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Ayodhya review plea filed, says court has rewarded illegalities

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THREE WEEKS after the Supreme Court ruled on the title dispute over the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site in Ayodhya, the president of the Uttar Pradesh Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind, Maulana Syed Ashhad Rashidi, approached the top court Monday, seeking review of its judgment which, he said, amounted to "rewarding" the "crimes" committed by "Hindu parties".

In his petition, Rashidi said "complete justice... can only be done by directing" the Centre and State of Uttar Pradesh "for reconstruction of the Babri Masjid".

On November 9, a five-judge Constitution Bench unanimously ruled that the entire dis-

ANIL SASI

TOKYO, DECEMBER 2

AHEAD OF the Tokyo Olympics

next July, Japan's government

and its auto industry are jointly

making a big bet on hydrogen to

power emission-free cars —

widely regarded as the next

frontier in electric vehicle (EV)

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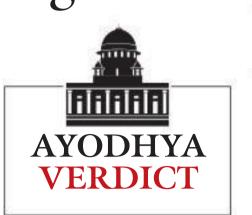
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puted land be handed over to a trust to be constituted for construction of a Ram temple and that Muslims be given five acres of either the acquired land near the site or at "a suitable prominent place in Ayodhya" for building a mosque.

The review plea by Rashidi said the Supreme Court "by virtue of the impugned order has though acknowledged few of the several illegalities committed by CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Research Center for Hydrogen

Energy at Kyushu University is

learnt to be a crucial input in the

submissions set to be presented

by the Centre in the Supreme

November 13 directed the Centre

to look into the feasibility of in-

troducing hydrogen-based tech-

nology to deal with air pollution

in the National Capital Region,

with a specific reference made at

the last hearing to the ongoing re-

India are learnt to be in touch with

researchers at the Fukuoka-based

Government departments in

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search at Kyushu University.

The apex court had on

Court on December 3.

matter to larger bench: Govt

ANANTHAKRISHNANG

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

QUOTA IN GOVT JOB PROMOTIONS

MORE THAN a year after the Supreme Court applied the creamy layer principle to promotions for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in government jobs, the Centre Monday urged the top court to refer its decision to a larger bench.

Attorney General K K Venugopal told a bench of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant that the question decided by a five-judge bench in the Jarnail Singh case last year must be sent to a seven-judge bench.

He submitted that the Supreme Court had not applied the creamy layer concept to SCs and STs in the 1992 Mandal case — a reference to Indra Sawhney & Others vs Union of India in

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UNDERSTANDING

MR BAJAJ

INSIDE

BY SANJAYA BARU

The bench said it will hear the matter after two weeks.

The bench was hearing a plea by NGO Samta Andolan Samiti which, claiming to represent the poor among the SCs and STs, urged it to direct the Centre "to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 and the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) order, 1950... after evolving and undertaking an objective and rational test for identification of the creamy layer among the SCs/STs and separating the same from non-creamy layer SCs/STs with regard to affirmative action/reservation law made under Article 14, 15 and 16 of the Constitution of India... such... test... must conform to the Constitutional ideals of social justice and equality of opportunity".

The petition stated that the states had so far not "objectively **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

3 DAYS BEFORE AJIT JOINED FADNAVIS

PM told me let us work together but I refused: Pawar on Nov 20 meet

Offer to make Supriya Sule minister at Centre, joint govt in state: NCP chief



Pawar, daughter Supriya Sule at Parliament House. Anil Sharma

OBCs from reservation benefits. India's new U-19 cricket captain thanks his father:



TO SAY GOVT NOT OPEN **TO CRITICISM PAGE 7**

UN CHIEF ISSUES WARNING AS CLIMATE MEET BEGINS PAGE 18

He sold milk to see me play

PRIYAM GARG remembers the days when his father used to sell milk from door to door during the day and slip a Rs 10 note to him at night so that he could travel to Meerut for cricket nets. Then, there were days when money was tight and Garg would travel on the roof of buses to pursue his dream.

