, in anticipation of the defeat in the Senate, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has decided to delay the inevitable by not sending the Articles to the Senate, thus leaving Trump in the limbo of an inconclusive impeachment. She also hopes that in his eagerness to have his name cleared expeditiously, he will force the Senate to accept conditions that the Democrats want met for the trial.

If all this seems somewhat familiar to Indians, it is because the US is about as bitterly polarised between Republicans and Democrats over the Trump presidency as India is between Hindutva and non-Hindutva politics in the Narendra Modi regime. Pelosi's determination to have Trump impeached in the House in the name of the Constitution, but place a hold on sending it to the Senate, smacks of a kind of shortsighted politics that also plagues the Opposition in this country. It backfires, and provides the intended target the opportunity to play victim. Trump and his supporters will make much of the denial of the opportunity to defend himself immediately. Plus, with his candidature for a second term on course, he has about a year of campaign meetings in which to unleash his defence in the ways he does, and consolidate his Republican base. 2020 is going to be a bitter year in US politics. India will recognise its own reflection in some parts of it.

FREE VERSE

Poetry is metrical emotion, and protests like those unfolding today its most productive nurseries

OW DO YOU name the nameless? With poetry. It gives courage in the face of nameless dread and rallies hearts and minds against the violent might of governments. "I am the people — the mob — the crowd — the mass," wrote Carl Sandburg, reversing the power differential, and pointing out that Napoleons and Lincolns are born among the people. How do you keep movements going when they flag in the face of insuperable odds? Poetry helps, a lightning rod for dissatisfaction and anger that touches everyone, and ignites whatever it touches.

In India, the movement against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the application of the National Register of Citizens nationwide has raised a fresh crop of protest poetry, mostly from younger voices like Amir Aziz, Varun Grover and Sabika Abbas Naqvi. In Assam, which encountered the NRC first, it had re-energised Miyan poetry, a tradition almost as old as India, which expresses the angst of immigrants from across the eastern border. Now, in the span of one week, protest poetry has become a national phenomenon. Along with new work, old favourites like Rahat Indori, Basheer Badr and Ram Prasad Bismil are thundering forth from loudspeakers. And interestingly, classics from Pakistan

are being received by crowds at least as well as domestic poems. Absolute power need only fear subversion, whose sharpest weapons are poetry and humour. Both have risen to the occasion. It is unlikely that the protests will come to nothing, since movements powered by public anger, and without a central command which can be conveniently decapitated, are notoriously hard to put down. But even if it cannot secure the repeal of the problematic Act, the movement will have compiled an outstanding body of protest poetry and black humour. The great poets of Black protest like Audrey Lorde and Langston Hughes would have loved it.

Look who's fighting

India's young have picked up mantle of an older battle - for a country that is equal, just and kind HARSH MANDER

THE SURGE OF protests in every corner of the country against the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens will be remembered as an iridescent, significant moment in the journey of the republic. This is because these are, at their core, popular moral assertions founded on fraternity of the kind we have not seen for a long time. People are spilling onto the streets offering hope, solidarity and reassurance to those threatened by the politics of hate and fear. The protests mark a collective rejection of the toxic politics and policies that have come to dominate our public life in recent years.

The ruling establishment has responded with its well-used playlist of attempting to communalise and discredit the protestors; to confuse people with falsehoods; and to deploy crushing state force. But this time, none of it is working. The police brutalised students in the two national universities identified with India's Muslim heritage, Jamia Millia Islamia and Aligarh Muslim University. But the same night that news filtered in of injured Jamia students rounded up in police stations in Delhi, spontaneously large crowds gathered in the cold night outside the police headquarters and various police stations, and they refused to move until the police was forced to release the students. Students and faculty from more than 50 universities around the country gave their support. Sleep-deprived lawyers keep vigil every night outside police stations where protesters are detained.

The prime minister taunted the protestors, saying he could identify them by the clothes they wear, an unmistakable reference to their Muslim identity. In response, people of every visible identity joined the protests, interspersed with people in skullcaps and hijabs proudly waving the national flag, confident and spurred by the solidarity of their countrywomen and men. Young people, with funny creative posters, slogans and songs, began waging a non-violent battle for a country founded on love and hope.

In recent years, for the first time, I had found my optimism ebbing. My personal politics have always been grounded in a dogged, even naïve optimism, of the inevitability of human goodness, the belief that hatred and tyranny will not prevail. But during our journeys of the Karwan e Mohabbat The protests have already won. They have succeeded in rendering a national NRC highly improbable. This is an enormous victory, because it was the combination of the CAA with the NRC which threatened to thrust India's 200 million Muslims into the same vortex of dread and insecurity which has been the fate of Bengali-origin Assamese people for the past several years. Even allies who cynically voted with the ruling party in support of the CAA have now announced, influenced by the popular revulsion, that they would not implement the NRC. Several states, including Bengal, Bihar, Kerala, Odisha, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh, have ruled

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to families stricken by lynching, we found mobs, mostly of young people, targeting Muslim and Dalit victims with an inexplicable cruelty, proudly videotaping their brutal slaying of defenceless persons. No one came forward to save them. The police would encourage the mobs and criminalise the victims. The BJP was able to politically marginalise the Muslims by uniting every other caste and religious group in a pact of hate against them. I began to dread that India was trapped in a long dark night of hate. The protests led by young people celebrating Hindu-Muslim unity and the equal rights of people of every identity have reignited my hope. I am sure millions across India feel infected by this same optimism. The import of this moment is that it is, in

its spirit, the continuance of a battle which began 100 years ago. Mahatma Gandhi had returned from South Africa to lead India's freedom struggle, illuminated by a humane and inclusive nationalism, and the idea of a country which would welcome as equal citizens people of every faith and identity. The Hindu Mahasabha and the RSS had a different imagination, of a Hindu nation in which religious minorities would be forced to live as second-class citizens. The Muslim League, too, was convinced that Muslim minorities could never achieve equality and security except in a separate Muslim-majority country. Those holding power today seem determined to prove that Gandhiji was wrong, and Savarkar and Jinnah were right. Young Indians, 70 years after Mahatma Gandhi was killed for this idea, and Babasaheb Ambedkar incorporated the idea of secularism and fraternity into our Constitution, have picked up the mantle of this same battle for a country

which is equal, just and kind. The protests have led to perceptible unease in the ruling establishment. The Uttar Pradesh administration declares war on its Muslim citizens. The PM tries to defend his government with bare-faced falsehoods. He claims that his government never spoke of a national NRC, whereas Home Minister Amit Shah had announced it repeatedly in Parliament and outside, linking it with the CAA, signalling unmistakably that Hindus would be protected, but not Muslims. He adds that India has no detention centres, whereas I have entered these hell-like centres in Assam: Shah announced that states have been asked to build detention centres; and the construction of such centres is underway in many states.

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If the Union government still stubbornly perseveres with the NRC, it will create a constitutional crisis, because the NRC can be operationalised only through the state machinery. The Union government may dismiss recalcitrant state governments, but how many will it dismiss, and how many times?

High civic vigilance is still imperative. Work on the National Population Register has already commenced, and this is the first step to the NRC. If states are serious about not implementing the NRC, they would have to also refuse to conduct the NPR. So far, only the Kerala government has announced that it will not allow even the NPR. A countrywide civil disobedience movement, with every citizen boycotting the NPR and the NRC by refusing to share any information or documents, will be the most robust defence.

Will the protests endure? It is still too early to know. But even if the protests end, they would have demonstrated that the agenda of the ruling formation to transform India into its majoritarian imagination is not invincible. That their project to isolate Indian Muslims to the political and social margins has failed. They would have placed the brakes on India's frightening descent into a republic of hate and fear. They would have shown that there are enough Indians who still believe in a country of hope and love.

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THE PEGASUS MOMENT

Revelations of hacking call for a relook at India's surveillance regime

GURSHABAD GROVER AND TANAYA RAJWADE

IN EARLY NOVEMBER, it became clear that several lawyers and human rights activists had been targeted by spyware that allowed attackers unfettered access to information stored on victims' phones. On November 29, in the Rajya Sabha, the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology was repeatedly asked whether any Indian agency had commissioned the attack vector "Pegasus" that was used in the attacks from the Israeli firm NSO. Where a categorical response would have sufficed, the minister chose to muddy the waters through vague assertions such as "standard operating procedures have been followed".

There are cogent reasons pointing towards an Indian law enforcement agency's hand in procuring Pegasus. First, NSO maintains that it only sells services and software to state agencies. Second, some of the known Indian targets of the vulnerability are human rights activists. These individuals work on India-specific issues and hardly qualify as serious threats in the eyes of a foreign government.

The government derives some of its powers to conduct electronic surveillance from Section 69 of the Information Technology (IT) Act. The procedures for such surveillance are defined in the IT (Procedure and Safeguards for Interception, Monitoring and Decryption of Information) Rules, 2009.

With the popularity of endto-end encryption, surveillance may require the exploitation of vulnerabilities on end-users' devices. The Pegasus snoopgate is an opportune moment to revisit the legal framework governing the state surveillance framework. First, it is crucial to dismantle state agencies that run surveillance operations despite lacking statutory authority. For other agencies, there is an urgent need to introduce judicial and parliamentary oversight.

It is these rules, and not the parent Act that define the terms "interception" and "monitoring" as "acquisition of the contents of any information through the use of any means' and "to view or to inspect or listen to or record information", respectively. These allencompassing definitions seemingly permit authorised law enforcement agencies to use Pegasus-like tools.

However, the IT Act also penalises unauthorised access to computers without the owner's permission. These provisions, namely section 43 and 66, do not carve out an exception for law enforcement agencies. As lawyer Raman Chima highlighted recently, any action explicitly prohibited under the Act cannot be justified by procedures laid out in subordinate legislation. Therefore, no law enforcement agency can "hack" devices, though they may "intercept" or "monitor" through other means. Additionally, the Supreme Court's privacy verdict held any invasion of privacy by the state must be based on a law. As some of the agencies authorised to conduct surveillance (like the Intelligence Bureau) do not have statutory backing, surveillance by them is unconstitutional.

The use of spyware gives the state access to private conversations, including privileged communications with lawyers. Such an infringement of rights may be justified for militants suspected of actively planning an armed attack. For academicians and human rights activists, the use of broad surveillance without any evidence or anticipation of such activities is unfathomable in a democracy.

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Unfortunately, the government has taken a massive leap backwards by ignoring the standards laid down by the Supreme Court and Justice Srikrishna Committee's recommendations, and introducing unconstitutional surveillance enablers in the Data Protection Bill. Now is the time for Parliament to guarantee the privacy and security of Indians.

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DECEMBER 25, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

REVISED PLAN THE PLANNING COMMISSION released the revised draft of the Sixth Plan (1978-83), envisaging an outlay of Rs 71,000 crore in the public sector, against Rs Rs 9,380 crore estimated in the earlier draft. It carries a rider from the Deputy Chairman of the Commission, DT Lakdawala, who says in the preface to the document that a further increase in the outlay will be called for if prices continue to rise above the 1978-79 level. Since prices have actually spurted during 1979-80, an upward revision of the outlay appears to be a certainty. The revised draft envisages an overall economic growth rate of 4.7 per cent.

Agricultural output is estimated to rise at an

annual average rate of 3.8 per cent and industrial production at seven per cent.

CONGRESS TO STAY THE CONGRESS IS not to pull out its ministers from the caretaker government, headed by Charan Singh, at the Centre. Talking to journalists near Jaipur, Congress President Devraj Urs said that "Having accepted the responsibility at the Centre, we will not abandon it just on the eve of the election." When asked about the possibility of withdrawing the Congress ministers from the Centre, Urs quipped that "how many days are left now? Today is December 24 and there is every pos-

sibility of the installation of a new govern-

ment at the Centre by January 10. So why withdraw." he added.

EXPUNGE JUDGMENT

THE UNION GOVERNMENT has appealed to the Supreme Court vacation judge, Justice P N Bhagwati, for the expunging of certain remarks made by Delhi High Court Judge TPS Chawla in his judgment quashing prosecutions against Indira Gandhi and Pranab Mukherjee for refusing to take the oath before the Shah Commission. The government has asked for the expunction of 204 pages out of the 347 pages of the judgment on the ground that certain remarks were "unwarranted, unnecessary and irrelevant".

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1 THE IDEAS PAGE

An economic price to pay

The politics of exclusion and disenfranchisement is hurting investment and the cooperative spirit — the building blocks on which an economy functions



WITH INDIA'S DEEP political troubles, and protest marches breaking out all over the country, it may seem odd to be writing on economics. Yet, it would also be wrong not to. India's economy is now spiraling downwards, and there is an urgent need for corrective action. Hence, despite my initial misgivings, I devote this column to India's economy and what the hard numbers tell.

The signs of an economic slowdown were visible from 2017. But, the numbers on the economy that have emerged over the past few months are alarming. The contours of the problem are visible from the broad macroeconomic aggregates. From 2004, India got used to being referred to as one of the world's fastest-growing economies, and indeed, it was, for a few years, among three or four of the fastest-growing economies in the world. If we take the latest official growth rate figure of 4.5 per cent released by the government, and insert this in the chart of all countries' growth rates for 2019 constructed by the IMF, India is no longer in the top three or four. In fact, it is not in the top 30 or 40. This is an alarming drop in rank. Further, the nation's investment-to-GDP ratio is declining, and non-oil exports are actually shrinking. One strong indicator of the overall growth slowdown is electricity generation. Electricity generation growth is now lowest in at least three decades. It is even lower than what happened during the big economic crisis of 1991. In October this year, electricity output contracted by 12.2 per cent. What is of greater concern is not just these

broad, economy-wide parameters, but what the more micro-data reveal. The use of sophisticated statistical techniques for collecting data pertaining to ordinary people's economic well-being were designed in India by the physicist-turned-statistician, P C Mahalanobis. With encouragement from Jawaharlal Nehru, this method has been used in India to collect detailed data by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on household consumption and savings every five years. India is a global pioneer in this area. The 68th round of data collection happened in 2011-12 and the numbers were made available soon thereafter. But, the latest round of data, pertaining to 2017-18, has been held back from release.

There are, however, economists who have been using statistics from the leaked draft report. One of the most comprehensive and convincing analysis, done by S Subramanian of the Madras Institute of Development Studies, gives a "depressing message on the economy". Between 2011-12 and 2017-18, the percentage of people living below the poverty line has actually increased from 31 per cent to 35 per cent. This is very unusual since India has been, for quite some time, on a trajectory of high, but diminishing poverty. Between 2011-12 and 2017-18, for Indians living in rural areas (a vast majority), consumption has not just slowed down, but fallen. On a per capita basis, people are now consuming 8.8 per cent less than

what they were doing five years ago. How do we square the fact that while India



allow for dissenting opinion, which in recent times has been anathema. There is, however, a longer-run problem

that goes beyond monetary and fiscal policies. There is currently a trust deficit in India, which has been caused by the growing politics of hate and disenfranchisement. This is hurting investment and the cooperative spirit — the building blocks on which an economy functions. What economists do not like to dwell on and what Karl Polanyi had noted a long time ago is that the economy is ultimately embedded in society, institutions and politics. When these are damaged, the economy begins to stall. It is like the plumbing in a home. We are unaware of its importance as long as it functions fine. It is only when it malfunctions that we realise its great significance. Once the immediate fall-out of the slowdown has been managed using standard economic policies, we shall have to turn to the harder task of rebuilding institutions and the cooperative spirit. Watching the current protests in which large numbers of Indians of all religions are standing together, refusing to accept the missives of hate, one sees a glimmer of hope that the cooperative spirit in the nation is alive, and that in turn gives hope for economic progress in the future.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Mr Modi's hold on power remains firm, but the protests at home and abroad have demonstrated limits to how far Indians will allow him to go in pursuit of his Hindu-nationalist agenda." — THE NEW YORK TIMES

Moral and pragmatic inclusion

Through CAA, India has reaffirmed its tradition of embracing people of different races and religions, customs and climes



E Suresh Kumar

FROM BEING A passive and reactive country, India has begun to transform into a truly modern nation that is conscious of its growing abilities and opportunities. The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is the latest in a series of epochal measures that reflect the ability, wisdom, vision and determination that are characteristic of not just good leadership, but of statesmanship. And of the prime minister and his advisers it can be said, "Cometh the hour, cometh the man". The CAA is the combination of India's age-old spirit, and tremendous grit. It is an Act that helps define who we really are as a nation and a people.

The CAA is designed to give shelter to a people who have been neglected and oppressed for centuries. Our nation has welcomed diverse peoples throughout her glorious history. She has embraced the Greeks, and their knowledge, in the wake of Alexander; sheltered the Jews and the Parsis; and has been home for the first mosque built anywhere outside the birth place of Islam. Through the CAA, we have reaffirmed the tradition of embracing people of different races and religions, customs and climes. In doing so, we have followed the golden mean of balancing the head with the heart. The CAA protects the interests of everyone involved in the most optimal way possible — from our people and culture in the Northeast to the destitute, persecuted people who fled their countries for their lives and beliefs. It is a fact that India is doing today what the countries of origin of these people ought to have done, which is, to protect these minorities, and preserve their way of life.

It is well known that all civilised nations offer asylum in cases of political persecution or matters of conscience. In the case of the economic migrant Muslims, such a threat is clearly absent in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh. In fact, a highlevel adviser to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh has recently agreed to the repatriation of the Muslims who migrated from their country. For, illegal migration is a crime, and ought to be treated as one.

The Act is a carefully considered measure. It was presented to the public as early as 2016. It was examined by an all-party 30-member committee. In fact, genuine migrants were already granted different kinds of permits and visas for an extended stay, and this will be further legalised. Meanwhile, the Citizenship Act under the Third Schedule is in place. Only in the case of minorities from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh, the eligibility has been lowered from 11 years to five years.

To begin with, the Act protects the people in parts of the Northeast through the inviolable Inner Line, reserving the land for

them exclusively. The core of the Assamese culture has been carefully conserved. The original people of the land, irrespective of their faith, will remain undisturbed, equal and safe in every way, ensuring their full growth. Interestingly, the constitutional guarantee given to the people of the Northeastern states is based on the British Inner Line System under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation of 1873, which was designed to protect interests of the ruling classes of the British against others. The Government of India, through this Act, has protected the interests of the Assamese people with the same care as the British protected theirs.

The Act is pragmatic too. It recognises the limits that India can go to and stays within them. No country can afford to provide shelter, medical care, and livelihood to unlimited people. It is positively absurd that we should support people who have nations carved out explicitly and exclusively for them and their way of life when our own citizens are unemployed. It is a historical fact that Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan have had substantial minorities comprising of the very people who, if they are eligible will be given Indian citizenship. The minorities in these countries have dwindled due to persecution and injustice simply because of their faiths. For us to abandon them would be to abandon our own culture, principles, and responsibilities.

It needs to be emphasised that the Act does not grant citizenship to the non-Muslim peoples of these nations simply because they are non-Muslims. Nor does it exclude those Muslims who may be persecuted for their views, political beliefs or any such. We have the example of a popular Muslim singer, whose father, a pilot in the Pakistani Air Force bombed Pathankot with devastating effect in 1965, who was given citizenship in India. This tradition continues. As per the government statistics, in six years, only about 2,830 Pakistani nationals were given citizenship, that is, about 470 per year — evidence of strict control.

It is needless to say, Indians following Islam will be completely untouched by the Act. They will not be asked to prove their nativity or any related matter. They face not even the slightest threat. The Act has a broader scope as well, as it plugs the loopholes in some other laws. For example, there were no provisions to revoke the OCI card of a holder committing unlawful activities. The Act seeks to close this gap, irrespective of faith or belief.

The great results of this Act are, in sum, the protection of the weak and the helpless of all faiths and the establishment of a more equitable society, sharing resources more justly. The repatriation of false economic migrants is happening in Western Europe to this day. In doing so, India is only following her own culture and laws. These laws have been endorsed by natural justice, international law and practice, reason, and compassion.

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Firm policy, gentle politics

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LEADERS ARE REMEMBERED for their oratory. Martin Luther King is remembered for his "I have a dream" speech, Winston Churchill for his scintillating words, "We shall fight on the beaches, on the landing grounds, in the fields and in the streets. We shall never surrender", in his "Our finest hour" address to the British Parliament in 1940, and John F Kennedy is remembered for his inaugural speech as the President of the US in which he called upon his fellow Americans to "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what

you can do for your country". Atal Bihari Vajpayee, India's 11th, 14th and 15th prime minister, belonged to the category of leaders who are exceptional orators. Churchill was famous for his lucid English, short sentences and choice of powerful words. Vajpayee's oratory was stirring at one level and heart-warming at another because it was laced with poetic expressions. His poetry was his added strength. "I might become an ex-prime minister one day. But I shall never become ex-poet," he used to say.

His famous address in the Lok Sabha while demitting office after his 13-day government lost majority in 1996 was one such memorable address. He remembered the occasion when Prime Minister Narasimha Rao sent him to the UN as the head of the Indian delegation. Vaipayee was the Leader of the Opposition at that time. "The Pakistani delegation was surprised at seeing me there," he said adding, "In their country, the Opposition

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never cooperates with the ruling party even in a national cause. They always try to pull each other down. That is not our tradition or character".

is still growing (even though slower than be-

fore), large segments are actually getting

worse off? This is because, from all accounts,

inequality is getting worse. Credit Suisse has

recently published data showing that in 2018,

the richest 1 per cent Indians owned 53 per

cent of all the wealth in the country. The gov-

ernment's official data, released as part of the

Periodic Labour Force Survey Report 2017-18,

shows that the country's unemployment rate

has not been this high in 45 years. Since un-

employment disproportionately hurts the

poor, the gap between the rich and the poor is

growing; and not just that, the rural poor are

is the poor who are paying the biggest price.

While policymakers no doubt have many ur-

gent matters on hand, I would urge them not

to ignore these festering wounds of the econ-

omy. As a short-run measure, we have to use

and even strengthen some instruments of in-

tervention that we already have in hand, such

as the rural employment guarantee pro-

gramme, so that the immediate hardship of

those worst hit by the crisis is ameliorated.

This has to be backed up with fiscal and mon-

etary policies to revive growth and spread it

better. For this, the main need is not money,

but ideas and intelligent policy design, which

have been in short supply. There is enough

talent residing in India that can fill this gap in

government. But to draw in talent we have to

In short, the ground reality is grim, and it

actually becoming poorer.

Then came his thunderous eternal message for politicians: "Power games will go on. Governments will come and go. Parties will be made and unmade. But this country and its democracy should flourish eternally," he said, winding up his speech before announcing his resignation. This brings out the most important facet of Atalji's personality — he was a quintessential democrat. Democracies can't survive authoritarianism or recalcitrance from parties on both sides. Cooperation and consensus are key to the success of a democracy. Ataji, whether he was in the Opposition or the ruling party, embodied these virtues.

Atalji was an enigma to many during his lifetime. He endured the harshest criticism from his own people. One of his ideological fellow travellers once publicly described Vajpayee as a "petty politician playing into the hands of his policy advisers with doubtful credentials". Some of his critics, like Khushwant Singh, used to describe him as a "right leader in a wrong party". Atalji was neither. He was the most large-hearted and inclusive politician that India has seen in last seven decades. As for being in the wrong party, Atalji would himself dismiss it in his typical poetic style: "If the tree is bad, how come the fruit is good? If

I am right, I can't be in a wrong party and if my

party is wrong, I can't be right". Oratory, no doubt, was Atalji's asset. But his real strength was his silence. He used silence more powerfully than his words. Words he used to score political points, and silence, to build political consensus. A democracy of India's size and diversity is governed well through building larger consensus. Atalji's silence or his efforts at consensus building didn't make him weak. He is rather remembered for some of the milestones in India's history like catapulting the country into the league of nuclear powers or waging a decisive war against Pakistan at Kargil. His stern message to US President Bill Clinton on the eve of the Kargil war was, "We will get them out, one way or the other". His aide Brajesh Mishra would later reveal that "all options including nuclear" were open. On another occasion, Atalji had stood firm in refusing to send Indian soldiers to Iraq to join the US forces, despite acute pressure from the US.

As a statesman, he understood the inevitability of criticism in public life. During Atalji's period, India followed truely conservative economic policies. The government shed its extra burden and there was a ministry for disinvestment. Banking, investment and taxation reforms created a favourable climate for the country's economy. The result of all that was a return to healthy 8+GDP growth starting in 2002-03, overcoming the challenge of the post-Pokhran sanctions. Atalji was criticised by opponents and a section of

his fellow travellers for pursuing liberal economic policies. He took the criticism in his stride and allowed his commerce minister, Murasoli Maran, to negotiate harder at the WTO. But India didn't leave the WTO, because Atalji believed that if the country were to become a global power it couldn't stay out of global institutions.

Atalji's politics was humane. Through his gentle demeanour he would win over the harshest of adversaries. That's why when he spoke about "Insaniyat, Jamhooriyat and Kashmiriyat" as the way forward for Jammu and Kashmir, people trusted and loved him. He may not have been saying something new but he was saying it differently. His personality added weight to his words. If there is one national leader whom the Kashmiris loved the most, it was Atalii.