DEVENDRA PANDEY

MUMBAI, DECEMBER 2

During those lonely journeys, the budding batsman would wonder whether he would ever make enough money to help his father make both ends meet. On



Priyam Garg will lead India in the World Cup

Monday, Garg took the first step by becoming captain of the Indian team for the U-19 World Cup in South Africa next month. "My father did most of the

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NCP CHIEF Sharad Pawar

Narendra Modi told him on November 20 that they should "work together", but he declined saying it "will not be possible from the political point of view". His meeting with the Prime

Minister took place three days before nephew Ajit Pawar joined hands with the BJP to prop up the short-lived government of Devendra Fadnavis Maharashtra.

In an interview to Marathi news channel ABP Majha which was telecast Monday evening, Pawar, responding to a question whether he was offered the President of India's post by Modi, said: "That's not true. But an

BY UNNY

offer was made to make Supriya Sule a minister at the Centre and form a joint government of the NCP and BJP in Maharashtra."

On November 20, Pawar met Modi in his chamber in Parliament House when talks **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Maharashtra scraps award of horse fair contract to **Gujarat firm**

SANDEEP ASHAR MUMBAI, DECEMBER 2

INTHE first significant reversal of a decision taken by the previous BJP-led regime in Maharashtra. the state government has ordered the cancellation of a Rs 321-crore contract awarded to a Gujarat-based event management company for organising an international horse fair that came under the scanner for "serious financial irregularity".

On December 26, 2017, the state-run Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) Ltd entered into an agreement with Ahmedabad's Lallooji and Sons to "conceptualise, design, execute, manage, and operationalise" the Sarangkheda Chetak festival in Nandurbar on a turnkey basis. The firm had previously been associated with the Kumbh Mela and Rann Utsav.

But on November 28 this year, the day the new Sena-NCP-Congress government led by Uddhav Thackeray was sworn in,

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AFTER HYDERABAD RAPE, TRIPURA YOUTH OFFERS BIKE RIDES TO STRANDED WOMEN Amid a nationwide outrage over the 26-year-old veterinarian's rape and murder in Hyderabad, a 22 year-oldboy from Tripura has started an initiative to help women stranded in night safely reach home.

VIDEO OF THE DAY

FROM PAGE ONE



U-19 captain

hard work, he did all the odd jobs that you can imagine... selling

milk, driving school vans, loading

goods, he ensured that I got a good

life. He went through all that just

to see me become a cricketer one

day. He took me to Meerut and

made sure that I got into a decent

academy," Garg told The Indian

Express over phone from

ther would accompany him from

their home in Parikshitgarh to

coach Sanjay Rastogi's academy

in Meerut, 20 km away, or ensure

that one of his five sisters did so.

Until, he says, they were con-

vinced that he could travel alone.

academy, famous for producing

swing bowlers Praveen Kumar

and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Garg

was picked in Uttar Pradesh's U-

14 side and went on to play for the

amassed 867 runs for UP in his

Last year, the 19-year-old

U-16 and U-19 teams.

After honing his skills at the

That's not all, he says. His fa-

Bengaluru.

GHULAM NABI AZAD ON HYDERABAD RAPE

'Mere legislation can't solve problem. Country has to stand together'

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creamy layer of SCs/STs, and that

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the SCs and STs was "cornering

the benefits of reservation". It said

it was confining its plea for now

to reservation in government

services and academic institu-

Senior advocate Gopal

Sankaranarayanan, appearing for

the Samta Andolan Samiti, op-

posed the plea to refer it to seven-

judge bench, saying it had already

been already referred to a five-

judge bench in the Jarnail Singh

judge Constitution Bench, ruling

in the Jarnail Singh case, applied

the creamy layer principle to pro-

motions for SCs and STs in govern-

ment jobs. It said states no longer

need to collect quantifiable data

on the backwardness of SCs and

STs in granting quota in promo-

tions, but will have to back it with

data to show their inadequate

to a larger bench its 2006 verdict

in the M Nagaraj & Others vs

Union of India matter. Venugopal

appearing for the Centre, had

favoured reconsideration of the

Nagaraj verdict on the ground that

it was non-implementable and

had brought promotions to a

standstill. He had contended that

"the creamy layer concept has not

been applied in Indra Sawhney..

to the Scheduled Castes and the

Scheduled Tribes" and Nagara

had been "misread" to apply this

concept to the SCs and STs.

That bench declined to refer

representation in the cadre.

In September 2018, a five-

tions.

to the Hindu parties".

Creamy layer

Though the court, it stated

dating such dispossession".

50 student suicides in 23 IITs in 5 years: govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

THE 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have collectively witnessed 50 student suicides in the last five years, of which 14 have taken place in IIT-Guwahati alone.

HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal provided this data in a written reply to a question asked by Revolutionary Socialist Party MP N K Premachandran on Monday. The information is significant in the backdrop of the recent suicide of a student named Fatima Latheef at IIT-Madras.

In the reply, Pokhriyal acknowledged that the ministry had received several representations from MPs seeking a probe into Latheef's suicide. "IIT Madras has informed

that immediately after the inci-

dent was reported to the hostel authorities, the police were informed. The police on arrival took over the custody of the hostel room along with the materials inside and started investigations. Subsequently, the case has been transferred to the Central Crime Branch of Tamil Nadu Police. IIT Madras administration is fully cooperating with the police, who are continuing with their investigations," the reply

largest number of suicides in the last five years. Both had seven suicides each. IIT-Delhi had 4, IIT-Kharagpur 5, IIT-Kanpur wit-

FOLLOWING SC ORDER

Ex-DGP, 4 others booked for sacking constable

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FORMER UP DGP and BJP leader Brij Lal and four other senior police officers have been booked on a complaint by a constable who was dismissed from service for purportedly raising his voice for a police welfare trust and against alleged harassment in 2011.

Lal, who joined BJP after his retirement, is chairman of the UP SC/ST Commission.

The FIR against Lal and others came following orders from the Allahabad High Court and the Supreme Court.

Other officers named in the FIR are then Superintendent of Police Manoj Kumar, then

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As per the data shared by the

ministry, IIT-Madras and IIT-Bombay witnessed the second nessed one and IIT-Roorkee two

The suicide numbers for the IIMs were relatively better. The 20 IIMs collectively witnessed 10 student suicides in the last five

Additional Superintendent of

Police Shakeel Ahmed, then

Reserve Police Lines Inspector

Ram Bahadur Singh, and then

station house officer of City

when a local court asked the po-

lice to register a complaint

against Lal and other officials on

the complaint of sacked consta-

ble Brijendra Singh Yadav. Yadav

alleged that he was harassed by

senior police officers because he

had formed a welfare trust for

non-gazetted policemen and

families in 2011. Yadav also al-

leged that senior officers were

harassing him after he had

raised the issue of Rs 25 a month

being deducted from non-

gazetted policemen's salary.

The case dates back to 2011

Kotwali, Yogendra Prasad.

maiden Ranji Trophy season, including one double hundred, two centuries and five fifties. Like most Indians, Garg says, cricket happened him because of

Sachin Tendulkar — although there was no TV at home to watch his hero in action. "I would go to a showroom nearby and watch the matches in the middle of a crowd. It was because of Sachin sir that I wanted to play cricket," he says.

It's not been a easy ride, though, especially after he lost his mother when he was just 11. "I was too small to understand what was happening but as I grew up, there was a big hole, which has never been filled. My father and sisters took care of me, my father sacrificed a lot for me," he says.

Today, his father Naresh works as a driver in the UP health department. "I had to stop our milk business since I had to take Priyam to the ground early morning. So I decided to drive a school van and got into newspaper distribution," says

"Every night, I would take Priyam with me in my van. We would have dinner and I would pick up the papers and drop them at various spots around the city and on the outskirts. By morning, we used to be at the ground. I am not well educated, what do I do know of cricket? But one day, I met Rahul Dravid and he told me not to worry and that my son would go places. I was happy that day," he says.

Garg's coach Rastogi says his ward's "sharp mind" will stand him in good stead. "He wanted to follow in the footsteps of Praveenand Bhuvi. But within a couple of months, I asked him to concentrate on his batting because he looked such a natural strokeplayer. Just after a year of joining us, he was selected for the U-14 team," he says.

As for Garg, the hope is that the journey will lead to the senior Indian team one day. "I am living my father's dream," he says."

Uddhav govt

the state's tourism department, following orders from Chief Secretary Ajoy Mehta, directed the "immediate cancellation" of the contract.

"The agreement and the Expression of Interest that was floated was entered into without the government's sanction. As it isn't as per the Centre's norms as well, it amounts to a serious financial irregularity," said Under

PM told me let us work together but I refused: Pawar on meet

between the NCP, Congress and Shiv Sena on forming an alliance had gained momentum.