Coalitions are always difficult. Atalji had successfully managed a 23-party coalition for a full five years. Atalji's humility was a big factor in his success. His politics took him to great heights in public life, his poetic heart weathered the storms and his humility made him the man of the masses. Reflecting upon his glory he once wrote: "Mujhe itni unchaie kabhi mat dena, gairon ko gale nahi laga sakun" (Never let me climb so high; That I am unable to embrace another stranger; Deliver me ever from such arrogance)".

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BJP AND ALLIES

THIS REFERS to the editorial, 'Way from Ranchi' (IE, December 24). The BJP needs to understand that state elections are different from parliamentary elections. They cannot be referendum on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. At the Centre, the BJP may not need allies but in the states, the importance of alliance cannot be overstated. The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha won 26 out of 28 seats reserved for STs and the BJP has fared poorly in rural areas. As far as the Opposition is concerned, if it joins hands and put aside its ego aside, the BJP can be challenged in most states.

Bal Govind, Noida

JUSTICE DELAYED

THIS REFERS to the article, 'While the court fiddles' (IE, December 24). The axiom, "Justice is blind" does not mean that law ignores the subjective value of a case. The apex court not acting with urgency on the petitions against the citizenship law is disheartening. One might argue that justice delayed is not justice denied, but delay in action would certainly lead to a loss of faith in the judiciary.

Anurag Ekka, Ranchi

THE REAL ISSUES

THIS REFERS to the report, 'Soren turns table on BIP' (IE,Dec 24). The response of JMM leader Hemant Soren after winning the elections is a happy news for the people in Jharkhand. It is heartening that he has spoken about removing poverty and eradicating unemploy-

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ABOUT EXCLUSION

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India to invest on uplifting the living

standards rather than invest on meas-

THIS REFERS to the article, 'A deluded dissent' (IE, December 24). It notes that the new law intends to protect minorities in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan from religious persecution. But the term "religious persecution" doesn't figure in the text of the Act. Moreover, the protests against the CAA in the country (expect in the Northeast) is not against providing citizenship to persecuted minorities, but to oppose the exclusion of one set of people based solely on their religion.

Ankit Gupta, *Jhansi*

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TELLING NUMBERS

Mental disorders among 20 cr Indians: breakup among states

A STUDY by the India State-level Disease Burden Initiative, published in The Lancet Psychiatry last week, found that 197.3 million Indians (one in every seven) were suffering from mental disorders in 2017 (The Indian Express, December 24). The study describes the prevalence of mental disorders in Indian states between 1990 and 2017. The 197.3 million in 2017 included 45.7 million cases with depressive disorders and 44.9 million with anxiety disorders.

Among the disorders with the highest prevalence, idiopathic developmental intellectual disability affects most Indians, at 4.5 per cent, followed by depressive disorders (3.3), anxiety

disorders (3.3) and conduct disorders (0.8). Among depressive disorders, the prevalence is the highest in Tamil Nadu (4,796 per 100,000), followed by Andhra Pradesh (4,563), Telangana (4,356), Odisha (4,159) and Kerala (3,897). In case of anxiety disorders, the prevalence is highest in Kerala (4,035), followed by Manipur (3,760), West Bengal (3,480), Himachal Pradesh (3,471) and Andhra Pradesh (3,462). For conduct disorders, Jharkhand and Bihar have the highest prevalence, at 983 and 974 per 100,000 people. At 6,339 and 5,503 per lakh respectively, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh have the highest prevalence of idiopathic developmental intellectual disability.

PREVALENCE OF MENTAL DISORDERS IN INDIA, 2017 (%)

DISORDER	ALL	MALES	FEMALES
Idiopathic developmental intellectual disability	4.5	4.7	4.3
Depressive disorders	3.3	2.7	3.9
Anxiety disorders	3.3	2.7	3.9
Conduct disorder	0.8	1	0.6
Bipolar disorder	0.6	0.6	0.6
Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder	0.4	0.6	0.2
Autism spectrum disorder	0.4	0.5	0.2
Schizophrenia	0.3	0.3	0.2
Eating disorders	0.2	0.1	0.3
Other Mental disorders	1.8	2.1	1.4
All mental disorders	14.3	14.2	14.4

PREVALENCE PER 100,000

	CONDUCT DISORDERS	
4 706		983
4,563	Bihar	974
4,356	Meghalaya	961
4,159	Uttar Pradesh	927
3,897	Nagaland	924
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ANXIETY DISORDERS

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Kerala	4,035
Manipur	3,760
West Bengal	3,480
Himachal Pradesh	3,471
Andhra Pradesh	3,462

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INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY	
Bihar	6,339
Uttar Pradesh	5,503
Madhya Pradesh	5,216
Assam	5,121
Jharkhand	4,940

TIP FOR READING LIST

PENGUIN SCANDAL COVER-UP, UNEARTHED

IN 1910, surgeon and zoologist George Murray Levick accompanied the explorer Robert Falcon Scott on his tragic Antarctic mission. He himself did not ac-

company Scott on the South Pole mission that claimed five lives, including Scott's. Levick spent the southern hemisphere summer of 1911-1912 in a rookery of Adélie penguins and observed their behaviours, including courting, mating, and even homosexuality. He wrote about it, but his findings were so scan-

dalous for the time that they were deemed not fit for publication.

In 1996, biologist and author Lloyd

Spencer Davis went on his own expedition and observed the same same-sex behaviour in Antarctic penguins. Initially, he thought he was the first to record

> this. Then in 2012, Levick's unpublished manuscript appeared in a scientific journal. Intrigued, Davis set off on another investigation - to find out why Levick's observations had been suppressed in the first place. Davis's new book, A Polar Affair: Antarctica's Forgotten Hero and the Secret Love Life of Penguins is

the story of that investigation. In the process, it also throws light on Levick's survival story, besides the life of penguins.



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Why NPR isn't NRC, and yet...

Government has announced an allocation for the National Population Register. A look at the details that NPR will collect, what makes it contentious, and whether it has any connection with the nationwide NRC

DATA COLLECTION, THEN & NOW

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

ON TUESDAY, the Union Cabinet approved over Rs 3,900 crore for a National Population Register (NPR). Coming in the backdrop of nationwide protests over the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the proposed all-India National Register of Citizens (NRC), the NPR is being seen by many as the first step towards the NRC, while the Centre has sought to delink the two. The governments of Kerala and West Bengal have already announced that they will not implement NPR.

What is NPR?

The NPR is a list of "usual residents of the country". According to the Home Ministry, a "usual resident of the country" is one who has been residing in a local area for at least the last six months or intends to stay in a particular location for the next six months. NPR is not a citizenship enumeration drive, as it would record even a foreign national staying in a locality for more than six months. This makes NPR different from the NRC, which includes only Indian citizens while seeking to identify and exclude non-citizens.

How do I get enrolled in NPR?

The NPR is being prepared under provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955 and the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003. It is mandatory for every "usual resident of India" to register in the NPR. Only Assam will not be included (as per a notification by the Registrar General of India in August), given the recently completed NRC in that state.

NPR will be conducted in conjunction with the house-listing phase, the first phase of the Census, by the Office of Registrar General of India (RGI) for Census 2021. It is conducted at the local, sub-district, district, state and national levels. The RGI has already begun a pilot project in 1,200 villages and 40 towns and cities through 5,218 enumeration blocks where it is collecting various data from people. The final enumeration will begin in April 2020 and end in September 2020.

Is NPR connected to NRC?

The Citizenship Act empowers the government to compulsorily register every citizen and maintain a National Register of Indian Citizens. A nationwide NRC — if undertaken — would flow out of NPR. This does not necessarily mean that an NRC must follow NPR — no such register was compiled after the previous NPR in 2010. After a list of residents is created, a nationwide NRC – if it happens – could go about verifying the citizens from that list.

The Home Ministry issued a statement saying, "There is no proposal at present to conduct a nationwide NRC based on the NPR data." Home Minister Amit Shah too said in an interview to ANI that the two were not connected and that NPR data would not be

used for NRC. Earlier, Shah had said several times that there would be an NRC across the country and even repeated in Assam. Statements linking the NPR and NRC have been made by the government in Parliament and the Home Ministry's latest annual report. In November 2014, then Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju had told Rajya Sabha, in a written reply to CPI MP Dr TN Seema: "The NPR is the first step towards creation of National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) by verifying the citizenship status of every usual residents."

The 2018-19 Annual Report of the Home Ministry also says the NPR is the first step towards implementation of the NRC. "The National Population Register (NPR) is the first step towards the creation of the National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC) under the provisions of the aforementioned Statute (Citizenship Act)," the Annual Report said.

What else makes NPR controversial?

Another debate has been about

Details of individual required for NPR in 2020

1. Name of person

2. Relationship to head of household

3. Sex 4. Date of Birth

5. Marital status

6. Educational qualification

7. Occupation/Activity 8. Father's Name/Mothers

Name/Spouse Name 9. Place of birth

10. Present address of usual residence

11. Duration of stay at present address 12. Nationality (as declared)

13. Permanent residential address

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14. Aadhaar Number (Voluntary) 15. Mobile Number

16. Date & Place of Birth of Parents

17. Place of Last Residence

18. Passport Number * 19. Voter ID Card Number

20. Permanent Account Number

21. Driving License Number

*If holder of Indian Passport

privacy. The NPR intends to collect many details of personal data on residents.

The NPR is among a host of identity databases such as Aadhaar, voter card, passport and more that Home Minister Shah said he would like to see combined into one card. "We will have to end all these separate exercises," Shah said at the foundation stone laying ceremony for the new Office of Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner on September 24.

If there was a previous NPR, how and when did the idea originate?

The first such project dates back to the UPA regime and was put in motion by then Home Minister P Chidambaram in 2009. At that time, it had clashed with Aadhaar (UIDAI) over which project would be best suited for transferring government benefits to citizens. The Home Ministry then pushed NPR as a better vehicle because it connected every NPR-recorded resident to a household through the Census. The ministry push even put the UIDAI project on the back-burner.

The data for NPR was first collected in 2010 along with the house-listing phase of Census 2011. In 2015, this data was updated

Details of individual required for NPR in **2010**

1. Name of person

2. Relationship to head of household

3. Father's name 4. Mother's name

5. Spouse's name (if married) 6. Sex

7. Date of Birth

8. Marital status

9. Place of birth 10. Nationality (as declared)

11. Present address of usual residence

12. Duration of stay at present address 13. Permanent residential address

14. Occupation/Activity

15. Educational qualification

by conducting door-to-door surveys. However, with the NDA government

picking out Aadhaar as the key vehicle for transfer of government benefits in 2016 and putting its weight behind it, NPR took a backseat. It was through a notification on August 3 by the RGI that the idea has been revived. The exercise to update the 2015 NPR with additional data has begun. Digitisation of updated information has been completed.

What kind of data will be collected? The NPR will collect both demographic

data and biometric data, although for the latter it will depend upon Aadhaar. In the last NPR in 2010, data were collected on 15 aspects; in the 2020 NPR, there are 21 data points. Again, three of the data points from 2010 (father's name; mother's name; spouse's name) have been clubbed into one in the 2020 exercise, so that, in effect, there are eight new data points, including the contentious "date & place of birth of parents": ■ Aadhaar Number (voluntary)

■ Mobile Number ■ Date & Place of Birth of Parents

■ Place of Last Residence ■ Passport Number (if Indian passport holder)

Express Archive

Census forms being checked in 2011.

■ Voter ID Card Number

■ Permanent Account Number Driving Licence Number

In the test, the RGI is seeking these details

and working to update the Civil Registration System of birth and death certificates.

What if one does not have such details?

According to Home Ministry sources,

while registering with NPR is mandatory, furnishing of additional data such as PAN, Aadhaar, driving licence and voter ID is voluntary. "We are reposing trust on citizens," Union minister Prakash Javadekar said on Tuesday while announcing the Cabinet decision. The ministry has also floated the option of residents updating details for NPR online.

much data?

Why does the government want so

While there are concerns about privacy, the government position is based on two grounds. One is that every country must have a comprehensive identity database of its residents with demographic details. In its statement issued after Cabinet approval to NPR, the Home Ministry said the objective of conducting NPR is to "prepare a credible register of every family and individual" living in the country apart from "strengthening security" and "improvement in targeting of beneficiaries under various Central government

collection of data such as driving licence voter ID and PAN, is that it will will ease the life of those residing in India by cutting red tape. "It is common to find different dates of birth of a person on different government documents. NPR will help eliminate that With NPR data, residents will not have to furnish various proofs of age, address and other details in official work. It would also eliminate duplication in voter lists," an official said. Officials, however, insist that NPR infor-

The second ground, largely to justify the

mation is confidential, meaning it will not be shared with third parties. There is as yet no clarity on the mechanism for protection of this vast amount of data that the government plans to collect.

West Bengal and Kerala? These Opposition-ruled states are mak-

What does one make of the defiance of

ing a political point. Citizenship, aliens and naturalisation are subject matters listed in List 1 of the Seventh Schedule that fall exclusively under the domain of Parliament. Legally, the states have no say in implementing or ruling out NPR. However, given that the manpower is drawn from the states, the defiance could potentially result in a showdown.

Why Facebook is setting up an Oversight Board, what it means to users

KARISHMA MEHROTRA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

NEW DETAILS about Facebook's independent Oversight Board has put the company's internal justice system back in the news. The board is set to be constituted by the end of this year, and begin operations next year.

What does this mean for me?

If your post gets taken down on Facebook or Instagram, this would help present an appeals process. The board primarily will judge content moderation cases in consistency with the company's policies, as well as formulate policy suggestions. At least for the beginning, it is not dealing with posts that users want taken down.

In CEO Mark Zuckerberg's words: "We are responsible for enforcing our policies every day and we make millions of content

decisions every week. But ultimately I don't believe private companies like ours should be making so many important decisions about speech on our own. That's why I've called for governments to set clearer standards around harmful content. It's also why we're now giving people a way to appeal our content decisions by establishing the independent Oversight Board."

What's the process?

After exhausting all other moderation appeals processes, you can appeal your case by writing a statement to the board. Facebook says it will not edit your statement. Facebook can also direct cases to the board itself. The company will use a "case management tool" that will direct cases from Facebook to the board and its staff. The company can send some cases for "expedited review". Full-time board staff aid the process by reviewing case submissions before sending them to a case-selection committee. The case-selection committee chooses

which cases to hear, categorised by significance and difficulty. Those tasked with this project recently told The Verge that they want to focus on geographical diversity. Facebook's report on its consultations states: "The board will also have access to outside experts in instances where cultural nuances are crucial to understanding the facts of the case."

"The board has the discretion to choose which requests it will review and decide upon. In its selection, the board will seek to consider cases that have the greatest potential to guide future decisions and policies," the Board's Charter states.

Board staff assign the case to a panel of members (with between five and 11), with at least one member from the region in question. The panel's composition may remain anonymous, while the entire Board

list is public.

The user can submit a written statement if their case is selected, and Facebook can send in case information. The board will have a set time in which the panel will need to hear a case. If it is doesn't make a decision that time, the case is rejected automatically.

All board members review a panel's decision and have the option of a re-review by a new panel. The Board publishes its decisions but leaves it up to the user to decide how much personal information they want to reveal.

The company will not abide by the board's judgment only if it breaks the law.

The company can also call for a "policy advisory opinion" in which it seeks the board's take on any rule. "How should it rule on nudity?" "How should it respond to factchecking political content?" "How should it deal with religious issues in specific coun-

try contexts?" These are all questions that the board could dissect.

What is independent about the board?

The company has set up an independent trust that creates a three-pronged structure: a company, a board, and a trust.

To start, Facebook will select the "cochairs". Co-chairs and the company will select board candidates, who will then be formally appointed by the trustees. After the initial setup, the board will select its own members with appointments by the trustees.

Trustees fund the board, while Facebook funds and appoints the trustees. News reports say the company is devoting \$130 million currently to the trust.

The public can propose candidates. Trustees can remove members for code of conduct violations, but not for their decisions. The board will have between 11 and 40

members, who serve a three-year term with no more than three terms. Trustees oversee term renewals.

The company will pick members that do not have a conflict of interest and are familiar with issues of "digital content and governance, including free expression, civic discourse, safety, privacy and technology," according to the board's charter.

"The board's decision will be binding, even if I or anyone at Facebook disagrees with it," Mark Zuckerberg said in a blog post. "The board will use our values to inform its decisions and explain its reasoning openly and in a way that protects people's privacy."

What led to this?

The idea came into the discourse roughly a year ago. Thereafter, the company has met with industry experts, began developing the bylaws, recruiting the board members, and testing the appeals process.

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BRAZIL

BOLSONARO RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL AFTER FALL Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro was released from the hospital Tuesday following an

overnight stay after hitting his head in a fall at his official residence, his office said. The fall was the latest health scare for Brazil's 64-year-old leader, who was wounded in a knife attack in September 2018 while campaigning ahead of the presidential election.

TOPOFTHE WORLD



Queen Elizabeth II at Windsor Castle after recording the annual Christmas Day message

BRITAIN Queen admits 'bumpy' year in

Christmas speech

London: Queen Elizabeth II plans to acknowledge that both Britain and her family have endured a difficult year by saying during her Christmas message that it has been a "bumpy" time. The pre-recorded message will be broadcast in Britain and the Commonwealth nations on Christmas Day. It was recorded before the queen's husband, Prince Philip, was hospitalised in London. Excerpts released by Buckingham Palace before the speech show the queen admits difficulties during the course of the year. "The path, of course, is not always smooth, and

INDONESIA

28 killed as bus falls into ravine

may at times this year have

felt quite bumpy, but small steps can make a world of

difference," she said.

Palembang: A bus plunged into a ravine on Indonesia's Sumatra island after its brakes apparently malfunctioned, killing at least 28 people and injuring 13 others, police and rescuers said Tuesday. The accident occurred just before midnight Monday on a winding road in South Sumatra province's Pagaralam district. Palembang search and rescue operation chief Berty Kowaas said the bodies were taken to a hospital for identification, including that of a young boy who was pulled from a river near the crash site. One of the injured was in critical condition, local police chief Dolly Gumara said.

WEST ASIA

Saudi, Kuwait ink deal to resume joint oil output

Kuwait City: Saudi Arabia and Kuwait signed an agreement Tuesday to resume pumping at two major oilfields in a shared neutral zone shut for five years due to a bilateral disagreement, officials said. Kuwait's oil minister Khaled al-Fadhel said on Twitter that the memorandum of understanding signed with Saudi Arabia included "the resumption of production in the divided zone". KUNA news agency reported the countries also signed an agreement on demarcation of borders in the neutral zone.



THOUSANDS FLOCK TO BETHLEHEM FOR CHRISTMAS

A visitor lights a candle at the Church of the Nativity, built on top of the site where Christians believe Jesus Christ was born, on Christmas Eve in the West Bank City of Bethlehem on Tuesday. Thousands of Christian pilgrims descended on Bethlehem ahead of the annual Christmas Eve celebrations. The Church of the Nativity was set to host Palestinian dignitaries and pilgrims from around the world for a midnight Mass. Christmas festivities are typically a boost for Bethlehem's flagging economy and for the Holy Land's dwindling Christian population, which has shrunk over the decades compared to the general population. AP

With impeachment trial stuck in limbo, Trump lashes out

Senate Republican, Democratic leaders at impasse over trial

ZEKE MILLER PALM BEACH, DECEMBER 24

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump lashed out Tuesday as his Senate impeachment trial remains at an impasse, with Republican and Democratic leaders at odds over its format and whether witnesses should be called.

Speaking at his private club in Palm Beach, Florida, after a phone call with troops stationed across the globe, Trump singled out Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who is indefinitely holding up sending the articles of impeachment the House passed last week to the Republican-controlled Senate. "She hates the Republican

Party. She hates all of the people that voted for me and the Republican Party," Trump charged on Christmas Eve. "She's doing a tremendous disservice to the country." Trump has long seen a Senate trial, where he is almost certain to be acquitted, as an opportunity for vindication.

"We have the majority and

SENATE LEADERS AT ODDS OVER TRIAL PROCESS



THE SENATE'S top Democrat, Chuck Schumer, insisted that witnesses, including ex-NSA John Bolton, should be called during the trial. He also wants the White House to present documents related to the case. He said a trial without these would be a 'sham'.

now they want McConnell to do wonderful things for them," Trump complained Democrats, adding that he will leave it to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to do whatever he thinks best.

Pelosi has said she is waiting until she receives more clarity from McConnell about what a

SENATE MAJORITY leader Mitch McConnell, a Trump loyalist, has all but promised a swift acquittal of the President, resisted making any guarantees, and cautioned Trump against seeking the testimony of witnesses for fear of prolonging the trial.

trial will look like. He has said he has not ruled out calling witnesses, but has also indicated that he is in no hurry to seek new testimony either. Meanwhile the Senate's top Democrat, Chuck Schumer of New York, has countered that any trial without witnesses would be "Kafkaesque" and a "sham". AP

Taliban kill 15 in attack on security checkpoint in Afghanistan

REUTERS KABUL, DECEMBER 24

TALIBAN MILITANTS ambushed a government checkpoint in Balkh province in Afghanistan's north, killing at least 15 members of the security forces, local officials said on Tuesday, the latest in an escalating series of insurgent attacks.

More than 18 years after USled forces toppled the hardline Taliban regime, Afghan forces are suffering record casualties with Afghan and US officials warning that the toll is not sustainable.

Despite a winter lull in fighting due to heavy snowfall in the mountains where the Islamist Taliban typically rest and regroup ahead of their annual spring offensive, assaults on vulnerable security checkpoints continue across the country.

Mohammad Yousuf, the district governor of Dawlatabad where the incident took place said, said dozens of Taliban insurgents targeted a checkpoint manned jointly by Afghan soldiers and intelligence agents, killing 15.

Pakistan already on terror financing watchdog's Grey List THE POTENTIAL blacklisting of Pakistan by the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) could have implications for capital inflows to the country, according to a report re-

filing loans from major bilateral creditors, and increasing headwinds from a weaker global eco-

nomic backdrop, the report said. The IMF report said Pakistan continues to be included in the FATF's list of jurisdictions with serious AML/CFT deficiencies.

The Asia-Pacific Group on money laundering also discussed Pakistan's Mutual Evaluation Report, noting that existing efforts were inconsistent with the level of risks and greater effectiveness needs to be demonstrated.

Due to a delay in completing ment to Pakistan," said the IMF the 27-point action plan, the IMF in its staff-level report that was has also, accordingly, adjusted a finalised during the visit of the programme condition to com-International Monetary Fund plete the work from October 2019 to June 2020.

But Pakistan has to show a substantial level of effectiveness to the IMF by end of March 2020 that should be consistent with FATF Immediate Outcome 9 on terrorism financing investigations and Immediate Outcome 10 on targeted financial sanctions, according to the IMF. PTI

Pak allows King of Bahrain to hunt endangered bird: report

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, DECEMBER 24

PAKISTAN HAS issued special permits to the King of Bahrain and five others of the royal family to hunt 100 houbara bustards, an endangered bird species, notwithstanding growing criticism in the country against the move, according to a media report on Tuesday.

Originally an inhabitant of the colder central Asian region, the houbara bustard, in order to avoid harsh weather conditions, migrates southwards every year to spend the winter in a relatively warm environment in Pakistan.

Quoting sources, Dawn reported that permits have been issued for the 2019-20 hunting season by the foreign ministry's deputy chief of protocol, Mohammad Adeel Pervaiz.

The permit holders are King of Bahrain Sheikh Hamad bin Isa bin Salman al Khalifa, his uncle Sheikh Ebrahim, his cousin, who is also his interior minister, Lt Gen Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah al Khalifa, among others. **PTI**

Pak top nuclear scientist approaches SC seeking freedom of movement

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD. DECEMBER 24

The FATF, a global watchdog

for terror financing, that kept

Pakistan on the Grey List for an

extended period till February

2020, had warned in October that

Islamabad would be put on the

'Black List' if it did not give satis-

factory answers to the remaining

22 points in a list of 27 questions.

comprising answers to 22 ques-

tions to the FATF on December 6.

FATF could result in a freeze of

capital flows and lower invest-

(IMF) team to Pakistan.

tors, the report added.

Pakistan submitted a report

"A potential blacklisting by

The IMF programme contin-

Potential external risks in-

ues to face significant risks, both

from domestic and external fac-

clude blacklisting by the FATF

that could result in a freeze of

capital flows to Pakistan, slow

progress in refinancing/re-pro-

PAKISTAN'S TOP nuclear scientist Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan has filed a petition in the Supreme Court, seeking enforcement of his fundamental rights, including free movement across the country, media reports said on Tuesday.

Advocate Zubair Afzal Rana filed the petition on behalf of Khan on Monday against the September 25, 2019 judgment of the Lahore High Court (LHC) that had rejected a similar plea on the



Abdul Qadeer Khan

grounds that it lacked jurisdiction in view of the special security measures taken by the state for his protection.

Khan has requested the Supreme Court to pronounce that fundamental rights, including the freedom of movement, could not be abridged, curtailed or denied arbitrarily merely on the likes or dislikes of anyone and under the garb of reasonable restrictions, Dawn reported. Khan noted that he was the pioneer of Pakistan's nuclear programme.

He was sidelined by former military ruler Pervez Musharraf in 2004 for his alleged role in nuclear proliferation and since then has been living in Islamabad under heavy security. PTI

TURKEY SAYS SAUDI TRIAL A SHAM; 'U.S. INTEL AGENCIES REJECT VALIDITY OF PROCEEDINGS'

Khashoggi fiancee slams death sentences

WHILE A Saudi Arabian court has announced death sentences for

five people in connection with Khashoggi's murder, it has failed to

dispel multiple questions connected with the crime. A UN expert

as well as Turkish investigators and US intelligence agencies have

implicated the Crown Prince and his close aide in the crime, but

they did not even face trial. Other aspects of the Saudi handling of

the case have raised questions, such as why the kingdom did not

name the five who were sentenced to death. The Saudis' initial re-

fusal to even accept that his murder took place shook trust in the

government's intentions, while the location of Khashoggi's body

has remained a mystery even after the trial.

Saudi death sentences leave

many unanswered questions

REUTERS

ANKARA, DECEMBER 24

THE FIANCEE of murdered Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi described the sentencing of five people to death in relation to the killing as unfair and invalid, adding that their execution would further conceal the truth. Khashoggi disappeared after

going to the Saudi consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2, 2018, to obtain documents for his wedding. A Saudi court on Monday

sentenced five people to death and three to jail over the murder. Hatice Cengiz, Khashoggi's fi-

to retrieve the documents. ancee, was waiting outside the In a statement on Tuesday, consulate when he went inside Cengiz said: "If these people are

executed without any chance to speak or explain themselves, we might never know the truth behind this murder."

Turkey's Communications Director Fahrettin Altun slammed the verdict as an "insult to the intelligence of any fair observer". "The international media must pursue the case of Khashoggi until there is true accountability... Those responsible must face justice sooner or later." Altun said on Twitter, calling the case a "sham trial".

After Monday's verdict, a source familiar with US intelligence assessments on the killing of Khashoggi, who was US resident, said key government agencies rejected the validity of the court proceedings and CIA experts still believed Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman was involved in some way in the killing.

Nepal Dy PM quits as his key Madhesi party withdraws Oli backing

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU. DECEMBER 24

AFTER WEEKS of failed talks. Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister and Samaiwadi Party leader Upendra Yadav resigned on Tuesday from the Cabinet, and announced the withdrawal of his Madhes-based party's support to the K P Oli government.

Yadav said he resigned due to Oli's reluctance to amend the Constitution, which was the condition for his joining the Cabinet.

While joining the government last year, the Samajwadi Party had

had reached a three-point agreement with the leaders of the ruling Nepal Communist Party. The party's demands include restructuring of the state, federalism along with ethnic identity and rights of Madhesis and other marginalised groups and citizenship, the party's vice-chairperson, Hisila Yami said.

The party's move comes after the Nepal Communist Party struck an electoral deal with another Madhes-based Party — Rastriya Janata Party — for the upcoming by-election to the National Assembly, the Upper House of Parliament.—WITHPTIINPUTS

Nepal charges 122 Chinese nationals with 'indecent behaviour', seeks to deport them

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

KATHMANDU. DECEMBER 24

THE NEPAL police charged the 122 Chinese nationals arrested on Monday with "indecent behaviour" in court.

Although they were arrested on suspicion of being involved in cases of "serious financial crimes" in China and other countries including Nepal, the police's decision to book them under the less serious charges of indecent behaviour is believed to be a way to allow for their early deportation to China, as per Beijing's wishes.

Senior sources said the raids against the Chinese nationals were conducted based on information supplied by Chinese authorities. "A special plane will come to take them to China soon," sources said.

Charging them with indecent behaviour allows police to release them any time.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Geng Shuang, in his regular press briefing in Beijing, said, "These Chinese citizens are suspected of engaging in cross-border cyber fraud. The relevant case is currently under investigation. This is a very important case that is a result of active cooperation between the Chinese and Nepali police."

"China is willing to increase cooperation with Nepal in various fields, including law enforcement, to jointly fight cross-border crime and promote friendly exchanges between people from

PUSH TO REDUCE MISSIONS BATTLING DISTANT TERRORIST GROUPS, AND INSTEAD REFOCUS ON RUSSIA AND CHINA

Pentagon eyes Africa drawdown as first step in global troop shift

HELENE COOPER. THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF. **CHARLIE SAVAGE**

& ERIC SCHMITT WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 24

US DEFENCE Secretary Mark Esper is weighing proposals for a major reduction — or even a complete pullout — of US forces from West Africa as the first phase of reviewing global deployments that could reshuffle thousands of troops around the world, according to officials familiar with inter-

nal deliberations. The discussions of a largescale pullback from West Africa include abandoning a recently

built \$110 million drone base in Niger and ending assistance to French forces battling militants in Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso. The deliberations stem from a push to reduce post-9/11 missions battling terrorist groups, and instead to refocus Pentagon priorities on confronting so-called Great Powers like Russia and China. With an initial decision about

Africa expected in January, the plans are sure to draw criticism from lawmakers, allies and military officials, and could eventually affect most global missions in some way. About 200,000 US forces are currently stationed abroad, similar to the force posture when President Donald Trump



American Special Forces and Nigerien forces in Agadez, Niger, last year during a joint training exercise. NYT

took office with a promise to close out the nation's "endless wars". But Trump is not so much

ending wars as he is moving troops from one conflict to another, and Esper's initiative aims to carry out that rebalancing.

Officials say the overhaul of Africa deployments will be followed by one in Latin America, and that drawdowns will happen in Iraq and Afghanistan, as

has been expected. The initiative reflects what has become the defining priority for Esper: moving away from 18 years of counterterrorism deployments in places troubled by militancy and insurgency where thousands of US troops cycle through in an attempt to maintain minimal stability but without much prospect of definitive solutions.

"We've begun a review process where I'm looking at every theater, understanding what the require-

ments are that we set out for, making sure we're as efficient as possible with our forces." Esper told reporters this month. Planning for a West Africa

pullback has been closely held in the Pentagon; Congress has not been consulted.

The primary mission of the US troops has been to train and assist West African security forces to try to suppress Islamist groups like Boko Haram and offshoots of al-Qaida and the Islamic State. As part of that mission, four American soldiers were ambushed and killed two years ago

while on patrol in Niger. Esper's team has questioned the value of those efforts and

wants to scale back missions to counter militants who lack the demonstrated ability and intent to attack the United States on its own soil, the officials said. None of the terrorist groups operating in West Africa are said to meet this heightened assessment standard.

Early internal criticism about the new proposals has focused on whether any US withdrawal would create a vacuum for other Great Powers to fill, undermining their strategic purpose.

Also at question is whether they would risk a breakdown of stability that could sharply increase the flow of refugees and other migrants north into Europe. **NYT**

the two countries," he added.

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An appetite for power

Britain's Tories are the world's most successful party. Here's why



Boris Johnson attends an event in Maidstone, Britain in July. Reuters

THE CONSERVATIVE party has been in the business of winning elections since the 1830s. In the 19th century it vied with the Liberals as Britain's dominant political party, but it was the Liberals who eventually found themselves beached on the shores of modernity. In the 20th century the Conservatives held office for longer than any other party. In the 21st century they are on course to hold power, either in their own right or as the dominant partner in a coalition, for 14 of the first 24 years. Not bad for an outfit that John Stuart Mill dismissed as "the stupid party".

To be sure, the Tories have had more than their fair share of Chris Grayling-style dunces and time-servers. They have also suffered long periods in the wilderness, particularly after the repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846 and during their long flirtation with imperial preference after 1906. During Tony Blair's ascendancy the Conservatives were so enfeebled that Geoffrey Wheatcroft wrote a book entitled "The Strange Death of Tory England", a deliberate echo of George Dangerfield's rather more enduring "The Strange Death of Liberal England" (1935). But unlike the Liberals, the Conservative Party has always managed to revitalise itself.

Another helping

Evelyn Waugh once complained that the Tories had never succeeded in turning the clock back for a single minute. But this is exactly why they have been so successful. The party has demonstrated a genius for anticipating what Harold Macmillan once called "the winds of change", and harnessing those winds to its own purposes.

In the 1840s Robert Peel recognised the rise of industrial capitalism and championed the repeal of the Corn Laws, which had kept the price of grain unreasonably high. This split the party but allowed it to incorporate the new "men of business" in the longer term. In the second half of the 19th century, Benjamin Disraeli and Lord Salisbury recognised not only that democracy was the coming thing but also that, thanks to the conservative instincts of the middle and working classes, it could be used to extend rather than undermine the party's power. In the 1970s Margaret Thatcher reached the future first in recognising that the post-war consensus was about to give way to a new world of free markets, privatisation and what Peregrine Worsthorne, an old-school Tory, called "get your snouts in

the trough with the rest of us" Conservatism. The Tories have three other great weapons in their arsenal. The first is highlighted in the title of one of the best books on the party, John Ramsden's "An Appetite for Power". The Conservatives have always been quick to dump people or principles when they become obstacles to the successful pursuit of power. Theresa May immediately sacked her two chief advisers, Fiona Hill and Nick Timothy, after the party's poor performance in 2017, whereas Jeremy Corbyn is still clinging on to Karie Murphy and Seumas Milne after

Labour's devastating failure last week. The second is patriotism. The Tories have always played this card better than any other party, whether in the form of imperialism in

the 1870s or retaking the Falkland islands in the 1980s. They have been much aided in this by those radical intellectuals who admire any institution or cause so long as it is not British.

No one should underestimate the party's third weapon: jollity. The Conservatives have always been the party of "champagne and women and bridge", to borrow a phrase from Hilaire Belloc, whereas the Liberals and Labour have been the parties of vegetarianism, book clubs and meetings. Conservatives are never happier than when mocking the left for its earnestness.

Boris Johnson fits perfectly into this great Tory tradition. He was one of the first members of his political generation to spot the rising tide of nationalist populism and recognise that it was about to reshape the global landscape. This earned him the hatred of the met-

Boris Johnson has been willing to sacrifice anything in the pursuit of office. Beneath the bumbling exterior lies a ruthless, powerseeking machine. Johnson has never missed an opportunity to wave the flag — even when it has made him look absurd

ropolitan class into which he was born, which is convinced that the future lies with multilateral institutions and globalisation. But it put him at the front of Britain's Eurosceptic movement, which could have degenerated into a narrow faction under Sir William Cash or a noisy fringe under Nigel Farage, but which entered the Tory mainstream because of Mr Johnson.

He succeeded in this where Mrs May failed because he possessed the other great Tory weapons. He has been willing to sacrifice anything in the pursuit of office. Beneath the bumbling exterior lies a ruthless, power-seeking machine. His withdrawal of the whip from 21 colleagues (some of them close friends) in September made Macmillan's "night of the long knives" in 1962 look tame. Mr Johnson has never missed an opportunity to wave the flag—even when it has made him look absurd, as when he got stuck on a zip-wire clutching two little Union Jacks. Predictably, the left has played into his hands. Some Remainers have gone out of their way to give the benefit of every doubt to the EU, and Mr Corbyn has devoted his life to supporting anti-Western women-and-champagne side of Toryism, if not the bridge. He made his career as a Eurosceptic not by agonising about sovereignty but by making fun of the EU's (imagined) imperial ambitions to regulate the shape of bananas or the size of condoms. He cracked jokes that were calculated to rile the guardians of political correctness as much as to delight the masses (post-mortems on the election have underestimated the role of these guardians in turning working-class voters against Labour).

Above all, Mr Johnson has embraced the

The hunt is on to discover the meaning of Johnsonism. How will he flesh out the sketchy promises in his manifesto? What can he do for working-class voters in Blyth Valley? How will he reconcile the free-marketeer and biggovernment factions of his party? The best way to answer these questions is not just to engage in the British version of Kremlinogy by interrogating every ministerial leak. It is also to study the long history of a party that Mr Johnson now leads with such a resounding mandate.

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SCHUMPETER

The buzz around AirPods

Why is the ear worth so much less than the eye?

body relatively unconquered by commerce. The neck long ago fell to the necklace, the ruff and the tie. The wrist surrendered to the bracelet and the watch. The eye sold out to spectacles, shades and mascara. But the ears were a low-rent zone for business, good mostly for cheap jewellery, earphones and hearing aids. Walk around any big city and it is clear how quickly that is changing—thanks to headphones, earbuds and a torrent of new stuff blaring through them.

Apple, as usual, caught the trend early. The number of its AirPods, mocked for looking like broken Q-tips when introduced in 2016, is estimated to have doubled to 60m pairs this year. They have spawned a wave of imitators, from Amazon's black Echo Buds to Xiaomi's Airdots (popular in China) and Microsoft's Surface Earbuds—which creepily link directly to its Office software, including PowerPoint. The devices grow symbiotically with another craze: for streamed audio content in addition to music, such as podcasts. Apple helped popularise this genre. But Spotify, a Swedish streaming service, and big American broadcasting conglomerates, such as Liberty Media, are muscling in.

Industry executives contend that audio is undervalued—especially compared with video. As Spotify's co-founder, Daniel Ek, said earlier this year, time spent on each is about the same, but the video industry is worth \$1tm versus \$100bn for audio. "Are our eyes really worth ten times more than our ears?" he asks.

The eyeball plainly still dominates. The number of screens dwarfs that of "hear-

UNTIL RECENTLY the ear was a part of the ables". Between them, just three Tinseltown groups—Warner Media, Disney and Netflix have spent as much as \$250bn on visual programming since 2010. Audio, including music, comes nowhere near. That said, the battle to "monetise the ear", as Greg Maffei, Liberty Media's boss, puts it, is in full swing. These days no one would lend Mark Antony theirs; they would rent or sell them.

Take hardware first. Apple does not release figures for any of its "wearables", but AirPods are the fastest-growing of all of its products, with profit margins above 50%, says Dan Ives of Wedbush Securities, an investment firm. With the new noise-cancelling AirPod Pro, which costs around \$250 a pair, he reckons Apple's ear-ware may generate up to \$15bn of sales next year. That would be about four times the revenues of a headphone veteran like Bose. Horace Dediu, a technology analyst, predicts that this quarter AirPod sales could exceed those of the iPod at its peak around Christmas 2007. With iPhone sales slowing, AirPods are a new way of generating revenue from Apple's legions of loyalists; they even allow Siri, the company's voice-activated virtual assistant, to worm her way closer to listeners' brains. The overall market is spreading to the masses, too. Some wireless earbuds sell for as little as \$20.

Audible content is likewise undergoing a mini-revolution. For the third year in a row, revenues from recorded music in America grew by double digits in 2018, largely thanks to subscriptions to Spotify, Apple Music and the like. Podcasts have grown both more numerous and more compelling. This year Spotify has set out to rule the roost in this medium, which Apple first streamed via iTunes in the mid-2000s. The Swedish firm acquired Gimlet, Anchor and Parcast, three firms that serve different aspects of the podcast market; it now hosts a staggering 500,000 podcasts; hours spent listening to them grew by 39% year-on-year in the third quarter. In October it boasted that the conversion of podcast listeners to paying subscribers is "almost too good to be true".

The battleground stretches beyond earbuds to the car radio. On December 12th the Wall Street Journal reported that SiriusXM, a satellite-radio arm of Liberty Media, had sought clearance from the Department of Justice to raise its stake in iHeartMedia, America's largest radio broadcaster and a big podcasting platform. The aim would be to compete more effectively against Spotify and other audio-streaming services both for subscribers and advertising revenues. Previously Mr Maffei has talked excitedly about podcasting.

The proliferation of digital-streaming devices has spawned the growth of other listening formats. This year, for the first time, the Audio Publishers Association, an industry group, reported that half of Americans listened to an audiobook, a trend it said was boosted by the popularity of digital-streaming devices, as well as podcasts. Audible, owned by Amazon, is the market leader. Malcolm Gladwell, an American author and podcaster, has turned the audio version of his latest book "Talking to Strangers", into what seems like a supersized podcast, with his own



Apple AirPods are displayed during a media event in San Francisco in September 2016. Reuters

narration, actors and music. Romantics see it as a return to the oral tradition.

Though small, some of this spoken word has better economics than the sung variety. As Ben Thompson of Stratechery, a tech newsletter, has pointed out, the more music Spotify's customers download, the more its costs rise because of payments to record labels. Podcasts are different. Spotify has more bargaining power over myriad individual podcasters jostling to reach its 248m-odd users than it does over record labels. It also buys its exclusive podcasts at a fixed cost. The problem is advertising. Ad revenues are paltry. In America terrestrial radio still accounts for 82% of an audio ad market valued at more than \$17bn. Sirius XM and Spotify have just a sliver of the pie.

A back door to the brain

Apple has the clout to make the industry more profitable. It could use its strong position with AirPods, Apple Music, podcasts and Siri to create a swirl of audio content around

the iPhone—an ecosystem in the jargon—and take the lion's share of advertising. For the time being, though, it appears to be more focused on creating video content, in its battle for eyeballs with Netflix. That is lucky for Spotify. It gives it a bigger opening in the audio market. It is good for listeners, too. The last thing anyone wants is a Big Tech behemoth controlling the next best thing to a brain implant

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SECTOR WATCH SHADOW BANKING

NBFCs' NPA ratio in 2018-19 jumps to 6.1% from 5.3% on default crisis

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

GROSS NON-PERFORMING assets ratio of the nonbanking financial company (NBFC) sector jumped to 6.1 per cent in 2018-19 from 5.3 per cent in 2017-18, reflecting the default crisis triggered by IL&FS, data in the Reserve bank of India's (RBI's) report on 'Trend and Progress of Banking in India' showed. On a net basis, the NPA ratio rose to 3.4 per cent in 2018-19 from 3.3 per cent in FY18.

Sector-wise data for the retail loans in the NBFC sector showed a sharp contraction in the credit deployment to the consumer durables sector, which de- ratio saw a marginal uptick clined by 40.9 per cent to at 3.4 per cent in the fiscal Rs 5,094 crore in 2018-19 from Rs 8,626 crore in 2017-18, and stood at Rs 4,917 crore in the first six months of this fiscal.

Credit deployment to micro and small, medium industrial sectors also recorded a decline, with credit extended to medium industries falling by 18.8 per cent to Rs 22,979 crore in 2018-19 from Rs 28,311 crore in 2017-18. During April-September, credit to medium industries stood at Rs 19,981 crore, the data showed. Micro and small industries also witnessed a contraction in credit deployment from the NBFCs, falling 15.3 per cent to Rs 54,597 crore from Rs 64,455 crore. However, the pace of credit extension to micro and small industries has picked up pace in April-September, the first half of this financial year, rising to Rs 59,713 crore, the report

showed. Among retail loans, vehicle/auto loans credit grew 21.6 per cent to Rs 1.99 lakh crore in 2018-19 from Rs 1.64 lakh crore in previous fiscal, and it has continued to rise in April-September to Rs 2.08 lakh crore. Education loans also witnessed a growth in credit deployment, with credit to the sector rising 21.9 per cent to Rs 8,777 crore in 2018-19 from Rs 7,202 crore in 2017-18. During April-September 2019, credit extended for education loans has further increased to Rs 10,032 crore, the report showed.

On a net basis, the NPA

In its report released Monday,

the IMF Directors noted that

India's rapid economic expansion

in recent years has lifted millions

of people out of poverty. However,

in the first half of 2019, a combi-

nation of factors led to subdued

the growth slowdown. We still

believe it is mostly cyclical, not

structural... because of the finan-

cial sector issues, we think, the re-

covery will be not as quickly quick

as we thought earlier. That's the

main issue," Ranil Salgado,

Mission Chief for India in the IMF

Asia and Pacific Department said

as it released its annual staff re-

to the downside, the IMF Directors

With risks to the outlook tilted

port on India.

"The issue in India currently is

economic growth in India.

LALITKJHA

CREDIT TO VARIOUS SECTORS BY NBFCs

Percentage Variation in FY19 over FY18					
Gross Advances	16.0				
Industry	11.8				
Micro and small	-15.3				
Medium	-18.8				
Large	15.9				
Services	15.9				
Retail	24.4				
Home Loan	16.8				
Consumer durable	-40.9				
Consumer durable Vehicle loan	-40.9 21.6				

ended March 2019 compared with 3.3 per cent in FY18.

However, the report did not disclose of the September NPA ratio. In 2018-19, GNPA ratio of nondeposit NBFCs deteriorated to 6.1 per cent from 5.3 per cent in FY18, the report said.

The net NPA ratio for NBFCs-ND-SI edged up marginally, reflecting the maintenance of adequate buffers, especially by microfinance institutions (MFIs) and Infrastructure Finance Companies (IFC). NBFCs-MFI, however, reported a significant improvement in the GNPA ratio at 4.3 per cent in FY19 compared to 7.5 per cent.

"The improvement in the GNPA ratio of the NBFCs-MFI may be attributed to write offs of aging loans," the report said. In the case of deposit taking NBFCs, gross NPAs declined to 5.3 per cent in FY19 to 6.1 per cent in FY18.

The report said although the NBFC sector grew in size to Rs 30.9 lakh crore in FY19 from Rs 26.2 lakh crore in FY18, the pace of expansion was lower than in FY18, mainly due to rating downgrades and liquidity stress in a few large NBFCs in the aftermath of the IL&FS

Despite liquidity stress faced by the sector, there was expansion in asset size of IFCs. Balance-sheets of NBFCs-MFI also expanded on the back of strong growth in their loans and advances, especially to the agriculture sector.

India in the midst of significant slowdown;

mostly cyclical not structural, says IMF

RBI'S TREND AND PROGRESS OF BANKING 2018-19 REPORT

IBC: Banks recover over ₹70K cr

9,929

4,926

AASHISH ARYAN

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL banks in India recovered a total of Rs 70,819 crore in Financial Year (FY) 2018-19 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), compared to Rs 4,926 crore recovered in FY 2017-18, the Reserve Bank of India said in a report on Tuesday.

The recovery by the banks have been made from the 1,135 cases admitted for corporate insolvency resolution by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in FY19, compared to the 704 cases admitted by various NCLT benches in FY18, the Reserve Bank of India said.

For FY19, the total disputed amount involved in the cases admitted by NCLTs stood at Rs 1.66 lakh crore, compared to Rs 9,929 crore for FY18. The recovery percentage for FY 2019, however, fell by to 42.5 per cent from 49.6 per cent in the previous financial year.

Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Secretary Injeti Srinivas had, in December last year, said that the NCLTs had helped recover close to Rs 80.000 crore in 2018, and expected that the number would go beyond Rs 1 trillion in 2019.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

FOR THE first time in three years

the pace of opening of new

branches witnessed growth as the

scheduled commercial banks

opened 4,518 branches in FY19 as

against 3,938 branches opened in

FY18. By comparison, the sched-

uled commercial banks had seen a

decline in the growth rate of new

branches opened in the previous

two years. While in FY16 the SCBs

opened 9,080 new branches, they

opened 5,357 branches in FY17

and the number of new branches

declined further to 3,938 in FY18.

2 cities led to the rise in additional

branches last year and those in

Tier-5 and Tier-6 continued to wit-

ness a decline in the pace of addi-

new branches were opened in

Tier-1 and Tier-2 centres; on the

other hand, the shares of Tier-5

and Tier-6 centres declined. This is

consistent with the banks' policy

of opening branches in high pop-

ulation density areas where they

are likely to be more commercially

viable, while relying on BCs to en-

hance their outreach in other cen-

tres," said RBI in its Report on Trend

and Progress of Banking in India. It

added the revised guidelines on

rationalisation of branch authori-

sation policy introduced in May

2017 has provided banks auton-

"More than 50 per cent of the

tion of new branches.

RBI data shows Tier-1 and Tier-

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

RECOVERY THROUGH VARIOUS ROUTES 2017-18 2018-19 No of Cases Amount Amount Recovery No of Cases Amount Amount Recovery referred involved rate referred involved recovered recovered rate 33,17,897 45,728 4% 40,80,947 53,506 2,816 5.3% Lok Adalats 1,811 1,33,095 29,345 7,235 5.4% 52,175 10,574 3.5% 3,06,499 SARFAESIAct 91,330 81,879 26,380 32.2% 41,876 2,48,312 2,89,073 14.5%

1,135

43,82,509

*Amount in ₹ crore

704

34,39,2/0 2,/0,031

DRTs

The recoveries, made by banks, through other routes such as Lok Adalats, Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRT), and the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest (SARFAESI) Act, however, continued to perform dismally.

In FY19, bank recovered only Rs 2,816 crore of the Rs 53,506 crore worth of disputes from the 40.80 lakh cases filed in the Lok Adalats, a mere 5.3 per cent. In FY18, banks filed 33.17 lakh cases these Lok Adalats, and managed to recover only 1,811 crore from Rs 45,728 crore, or about 4 per

tougher to recover monies for to recover, using all the routes, banks, as they managed to reclaim only Rs 10,574 crore from the Rs 3.06 lakh crore. The number of cases filed by banks

First time in 3 yrs: Commercial banks

9,080

3,247

694

1,192

790

3,157

omy to decide their business strat-

egy in facilitating financial inclu-

sion. While the pace of new branch

opening witnessed reversal and

witnessed a growth of almost 15

per cent, the number of ATMs op-

erated by scheduled commercial

banks declined from 2,07,052 at

the end of March 2018 to 2,02,072

at the end of March 2019.