In the interview, Pawar said he met Modi to discuss farmer distress in Maharashtra following unseasonal rain. "When I was about to leave after discussing the agrarian crisis, especially after my visit to Vidarbha, the Prime Minister asked me to wait and said he will be happy to work together with me in the

Pawar said he told Modi this was not politically possible for him. "I told him that our personal relations will remain intact but it will not be possible from the political point of view to work together. The PM then asked, kyun nahin (why not)? The PM said the stand taken by NCP on issues like development,

farm distress and industries were similar to ones raised by BJP. Our stands are not different, where is the difference of opinion?... The PM told me that we should work together in the country and your experience will benefit the government."

"I told him that on national issues, my party will work with his government and will not oppose it for the sake of opposing. We will take a positive stand on national issues." He said he told Modi that he runs a small party which has more following in Maharashtra than in the country. "We have charted our own course." he said.

On Aiit Pawar's rebellion. Pawar said: "There was a feeling among a section of society that Ajit Pawar's rebellion had my support. However, by afternoon, with Uddhav Thackeray, a strong message went out that it did not have my support. After which, the MLAs who had gone with Ajit Pawar started return-He said Ajit Pawar realised

when I held a press conference

that the family did not approve of his action and he came to apologise. "Ajit Pawar told me that he had made a mistake and was ready to suffer the punishment," he said, adding that the general view among NCP workers was that Ajit Pawar should be pardoned since he had accepted his mistake. Pawar said it was a conscious decision to keep Ajit Pawar out of the swearing-in of the Uddhav government. Reacting to Pawar's remarks in the interview, BJP

said: "It is unfortunate that a discussion between two leaders has been made public... I don't want to deny or confirm it, but such conventions are out of place." Pawar's November 20 meet-

ing had raised eyebrows in Maharashtra. It was widely speculated that the NCP chief's meeting was an attempt to forge an alliance with the BJP. Three days after the meet-

ing, Fadnavis was sworn in as Chief Minister with Ajit Pawar as Deputy CM. On November 25, when the Supreme Court ordered a floor test in the Maharashtra Assembly the next day, Ajit Pawar resigned and, hours later, Fadnavis too quit, clearing the decks for the government of the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress.

Japanese research is key input in Govt's SC reply

university — Japan's fourth oldest university — for readying the blueprint to be submitted in court. An executive with the Japanese auto industry confirmed that the Indian government has reached out to the university and is focused on exploring the possibility of operating fuel cell-driven public transport.

The relatively nascent hydrogen market is currently dominated by two of Japan's top carmakers, Toyota and Honda, alongside South Korea's Hyundai. At the heart of the hydrogen-powered fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV) is what is called a fuel cell, where hydrogen and oxygen are combined to generate an electric current, with water being the only by-

The project at Kyushu University is supported by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), and the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO).

According to Professor Kazunari Sasaki, Senior Vice President, Kyushu University and the Director of International Research Center for Hydrogen Energy, the institution is leading "a coordinated effort among industry, academia, government and the local community to build a research and education center for hydrogen energy, the only one of its kind in the world... of a low-carbon society by utilising hydrogen energy technolo-

to contribute to the realisation

leader Sudhir Mungantiwar

Japan had earlier this year announced plans to ramp up its exposure to the hydrogen ecosystem. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe had declared in Davos that his government "aims to reduce the production cost of hydrogen by at least 90 per cent by the year 2050, to make it cheaper than natural gas".

As a step in bolstering Japan's hydrogen push, Panasonic Corporation had, last month, announced it had fabricated a hydrogen station in Kusatsu City, Shiga Prefecture with the aim of "verifying the practicality of using hydrogen".

European firms such as

Norwegian public enterprise Enova SF, which is responsible for the promotion of environmentally friendly production and consumption of energy, are already working on the technology separately.

In 2017, Enova issued a support programme to support establishment of hydrogen infrastructure, as well as support for fleet users to purchase H2 vehicles and stations.

Toyota's Mirai, a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle that is one of the first such vehicles to be sold commercially, counts Norway and Denmark as among its biggest emerging markets, after the state of California in the US.