However, the number of white la-

belled ATMs increased from 15,195

bel ATMs has been boosted by pol-

icy changes introduced on March

7,2019, to enhance the financial vi-

ability of WLAs, such as allowing

their operators to source cash di-

rectly from the Reserve Bank, of-

fer non-bank services, and adver-

tise non-financial products in their

premises. While private banks

recorded an increase in their on-

site and off-site ATMs, PSBs re-

RBI said the growth in white la-

in FY'18 to 19,507.

GROWTH IN NEWLY OPENED BRANCHES

5,357

2,336

363

639

429

1,590

2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19

3,938

1,581

336

567

333

1,121

Co-op banks' assets

nearly halve to 10.6%

Mumbai: As more and more co-

operative banks go belly up, their

combined assets nearly halved to

10.6 per cent of the assets of com-

mercial banks in FY19 from 19.4

per cent in FY05, as per an RBI re-

biggest cooperatives, the city-

based PMC, going belly up after

a massive scam. Almost 73 per

cent of its assets at Rs 6,500 crore

of Rs 11,800 crore that was given

to the crippled HDIL group

turned into non-performing as-

sets. The bank since then has

been under an RBI administrator.

three dozens of cooperatives

gone under since January this

In fact, PMC is only one of the

September saw one of the

port released on Tuesday.

in FY19 from FY05

4,518

2,114

515

700

359

830

Source: RBI

open more branches than year ago

Total

Tier 1

Tier 2

Tier 3

Tier 4

Tier 5&6

in DRT also nearly doubled in FY 19 to 52,175. In FY18, banks had managed to recover Rs 7,235 crore from 29,345 cases worth Rs 1.33 lakh crore.

49.6%

The recovery rate of banks under SARFESI also dipped in FY19.

The scheduled commercial banks of the country managed to recover 14.5 per cent, or Rs 41.876 crore from 2,89,073 crore, compared to Rs 26,380 crore from 81,879 crore or 32.2 per cent in FY18.

The number of cases under SARFESI more than doubled in FY19 to 2.48 lakh cases, compared to 91,330 cases filed in FY18.

In total, the commercial The DRT route proved even banks of the country managed Rs 1.26 lakh crore from Rs 8.15 lakh crore, or nearly 15.5 per cent, according to the Reserve Bank of India report.

EXPLAINED

1,66,600

Code lends a helping hand

70,819

42.5%

THE DATA released by RBI shows that the scheduled commercial banks have struggled to recover money from defaulters over the past two years. Of the 8.15 lakh crore, the banks managed to reclaim only 1.26 lakh crore, or about 15.5 per cent. Compared to FY18, the recovery percentage has improved slightly. The only relief for banks is the improvement in the re-

Gross NPAs stable at 9.1% as of Sept: RBI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI. DECEMBER 24

AFTER RISING for seven years in a row, the gross non-performing asset (GNPA) ratio of banks declined in the financial year 2018-19 as recognition of bad loans neared completion, said the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report on Trend and Progress in Banking in India 2018-19. However, this trend has seen a reversal in the first half of FY20 as the year has seen several defaults, some of which were not expected as in the case of some non-bank-

The report says that stress in large borrower accounts has been on the rise for both private banks and public sector banks (PSBs) in the first half of 2019-20.

The central bank's supervisory data shows that the GNPA ratio of banks remained stable at 9.1 per cent at end-September 2019. All bank groups recorded an improvement in asset quality, with PSBs experiencing a drop both in the GNPA and in the net NPA ratios. The deteriorating asset quality of private banks in terms of the GNPA ratio is due to the reclassification of IDBI Bank as a private bank effective January 21, 2019. However, after excluding IDBI Bank, the GNPA ratio of private

coveries made via IBC.

ing financial institutions.

sector banks declined. **FE**

CBI books ex-Maruti Udyog MD Jagdish Khattar for loan fraud

\$66.63

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE CBI has booked former Maruti Udyog Ltd Managing Director Jagdish Khattar for alleged loan fraud. The agency has alleged that Khattar's company, Carnation Auto, diverted loan funds to sister concerns, causing a loss of Rs 110 crore to Punjab National Bank (PNB). The CBI also searched the premises associated with Khattar and his company on Monday. Denying the allegations,

Khattar attributed the losses to "bona fide business failure". "Carnation Auto was a first mover to create an open multi-brand auto solutions platform for customers whose cars were outside warranty period and who felt pinched by high maintenance costs. It unfortunately became a bona fide business failure on account of many reasons including cartelisation by auto majors due to non-supply of genuine parts," he said in a statement on Tuesday.

The FIR, which has named Khattar and Carnatation Auto Pvt Ltd as accused, has said that in May 2009, Carnation Auto took a term loan of Rs 110 crore from the PNB branch at Tolstoy Marg in New Delhi. "Sh Jagdish Khattar, MD of Carnation Auto Pvt. Ltd, in criminal conspiracy with unknown public servants of PNB, has cheated the bank of the said amount at Rs 110 crore... as the same has not been repaid and declared as NPA on 30.9.2015 w.e.f. 30.6.2012. Further, the accused borrowers dishonestly and fraudulently, and in order to cheat the bank, sold the goods hypothecated to the bank without its permission and diverted the funds, thereby causing criminal breach of trust and cheating, causing wrongful loss to the bank and corresponding gain to themselves," says the FIR.

The agency has said that a forensic audit was conducted by the bank through KG Somani and Company, which reported that the accused had dishonestly and fraudulently sold the fixed assets costing Rs 66.92 crore for a consideration amount of Rs 4.55 crore, without the approval of the bank. It said the assets had been furnished as security to the bank "Further, after the sale, the ac-

cused did not deposit sale proceeds with the bank. It was also found that the accused borrower had dishonestly and fraudulently extended loans and advances to its sister concern subsidiaries also. Thereby it has committed misap-



"It unfortunately became a bona fide business failure on account of many reasons including cartelisation by auto majors due to non-supply of genuine parts"

JAGDISH KHATTAR FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR, MARUTI UDYOG

propriation of bank funds and has put them for own use," says the FIR. Khattar, in his statement, said: "I had invested my life savings in the company. I understand the bank is following a process. I have always made myself available and will continue to fully cooperate with all the agencies. The claims being made were examined in great detail during the forensic audit and we provided satisfactory replies on each. We were cleared in the forensic audit on each count. I have no doubt we will be vindicated again once the investigation is completed." According to Khattar,

Carnation was a board-managed company with the highest ethical standards and best management practices. Some of the most reputed investors in the country, including Premji Invest and Gaja Capital, were board members who, in their own interest, kept a tight vigil on its operations and finances, he said. "Each financial decision was

based on comprehensive business plans and approvals. The company was finally sold to Mahindra Group. Post its failure as a business, an exhaustive and detailed independent forensic audit at the behest of the bankers under the resolution professional was conducted by a leading independent auditor and nothing was found amiss. Having found no lapses in operations or financial management, the bank has referred the matter to CBI as a part of the process followed by them. The company has not indulged in any wrongdoing. A search was conducted by CBI but nothing incriminating was found," Khattar said.

Ex-CEA against cut in personal income tax, extra fiscal boost

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 24

ARGUING AGAINST a major restructuring of personal income tax at this juncture to give relief to taxpayers, former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian said on Tuesday that instead, the forthcoming Union Budget (2020-21) ought to bring back honest accounting of the Centre's finances and refrain from rolling out any additional fiscal stimulus. Rather than coming out with any surprises or making dramatic announcements, the Budget should set realistic and modest targets, without any undue stress on fiscal consolidation either, he said at the Indian Express Group's Idea Exchange programme here.

According to Subramanian, income tax relief might have only limited impact on consumption, as only 5 per cent of population pays the tax. Instead, he favoured a greater push to schemes like the PM Kisan, National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme or a universal basic income, to cater for a larger population that is under stress and stimulate demand to contain the slide in growth.

Following the recent slashing of corporate tax rates, the clamour for a cut in the personal income tax rates has grown shriller. When asked about this, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently said if the government opts for reducing income tax, it would purely be on the basis of intrinsic merit of such a step, rather than in relation

to the corporate tax cut. Noting that there is a growing



Ex-CEA Arvind Subramanian at the Idea Exchange programme. Express Photo

opinion that many economies might have erred on the side of fiscal prudence, Subramanian said it would still not make a case for India to loosen its fiscal policy given the consolidated primary deficit (fiscal deficit less interest payments) of the general government here remained high and interest rates exceeded GDP growth rate. Also, he was sceptical about the government's ability to spend quickly and meaningfully to bring about a push to economy of the required magnitude and topicality. Economic growth slowed to a 4.5 per cent in Q2FY20, the lowest quarterly growth since Q4FY13.

He said the current slowdown is intense but said there was no longer any "magic bullet" for the short term to fix the economy, suggesting structural remedies would probably do the trick, with focus on agriculture and power-sector reforms. Although GST collections have been trailing the targets month after month, Subramanian thinks the indirect tax structure is being blamed harshly. **FE**

'New order inflows for construction sector to improve in 2020'

vear. **PTI**

New order inflows for construction companies will improve in 2020 with a huge pipeline of projects in the infrastructure sector, Icra said

SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES

As the government plans to more than double the investment in infrastructure sector to about ₹100 lakh crore over the next five years, construction companies are likely to witness significant opportunities with key segments being highways, railways, ports, urban infrastructure and airport

STABLE OUTLOOK

Assigning a stable outlook for the construction sector, Icra, however, said delays in land acquisition, funding issues, and state government priorities pose threat to new order inflows



FINANCIAL HEALTH: Operating profitability is expected to remain stable with the benefits of benign inflation and steady execution

RISKS: The agency also said delays in land acquisition, funding issues, and state government priorities remain key risks to the new order inflows

Source: Icra/PTI

called for continued sound macroeconomic management.

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 24 INDIA IS now in the midst of a significant economic slowdown, the International Monetary Fund has said, urging the government to take urgent policy actions to address the current prolonged downturn.

> Meanwhile, IMF Chief Economist Gita Gopinath (right) met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. PTI

They saw an opportunity with the strong mandate of the new government to reinvigorate the reform agenda to boost inclusive and sustainable growth, the report said. The staff report was done in August when the IMF was not fully aware of India's current

economic slowdown. "India is now in the midst of a significant economic slowdown,"

Salgado told reporters over phone. Growth in the second quarter of FY 2019/20 came in at a six-year low of 4.5 per cent (y/y), and the composition of growth indicates that private domestic demand expanded by only 1 per cent in the quarter. Most high-frequency indicators suggest that weak economic activity has continued into December, he said.

Salgado attributed this to the abrupt reduction in nonbank financial companies' (NBFC) credit expansion and the associated broad-based tightening of credit conditions appears to be an important factor and weak income growth, especially rural, has been affecting private consumption. **PTI**

20 ECONOMY

Bharti Infra, Indus Towers merger deadline extended to February 24

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

BHARTI INFRATEL on Tuesday said it has extended the deadline for merger with mobile tower company Indus Towers by two more months to February 24 as it has not received the necessary government approvals so far.

This is the second time the company has extended the deadline for the same

"The board of directors has further extended the long stop date till February 24, 2020, subject to agreement on closing adjustments and other conditions precedent for closing, with each party retaining the right to terminate and withdraw the scheme," the company said in a BSE filing.

The company also added, "There can be no assurance that

New Sebi

mechanism

informants

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

SEBI ON Tuesday came out with

a new mechanism to reward

whistleblowers and other in-

formants for sharing information

Under the new framework, it

would be mandatory to disclose

the source of information, be-

sides, confidentiality regarding

the identity of the informant

would be protected, the regula-

ing of securities while in posses-

sion of Unpublished Price

Sensitive Information (UPSI)

about particular securities. Sebi

said, "Reward would be given in

case the information provided

leads to a disgorgement of at least

Rs 1 crore in accordance with the

PIT (Prohibition of Insider Trading)

Regulations". The regulator said

Office of Informant Protection has

been established by it as an inde-

pendent office for receiving and

processing Voluntarily Info-

rmation Disclosure Form.

Insider trading refers to trad-

tor said.

about insider trading cases.

for rewarding

This is the second time the company has extended the deadline due to not receiving the necessary government approvals

the merger can be completed within the extended timeframe", and said that the completion of merger is contingent upon receipt of requisite regulatory approvals and fulfilment of other conditions precedent. "Further to our letter dated

October 24, 2019, we wish to inform you that the requisite government approvals have not been received till date, and consequently, conditions precedent could not be completed within the extended timeline i.e. December 24, 2019," the company pointed out.

In October this year, Bharti Infratel had extended the deadline for merger by two months to December 24 in the absence of regulatory approvals.

As on September 30, 2019, Bharti Infratel and Vodafone India hold 42 per cent stake each in Indus. Vodafone Idea holds 11.15 per cent stake in the mobile tower firm. The merger of Indus

Towers and Bharti Infratel announced in April last year aimed at creating the largest mobile tower operator in the world outside China with over 163,000 towers across 22 telecom service areas. As per the plans, the com-

bined company, which would fully own the respective businesses of Bharti Infratel and Indus Towers, would take the name Indus Towers and will continue to be listed on stock exchanges. **FE**

Ordinance for ring fencing corporate debtors receives Cabinet approval

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 24

THE UNION Cabinet on Tuesday approved the Ordinance to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, under which a corporate debtor would not be held liable for any offences committed by the erstwhile management, before the start of the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP). This ring fencing of successful

bidders under the CIRP process is aimed at protecting them from the risk of any criminal proceedings against them, arising from cases filed by various investigative agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate or the Economic Offences Wing.

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Finance headed by former

Minister of State for Finance

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is also its member

the Bill and present its report Sabha Secretariat said.

The amendments to the Bill came after successful bidders of

certain debt-ridden companies debtors.

and Steel.

Session of Parliament. It has since been referred to the Standing Committee on Finance headed by former Minister of State for Finance Jayant Sinha. The committee also has former Prime member. The committee will examine

within three months, the Lok

expressed apprehension of taking over the new company, fearing action from investigative agencies. These actions, the new bidders had said, were mostly based on the actions of the former promoters of these corporate

In one such case, JSW Steel had approached the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) seeking immunity from criminal proceedings in the fraud investigation at Bhushan Power

Bhushan Power is facing investigations from various government agencies, such as the Central Bureau of Investigation and the ED. Several banks had last year reported that the erstwhile promoters of the company had cheated them to the tune of nearly Rs 5,500 crore.

BRIEFLY

PPI for digital transactions

Mumbai: The RBI Tuesday introduced a semi-closed prepaid payment instrument which can be used for transaction of goods and services up to a limit of Rs 10,000. PTI

Uber founder leaves board

New York: Uber Technologies Inc's founder and former CEO Travis Kalanick will resign from its board of directors by the end of the year, the company said Tuesday. REUTERS

Foodpanda losses widen

New Delhi: Foodpanda, owned by ride-hailing company Ola, has posted a wider loss of Rs 756.42 crore for FY19 compared to the previous fiscal.

Hiranandani JV with Blackstone

New Delhi: Hiranandani Group Tuesday said its subsidiary has formed an equal joint venture with Blackstone to develop industrial and warehousing assets, and will together invest Rs 2,500 crore over the next four years. PTI

Emirates president to resign next year

Dubai/Paris: Tim Clarkwill retire as the president of Emirates Airline at the end of June 2020 after more than three decades at the statecontrolled business. Emirates Chairman Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed al-Maktoum said in an internal memo that Clark would stay on as an advisor.

Trump: Will sign trade deal with Xi

Palm Beach: US President Donald Trump said Tuesday he and Chinese President Xi Jinping will have a signing ceremony to sign the first phase of the trade deal. **REUTERS**

Sebi rolls out stewardship code for all mutual funds and AIFs

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Tuesday announced Stewardship Code for all mutual funds and all categories of alternative investment funds.

The code has laid down six principles which institutional investors will have to follow for their investments in listed securities.

Under the Stewardship Code, the market regulator has asked fund houses and AIFs to formulate a comprehensive policy on the discharge of their stewardship responsibilities and how institutional investors should monitor their investments in listed companies. Sebi also said that institutional investors should have a clear policy on voting and disclosure of voting activity and they should report periodically on their stewardship activities.

The six principles laid down by Sebi are intended to strengthen the role of fund houses as stewards on behalf of the investors. Under stewardship responsibilities, institutional investors are expected to have greater responsi**Uniform format for information** on use of funds raised via IPOs

Mumbai: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Tuesday prescribed a uniform format in which listed companies have to disclose deviations or variations in the use of funds they raised through initial public offerings (IPOs), qualified institutional placements (QIPs), preferential issues and rights

Currently, while listed en-

bility towards their beneficiaries by enhancing monitoring and engagement with their investee companies. "Such increased engagement is also seen as an important step towards improved corporate governance in the investee companies and gives a greater fillip to the protection of the interest of investors in such companies," said Sebi.

Sebi has implemented principles on voting for Mutual Funds through which prescribed detailed mandatory requirements

had to disclose the deviation in usage of funds from the quarter that will be ending on December 31, 2019. **FE** for mutual funds to disclose their voting policies and actual voting by Mutual funds on different resolutions of investee firms. The

Stewardship Code shall come into

effect from the April 1, 2020.

tities submit the statement of

deviation or variation, there

is no uniformity in the for-

mats and hence it was a need

to introduce a common for-

mat for such reporting. Sebi in a circular addressed to the

stock exchanges and listed

entities said that the entities

Sebi said every institutional investor should formulate a policy on how it intends to fulfill the aforesaid stewardship responsibilities and disclose it publicly and have a clear policy on how they manage conflicts of interest in fulfilling their stewardship responsibilities and publicly disclose it. **FE**

'Containerised trade in Sept quarter flat on weak demand'

India's containerised trade in the September quarter remained flat, compared to global growth due to weak domestic demand, as per a Maersk Group report

Private companies from India and China have signed more than 120 MoUs for export of various products from India, including sugar, chemicals, fish, plastics, pharmaceuticals and fertilisers

REASONS In India, the economic

uncertainty, tight liquidity, decline in global export orders and evolving domestic political scenario also affected the flow of investments and added to currency volatility. While imports into the country witnessed a subdued growth, the overall fiscal impact was nullified by an identical contraction in exports

REFRIGERATED CARGO EXPORTS to the

Mediterranean region witnessed an increase, primarily fuelled by meat, fish and shellfish

growth of 1.5 per cent

India's import and export container trade in Q3 2019 (July-September) remained flat as compared to global

GLOBAL GROWTH AT 1.5%

11% Overall exports to Africa grew 11 per cent led by appliances and kitchenware, vehicles and seeds, beans and cereals and flour reduced bilateral trade THE SLOWDOWN is

aligned closely with the weaker domestic demand, as well as a reflection of the broad-based cyclical weakening of the economic environment in all main global economies **NEGATIVE EFFECTS of**

trade restrictions also weighed on the growth in the quarter, it said, adding the restrictions have

between the US and China **CHANGE IN DYNAMICS** has led to shifts in trade

structures, with global importers having shifted sourcing from China to other countries such as Vietnam as well as India, which is showing early signs of being next in line to benefit

Source: Maersk/PTI

'DGCA inspecting GoAir's PW engines used over 3,000 hours'

ANWESHA GANGULY MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

THE DIRECTORATE General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has started the process of inspecting all of GoAir's Pratt & Whitney low pressure turbine (LPT) engines which have been operated for over 3,000 hours, senior officials said.

A decision on engines that do not meet DGCA's standards will be taken within a week's time, an official said. GoAir has over 50 Airbus A320neos in its fleet. "We have started the process

of inspecting the engines. All of them belonging to GoAir will be inspected by DGCA officials along with airline technicians and those which do not meet our standard may be put out of commission. The process will be completed over the coming few days and a final view will be taken." a senior official said.

The country's civil aviation regulator has been scrutinising

(3) KEY POINTS

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During its earlier Inspections, the DGCA noted that engines with 2,900-3,000 flight hours are more vulnerable.

Airbus A320s fitted with Pratt & Whitney engines following multiple incidents of in-flight shutdowns, engine vibrations and other issues involving domestic carriers including IndiGo.

Last month, the DGCA issued a

directive mandating IndiGo, the country's largest airline, to replace both low-pressure-turbine engines of the 97 Airbus A320neos fitted with Pratt & Whitney engines, which are currently in its fleet, by January 31, 2020.

The DGCA move follows an incident involving IndiGo's aircraft when an engine of a Pune-bound flight reportedly stalled with a loud banging noise and experienced vibrations. The regulator had said the situation called for called for "urgent and effective action" and the situation could not be allowed to continue indefi-

nitely. During its earlier inspections, the DGCA noted that engines with 2,900-3,000 flight hours are more vulnerable to LPT damage.

The A320neo fitted with Pratt &Whitney engines have been riddled with problems, including gearbox failures, combustion chamber distress, engine vibration and low-pressure turbine fail-

Bharat Bond ETF garners ₹12,400 cr from maiden offer

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

BHARAT BOND ETF, India's first corporate bond ETF, has garnered Rs 12,400 crore from its maiden offer that opened for subscription on December 12.

The funds raised would be utilised for capex of PSUs. The base size of the issue was Rs 7,000 crore.

"BHARATBond ETF received an enthusiastic response from all categories of investors. Both tenors of ETF were oversubscribed @ Rs 12,400 cr. Govt. has decided to retain full amount. Participation by about 55.000 retails investors was the highlight of this issue," DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said

in a tweet on Tuesday. The exchange-traded fund (ETF), which closed for subscription on December 20, will invest only in counts.

AAA-rated bonds of public sector companies and will have target maturity structures.

ETF with a 3-year maturity will follow the Nifty Bharat Bond Index-April 2023, while the one with a 10-year maturity will follow the Nifty Bharat Bond Index-April

The yield of Nifty Bharat Bond Index-April 2023 as on December 5, 2019 is 6.69 per cent and that of Nifty Bharat Bond Index-April 2030 is 7.58 per cent.

Investors who hold these ETFs for over 3 years will get the benefit of capital gains with indexation.

The ETF will invest in constituents of the Nifty Bharat Bond Indices, consisting of public sector

Bharat Bond Fund of Funds (FOF) is also being launched for investors who do not have demat ac-

All I-T return filing deadlines for J&K, Ladakh extended to Jan 31

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE CBDT on Tuesday again extended the deadline for filing of all kinds of income tax returns to January 31, 2020 in the newly-created UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

The policy-making body for the Income-Tax department issued an order relaxing the earlier set deadline of November 30 "on consideration of reports of disturbances in internet facility in certain areas of Jammu and Kashmir".

"The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), in exercise of powers conferred under section 119 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and in partial modification of CBDT's order under section 119 of the Act dated 23.07.2019, 27.09.2019 and 31.10.2019 hereby further extends the 'due-date' for filing of I-T Returns/Tax Audit Reports

On October 31, the CBDT had extended the deadline to November 30. Before this, the deadline for filing all I-T returns was **August-end**

of all categories of income-tax assessees in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh who were/are required to file the Income-tax Returns/Tax Audit Reports by the due date...." the order said.

On October 31, the CBDT had extended the deadline to November 30. Before this, the deadline for filing all I-T returns was August end.

This tax filing deadline is for filing of ITRs by certain categories of taxpayers like individuals, professionals with an annual turnover Rs 50 lakh, businesses with an annual turnover of Rs 1 crore and some other category of taxto January 31, 2020 in respect payers who need to get their whichever is later," CBDT said.

books audited. Meanwhile, the deadline to file a response to an income-tax

department notice under the e-assessment system has been extended up to January 10 next year, the CBDT said in an order issued on Tuesday. "To provide relief to the taxpayers and tax professionals and to facilitate the compliance with respect to e-assessment proceedings under e-assessment scheme 2019, the time limit for filing of response to notices under section 142(1) of the Income-Tax Act issued up to December 24, 2019 by the National e-

Assessment Centre is extended

up to January 10, 2020 or time

given in such notices,

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.

(A Government of India Undertaking) Head Office, Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rall Link Project, Satyam Complex, Marble Market, Greater Kailash, P. O. Sainik Colony, Jammu - 180 011, Jammu & Kashmir

OPEN e-TENDER

Tel: +91-191 2484778

Tender Notice No.: KR/PD/JK/EL/T-3/2019 Dated 21/12/2019

Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. invites "Open e-Tender" in Two Packet System from experienced contractors for "Provision of E&M system which includes Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 33KV AND 11KV HT Power Cable Network, GIS substation, DG sets, Tunnel Ventilation System, Tunnel Lighting, SCADA system and firefighting system etc. for tunnel T-6, T-9, T-10, T-11 & T-12 between KM 39 TO 61 on Katra-Dharam Section of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link Project". Approx. Cost of the Work : ₹ 306.86 Cr. Earnest Money : ₹ 1,00,00,000/-. Completion Period of Contract: 18 months. Submission of Tender: 29/01/2020 up to 15.00 hrs. Opening of Tender: 29/01/2020@ 15:30 hrs. Cost of Tender Form: ₹29,500/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only) to be submitted through online payment modes available on IREPS portal only. For further details and updates please visit https://www.ireps.gov.in Amendments/Corrigendum, if any would be hosted on the above website only.