(The writer visited Japan on a trip organised by the Tokyo *Metropolitan Government)*

In the Nagaraj case, a fivejudge bench upheld the Constitutional validity of the 77th, 81st, 82nd and 85th Amendments which, the petitioners claimed, were brought to reverse the effect of the decision

in the Indra Sawhney case. The bench had ruled that if the state "wish(ed) to exercise their discretion and make (a) provision (for reservation in promotions for SCs/STs), the State has to collect quantifiable data showing backwardness of the class and inadequacy of representation of that class in public employment in addition to compliance of Article

Article 335 of the Constitution relates to claims of SCs and STs to services and posts. "The claims o the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes shall be taken into consideration consistently with the maintenance of efficiency of administration, in the making of appointments to services and posts in connection with the affairs of the

had also stated: "It is made clear

Secretary (Tourism) S Lambhate.

The MTDC has been associated with the event — organised every December and said to be one of the oldest horse fairs in India — since December 2016 to brand it on an international scale.

In November 2017, the MTDC's board of directors, chaired by then minister Jaikumar Rawal, adopted a resolution to promote the event on a grander scale. The corporation then floated a tender to select an event management agency in the same month and selected Lallooji and Sons from three bidders.

According to the arrangement between the MTDC and the firm, Rs 321 crore was to be spent for organising and marketing the festival from 2017-18 to 2026-27. The Corporation further committed Rs 75.45 crore (inclusive of taxes) as viability gap fund (VGF) to the contractor over these ten years.

In September 2018, however, the office of the Principal Accountant General raised an audit objection, alleging that "excess expenditure had been paid to the firm". In May this year, the state's planning department red-flagged the project, questioning the move to release the VGF.

"There is no tourism policy to grant such VGF in Maharashtra," the department stated. Further, it

said that "executing an agreement and committing to the payment on the state's behalf without taking prior approval from the state government or the cabinet was a serious financial irregularity".

The department's remarks were in response to an official file moved by MTDC through the tourism department for postfacto sanction for the VGF amount. The state's finance department echoed the planning department's view. During the monsoon session of the state legislature, the Congress and the NCP, then in the Opposition, raised allegations of wrongdoing against Rawal who denied irregularities in the project.

In the absence of a state-level tourism policy to grant VGF, MTDC argued that the central government's new VGF scheme —from January 23, 2018, to March 31,2020 — for generating revenue in tourism projects had been adopted. But the planning department pointed out that in the Centre's policy, VGF was extended only for projects where permanent tourism infrastructure is built. Besides tent facilities, it argued that no permanent infrastructure was being build for the Nandurbar festival.

In August this year, the department questioned whether the fair

was "revenue generating" at all. Senior tourism department sources confirmed that the government had received no income from the fair over the last two years. With the Opposition questioning the project, sources said the then Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis asked Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar to look into the matter. But the state administration was clear that the funding could not be approved.

The finance department, meanwhile, has sought "fixing of accountability" for the "irregularity", with questions also being raised about the bills raised by the firm so far - Rs 6.8 crore for the fair last year.

Ayodhya plea

the Hindu Parties, particularly in 1934 (damaging the domes of the Babri Masjid), 1949 (desecrating the Babri Masjid) and 1992 (demolition of the Babri Masjid), but this Hon'ble Court has proceeded to condone the said illegal acts and has awarded the disputed site to the very party which based its claims on nothing but a series of illegal acts".

It stated that "there can be no lasting peace without justice and accountability" and that the "Court erred in rewarding the crimes committed in 1934, 1949

and 1992, by giving title to the Hindu parties, when it had already ruled that the said acts were The plea, filed through advo-

cate Ejaz Magbool, said that by way of the order, the court "has virtually granted a mandamus to destroy the Babri Masjid and to construct a temple of Lord Ram in the said place"..."because had the Babri Masjid not been illegally demolished on December 6, 1992, the execution of the present order would have required the destruction of an existing mosque to make space for a proposed temple". It said Muslim parties had

"neither pleaded nor prayed for" the alternate five acres of land. The Babri Masjid, the petition stated, "was demolished in brazen violation of multiple orders of this Hon'ble Court" which had also held "that the events of December 6, 1992 were an egregious violation of the rule of law". Though the court had "noted

three of the several several illegalities committed by the Hindu parties", it went on to "condone" them and "award the same by allotting the disputed site to the Hindu Parties" and "despite agreeing that such ouster of Muslims was calculated to deprive them of their place of worship, this Hon'ble Court has comUnion or of a State," it states. The ruling in the Nagaraj case

that even if the State has compelling reasons, as stated above the State will have to see that its reservation provision does not lead to excessiveness so as to breach the ceiling-limit of 50% or obliterate the creamy layer or extend the reservation indefinitely.