MAGH MELA 2020 Prayagraj Mela Authority

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Short Notice Inviting E-Tender-For Allotment of Milk, Food & Coffee Stalls in the Mela area and Selection of Agency / Agencies for Installation of Advertising Infrastructure and Management of Advertisement Rights at Magh Mela 2020 by Prayagraj Mela Authority

The Prayagraj Mela Authority Invites Bid for Tender No. 19/MM 2019-20 for "Allotment of Milk, Food & Coffee Stalls in the Mela area for Magh Mela 2020" and Tender No. 20/MM 2019-20 for "Selection of Agency / Agencies for Installation of Advertising Infrastructure and Management of Advertisement Rights at Magh Mela 2020". The Request for Proposal Documents shall be made available on the Uttar Pradesh E- Procurement website Https://etender.up.nic.in on 24/12/2019 for Tender No. 19/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 20/MM 2019-20. Interested parties may download/upload their proposal from 1700 hrs 24/12/2019 till 1200 hrs 30/12/2019 for Tender No. 19/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 20/MM 2019-20 via Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). The bids received from interested parties shall be opened in the presence of the respective bidders at 1500 Hrs on 30/12/2019 for Tender No. 19/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 20/MM 2019-20. Details regarding the tender shall be made available on https://etender.up.nic.in

> District Magistrate, Prayagrai /Vice Chairperson, Prayagraj Mela Authority

Over 12 lakh jobs created in October: ESIC payroll data

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

AROUND 12.44 lakh jobs were created in October as compared with 12.23 lakh in the previous month, according to payroll data of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).

Gross enrolments of new subscribers with ESIC were 1.49 crore during the entire financial year 2018-19, the National Statistical Office (NSO) said in a report.

It also showed that during the September 2017-October 2019 period, around 3.22 crore ESIC scheme.

new subscribers joined the The NSO report is based on the payroll data of new subscribers of various social security schemes run by ESIC, retire-

ment fund body EPFO and the

Pension Fund Regulatory and

GROSS ENROLMENTS

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subscribers with ESIC were 1.49 crore during the entire financial year 2018-19, the **National Statistical Office** (NSO) said in a report

Development Authority (PFRDA). It has been releasing the payroll data or new subscribers data of these three bodies since April 2018, covering a period starting from September 2017.

The report showed that gross new enrolments with ESIC during the September 2017-March 2018 period were 83.35 lakh.

A net of 7.39 lakh new enrolments with the Employees'

Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) were recorded in October, compared with 9.48 lakh in September this year. In 2018-19, 61.12 lakh new

subscribers on a net basis

joined the social security schemes run by EPFO. Similarly, the net new enrolments were 15.52 lakh during September 2017-March 2018. The latest data showed that during September 2017-October 2019. around 2.93 crore new subscribers joined the Employees' Provident Fund scheme. The report said that since

the number of subscribers are

from various sources, there are elements of overlap and the estimates are not additive. The NSO said the report

gives different perspectives on the levels of employment in the formal sector and does not measure employment at a holistic level.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Amrinder Sidhu S/o Raman Singh Sidhu Passport no (J 8137646) R/o-H.No.606 B, Aralias-Appts., DLF-Golf-Links, DLF-Phase-V, Gurgaon, Haryana inform you that my father's name mentioned in my passport and other relevant documents as Kanwaljit Singh is not valid. The correct name of my father is Mr. Raman Singh Sidhu and should be henceforth, reflected as so.

0040525218-1

I,Rajesh Kumar S/O Radhey Shyam Bansal R/O-House.No-A-80/15, Street. No-6, Near Himachal Bekary, East Nathu Colony, Shahdara, Delhi-110093, Have Changed To Raiesh Kumar Bansal For All **Future Purposes**

No-14823667L I, Ranjeet Kumar

0040525365-11

Sharma S/o-Bishuni Sharma R/o-P-10/10,Basantra Line.Sadar Bazar.Delhi Cant. 110010, inform that, my wife's name & date-of-birth wrongly written in my, services book-17.06.1978 Sangita Sharma instead of-05.02.1980 Sangeeta Sharma for, all future purposes.

0040525365-3

No-14823667L I, Ranjeet Kumar Sharma S/o-Bishuni Sharma R/o-P-10/10,Basantra Line, Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cant. 110010, inform that, my son's name wrongly-written, in my services book Abhinashi Kumar Sharma instead of Avinash Kumar Sharma for all, future purposes.

0040525365-4 It is for general information that

I, Igra D/o Mohd Shahid, R/o H.No.2729, 2nd Floor, Gali Masjid Kale Khan, Kucha Chelan, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002, inform that name of my mother has been wrongly written as Fatima in my all educational documents. The actual name of my mother is Fatima Parveen, which my be amended accordingly.

0040525325-1

Singh R/o-H.No.23, Street No.-10A, Molarband Extn., Badarpur, Jaitpur, New Delhi-44, have change my name Vikas Singh to Vikash Singh for all future purposes.

I,Vikash Singh S/o Sh. Dhoom

0040525365-6 I.Sonia Batheja W/o-Mr. Ravi

Bhatia R/o-House.No.1181, Sector-9, Faridabad, (Haryana), have changed my name from Sonia Batheja to Sonia Bhatia for all future purposes. 0040525365-7

I,Shivani,D/o-Shah Deo Prasad. R/o.Vill.-Madhopur Kapur, P.S.-Kurhani, District-Muzaffarpur, Adhar No. 4279,0545,9031,have changed my name from Shivani to Shivani

Chandrabansi permanently. 0040525365-9

I,Shivani Chandrabansi,D/o-Shah Deo Pd.R/o-Village-Madhopur Kapur.P.S. Kurhani, District-Muzaffarpur, Adhar No.4279,0545,9031, inform that my father's name wrongly-written in my Matric Certificate Shah Dev Prasad instead of Shah Deo prasad for all, future purposes.

0040525365-8 **I,Sachin** Kumar Mangla S/o Vinod Kumar Mangla R/o.B-

805, Ace Platinum, Zeta-

1, Greater Noida, U.P., have

changed my name to Sachin

Mangla for all future purposes. 0040525365-5

I,No- 12964202H,Hav Monir Ahmad Gagi, S/O- Noor Din Gagi, R/O Kaliban, Tehsil/District-Baramulla. In my service records name and (D o B) of son has been wrongly mentioned as Tanvir Ahmad Gagi (D o B-15-12-2001) instead of Tanveer Ahmad Gagi (D o B-15-01-2003) as in school records. It needs correction. Objections be filed 161 INF Bn TA H&H JAKLI within seven

0020399104-1 **I,No-** 12964202H,Hav Monir Ahmad Gagi, S/O- Noor Din Gagi, R/O Kaliban, Tehsil/District-Baramulla. In my service records name and (D o B) of daughter has been wrongly mentioned as Sammaena Bano (D o B-25-11-2003) instead of Sameena Bano (D o B-15-06-2004) as in school records. It needs correction. Objections be filed 161 INF Bn TA H&H JAKLI within

I.Antrika Sawhnev W/o Rabdeep Singh R/o.Block-H-6, Sector-39, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Antrika Kaur for all future purposes.

seven days.

0040525365-2

0020399107-1

I, Vijendra Kumar S/o Late Sh. Madan Lal R/o D-113, South Anarkali, Delhi-110051 have

changed my name to Bijender 0040525298-1 Kumar I, Usha Rani W/o Baljit Gill R/o 1/281, Gali No.1, Shri Ram-

Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Jagjeet Kaur. 0040525371-2

I, Smt. Priyanka Charasia W/O Sanjeev Kumar H.No-16/430 Old.No-353, 3rd-Floor Joshi-Road Karolbagh, N.Delhi-110005. Changed My Name To

Priyanka. 0040525371-10

I, Nafisa Irfan W/o Irfan Elahi R/o 570, Churi Walan, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006 have changed my

name to Nafeesa Irfan.

0040525291-1

I, Shalini Verma W/o Mohit Bhatnagar R/o C1866, first Floor, Sushant Lok, Gurgaon,

> Shalini Singh for all purposes. 0040525364-1

I. Sazia D/o Mohd. Afzal R/o House No.1252, Block-D, J.J. Colony, Bawana, Delhi-110039, have changed my name after marriage to Sazia Islam W/o Kamrul Islam for all purposes.

have changed my name to

0040525323-

I, Sarah Siddiqui D/o Dr. Tariq Omar Siddigui W/o-Mohammed Yasir Hashmi R/o-H.No.302, First-Floor, Front-Side, IP.Colony, Sector-30/33, Faridabad, Haryana-121003, have changed my name to Sarah Hashmi, for all future purposes. 0040525371-7

Flat No.901, Tower-15, Paras Tierea, Sector-137, Noida, UP, have changed my name to Ritika Dutta for all purposes.

I, Ritika Sharma alias Ritika R/o

0040525286-

I, Rajwant Kaur W/o Gurpal Singh R/o-A5A-4D Janakpuri New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Simran 0040525399-1 Kaur.

I, Raj D/o Nem Singh, FF, Plot No.-21, Sai Enclave, Sector-23, Dwarka, Delhi-110077, have changed my name to RAJ BHARDWAJ. 0040525294-1

Jandarshan Singh Sodhi R/o-WZ-412 Street No.4, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Puneet Kaur for all future purposes. 0040525331-8

I, Punita Bhardwaj W/o

, Parmod Sidana S/o Omprakash R/o-H.No.866, Sector-5, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Pramod Kumar.

0040525371-6

I, Pappu Kumar, S/o Sh. Dharam Singh R/o H. No. A-140, Om Enclave, Part-2, Amar Nagar, Faridabad-121003(Haryana), has changed my name to Pritam Singh. In future, I may be known, referred and addressed as Pritam Singh for all purposes. 0040525292-1

I, Pankaj Kumar Ray S/o Sh. Ram Babu Ray R/o RZI-116/1, 2nd Floor, Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Pankaj Kumar Roy for all future purposes.

0040525296-

I, PARVEJ ALAM S/o Rashid Ahmad R/o H.No. C-87, Gali No.9, C-Block, Ghonda Extn. Delhi-110053, have changed my name to PARVEZ for all purposes. 0040525283-1

I, Nitin Kumar S/o Naresh Kumar R/o-254-255, 1st-Floor, Pocket-18, Secter-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Nitin Kumar Jain

0040525312-4

, Nipun S/o Shri Arun Kumar Sharma R/o- H.No.5/7, Near Vijay Chowk, Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051. I have changed my name from Nipun to Nipun

Sharma for all purposes.

0040525356-I, Nikita D/o Sh. Harish Kumar R/o D-2/4, Budh Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-86, have changed my

name Nikita to Nikita Gambhir for all future purposes.

0040525290-I. Neetu Bakshi, D/o Ashok Bakshi.R/o B-583, Sudershan Park.New Delhi110015, have changed my name to Saumya

Uttam for all purposes. 0040525309-

I. Neeta Sharma W/o Bijay Anand Sharma R/o-QR.No.203, Type-4, Block-B, Sector-2, R.K.Puram, N.Delhi-110022, have changed my name to Nita Sharma permanently.

0040525371-I. Ritu Rani W/o Nitin Kumar Jain R/o-254-255, 1st-Floor, PKT-18, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085

have changed my name to Ritu

0040525312-3 I. Neelam W/o-Ananta Budathoki R/o-27/25 First-Floor Block-A, Khanpur Extension New Delhi-110062, have changed my name, from Neelam to Neelam Budathoki

for all purposes. 0040525312-1 I. Navin Kumar S/o Ram Chandra Choudhary R/o-H.No.139 3rd-Floor, Pocket-B-6 Sector-3, Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Naveen 0040525331-4 Kumar

I, Naval Kishore Gogaria S/o Pran Nath Gogaria R/o-1883 Gali-Ahiran Malka Ganj Delhi-110007, have Changed my name to Nawal Kishore

0040525365-

0040525329-1

0040525285-I, Narinder S/o Vinod Kumar R/o Noida, Pin - 201301 Have 4048/1, Bagichi Ram Chander, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-Singh As PerDocument. 110055, have changed my name

I, Narendra Kumar Tomar S/o Daya Karan R/o 139-140, 3rd Floor, Pocket-19, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to NARENDRA TOMAR.

to Narinder Kumar.

0040525284-1 I, Manisha Khanchandani W/o-Deepak Kumar Chandnani R/o 5-D, Surya Apartments, Plot No.21, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Vanshika Chandnani for all

purposes.

I, Mohit Chaturvedi S/o Naveen Kumar Chaturvedi R/o 105, Tower No-B-5, SRS Royal Hills, SRS City, Sector-87, Faridabad, Haryana-121002, have changed my minor son's name from Rishaan Chaturvedi aged 2 years to Shubharth Chaturvedi forever. 0070689722-1

I, Mayank S/o-Devender Kumar Gosain H.No-2 FF Gali No-3 Ram Chander-Enclave Mohan-Garden Uttam-Nagar New-Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Mayank Gosain.

0040525399-7

I, Manpreet Kour W/o Sukhvinder Singh R/o S-221/59, Gali No.-1, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to MANPREET KAUR. 0040525293-

I. Mamta Nautiyal W/O Rishi Kumar R/O-917 Sector-6 R.K.Puram New Delhi-110022 Changed My Name To Mamita Nautiyal. For All Purposes.

0040525351-5

I, Kumar Ajit Singh Deo S/o-Kumar Sajneshwar Singh Deo R/o-Village Morna, Sector-35, Noida, U.P.- 201301, have changed my name to Ajit Singh Bainsla 0040525312-2

I, Jyoti Bala W/o Mohit Madan R/o 53-54, 1st-Floor, PKT-8, Secter-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Jyoti Madan. 0040525312-5

Rahman R/o 76-G, Pocket-2, Jasola New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Imbisat Afeefa Faruqui for all purposes. 0040525288-

I, Imbisat Afeefa W/o Nadeem

I, Hemlata Verma W/o Narendra Tomar R/o 139-140, 3rd Floor, Pocket-19, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to HEMLATA.

0040525284-2

I Komal Rajendra Chawla D/o Rajender Chawla R/o Q-7/19 Mangol Puri Delhi-110083, Changed My Name To Komal Chawla. 0040525351-7 I Kishan Murli Prasad Sing R/O A

1405, Prateek Wisteria, Sector

77, Noida, Pin -201301 Have Changed My Name To Krishna Murari Prasad Singh As Per Document. 0070689715-1 I Kapil Sharma S/o Ramesh Chand Sharma R/o-526 Mantola Paharganj New Delhi-

110055, I Want to Change my

name Kapil to Kapil Sharma

DOB-24-05-1993, for all purpose. 0040525285-2 I Huma Abid W/o Mohd Arif R/o-G-43/B Abul-Fazal Enclave Part-I Jamia Nagar Okhla New Delhi-110025, have changed my

name to Huma Arif after my marriage. 0040525351-8 I Hitherto known as Vimla W/o Raju R/o 12-A Street No.2, Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known

as Sukh Biri Devi 0040525331-5

I Hitherto known as Raju S/o Inder Raj R/o-12-A Street No.2, Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Raj Kumar

0040525331-6

I Bijo Mukhia S/o Buchhi Mukhiya R/o-Parviniya, Dewari, Saharsa, Dewari Bihar-852202. have changed my name to Vijay Mukhiya for all 0040525351-10 purposes.

I Bachan Singh S/o Baz Singh R/o Sabuana, Langiana, Ferozepur, Punjab-152002, have changed my name to Gurbhawan Singh.

0070689718-1

I Babita W/O Shiv Kumar Resident-5/109-A, First Floor, Nirankari Colony Delhi-110009 have changed my name to Gurdeep Kaur. 0040525351-1

| Amarpal Verma S/o Chandrapal Singh R/o House No-81, Vill-Mirjapur Sadat, Post-Lakshar, Tehsil-Laksar, Haridwar, Uttrakhand-247663, have changed my name to

Amar Verma. 0070689723-1 l Ajay Kumar s/o Kashmir Singh R/o 91, Gali Number 11, Hans Nagar Colony, Pandwala Kalan Naiafgarh, New Delhi 110043. have changed my name to Ajay Kumar Rana.

0070689720-1

I,Shakeel Ahmad S/o Mujib Ahmed R/o-H.No.B-44 StreetNo-18, Man-Singh, Nagar, Old-Mustafabad Delhi-110094. My Name has been wrongly written as Shakil in my Passport bearing No-G5330591, the Actual Name of mine is Shakeel Ahmad,

0040525285-3

I, Rajeev Kumar Sinha, residing at 3203, ATS-II, Sector-50, Noida, G.B Nagar, U.P., have changed my name from Rajeev Sinha to Rajeev Kumar Sinha, for all future purposes.

0040525335-1

I Pushpaniali Singh R/O A 1405. Prateek Wisteria, Sector - 77, Changed My Name To Pushpa

0070689714-1

I, Alka Gupta W/o Parveen Aggarwal R/o F-469, Karampura Delhi-15, have changed my name to Alka 0040525371-1 Aggarwal. I Puneet Kaur D/o InderMohan

Singh Kalra R/o T-116 Vishnu Garden New Delhi-18 have changed my name to Puneet Kaur Kalra. 0070689730-1 I Manoj Chaudhary S/o Mahipal

Singh Chaprana, 115-MCF,

Mewla-Maharajpur, Faridabad. have changed my name to Manoj Chaudhari. 0040525351-4

I, Harleen Sehgal D/o Atul Sarangal R/o House No.A40/2, DDA Flats, 2nd Floor, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110028 have changed my name to Harleen Sarangal for all future purposes. 0040525319-1

I, Harash / Harash Chadha S/o

Om Parkash Chadha R/o M-22,

Gujrat Sargodha CGHS Ltd. Plot 38, Sector-13 Rohini Delhi-110085 Have Changed My Name to Harash Kumar Chadha.

0070689734-1

I, Gurdip Singh S/o Narain Singh R/o E-30, B K Dutt Colony, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003, have changed my name to Gurdeep Singh. 0040525295-1

I, Devina D/o-Rajendra Pal Singh R/o-P-144/604 Delhi-Cantt. Near-Palam Railway-Crossing Sekhon-Vihar Delhi-110010, have changed my name from Devina to Devina Singh VIDEaffidavit date-24-12-19.

0040525399-4

, Devender Bajaj H.No-31/2 B, Gali.No-4, East AzadNagar, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my minor son's name Hunny Bajaj to Honey Bajaj Permanently.

0040525371-5

I, Deepanshu Bajaj S/o Narender Bajaj R/o H.No. 286, Pkt E-19, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-85, state that in my 10th marksheet my Father's name is wrongly mentioned as Narinder Bajaj whereas his correct name is Narender Bajaj. 0040525289-1

I, Deepak Kumar S/o Sh. Prem Chand R/o 5-D, Surva Apartments, Plot No.21, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar Chandnani for all

purposes.

I, Bhanwar Nemiwal alias Bhanwar Lal Kumawat alias Bhanwar Lal Nemiwal alias S/o Ganga Ram R/o-K-29A, Right-Side 2nd-Floor, Khirki-Extension, Malviya-Nagar, New

Delhi-110017. Have changed my

name to Bhanwar Lal Kumawat

for all future purposes. 0040525371-9

0040525324-1

I, Bhanwar Lal Kumawat@Bhanwar Lal Nemiwal@Bhanwar Nemiwal S/o-Ganga Ram R/o-K-29A, Right-Side 2nd-Floor, Khirki-Extension, Malviya-Nagar, New-Delhi-110017, informs that Bhanwar Lal Kumawat and Bhanwar Lal Nemiwal and Bhanwar Nemiwal names are one and same person i.e.me.

0040525371-8

I, Baljeet Singh S/o Sohan Gill R/o-1/281, Gali.No.1, Shri Ram-Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032.have changed my name to Baljit Gill. 0040525371-3

I. Anuradha W/o Vinay Goyal R/o 366, FF, Pocket- 5, Sector- 22, Beaumpet North West, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Priya for all purposes.

0040525327-1

I, Anil Varshney S/o-Late Sh.Subhash Chand Res.B-148, First-Floor, Gali.No.1, West-Vinod-Nagar, Delhi-110092, My High School-Certificate name is Anil Kumar. I announce that Anil Kumar & Anil Varshney is the same person. 0040525399-3

I, Afshan Praveen W/o Saiyed Maraiul Islam R/o-B-268 Welcome, Seelampur Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Afshan Parveen for all 0040525331-1 purposes.

Surender Singh S/o Girdhari Lal R/o New Patel Park line-par Bahadurgarh Distt.Jhajjar Haryana. changed my name to Sunder Singh. 0040525351-9

l Veena Nagar W/o Vijay Nagar R/o-C/2/2 Sec-15 Rohihi Delhi-110085, changed My Name To

0040525351-6 Sunita Nagar. I Santosh Kumar Dwivedi S/o Lalmani Dwivedi R/o 253, Sansarpur, Sirmour Rawa, MP-

486441, have changed my name

to Shantanu Kumar Dwivedi. 0070689717-1

Saddam Husaan S/o Munsiraja R/o-1704, Rajeev Nagar, DLF, Faridabad. have changed my

name to Saddam Hussain. 0040525351-3

I Radha Jha W/o Satya Narayan Thakur R/o River Side Budh Bazar, Chief House, Dundua, Ramgarh, Jharkhand-829135, have changed my name to 0070689721-1 Bimla Thakur.

I Krishna Kumari W/o Ranbir SIngh H.No.101-A, Gali No.6, Raja-Nahar Singh Colony, Ballabgarh. have changed my name to Krishna Devi.

0040525351-2

LOST & FOUND

I, Manmohan Asht S/o Vinod Kumar Asht R/o-1/9860-B Street No.3D, West Gorakh Park, Shahdara Delhi-110032 Lost My X/XII Pass Certificate/ Marksheet Year 2011/2013 Roll No.8610330/9612287 CBSE, Delhi 0040525331-7

Devender Kumar Agarwal R/o-C/E-13,Old Kavinagar, Gaziabad.have lost my GPA-Deed, Jild.No.820 Bahi.No.4, Page.No:-191 to-202, SI.No.227, Registry Date:-08/11/2010 of-Plot.No.B-135, Mu-1, Greater Noida, U.P.

I,Sandeep Kumar Agarwal S/o

0040525365-10 I, Kamardeep Singh Gill S/o Pirthipal Singh Gill, have lost

0040525399-6

110005. Finder contact: 9899490914. 0040525332-1 I, ASHI Jain D/o-Vinay Godha R/o-2/704 East end apartments Mayur-Vihar ph-1-extn.N.D-96, have lost my originalcertificate class-10th(2014) Rollno-5171327 class-12th

(2016)Roll no-5861864 CBSE-

Dehradun.

original documents of Property

No.2269/1, Faiz Road, Ashok

Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-

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th January 2020 to the Assistant Director Administration at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, 159-161, Mahatma Gandhi Road.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mumbai - 400023.

My client namely Snajeev Narula, S/o Late Om Prakash Narula, R/o. 11286/3 Laj Building, 2nd floor, Doriwalan, Karo Bagh, New Delhi-110005, do hereby cancel his earlier debar/disown notic published on dated 01.01.2016, in the English Newspaper Indian Express Hindi newspaper Jansatta, in respect of his wife namely Sharda, son namel Sourabh and his married daughter Nidhi Goswami, W/o. Sh. Raja Goswami and their children as they have changed their behaviours toward my client as now all they are keepin relations amicably with my client.

SURENDER KUMAR

Enrl. No.-D-142/1997/R

Advocate

Seat Behind-Court No.-31 **Near Police Post** Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054 NOTICE Public at large are hereby informed that my client HUMA AHMAD W/O SAKEEL AHMAD storna its residence at C-3A/140B. Jarokous New Delhi-110058 is the absolute & legal owner in possession of the property ent ruff up properly with Namendature S+G+3

RZ-91 area admeasuring 100 Sq. Yda carved out of Khasra No. 16/3, area of Village

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Any person, who has got, rights, interest life daim, encumbrances, charges of any nature whatsoover in respect of the above sex Property or any part thereof, can send their objections with their documentary evidence at below address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, falling which, if shall be presumed that the said Property prematy is free from all such claims, interest charges, enculmbrances etc. Pus region a published on 25th December 2019.