Apex court quashes all cases against Salman Khan over movie title

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has quashed all cases registered against actor Salman Khan in connection with the controversy over the title of his film 'Loveyatri - A journey of love'. Hearing a plea by the actor, a bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Dinesh Maheshwari noted that when the

matter came up before a bench headed by then CJI Dipak Misra on September 27, 2018, the court had given him interim protection and ordered that no coercive action should be taken against him. The order came after petitioner counsel told the court that the CBFC has already certified it. **ENS**

Goa minister warns Oppn parties against aligning with Sena

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, DECEMBER 2

GOA Health Minister Vishwajit Rane has warned Opposition parties that aligning with the Shiv Sena in Goa might "scare Christians" in the state.

Rane's comment comes after

Sanjay Raut, Shiv Sena MP, had spoken of replicating the Maharashtra model in Goa to oust the BIP government in the state.

"Those who are talking about aligning with Shiv Sena are already half dead, because when Christians see Shiv Sena, they feel scared," Rane said at a press conference here.

New Delhi

Of the minorities, Christians comprise one-fourth of the state's 1.5 million population and are a strong vote bank in some constituencies. "If they want swords, I can give them swordsthat were used in the revolt against the Portuguese. I will give each of the nine Opposition

a sword to my father out of respect," Rane added, as he spoke of his father who is an MLA with the Congress in Goa. He rubbished Raut's claims

of a possible political shift in Goa. "The earthquake may happen in Maharashtra after six months. It is not easy to run a coalition with MLAs a sword. But I will not offer three parties," he told the media.

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Hang rape culprits in 6 months of trial: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 2

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal Monday said the judicial system should work on a "mission mode" and ensure that in cases of rape, the accused are hanged within six months of initiation of trial.

Speaking on the floor of the Delhi Assembly, Kejriwal also announced that Lt-Governor Anil Baijal had cleared the Delhi government's recommendation that the mercy petition of one of the accused in the December 16, 2012, gangrape case be rejected.

"Nothing is so complicated that cannot be fixed, we all have to do our duty. Even the judiciary should fulfil its duty. Many cases are pending for years, which include rape cases. This emboldens criminal elements. "Judgments on cases, which

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kids: Councillor

STANDING COMMITTEE member and a councillor in South Delhi Municipal Corporation, Ved Pal, has suggested that people with more than two children be levied an extra 1% property tax as it would help control population.

During a discussion on the civic body's budget last Friday, Pal said, "I suggest if there are more than two children, then increase house tax by 1%. This will give a message — you will have to take responsibility, you will have to think that the burden of population is increasing on Delhi; it is the national capital."

Pal said he suggested that if the proposal is accepted, it should not be for people who already have more than two children, but for people who have more than two children from this point on.

He said that 10-15 years ago, the government used to run several campaigns on population control, but those have dwindled of late so such measures are needed.

Property tax rates have not been raised in SDMC areas since 2012-13, even as the financial condition of the South body has been deteriorating. Of late, the SDMC has been struggling to pay salaries to sanitation staff, doctors and teachers.

SDMC officials, however, said Pal's suggestion is unlikely to be accepted, especially given that assembly polls are just round the

Earlier, while presenting his budget for the financial year 2020-21, SDMC commissioner Gyanesh Bharti had said that property tax rates could be increased by 1-3% in residential and non-residential units of C.D. E, F, G and H category of colonies under their jurisdiction.

Atul Garg is new DFS head

New Delhi: Chief Fire Officer of the Delhi Fire Services, Atul Garg (54), was appointed as the director of the authority Monday. Garg has served the DFS for more than 17 years. Hailing from Meerut, he pursued his bachelor's in fire engineering from Nagpur and later shifted to Delhi to do an MBA in disaster management. He worked for the Central Industrial Security Force

for 10 years and

then shifted to the

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DFS. ENS

women and children, must be passed on a mission mode and the culprits must be hanged within six months of the initiation of the trial," Kejriwal said. The CM had in 2018 demanded that the law be

involve heinous crimes against

amended so that those convicted of raping minors be hanged within six months of commencement of trial. His demand had come in the wake of the Kathua and Unnao cases. The CM also emphasised on

the need to sensitise men on sexual violence against women. "I want to appeal to the education minister to introduce such curriculum in our schools which envisages sensitising men towards issues faced by women," he said.