Ravi Sachdeva (Advocate)

JRS Associates, B-88, Sector-40. Noida-201301, Distr. Gautam Budh Nagar (UF)

Park, Uttam Negar, New Dehi

PUBLIC NOTICE Aishwarya Marwaha Dio Smi, Meenakshi Marwaria R/o D-3-E, MIG Flats, Mayapuri, Delhi-110064 got married to Sh. Kumar

Krishna Sio Sh. Awadh Bihan Pandey Rio Mage Laxmipur, Post-Laxmipur, Thena-813222 on 20.07.2013, after the marriage. Sh, Kumar Krishna lett my client & has not returned back since 7 year, therefore my lent has severed all relation with him & his family members as the said marriage hall now deemed null and void, in future anybody wants to file any case against my client, the same shad be decreed as

Saurabh Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 483 Saket Courts, New Delhi-17

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to all that My client Shri Inderjeet S/o Late Sumer Singh R/o House No. 7. H. Block, Deendarpur, Pillar No. 1333, Najafgarti, New Delhi-10043 has severed all his personal and social relations from his sons Mr. Amit. and Mr. Sachin & daughter-in-tow Mrs. Monika and Mrs. Sabnam and disowned and debarred them from all movable and immovable properties(s) because all of them are out of control of my digot Any one dealing with them, may do so at his/her own cost & risk & my client shall not be responsible for their acts or deeds. Trivedi & Associates

PUBLIC NOTICE For & on behalf of my clients Sh Shobha Kant Jha s/o Sh Bai Chander Jha & Smt. Gayatri Dev w/o Sh. Shobha Kant Jha both r/ RZ-K2/184A, Block-2, Nihal Vihar Nangloi, New Delhi-41, I serv this Public Notice that my clien sever their relations and Deba thier son Mr. Mukesh Kumar and his wife Mrs. Pooja Jha from thei

properties both movable

mmovable for all intents an

(Advocate & Legal Consultants)

Ch. No. 724 Dwarka Courts, New Delhi-75

purposes. Anyone deals with them shall do at his own risks. Tribindh Kumar (Advocate B-5, Suneja Tower-I Janakpuri, New Delhi-58

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHHAYA BUNGER W/O SH BUNGER owner of FLAT NO. 72, FIRS 11. ROHINI, DELHI has applied ssuance of Certify copies of the afores lat vide File No. J.27(241)1996/ RO/JH DDA. The original documents Allotment/Demand Letter & NOC to Wa and Electric of the above said flat has be lost, An NCR/LR NO. 1953670/2019 da 03/12/2019 to this effect has been lodge P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi.

Any person(s) claiming any right, inter naving any objection or found in posses of original documents, may write/con with above named person at abo Address/Phone No. 9818110020 within days from the date of publication of the notice. The person claiming any rigi interest, objection with respect to t property, can personally inform or write Deputy Director (H), or Director (H), Block, 2nd Floor, Vikas Sadan, New Delh

En No. D-2415/2012

NOTICE My original documents of Property No Flat No. G-11, 6th Floor, Ambe CGHS Ltd old No.5, Sector -10, Dwarks New Delhi Organsi share certificate Date 10:09 1995 sliotment letter Date 12:12:1999 and possession letter Date 15.03.2004 in favor of Sh. Surinder Rana (owner) have been lost and fir has been lodged FIR LR No.2700566/2017 finder may contact : Sh. Surinder Rana S/o Sahib Singh Rans, Mobile No.

PUBLIC NOTICE Be known that my client. MASSA SING S/O JAGIR SINGH & JASBIR KAUR W/ MASSA SINGH both R/o E BHAGWAN NAGAR, ASHRAM, DELF 110014, have disowned and severed SINGH S/O MASSA SINGH R/O E-70 QUTUB VIHAR PH-I. GOYLA DAIR DELHI-110071, and debarred from the movable and immovable properties

assets due to his misbehavior. If a

person, organization, institution deali

with him in civil and criminal matter shall b

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doing at his/her/their own risk, cost as responsibility, for that my client shall not b

DINESH KUMAR (Advocate

Enrol. No D-5096/1 PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to public at large that my client Nord Nati Khan S/I asedul Nahi Khan Rip DZAJ2C, Janah un, New Delhi 58 is currently residing at ove mentioned address. My client's name & his father's name wrongly printer as Narul Natri Khan and Saced Khar espectively in Driving Licence No. OL 0919860066612 but his exact & correc name is Norol Nabi Khan & his father' name is Saeedol Natii Khan which is valid & applicable for all official purposes & records and all contractual and/or other

bligation essumed by him, under the name & style of Nurul Nabi Khan, shall be Advocate A. K. Verma

PUBLIC NOTICE ublic that my clients Sh. Ray Komar S/ Sh. Shyam Lai & Smt. Kusum W/o Sh. Rsi Kumar both Rlo RZ-B-2111, Visay Enclave, Shiv Main Marke, Mandir Wali Gali, New Delhi-45 have savered all their relations & innections with their son Ashweri dies Astru because he is out of control of my tients & have debarred him from their a novable & immovable properties.

My clients shall neither be liable a exponsible for his acts, doeds & things inder any circumstances. Adv. M. Dharam Singh

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform that Ms

Anybody deals with him will be doing

is/heritheir own risk, cost & expenses.

F-12, Jeewan Park, N.D.-59

Neelam Raj W/o Sh Bhagat Raj is the title holder of property/flat bearing no. 44, Pocket-B 2nd floor, Nand Nagri Delhi-93, by virtue of sale deed duly registered as registration No.1834, Book No.1 Vol No. 2984, pages from 50 to 57 dated 05/04/2019 in the office of sub - registrar Shahdara. That my client has lost original Conveyance Deed issued by Delhi Developmen authority in favour of Smt Gaytri Devi registration Number 16922 book No.1 volume no. 5697 pages from 105 to 107 dated 02/11/2015 for Flat No.44 Pocket B Nand Nagri Delhi have been lost/misplaced in lieu of report dated 21/12/2019 Delhi Police Bearing

No.2020608/2019 have been filed. Any person(s) company(ies). Bank(s) etc In possession of the above mentioned documents of having information of the same is requested to put forth their claim(s), if any with supporting documents, to be delivered to the undersigned within 15 days of publication of this notice post expiration of which any claim (s)/ objection(s), raised, shall be treated as null, void and as waived. Sd/

> Ms. Vijaya Tyagi (Advocate) G-711, KKD Court Delhi

LOST AND FOUND Divya Pandit alias Divya Kaushik, D/o late Shri Davinde Nath Pandit R/o 8A/31, WEA Karol Bagh, New Delhi -110005 would like to inform General Public that the Original Deed of Sale dates 12/03/2003 entered into between the Ghaziabad Developmen Authority and Shri Davinder Nath Pandit registered with the office of the Sub-Registrar IV, Ghaziabad Ultar Pradesh bearing Registration No.4996 along with Allotmen Letter and Possession Letter (both in original) issued by GDA that were under my possession has been lost/misplaced by / stolen from

ne. In this regard, FIR Nos 1928776/2019 in Delhi and a ndirapuram Ghaziabad Dated 27/11/2019 and 21/12/2019 has been lodged with Police Station Karol Bagh, New Delhi and Police Station, Indirapuram, Ghazlabar respectively. If anyone finds if

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the genera

public that my Client Mrs

Mobile Nos. 98119 94589/

9810924271.

kindly contact the above named at

Vaishali Narula, W/o, Shri Naresh Narula, R/o, B-1/103 Milan Vihar Apartments, I.P Extension, Delhi 110092 law ful and absolute owner of Fla No. B-204, 2nd Floor SARANSH Apartments, Plo No.34, Patpargani, Delh 110092 has lost the Allotment Cum-Possession Letter and possession letter dated 21.12.1991, issued by "The Sara Group Co-operative Group Housing Limited, Delhi - 110092 somewhere in Madhu Viha Market on 23.12.2019. The same could not found/traced by my Client despite sincere efforts. In this regard, Mrs. Vaishali Narula has filed a Non-Cognizable Report bearing No.LR No 2028206/2019 dated 23.12.2019. General Public is hereby warned not to misuse the aforesaid lost documents and return them forthwith to my Client at B-1/103, Milan Vihar Apartments,

Extension, Delhi-92.

Rajaram C Iver (Advocate

12-D, POCKET-I online only. **MAYUR VIHAR PHASE-**DELHI-110091

POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU AND KASHMIR JAMMU Phone/Fax No: 0194-2443031/2443032(Sgr) 0191-2459029/2459255(Jmu) Website: www.jkpolice.gov.in E-mail: phqjk@nic.in

Due to administrative reasons, the last of date f submission of on-line bids & opening of Technica bids against NIT No: 76 of 2019 dated 03.10.2019 floa ed by this Hars for hiring of Consultant for impleme tation of State Wide CCTV Surveillance Project are re scheduled as under 1. Last date of receipt of tenders =

26.12.2019 upto 1800 hours. 2. Date of opening of technical bids = 28.12.2019 at 1100 hours. The other terms and conditions of the NIT shall Sd/- Mubassir Latifi (JKPS) No: Prov-II/Elect AIG (Provision & Transport) For Director General of Police,

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Dated: 16.12.2019 DIPJ-11175 J&K-Jamm RITES LTD.,

Floor, Indigetry House, #3, Fair Fleid Leyout, Race Course Racid, Bengaluru (80) 8 Ps - 608-21280000 22157118 For : 668-2228557, e-mail: bingstore; NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

GM (C), RITES Ltd. invites on behalf of the Dept. of Technical Education, Bangalore online percentage rate bids on Two Packet System for the following works:(i) NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/57/ 2019 Date 24.12.2019, Construction of Government Polytechnic College at Ramadurga in Belgavi District for DTE, Est. Cost is Rs.587.92Lakhs (Approx.), EMD Rs. 5.88 Lakhs, Period of completion 18 months, Last date and time of submission of bid 08.01.2020 upto 11.00 hrs. (ii) NIT No. RITES/BLR/ OT/58/2019 Date 24.12.2019, Construction of Government Polytechnic College at Maski in Raichur District for DTE, Est. Cost is Rs.586.41Lakhs (Approx.) EMD Rs. 5.87 Lakhs, Period of completion 18 months, Last date and time of submission of bid 09.01.2020 upto 11.00 hrs. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website

General Manager (C) RITES Ltd. For and on behalf of DTE

https://etenders.gov.in/

Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted

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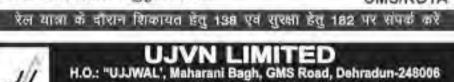
eprocure/app. Addendum

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY No. KTT/MD/2019/EMR/EOL Date: 20.12.2019

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) Chief Medical Superintendent, West Central Railway-Kota, Raj Invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed Hospital for setting up, Operation and Maintaining. A Free Emergency Medical Facility Center at kota, Gangapur City, Bayana, Bharatpur, Sawai Madhopur, Shamgarh, Bundi & Baran Railway Station for Railway Passengers under CSR initiatives.

Interested Hospitals may get details of EOI and term & conditions from

www.wcr.indianrallways.gov.in or from following address. Last date for submission of EOI is upto 15:00 Hours on date-22.01.2020 Office Address : Chief Medical SuperIntendent, Divisional Railway



Email ID- kotadrhwcr@gmail.com

Tender No.

02/EE(E&M-SHP)/

Dharchula/2019-20

03/EE(E&M-SHP)/

Dharchula/2019-20

Hospital, Kota. Pin-324002, Tele Fax No. 0744-2467060

(Telephones: 0135-2763808 & Fax- 0135- 2763508 CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website : www.ujvnl.com TENDER NOTICE Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M-SHP), UJVN Limited, Dharchula District-Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand) invites sealed and separate lenders

> Hiring of one number diesel driven small vehicle (M&M Bolero or equivalent) for 12 months alongwith driver for Executive Engineer (E&M SHP), UJVN Ltd., Dharchula. Repairing and protection work of 33 kV power

evacuation line and repairing work of 3 ph 4 wire

LT line of 2x2.5 MW Suringad Stage -II SHP at tehsil Munsyari in District Pithoragarh. Estimated value of work: Rs. 4.11 Lac, Rs 17.12 Lac respectively.

from interested bidders. Brief summary of tenders are given below

Name of work

Earnest Money: Rs 10,300.00, Rs. 42,800.00 respectively. Tender fee: Rs 280.00, Rs. 1, 120.00 (Inclusive 12% GST) respectively.

Availability of tenders on website: 23.12.2019 Last date for submission of tender: 20.01.2020 upto 15:00 hrs. Date of opening of tender: 23.01.2020 at 15:00 hrs.

AND SEWERAGE BOARD

Office of the Chief Engineer (Waste Water Management)

For full & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can



5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560009 IFT No.BWSSB/CE(WWM)/ACE(WWM)-2/DCE(WWM)/TA-2/2785/2019-20 Dt: 23.12.2019 INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only Through e-Procurement Portal)

BWSSB, invites tender in two cover system from eligible

tenderers for work of providing and laying of 450 mm dia RCC NP-3 sewer pipe line from Kamalanagar / Sharadha colony

Bus stand to existing 450 / 600 mm dia sewer line at Kamakshipalya Bus stand. Amount put to tender Rs. 113.75/- Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 2.00/- Lakhs.

27.12.2019 up to 17:30 Hrs. Technical bids will be opened on 30.12.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement

can be obtained by logging on to https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

The last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on

Chief Engineer (WWM) BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, M.E.I. Layout, Bagalagunte, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560073

No.: EE/DD/Tend/10/2019-20 Date: 23.12.2019 SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only) Itemwise tender under two cover system is invited from the Manufacturers / Dealers for Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of CC

Camera at Ward No. 70, Rajagopalanagara. The details are

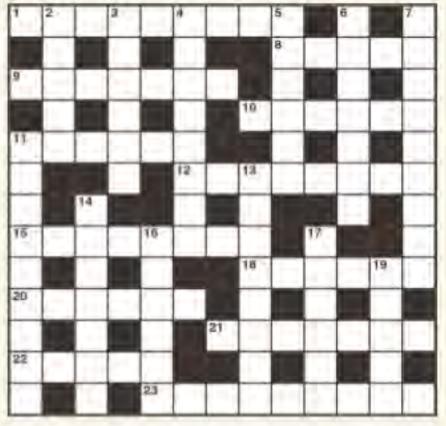
mentioned here under. SI. EMD (Rs. Name of the goods work No. in Lakhs Providing and fixing of CC Camera at Ward 3.75 No. 70, Rajagopalanagara.

Calendar of Events: (1) Interested applicants/bidders agencies may download bidding documents from the e-Procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (2) Pre bid meeting will be held on: **26.12.2019** at **3:00 p.m.** (3) Last date for submissiong of bids is: 05.01.2020 up to 4:00 p.m. (4) Opening of Technical bids is on: 07.01.2020 after 11:30 a.m. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP "Pay Development Charges, Help to Develop Bengaluru"

22 CALENDAR

CROSSWORD 3997



DOWN

2 The rest of the birds and fish

Concerning a girl that's

Sea and shore - or just the

careless (6)

5 Watch your heart

germ-free (7)

fellow off(9)

11 Musical live wire

13 Tune carried aloft

6 Space - it turns out to be

7 Cleaner appears to put a

14 Consequences of property

16 Is included amongst those

may be told not to

19 Hardy variety of monster

who are against rumours

17 Perhaps gifted young scholars

shore (8)

- 1 Possibly meant to go round some accommodation
- 8 Is to prosecute in spring
- (5) 9 Aviation spirit (7)
- 10 New jokes about political leader in Macedonia
- 11 Tool from the work-bench I seldom use (6) 12 Frightening the French into
- 15 He may be back in the team
- 18 Such a pupil is likely to shine

preparing for war

- 20 Believe one side of the
- account(6)
- 21 Troops reconstructing a bridge(7)
- 22 An odd type of route
- 23 Motorists won't be slow to fall
- into it (5,4)Solutions Crossword 3996: Across: 1 Bradawl, 4 Ether, 7 Easy, 8 Maddened, 10

Persistent, 12 Encage, 13 Meteor, 15 Figurehead, 18 Sapphire, 19 Foci, 20 Sheer, 21 Majesty. Down: 1 Bleep, 2 Abstract, 3 Lean-to, 4 Endangered, 5 Hind, 6 Red hair, 9 Kingfisher, 11 Generous, 12 Exposes, 14 Quorum, 16 Daisy, 17 Apse.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis









CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





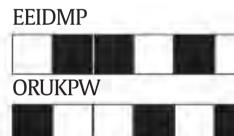
JUMBLED WORDS

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

MEIOR

I would rather sit on a ____ and have it all to myself, than be ___on a velvet cushion

ECDNU



Answer: I would rather sit on a **pumplan** and have it all to myselt, than be **crowded** on a SOLUTION: MOIRE, DUNCE, IMPEDE, WORKUP

Difficulty Level 3s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9

SUDOKU

must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 4069 3 5 4 7 6 1 9 2 3 5 4 9 5 6 3 8 7 7 2 3 6 4 1 3 2 9 7 5 8 1 6 4 2 5 6 1 8 7 3 761834592

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

DAY TODAY

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The moment has come to lead other people a merry

dance by taking off and making fame and fortune vour ultimate goal. Just to follow another tack for a change, your creative powers are as strong as ever, and you may look to your own individual skills and talents.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) It doesn't matter

whether your current problems are intensely personal — or strictly public and professional. All that matters is that you adopt an open-hearted approach and welcome other people into your confidence. You'll be unhappy with any actions which require deception, however small.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Fortunately

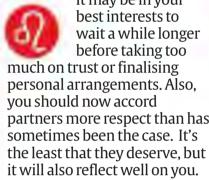
consultation with others comes naturally to you, but if I may make a

gentle observation, you are not always that good at listening to other people's responses. Today you must take all advice to heart, even if it feels as if you've heard it all before.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) It's said that you can't jump in the

same river twice. This ancient riddle is an astrological truth which makes enormous sense at the moment: the same conditions will never return, so you must plan for the future, not live in the past. In other words, life is not a rehearsal.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) It may be in your



VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) It is not like you to do things on the spur of the moment,

but you are now entering a period of maximum impatience in your relationships and at work. Be sure that if you disturb a professional partnership, the results are as desired. Remember the old saying: act in haste, repent at leisure.

BY PETER VIDAL

If you have raised your sights to the higher questions. those involving ethics and morality, even schemes which recently appeared to be fraught with obstacles could become a great deal easier. You should take some of the credit, but so should someone who has given you good, if

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) Mercury, planet of deep thought, is

uncomfortable, advice.

now intriguingly aligned with your sign. You must now therefore develop original ideas. More than that, you may benefit from the absolute determination to reject anything that no longer suits your mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) You're a complex person, but then you

don't need me to tell you that. If you wish, you may continue the rules and habits of a lifetime and maintain a sense of imaginative chaos at home. If anyone tries to make you follow their ideas, just smile sweetly and ignore them.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Strong financial indications continue but with a distinctly problematic set of circumstances. Either you'll make an enormous profit or you'll be ripped off — there is no middle way. However, play your cards with great care and

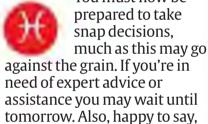
you'll undoubtedly pick up a

nice bargain.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) If you have your wits about you at present, you can soon finally agree a deal or transaction which has been uppermost in your mind for a very long time. You may, though, have to fill in the details at a later date. Next week should do it, so make

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You must now be

your plans immediately.



hard effort is likely to bring

the desired monetary

remuneration.

General Public is hereby informed

that one person Namely: Unknown

S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown

was found dead at K-44, Sunday

Market Road, Satsang Road, Durga

Mandir Street, Nihal Vihar, Delhi on

17.12.2019 at 11:30 pm in the area of

P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The body has

SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE



General public is here by informed that one female Namely: Sarbjeet Kaur, W/o Sh. Suresh Kumar, R/o D-18, Cottage Road Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. Age: 30 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Brown Suit and Salwar and Green Chappal in Feet has been missing since 26.11.2019.

In this regard a DD No. 47-A dated 30.11.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this female kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi Ph. 011-27495198, 8750870233 DP/9593/NW/19

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



Munna

31 Jan 2020.

General public is here by informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: Munna S/o Sh. Ramzani R/o Near Jhuggi No. 158, PKT-13, Sec-B4, Narela, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi since 06.12.2019 In this regard a DD No. 25-A dated 07.12.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi, Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-Sex: Male, Age: 35 years, Height: 5'4" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Colour Lower & Black Colour T-Shirt.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-

P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi Website:http://cbi.nic.in Ph. No.: 011-27787592,27787593 E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Mob. No: 7065036324 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 DP/879/ON/19 Fax No.: 011-24368639

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was found at infront of GPO. Kashmere

Unknown, Age 6/7 months, Height 1'6", Complexion Shallow, Round Face, Medium Built, Wearing Blue topa, grey colour jersy white & red colour pajami and white colour blue colour shocks Gate, Delhi, In this regard a case FIR No. 356/19 dated

General public is hereby informed that

one unknown baby, S/o Unknown, R/o

06.12.19 U/S 317 IPC has been registered at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this baby

may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 PS : Kashmere Gate, Delhi

Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 23967830 DP/769/N/19

Corrigendum

The following clause is hereby added as 1.2 (h) (vi) in the "Instruction to Bidder" in the tender No. 16/EE(M)/2019-201 Realignment work of 33 KV

feeder between Tiloth & Heena substation at Netala" Invited by Executive

1.2 (h) (vi) "The contractor should mandatorily have valid Class- 'A

Last Date for Submitting the tender document: 10/01/2020 upto 16:00hrs

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

Due date for opening of tender document: 14/01/2020 at 15:00hrs

certificate issued by Electrical inspector of Govt, of Uttarakhand".

Last Date for downloading of tender document: 09/01/2020

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been preserved in Sanjay Gandhi Memorial hospital mortuary, Delhi. In this regard a case has been lodged vide FIR/DD No. 63-A, dated 17.12.2019 at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- Age: 50-52 years,

Sex: Male, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, ID Mark: Brown colour mole on centre of chest, Injury: A minor wound on left hand, Wearing: Blue colour lower wrote "NIKE" on left side pocket, grey/blue colour inner and orange colour half sweater. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

DP/3011/OD/19

Ph.: 011-25946710, 7065036129

UJVN Limited SEARCH FOR MISSING H.O. "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006 Tele/Fax: 0135-2763508, 2763608 & Fax: 0135-2763507 **DIGHI HILLS, PUNE-411015**

Executive Engineer(Maint.)



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Ajay Bali, S/o Lt. Sh. Jagmohan Singh Bali, R/o H. No. 4298, Sector-23A, Gurugram, Haryana, Age: 48 years, Height: 5' 5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Identification: Injury mark on forehead, Grey/Black, Wearing: Light blue colour shirt, black grey colour pant. He is

mentally weak. He has been missing from Sarovar Hotel, Chirag Enclave, Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi since 13.06.2019 from the area of P.S. Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi. In this regard a case vides DD No. 40A Dated 16.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi, Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the man but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this person please inform undersigned.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641

Fax No. 011-24368639 P.S. Greater Kailash-1, Delhi DP/5634/SD/19 Ph. 011-26241076, 26241077, 8750870831

General public is here by informed that one man Namely: Anil Sehgal, S/o Sh. Khan Chand Sehgal, R/o 09/42, 2nd Floor, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi. Age: 56 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Eyes: Black, Wearing: White colour

his feet has been missing since 10,02,2019 from his house.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this man but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this man kindly

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Sd/-

SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN



Shirt, Black Pant and Black Colour Shoes in

In this regard a DD No. 23A dated 26.10.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Khyala, Delhi.

inform to the following.

SHO P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi Ph. 011-25438719, 25190462 DP/8544/WD/19

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> NOTICE INVITING TENDER "Through E-tendering only"

M.P. Power Generating Co. Ltd. Invites electronic tenders from experienced contractors/vendors for the works/ supplies as detailed below for ATPS, MPPGCL, Chachai:-

Tender ID.	Name of works/Material	Estimated cost (In Rs.)	The state of the s	Tender cost including GST	EMD Rs.	Last date of submission of tender	Due date of Technical opening of tender
2019_ MPPGC _68026	Work contract for Complete overhauling of Rotary Air Pre-Heater (Model:-27VITM2000) of 1X210MW unit, ATPS, Chachai.	19,60,000/-	25-30 Days	1000/-	49,000/-	27.01.20 Up to 15:00 HRS	30.01.20 From 15:30 HRS onwards
2019_ MPPGC _68028	Work contract for AOH of Non Pressure Parts of 1X210 MW Unit ATPS, Chachai,	68,90,000/-	25-30 Days	2000/-	1,72,300/-	28,01,20 Up to 15:00 HRS	31,01,20 From 15:30 HRS onwards
2019_ MPPGC _70373	Procurement of zinc silicate primer and epoxy & polyurethane paints for painting of steel structure of	57,87,095/-	As per schedule	2000/-	1,44,700/	27.01.20 Up to 15:00 HRS	30.01.20 From 15:30 HRS

Note: - For details please visit the website www.mptenders.gov.in For any change in specification/technical data please visit regularly our website www.mptenders.gov.in. Any addendum/corrigendum shall not be published in news paper. SE (P&W) "SAVE ELECTRICITY"

No. SIMS 324 eNIT 17 (Imports) 2019-5064-74-3978-80 Dated: 23.12.2019 ATPS MPPGCL Chachai

Email: ammoimports@skims.ac.in Fax. No. 0194-2403404

Engineer (M), Tiloth Uttarkashi;-

The dates for tender are extended as below:

Subject: 3rd Extension to the eNIT No. SIMS-324-NIT 17 (Imports) 2019 dated 12.10.2019 (Tender-ID 2019-SKIMS 83718_1) to (Tender ID 2019 SKIMS 83718-12) regarding supply/installation, testing & commissioning of various Bio-Medical equipments for various departments SKIMS.

Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences

Soura Srinagar Kashmir

Department of Materials Management (Imports Section)

EXTENSION

The NIT is hereby extended as per following schedule:-04.01.2020 Last date of submission of online bids upto 4.00 PM 07.01.2020

> **Asst. Material Management Officer** SKIMS

Date of opening of Technical bids at 12.30 PM

Last date for submission of online application: All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged, kindly visit our website www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com for further details. warm rue fou 24 12 2019 For more information visit:www.aitpune.com **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**



FOR ART'S SAKE

UK ministers have placed a temporary ban on the export of Going to Market, Early Morning, in the hope that a UK gallery can raise the funds to acquire it. Painted in 1773 by Thomas Gainsborough, it was sold by a private seller at Sotheby's and is valued at £8 million.

SNAP SHOTS



Speaking Up

RAPPER RAFTAAR has joined the list of artistes speaking out against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the National Register of Citizens. In a video doing the rounds on social media, he is seen addressing the audience and introducing his bodyguard, Arshad. "I want to make something seriously clear, whether my career goes on tomorrow or it doesn't, I am not bothered... This man's name is Arshad. he takes care of me to the extent that nobody can even push me. If anyone talks about asking him to leave this country, I am ready to take a bullet for him." He said that one can't ask him his religion when he performs. "Today, I am being asked my religion to stay in this country... Yeh desh kisi ke baap ka nahi hai," he said. He later took to Twitter to apologise for abusing on stage.



Once Again

A NEW version of Tom Hooper's film adaptation of the musical. Cats. with "improved visuals" will be sent to cinemas after receiving negative reviews for its "disturbing" CGI effects. According to reports, a note was sent by Universal Studios to thousands of cinemas in the US informing that a new version of the film was being distributed. Visual effects in the film, in which the animals, played by actors including Judi Dench, Idris Elba and James Corden, are shown with some human body parts and others feline, have bemused and disturbed reviewers and audience members.



Women Power

ACTOR PRIYANKA Bose (pictured), best known for her role in the Oscar-nominated, *Lion*, is set to star in a recurring role in the live-action fantasy series, Wheel of Time, opposite Rosamund Pike. The Amazon series follows Moiraine Damodred (Pike) as a member of a powerful, all-female organisation 'Aes Sedai'. She goes on a journey across the world with five young people, one of whom she believes might be the reincarnation of a person prophesied to save or destroy humanity. The long-in-the-works project is based on Robert Jordan's bestselling novels, which are set in a world where magic exists and only certain women are allowed to wield it. Bose will play Allana Mosvani, who is known for her kindness and temper.

In Public View

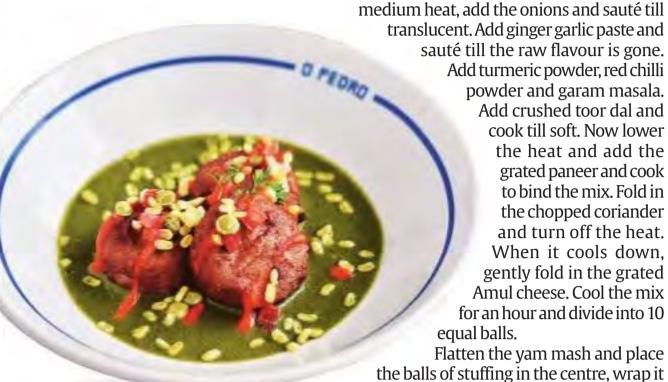
ARTISTLS LOWRY'S painting — The Mill, *Pendlebury* — which has never been publicly exhibited or featured in any books on the artist, has emerged 70 years after its young British owner, Leonard D Hamilton, set off with it for a new life in the US. Hamilton, who died this year aged 98, emigrated to the US in 1949. The painting will be a star at Christie's modern British art auction on January 21. It is a working-class industrial scene dominated by the Acme Spinning Company Mill, the UK's first all-electric powered cotton spinning mill, which opened in 1905 and operated until 1959. Lowry shows families out for a walk on their day off and children playing cricket. The scene is important because it was the same mill that first inspired Lowry as an artist.

Past, Present

A SEMINAR on 'New Challenges and Indian's Preparedness' is being organised by Mahamana Malaviya Memorial Trust, on December 25, 11 am, at CD Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre in Delhi.

WHAT MAKES a dish a Christmas dish? The pork with bamboo shoot in Nagaland.

Certain ingredients and even preparations, however, are a common motif in celebrations around the world: dried fruits, spices like cinnamon, clove and pepper, ginger, rum and, of course, cakes. Based on this, TALK has sourced, from chefs around India, recipes that will make a great addition to any Christmas celebration.



PURPLE YAM CHOP

By Executive Chef Hussain Shahzad, O Pedro, Mumbai

INGREDIENTS

- 1 kg purple yam (peeled) ■ 500 gm potato (peeled)
- 6 tbsp corn starch
- Salt to taste

FOR THE STUFFING

- 1/4th cup oil
- 1 cup finely chopped onion ■ 2 tbsp ginger garlic paste
- ■½ tsp turmeric powder
- 1 tsp red chilli powder
- 1 tsp garam masala ■ 1 tbsp green chillies

POOJA PILLAI

festival, which is celebrated around the world, sees all manner of food being cooked and shared, as communities come together to feast. What one considers a Christmas dish, therefore, wholly depends on where one is celebrating: while roast turkey is an American Christmas tradition, in Germany, it's the Christmas goose, and in Jamaica it is the curried goat. In India, too, what finds its place in a Christmas feast varies — from duck curry in Kerala to pork sorpotel in Goa and



Season's Eatings

This Christmas, ring in the Yuletide spirit with a panoply of

dishes for your festive spread

- 250 ml vegetable stock
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste ■ 20 ml extra virgin olive oil
- 1 sprig fresh mint

METHOD

Take a medium or a large pan, melt 25 gm butter over medium to low heat. Chop the onion and cook it until it softens. Add the rice and stir well so it does not stick to the pan, assuring the rice gets coated with the butter. Pour some white wine and cook till it evaporates. Add some vegetable stock, half a cup at a time and stir continuously until the liquid has been absorbed before adding more stock to the pan. Add the chopped red chilli and season the dish with salt and pepper. Once the rice is half cooked, cut fresh strawberries into halves and add it to the pan. Continue adding the vegetable stock and stir for about 20 minutes, until the rice is creamy and soft but with a slightly firm bite. Stir in the remaining strawberries, pour in prosecco and add the remaining butter to the pan. Stir till you get a creamy tex-

ture. Pour the contents on a plate and add some cheese, freshly ground pepper and serve the dish with a garnish of fresh strawberries and a sprig of fresh mint.

House of Kyoto

By Head Mixologist Niladri Sarkar, Kampai, Delhi



INGREDIENTS

- 60 ml whisky
- 45 ml black tea (fresh and hot) ■ 10 ml fresh ginger juice
- 10 ml maple syrup
- 2 dashes of aromatic bitter
- Ginger and cardamom (for garnishing)

METHOD

Mix all the ingredients well and garnish with ginger and cardamom. Serve hot in the cocktail glass, preferably a brandy balloon.



MINCE PIE

By Executive Chef Prem K Pogakula, The Imperial, New Delhi

INGREDIENTS ■1 large jar (about 600 gm) mincemeat

- (not meat but a mixture of chopped dried fruit and spices) ■2 oranges (segmented)
- 1 apple (finely chopped)
- 1 lemon's zest
- Icing sugar, for dusting

FOR THE PASTRY ■375 gm plain flour

- 260 gm unsalted butter, softened ■ 125 gm caster sugar, plus extra for
- sprinkling ■ 1 large egg

 - 1 beaten egg, for glazing

METHOD

Place plain flour and softened unsalted butter in a bowl and rub together to a crumb consistency. Add caster sugar and one large beaten egg, and mix together. On a lightly floured surface, fold until the pastry comes together. Wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for 10 minutes. Scoop the large jar of mincemeat into a bowl and add the oranges, apple and zest of lemon. Heat the oven to 220C/200C. Roll out the

pastry to about 3 mm thickness, cut out 16 bases and place them into muffin trays. Put 1½ tbsp mincemeat mixture into each. Brush the edge of each pie with a little beaten egg. Reroll out the pastry to cut 7 cm lids and press them on top to seal. Glaze with the beaten egg, sprinkle with the extra caster sugar, then make a small cut in the tops. Bake the mince pies for 15-20 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool before releasing them from the muffin trays and dust with a little more icing sugar before serving.

The Weight of Ink

Among the hits at Serendipity Festival — Bengaluru duo's markers whose ink is made from air pollution

DIPANITA NATH

CAN A pen change the world? At the Serendipity Arts Festival in Goa, Bengalurubased Graviky Labs, displayed markers whose ink was made from carbon fuel emissions — a major cause of air pollution — and held out a promise of a clean environment.

Titled 'Air-Ink', it was also one of the shows that was shut down temporarily by the arts festival after visitors used the markers to write slogans against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) on white canvases covering the walls. The show was reopened on December 22, the last day of the festival, and proved to be a magnet with the visitors. Nikhil Kaushik, co-founder of Graviky

Labs, says, "Air-Ink has been a collaboration of science and art right from the start. For us, participation in art festivals has always been about introducing novel ways of addressing climate change to a larger audience in conjunction with different artists adding layers of their expressions on top of it." Graviky Labs was set up by Kaushik and

Anirudh Sharma in 2016 with the idea of fusing technology, art and creativity to develop novel solutions to address global problems such as air pollution. Sharma was on a trip to Delhi during his post-graduation studies at the MIT Media Lab in the US when the idea hit him. "Standing on the streets of one of the most polluted cities in the world, where a passing bus's exhaust is enough to make you change your shirt mid-day, I thought there had to be something that could be done with all that soot being released," says Kaushik.

After several scientific experiments and research, the idea has been converted into a portfolio of industrial-grade inks and paints. "We work with several small and medium factories in north India to sequester their PM 2.5 and PM 10 pollution. The sequestered pollution is then treated and converted into inks and paints in Delhi and Mumbai," says Kaushik. They are working on developing a capacity to manufacture up to one lakh litres of ink. "Most of the demand for Air-Ink products comes from developed economies. Air-Ink markers are exclusively sold at Cooper Hewitt Museum in New York. We love collaborating with artists across the world. More than 1000 artists having already used Air-Ink in more than 45 countries. Till date, we have shipped more than 12,000 pens," he adds. In the pipeline are projects to bring sustainability to print, packaging and fashion industries through Air-Ink.

Curator of the exhibition at Serendipity, Sudarshan Shetty, was looking at innovations across walks of life, regions and genres when he came across Air-Ink. "We wanted all kinds of voices for the exhibition. Air-Ink looked



■ 1 cup fresh toor dal (lightly crushed)

■ 1 cup grated paneer

METHOD

■ 1.5 cups Amul cheese

■½ cup coriander (chopped)

mash into 10 equal balls and reserve.

gently fold in the grated

around the filling, making sure that you

completely cover it. In a sauce pot, set oil at

medium flame, fry till golden and drain on

paper towels. Serve with ketchup or green

By Executive Chef Daya Singh, CinCin, Mumbai

■ 250 gm fresh strawberries

■ 60 gm mascarpone cheese

■ 60 gm Parmigiano Reggiano

■ 10 gm fresh red chillies

■ 180 gm carnaroli rice (can use arborio)

coriander and chilli chutney.

RISOTTO FRAGOLA

INGREDIENTS

■20 gm onion

■20 ml white wine

■ 30 ml prosecco

■ 50 gm butter



Visitors at the 'Air-Ink' exhibition (top); the Air-Ink marker

like the beginning of something important," says Shetty.

When the show was open, visitors used the markers through the day and covered the walls in graffiti in many handwritings. Shashank Saudagar, a visitor from Goa, balanced on a ladder as he wrote 'Valar Morghulis', which translates into 'All men must die' and is from Game of Thrones. Around him were scrawled 'Love you for 1K years' from the song A thousand years as well as statements such as 'I Hate Plastic' and 'I Love Goa'. Political slogans ranged from 'Azadi' in a large font and the question, 'If you don't stand up today, what'll you do when they come for you?'

Kaushik added that they appreciate and encourage novel expressions. "At Serendipity, Shetty invited people to express themselves on blank canvases using Air-Ink. Participants left their impressions on love, solidarity, climate change, and also against NRC and CAA. We stand with the festival and support the right of the participants to peacefully express their disagreement and dissent," he says. "As long as Air-Ink is not being used to incite violence, we do not see any wisdom in shutting down the exhibition," adds Kaushik.



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FROM THE RANJI ARCHIVE

The Ranji Trophy, which is in its 86th edition, has witnessed many an epic contest. In this series, *The Indian Express* sifts through the sands of time and brings back some of those unforgettable moments.

UTTAR PRADESH VS BENGAL - 2006 FINAL - LUCKNOW



Uttar Pradesh's fortunes swung soon after Mohammad Kaif took over reins as skipper midway through a stuttering season. Renuka Puri

DEVENDRA PANDEY& SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

MOHAMMAD KAIF asked Piyush Chawla to bowl on to the pads. Laxmi Ratan Shukla was playing a blinder and eventually it had come down to just 14 runs and the last wicket. The 2005-06 Ranji Trophy final between Uttar Pradesh and Bengal was a humdinger.

Persistence paid off for Uttar Pradesh. After showing uncharacteristic restraint for 217 minutes and scoring 66 runs, Shukla attempted a sweep against Chawla. The ball went high and behind square. Ali Hamid Zaidi ran in from the deep, dived full-length and pulled off a stunner. UP had the firstinnings lead and the boys started a war dance. The Bengal players broke down. Almost all of them felt robbed, they blamed the umpires for the loss. Deep Dasgupta, the Bengal captain in that game, lost 100 per cent of his match fee for taking his frustration too far.

It was UP's maiden Ranji Trophy triumph. Thirteen years later, Kaif, then UP captain, recollected the drama that unfolded at the KD Singh Babu Stadium in Lucknow on a mellow wintry morning. "Never thought the game would go down to the wire. Shukla rotated the strike and in between got the odd fours. He batted sensibly. They needed some 17 more runs and we had to take one wicket, (when) I spoke to Chawla. I told him to try and bowl on to the pads and induce Shukla to play sweeps. There might be a top-edge."

Usually in Indian domestic cricket, fielders shy away from a headlong dash for a fifty-fifty chance. Far too many things are involved... Club officials try to influence team selection, pitch in for players from their respective clubs. Young players face a strong hierarchy culture in the team. They are always made to walk a tightrope that creates a fear of failure. Exceptions apart, there's a reason why a vast majority of players in domestic cricket, especially youngsters, prefers to play it safe. From that perspective, Zaidi's effort when the Ranji Trophy was at stake, spoke volumes for his character and the UP's team culture under Kaif. A dropped catch at that point could have damaged Zaidi's career.

"During team meetings I told everyone to try and go for catches; try to convert those half-chances. I told them, 'I won't mind if we miss it but the important thing is to try'," Kaif gave the low-down on the team culture his captaincy. For any player, things become easier when he has the licence to fail. UP's Ranji triumph was as much down to Kaif's leadership as it was his 92 in the first innings and his partnership with Suresh Raina.

UP were battle-hardened after winning the semifinal against Mumbai at Wankhede. It gave them belief. "It was a big victory. Mumbai have a culture, a rich history. All our lives we played in Kanpur where there was no bounce on the pitch. It wasn't easy to tackle the bounce at Wankhede but we managed that. Any player who walked in to play against Mumbai, there used to be an inferiority complex. Players did get nervous when they played against Mumbai. Shoulder dropped... In that game, we played like a team. I remember Zaidi bowled 15 overs on the trot, the environment changed. I could see it. They all wanted to win," Kaif spoke

UPstarts' upswing

After decades of flattering to deceive, Uttar Pradesh finally burned their underachievers' tag. But the triumph, after a disastrous start to the season, required a shake-up of dressing-room ethos, Mohammad Kaif's inspired leadership, and the blossoming of tyros like Suresh Raina and Praveen Kumar

BENGAL 1ST INNINGS

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S Das **b** C Srivastava **34**

S Singh b Chawla 23

S Paul not out **0**

363, 10-373

BOWLING

TOTAL 373 all out

A Zaidi **26-5-65-1**

P Kumar **32-5-124-2** S Srivastava 33-4-91-1

P Chawla **35.4-8-83-5**

maiden Ranji title.

A Das c Khan b Chawla 60

R Gavaskar **Ibw b** Kumar **49**

D Dasgupta c Khan b Zaidi 20

S Lahiri c Shukla b Chawla 21

R Bose c Khan b Srivastava 11

Extras 24 (b 4, lb 6, nb 8, w 6)

LShukla c sub (AH Zaidi) b Chawla 66

Fall of wickets: 1-68, 2-102, 3-143, 4-

186, 5-204, 6-252, 7-302, 8-331, 9-

■ Uttar Pradesh's 14-run first-innings

lead sufficed for them to claim their

M Tiwary **lbw b** Kumar **43**

A Jhunjhunwala **lbw b** Chawla **22**

373 ALL OUT

By early 2006, the winds of change had been blowing through Indian cricket. A voung man, carrying a mullet, from the Mecon colony, Ranchi, was redefining the role of a 'keeper-batsman. Young cricketers from smaller towns always had a dream. But before MS Dhoni, they rarely dared. If Dhoni spurred on the desire of individual talents from the cricketing outposts, the carry-over of UP's first-ever Ranji win was collective. Till the turn of the century, Indian cricket was in the clutches of the big cities. Things started to change. UP built on their success and appeared in back-to-back Ranji Trophy finals in 2007-08 and 2008-09. Rajasthan won the tournament twice on the spin in 2010-11 and 2011-12. Gujarat annexed the title in 2016-17 and Vidarbha, the reigning champions, had consecutive title triumphs in 2017-18 and 2018-19.

As it turned out, Kaif's team had two future World Cup winners in its ranks – Suresh Raina and Chawla. Praveen Kumar, originally in the 2011 World Cup squad, was a withdrawn player. But back in 2005-06, they were all teenagers. Suddenly there had been an influx of talent in UP cricket and they made rapid progress. Raina had already made his India debut. Chawla and RP Singh—he didn't play the Ranji Trophy final—joined his state team mate in the Indian side in 2006. Kumar had to wait a bit longer and came to the fold in 2007.

Before 2005-06, UP's tenuous link to international cricket was the Green Park at Kanpur followed by Gopal Sharma, Gyanendra Pandey and Kaif. Post the Ranji win, the UP cricket factory started to churn out top-class talent at a steady pace. Bhuvneshwar Kumar burst on the scene by working over Sachin Tendulkar for his maiden first-class duck during the 2008-09 Ranji Trophy final at Wankhede. He is UP's most successful cricketer yet.

Sudeep Tyagi played four ODIs but Kuldeep Yadav was the next big thing that UP cricket produced and nurtured. And Priyam Garg, the India captain for the 2020 U-19 World Cup, is the player for the future. The Class of 2005-06 had sowed the seeds.

"I told the players, 'if you want to change (the future of UP cricket), then the onus is on us. Apna state peeche tha (we were playing catch-up) compared to other states. The onus was on us to start digging and find water. Someone has to do it and it was us who dug (the well) and later everyone joined in," Kaif said.

He went on: "It's easy to blame. I ensured that there had been no negative vibes. It was important to defeat a big team. Once you play the final you get attention. Otherwise, Ranji ko itna bhaav nahi milta (otherwise the Ranji Trophy barely catches attention). I brought that India (team) culture. We played volleyball as an antidote to nervousness.'

UTTAR PRADESH 1ST INNINGS 387 ALL OUT

UTTAR PRADESH 1ST INNINGS P Kumar c Das b Lahiri 48 S Shukla c Gavaskar b Singh 71 M Kaif (c) b Singh 92 S Raina c Singh b Paul 90 R Shamsad c Das b Bose 18 A Khan c Dasgupta b Bose 3 J Yadav **Ibw b** Paul **0**

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4-303, 5-333, 6-333, 7-333, 8-370, 9-382, 10-387 **BOWLING** SS Paul **42-5-125-3** R Bose 28.3-5-86-3 L Shukla **2-0-8-0**

S Lahiri 26-5-76-2 S Singh 23-4-59-2 A Jhunjhunwala 1-0-13-0 M Tiwary **1-0-5-0** R Gavaskar 1-0-5-0

The Kaif effect shows UP

The Indian Express's sports page from **February 2, 2006** carried a report on skipper **Mohammad** Kaif's influence

as a leader.

Sourav Ganguly had ushered in a youth revolution in the Indian cricket team. Kaif was a by-product of that revolution. What he learnt from his mentor, Kaif applied it when he joined the UP side, a few matches into the season and the team tottering in the bottom half.

Kumar, who was UP's shining light during the campaign with 41 wickets and 386 runs, recalled how Kaif made young Amir Khan the team's first-choice 'keeper. "I remember how the UPCA didn't want Amir Khan but Kaif put his foot down, Amir was the only 'keeper who could take the toughest of the catches in any game. He was priceless for us for the whole season. Keeping against me, (Ashish Winston) Zaidi bhai, Shalabh (Srivastava) wasn't that easy." In a surprise move, Kaif promoted

Kumar to open the innings in the final. The bowling allrounder justified his skipper's faith, scoring 48 in the first innings and giving his team a brisk start, which Kaif wanted. "I remember everything about that final. I was asked to open the innings by Kaif bhai. And as a soldier I just followed orders," Kumar said, adding: "I hit one six off (Ranadeb) Bose over the cover boundary and I could sense that he had pressed the panic button. For me two people got the most out of the players, MS Dhoni and Kaif bhai."

Kaif explained the reason behind picking Amir as the first-choice 'keeper despite the latter being a mug with the bat. "I was clear that we needed a good wicketkeeper and Amir Khan was the best candidate. Handling late seam movement of Praveen and Shalabh wasn't easy. I knew he wasn't an accomplished batsman, but 'keeping

was my first priority. I had a lot of debate with the selectors and seniors and persisted with Amir. Some selectors didn't like what I was doing. Later, as we won games, they trusted me."

At 302/7 in the final, with Manoj Tiwary out for Bengal, it was down to Shukla or bust for the visitors. UP were in ascendency. But Saurasish Lahiri dug in and took the score to 331 before Chawla removed him. Bose came and gave Shukla good company. After Bengal had crossed 370 in their first innings, it was anybody's game. Once again, Chawla intervened, claiming a five-for in the process.

"It was very tense towards the end. Initially there was no panic as such until Shukla started to play his shots. Around 10,000 fans turned up for the final and at one stage it looked Shukla would take the game away from us. Kaif came and told me not to worry. Just stick to the plan. For me, though, it was Ali Hamid who won the Ranji Trophy for UP. It was his catch... I have never seen anyone taking such a stunner in my life till date," the leg-spinner reminisced.

If Chawla and Zaidi had put the finishing touches, UP's win was set up Kaif and Raina. The UP captain scored a century in the second innings but on a slow pitch, where the first-innings lead was all important, his 92 at the first dig against a strong Bengal bowling attack had been priceless. Raina played an excellent hand for his 90.

"I remember how SS Paul was bowling. Between lunch and tea, the ball was seaming. I and Kaif bhai discussed about it and told each other that somehow we had to play out the session. Paul was looking dangerous. We batted well thereafter," Raina said, elaborating on how important was the victory for UP cricket. "The Ranji Trophy win was important for us, for it revived UP cricket completely."

There was no love lost between the umpires who officiated in the final and the Bengal team. Even after so many years, some Bengal players of the 2005-06 vintage draw the Khizer Hayat and Shakoor Rana (the very 'patriotic' Pakistani umpires of the 1980s) analogy while talking about the umpiring of Ravi Subramanian and AV Jayaprakash. Dasgupta, though, turned philosophical while revisiting the final.

"It (umpiring) didn't meet the standards of a Ranji Trophy final and unfortunately we were at the receiving end of some of those poor decisions. UP were a very good side. It was their home game. For us, the rise was fantastic. A year before we were almost relegated. But that season and also the next season, when we played the final against Mumbai, we played very well. It was a fantastic tournament for us. The final was close.



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ROHAN GAVASKAR

Most of us broke down after that day. But absolutely no regrets, because the boys gave their best."

The final is now water under the bridge, which makes things relatively easier to put things in perspective. At the heat of the moment though, the Bengal players lost patience. "Yes, we did. In fact, we lost 100 per cent of our match fee, because I spoke about the umpiring. On the field, I was never one of those guys who would undermine the umpires' authority. But I said what I felt at that point of time at the press conference, Dasgupta said.

Rohan Gavaskar was even more forthright in his assessment. "Laxmi played a very good innings to take us to very close to a first innings lead and eventually he got out to an excellent catch from Ali Hamid Zaidi. (But) I also remember that there had been plenty of bad decisions by the umpires in the game. Umpiring standard in that game was absolutely atrocious. We played very well that season. Losing the final was very disheartening. One of my biggest regrets was not winning the Ranja Trophy for Bengal. We were so close."

Several Bengal batters got out after getting starts. Rohan's response was sharp. " mentioned earlier, the umpiring was absolutely atrocious.'

Rahul Dravid always maintains that success in the Ranji Trophy should be judged by the number of players graduating to play for India A and India. From that perspective, floodgates opened for UP post 2005-06. As for Bengal, Tiwary and Ashok Dinda went on to play for India, albeit briefly.

Bose was a squad player for India's tour of England in 2007. Wriddhiman Saha and Mohammed Shami came close on their heels.



about the lead-up.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp met South Africa captain Faf du Plessis in Cape Town in November. Twitter

AFP/REUTERS

CENTURION, DECEMBER 24

SOUTH AFRICAN cricket captain Faf du Plessis said on Tuesday that a chance meeting with Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp had turned him into a fan. Du Plessis was having dinner with Springbok rugby captain Siya Kolisi in a Cape Town restaurant in November when Klopp, on a private visit to South Africa, walked in.

Kolisi has been a long-time Liverpool fan and Du Plessis posted a picture on both Instagram and Twitter showing the two captains and Klopp, commenting that Kolisi had a "man-crush moment". Klopp recognised Kolisi after watching the Springboks win the Rugby World Cup final in Japan some 10 days earlier and came across to congratulate him.

"Did he recognise you?" asked a journalist at Du Plessis' press conference ahead of the first Test against England, starting on Thursday. "No," admitted the cricket captain to laughter. "But he said he watches cricket. The Liverpool guys watched the Cricket World Cup and saw how well England did."

Du Plessis said he had never become a close follower of football but said meeting Klopp had changed that. "For someone to be that famous, he is a great guy and that's what I believe real leadership is about. It's about connecting with people, having great relationships with people, so I became a massive fan."

Fresh start

Du Plessis said the overhaul of South Africa's coaching structure has given the team a major boost ahead of the four-test series. Former test captain Graeme Smith was appointed director of cricket, Mark Boucher coach and Jacques Kallis as batting consultant in the weeks leading up to the series after the side lost their last five tests.

"The last six months has felt like a lot of weight on my shoulders because I could see so many things happening off the field that weren't right," Du Plessis told reporters on Tuesday. "That's never an excuse for the cricket that we are playing but for me now it has been a breath of fresh air to have these guys back. Now you sit and ponder, 'why have these guys not been here for the last 10 years?' It's so important to have people like that in an international dressing room and if you look around in international cricket, (other) teams have got that.

"I use the Australian cricket team as an example. When we played against them, they had (Justin) Langer, (Ricky) Ponting, (Steve) Waugh. Then you sit in our dressing room and go, 'we need that, we want that'. But even with experienced heads now to guide them, South Africa have modest ambitions in the short term," Du Plessis said. "We are at an infant stage as a test team and the plan is to get back to No. 1 but that will take some time. "We do need to mature, we've got a year and a half of the world test championship. The plan is get out there and play a little bit better every time we go out."

RANJI TROPHY: ROUND 3

Son returns to soil

After an injury-marred season, Dhawan hopes for a fresh start at the venue where it all began

VISHAL MENON NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

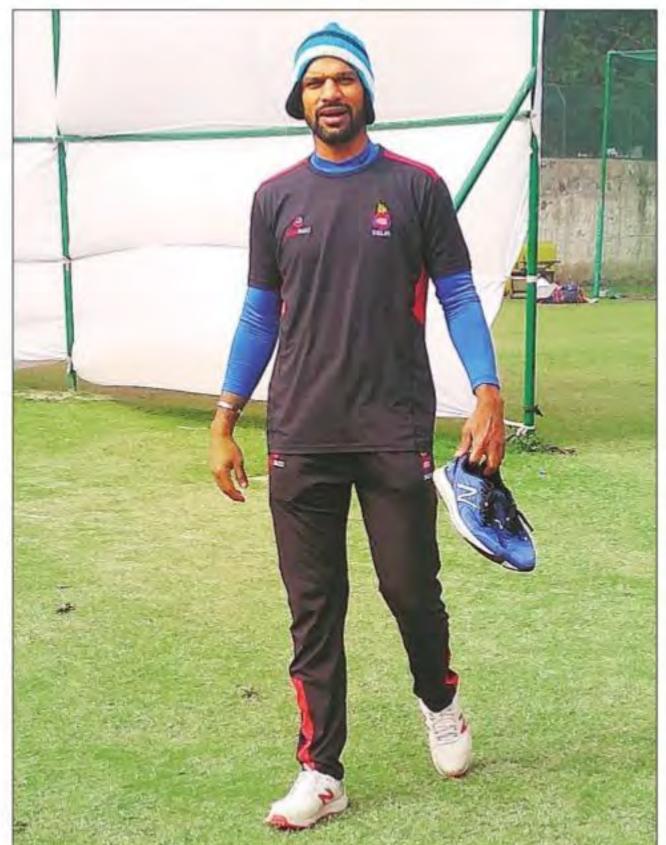
THE LAST time Shikhar Dhawan was at the Feroz Shah Kotla, he scored a labourious 42ball 41 in India's loss to Bangladesh in a T20I fixture. Back then, few would have expected to see him back at this venue less than two months later for a Ranji Trophy encounter. The Kotla is where Dhawan has played all his cricket, transforming into India's premier opener across formats. As a junior cricketer, he would change buses and jostle for space in cramped auto-rickshaws to travel from his home in West Delhi to play here.

These days, whenever Delhi plays at home, he prefers to drive to the venue in his swanky Mercedes Benz. For Dhawan and his Delhi team-mates, the match against Hyderabad isn't just another Ranji Trophy tie. As the captain, his return would give direction to the rudderless team, who have lost their previous encounter against Andhra last week. He returns to competitive cricket after recovering from a knee injury sustained during the Syed Mushtaq Trophy.

In many ways, 2019 has been a strange start-stop year for the 34-year-old. This is a year when he would spend considerable time on the sidelines with an injury, rather than on the field — from enduring a fractured finger, swollen neck, stiff back to a bruised knee that required him administering 27 injection shots. The India opener, though, takes it all in his stride and asserts that he is ready to make a fresh start. "This is a fresh start for me. I have just recovered from a knee injury, and the good news is that New Year is around the corner. Injuries are part of parcel in a cricketer's career, and you've just got to accept that. It's fine and I don't create a big fuss about it. The start-stop thing doesn't affect me as I haven't forgotten how to bat. My class is permanent and I will score runs," he told reporters after the practice session.

Not long ago, Dhawan was India's go-to opener across formats. This is not the case anymore. The India-England Test match at the Oval in September 2018 was the last time he featured in whites. The emergence of Mayank Agarwal and in recent times, the return of Rohit Sharma, shoved him to the fringes. Despite the lull in the traditional format, Dhawan has always been a regular in white-ball cricket, especially in big-ticket ICC tournaments, where he has habitually given India rollicking starts. From the 2013 Champions Trophy triumph to the 2015 World Cup and the two matches in the showpiece event in England earlier this year, Dhawan has always been a safe bet.

Equations, though, have changed with KL Rahul's splendid return and with the dashing Prithvi Shaw breathing down his neck. In T20Is, his sedate starts have often caused stress during chases as well as in pursuit of actively setting up match-winning targets. On Monday, the selectors decided to hand him a lifeline by including him for the 3-match T20Is against Sri Lanka and the ODI series against Australia, scheduled in January. Dhawan will know that he was selected for Sri Lanka series because Rohit has opted for a break. Going for-



Shikhar Dhawan will return to competitive cricket on Wednesday after recovering from a knee injury sustained during the Syed Mushtag Trophy. Vishal Menon

ward, he realises that the road ahead in international cricket is strewn with challenges. "I am happy that KL(Rahul) has done well. He has grabbed the opportunity. So I am going to go and express myself," he opined.

The inbetweener

It's an interesting predicament that Dhawan finds himself in. If a clutch of supremely talented youngsters have stolen a march over him in recent times and edged him out of the national team, it was the experienced duo of Virender Sehwag and Gautam Gambhir, who had virtually shut him out in the previous decade. "It was really difficult for him to stake his claim in the national team as the selectors could barely look beyond Sehwag and Gambhir. It was only towards the fag end of their respective careers that Dhawan finally got a chance to make his Test debut," former

Delhi team-mate Mithun Manhas quipped. At the Under-19 World Cup in 2004, Dhawan ransacked 505 runs to finish as the tournament's top scorer. He was the Player of the Series, but the selectors saw more potential in his batchmates — Suresh Raina, Robin Uthappa, Dinesh Karthik and RP Singh. The

following year, he broke into Delhi's Ranji squad, registering 461 runs and scoring his maiden first-class century (130) against Karnataka. In the interim, his U-19 World Cup batchmate Suresh Raina would make his ODI debut. A couple of tepid seasons followed and for some reason, he just couldn't step it up at the international level. Despite the period of stagnation, Dhawan did not harbour any resentment. He was the cheerful, happy-golucky guy without a care in the world. "Despite several setbacks, he always remained cheerful. Even if he would get out for a low score, he would keep the mood in the dressing-room upbeat through his jokes and banter," former Delhi all-rounder Rajat Bhatia concurred.

Dhawan would make his international debut in 2013 at the age of 27, nine years after his heady days at the U-19 World Cup in Dhaka. And seven years after his international debut, his career is now at the crossroads. If he could edge out superstars like Sehwag and Gambhir, there's no compelling reason why he cannot do the same against these youngsters. Whatever the set of circumstances, one thing is for sure — he is not someone who will back away from a challenge.

Dinda axed from Bengal squad for 'abusing' bowling coach

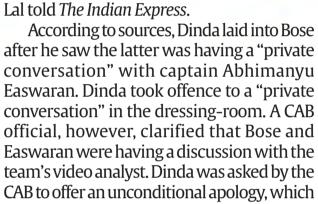
SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY KOLKATA, DECEMBER 24

ASHOK DINDA has been dropped from the Bengal squad for "misconduct" ahead of their Ranji Trophy match against Andhra starting on Wednesday.

The veteran medium pacer, who has 420 wickets from 116 first-class matches, "abused" the team's bowling coach Ranadeb Bose after the pre-match practice session on Tuesday. The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), following a meeting in the evening, axed Dinda on disciplinary grounds.

"He (Dinda) abused Ranadeb Bose. The CAB secretary requested him to apologise but he didn't. It was very unfortunate. It shouldn't have happened. A senior player like him... we desperately needed him for this game. He was ideally suited for this pitch (a green surface) and our planning. I left a little early after practice today

and when I reached home I got to know what happened. (Now) the entire planning is disturbed. Then again, the game goes on. Nobody is indispensable. Certainly I support the CAB's decision," Bengal coach Arun



Dinda had earlier refused to join the Ranji Trophy preparatory camp after he was dropped for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. Sources said he had fallen out with Lal and Bengal chief selector Palash Nandy as well. Also, Dinda and Bose reportedly had issues when they were Bengal team mates.

"He (Dinda) is not in the team and we don't want to say anything further at this stage. It might lead to unnecessary talks, especially when Bengal are playing a match from tomorrow. So our entire focus is on the match and we don't want any kind of distraction," CAB secretary Avishek Dalmiya told this paper. He added: "We won our previous match (against Kerala). So at this stage we want to focus on the team's performance."

In Dinda's absence, Bengal have decided to go ahead with a 15-member squad instead of 16.

BRIEFLY

Sania returns to Indian Fed Cup team after four years

New Delhi: Doubles star Sania Mirza on Tuesday returned to the Indian Fed Cup team after four years as she was named in the five-mem-

ber squad, which features country's top singles player Ankita Raina. Sania last played Fed Cup



in 2016 and has been out of action since October 2017 as she took a two-year break to start a family. Riya Bhatia (379), Rutuja Bhosale (466) and Karman Kaur Thandi (568) also figure in the squad. Ranked 180 in the WTA singles chart, Ankita is way above her compatriots.

Former Davis Cupper Vishal Uppal will be the captain of the side while former Fed Cupper Ankita Bhambri has been named the coach of the side, which will have Sowjanya Bavisetti as the reserve player. Sania is making a comeback at Hobart International with Ukraine's Nadiia Kichenok, the current world number 38. Before her sabbatical, Sania won six doubles Grand Slam titles — including three mixed — achieved the number one rank, won medals at multi-disciplinary events apart from laying hands on a year-end WTA Finale title with Martina Hingis.

ATK's unbeaten run at home at risk

Kolkata: They have been in tremendous form but maintaining their unbeaten run at home will not be easy when former champions ATK face defending champions Bengaluru FC in an Indian Super League match here on Wednesday. The Kolkata franchise has scored the most goals -10 – at the Saltlake Stadium and their defence too has been at their resolute best but their record will be put to test against Carles Cuadrat's Bengaluru FC who are unbeaten away this season.

Third-placed ATK who are a point behind the Blues (16 points) are smarting after a loss to FC Goa and a disappointing 2-2 draw against bottom-placed Hyderabad FC. Terming Bengaluru FC, as the best team of the season, coach Antonio Habas said, "For us it's a very important match. We can know our level by playing against last season's champions. It's very important for me and my players." Roy Krishna is ATK's primary weapon up front with eight goals to his name — five of them coming in their last four outings. With the likes of David Williams, Javi Hernandez, Mandi Sosa and Edu Garcia in the line-up, Krishna will be confident of getting good support.

Manu, Anish sweep senior, junior gold

Bhopal: Commonwealth Games champions Manu Bhaker and Anish Bhanwala swept the senior and junior gold medals in the women's 10m air pistol and men's 25m rapid fire pistol events at the National Shooting Championships here on Tuesday. The 17-year-old Bhaker, representing Harvana, clinched four gold medals (individual and team events in senior and junior) on Tuesday to add to her two won earlier in the competition and also equalled the qualification national record en-route a facile victory.

Her state-mate Anish, also 17, won both the individual and team gold medals in the senior and junior men's categories of his event to stamp his dominance. Bhaker, who has also won India one of its 15 Tokyo Olympics quota berths, shot 588 to top qualifications and equal the record set by Annu Raj Singh in the South Asian Games. She then shot a 243 to emerge triumphant in the eightwoman final.

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KEY FIXTURES

GROUP A



ATSURAT Gujarat vs Kerala Out of action since September due to a stress fracture, Jasprit Bumrah's fitness will be tested ahead of his national comeback

Kerala. Bumrah, who has been out of action since September due to a stress fracture, was on Monday named in the India squad for the home T20s and ODIs against Sri Lanka and Australia, respec-

GROUP B

when he turns out for Gujarat against

tively, next month.

AT MUMBAI

Mumbai vs Railways

■ Test specialist Ajinkya Rahane and Prithvi Shaw have another opportunity to impress when Mumbai take on Railways in Elite Group B game. Rahane was exactly not among the runs in the lung opener against Baroda, which the 41-time domestic champions won by 309 runs. On the other hand, Shaw, who also has been named in India A squad for the New

Zealand tour, has made a strong comeback after serving an eight-month doping ban by slamming a double hundred against Baroda.

AT MYSORE Karnataka vs Himachal Pradesh

AT INDORE Madhya Pradesh vs Tamil Nadu **ATRAJKOT**

Saurashtra vs Uttar Pradesh

GROUP C

ATJAMSHEDPUR Jharkhand vs Haryana **ATPUNE** Maharashtra vs Chhattisgarh **ATCUTTACK**

Odisha vs Uttarakhand

PLATE DIVISION

AT DIBRUGARH Arunachal Pradesh vs Manipur **ATKOLKATA** Mizoram vs Puducherry

AT PATNA Bihar vs Goa **AT MANGALDOI**

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Breaking Stereotypes

From sporting backwaters of Surat emerges a new hope for Indian TT

SHAHID JUDGE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 24

NERVES SLOWLY started needling Manav Thakkar as he made his way to the table tennis hall for the U21 men's singles final at the North American Open in Canada. He asserts that he felt confident at the start of the tournament, as he stormed through the competition to book a spot in the summit clash. But the 19-year-old had never reached the final of a Tour competition before and the pressure was getting to him.

That's when Indian veteran Achanta Sharath Kamal walked up to talk to the youngster. "He had come to watch me play," Thakkar describes the moments leading up to the final, earlier this month. "He told me there will be pressure, but I need to embrace it and enjoy it because this is where everything begins for me."

Something clicked in Thakkar's mind. And when the match started, he made guick work of his Argentine opponent Martin Bentacor to win 11-3, 11-5, 11-6 to become only the fourth Indian to win a U21 Tour event. "I have never felt so good while playing a match before," he says. "I have never been in a zone like this before and it felt like I had taken myself up to another level.'

Thakkar playing the way he did, let alone the win, doesn't come as much of a surprise to his seniors though. For a while now, the teenager has been making waves in the sport in India. Last year, he became the first Indian to be ranked world no 1 in the U18 category. By August, he had earned a call up to the Asian Games squad that won bronze in the men's team event. A month later, at the Asian Championships, he picked up his first top 50 scalp when he defeated then world no 34 Kazuhiro Yoshimura of Japan. By October, he was ready to compete at the Youth Olympics where he lost in the round of 16 to world no 5 Tomokazu Harimoto.

It's a list of achievements that has earned the U21 world no 10 the respect and admiration of his seniors in the Indian team. "The way he's risen over these last few years has been remarkable, but it was expected," says world no 30 Gnanasekaran Sathiyan, who – along with Harmeet Desai, Soumyajit Ghosh and now Thakkar — is among the handful of Indians to win an U21 Tour event. "The way he reads the opponent and his reactions to it have been his biggest strengths. And at the same time, he doesn't play with a specific pattern. He keeps mixing it up. There's still a way for him to go and he has to work on his fitness, but that he will get better at it is also

expected."

Like Desai before him. Thakkar too was taunted in school for holding ambitions to become a professional sportsman. It didn't help much that both his parents were doctors

The seniors were happy to welcome the young talent into the pool of Indian stars, but the youngster himself remembers being shy during his first few interactions. Eventually though, he formed a connection with his fellow Surat-native Desai. "He used to talk to me a lot when I first came into the senior camps," he says. "Harmeet too has been through similar problems since we both come from the same city that hasn't really had much backing for sport, so he helped me settle."

Like Desai before him, Thakkar too was taunted in school for holding ambitions to become a professional sportsman. It didn't help much that both his parents were doctors. "People would tell me and my parents that I should also get into the medical stream because it was the path my family had been following," Thakkar says. "My parents were always keen on letting me do whatever I

wanted to do, even if it was playing table tennis, and they supported me throughout. But it was difficult for them too because of the number of people that kept talking about it as if it was a bad thing." Incidentally, both his parents were avid

players in their college days, and till this day, they take some time out to play at the table at home – which is where the teenager first took up the sport, back as a five-year-old. "I couldn't reach the top of the table, and

I'd probably connect with maybe two or three balls, but I was stubborn that I wanted to play," he recalls. "Eventually, once I got a bit taller I got better and started playing good shots." By the time he was 12, he was sent to the

PSPB Academy in Aimer, where under the tutelage of Chinese coach Yin Wei he sharpened his skills. Now he finds himself safely away from the taunts that shaped up his early days in the sport, and he has joined an elite group of players. And the way he's been going, he's destined for more.

"Winning an U21 event gives you more hunger to play and win. And once you have that hunger you are ready to do whatever you have to to improve," says Sathiyan. "Manav's win is just a start for the bigger things ahead of him. But I welcome him to the club of U21 champions."



Known for his sharp reading of the game, 19-year-old Manav Thakkar has made rapid progress in the last 12 months. TTFI

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

Rudiger racism row takes new twist amid reports of Son abuse

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LONDON. DECEMBER 24

THE LATEST racism row engulfing English football took a fresh turn Monday amid reports Tottenham Hotspur's Son Heung-min as well as Chelsea's Antonio Rudiger had been abused by spectators during Sunday's fractious London derby.

Chelsea's 2-0 Premier League win at the Tottenham Hotspur stadium saw referee Anthony Taylor halt play during the second half when Rudiger complained of hearing monkey noises from spectators. Moments earlier, the Chelsea defender had been involved in a clash with Son that saw the South Korean sent off. But late Monday a report on the website of Britain's Guardian newspaper said a Chelsea supporter had been arrested for racially abusing Son. London's Metropolitan Police told AFP an arrest concerning a possible racially aggravated public order offence, without specifiying if the person in question was a sup-

porter of either club. A force spokesman added: "Police were made aware of alleged racist chanting during the second half of the Tottenham vs Chelsea match on Sunday, 22 December. "Officers will work with the club in an attempt to identify any people responsible." Meanwhile Tottenham, having promised a thorough investigation of the Rudiger incident, said Monday their initial inquiries had failed to find a culprit despite "many hours" reviewing images from stadium video cameras and having professional lip-readers study the footage.

Tottenham insisted any fan found guilty would receive a lifetime ban, but stressed: "At this time, however, we should point out that our findings are inconclusive". **AFP**

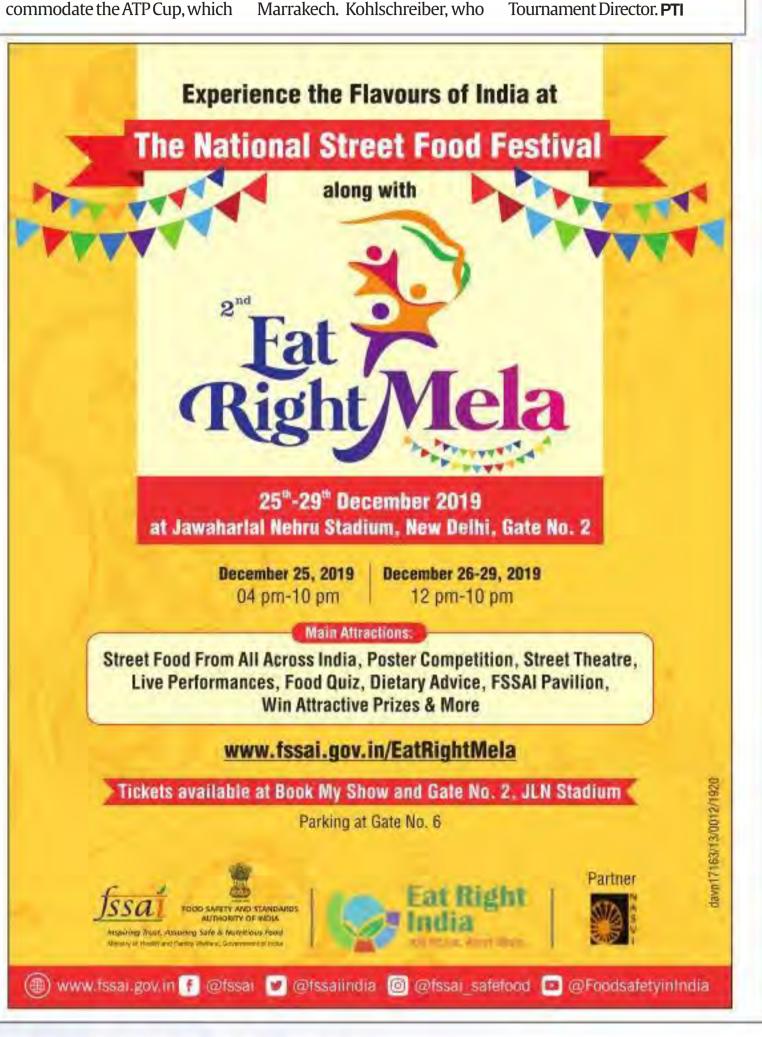
Paire, Karlovic set for Tata Open return

Pune: WORLD NUMBER 24 is happening for the first time, the tournament will now be held Benoit Paire will headline the field at the Tata Open after the Australian Open. Maharashtra but South African Former Wimbledon quarterfi-Kevin Anderson will not return nalist with a career-high rank of 16, to defend his title at India's only Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber ATP 250 event, starting February will make his debut at the event. 3. Last edition's runner-up Ivo The 30-year-old Paire, who touched a career-high ranking of Karlovic will return for the third edition of the tournament, 18 in 2016 and won two ATP titles which has now been shifted to in 2018, had reached the quarterfirst week of February instead of being a season-opener. With the

ATP reshuffling calendar to ac-

finals in the previous edition.
Paire has been in sizzling form in 2019, winning titles at Lyon and Marrakech. Kohlschreiber, who

has eight ATP tour titles spread over three different surfaces, had upset world number one Novak Djokovic at the Indian Wells Masters this year. "This is a very special edition when we are celebrating 25 years of ATP Tour in India. The tournament has always had a rich legacy of champions playing here and the silver jubilee year will be no different as we hope to roll out yet another memorable edition of thrilling tennis action," said Prashant Sutar, the





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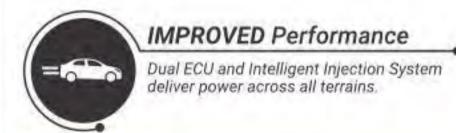
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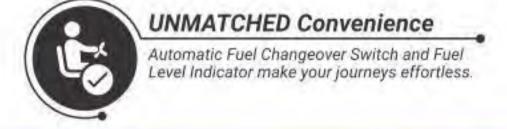
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