"The Centre and the state governments must sit together to devise a solution to this issue. We want to solve this issue and we want to protect the women of our capital and our country. We will take whatever steps we have to and spend as much funds as we can towards this issue. I want to appeal to the Union Home Minister to support us in our measures to ensure women safety," he said.

Meanwhile. Delhi Commission for Women chief Swati Maliwal Monday said that she will launch an indefinite hunger strike from December 3 at Raj Ghat against recent incidents of rape in Hyderabad and Ranchi.

The issue of regularisation of unauthorised colonies also came up in the House during the first day of the session, which will end tomorrow. "Now the game is over. We won't allow you (BJP) to fight elections on this issue. We'll send BIP leaders, who are getting into deceiving politics on regularisation of unauthorised colonies, for pilgrimage under Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana," Kejriwal said.



ONE FOR THE CAMERA

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal with Deputy Assembly speaker Rakhi Birla, Assembly speaker Ram Niwas Goel, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, Health Minister Satyendar Jain, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot, BJP MLA O P Sharma, Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta, and other MLAs during a photoshoot, Monday. Praveen Khanna

To up medals tally, Bill passed in House for sports univ

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THE DELHI legislative assembly Monday passed a bill to set up a sports university in the capital, with the stated goal of increasing the country's medals tally in the Olympics.

"The Delhi Sports University is established with a national vision. We set specific targets to achieve. We hope that the students of Delhi Sports University will win three gold medals for

India in the 2024 Olympics. In the 2028 Olympics to be held in Los Angeles, our students will win 10 gold medals for our country. We will identify 10-12 sporting sectors/areas where we have the sufficient skills. We do not have shortage of talented sportspersons. Good combination of sportspersons and coaches will yield better results," Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said while introducing the bill in the

The university had first been announced by the Delhi govern-

ment in October, and the Cabinet soon approved the proposal. The objective is for the university to offer graduate, post-graduate and doctoral degrees to sportspersons which will be on par with degrees from other universities such that they can pursue careers in other sectors as well. "We will create a team of people who have completely dedicated their lives, time and resources to sports. The Delhi Sports University will create conducive environment for a pathbreaking system of sports administration," said Sisodia.

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The government has identified 90 acres of land in West Delhi's Mundka to build the university and also announced that they will appoint an experienced sportsperson as the Vice-Chancellor of the university.

The primary objective of the university is "promotion of professional excellence in sports" through a Centre for Professional Excellence in Sports, with sports-specific divisions. "To ensure that such sportspersons are also equipped in educational and literary skills, the centre shall

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also have provisions and facilities for liberal academics to ensure that the trainees and sportspersons also obtain formal academic degrees of Delhi Sports University. In cases where the sportspersons may have been deprived of formal education, the respective sports divisions shall provide facilities for bridge courses to enable them to obtain formal academic degrees either from Delhi Sports University or some other institu-

tion," said a government official. It has also been proposed

that the university will explore research in sporting systems and processes through six University Schools of Studies.

Commenting on India's low medal tallies at the Olympics, CM Arvind Kejriwal said, "Sport is a unique arena where a nation's capabilities are assessed. In the last 70 years, India won only 28 medals, whereas in 2016 Rio Olympics alone, China won 70 medals. Even smaller countries used to win more medals than us... There are shortcomings in our governance system."

From shrubs to darts, HC asks about pollution measures

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> THE DELHI High Court Monday asked the authorities concerned to remove encroachments from forest areas and mitigate dust in the city to reduce air pollution.

A bench of Justice G S Sistani and Justice AJ Bhambhani asked the authorities whether "planting of seeds could be done by throwing dart shots containing them from helicopters into forest areas".

The bench directed the Delhi government to prepare an action plan for removing encroachments from forest areas and to submit the report before the special task force under the superviof the Supreme Court."Removing encroachments from forest areas will give space to plant more trees and restore forest areas... It will help as a long-term solution to reduce air pollution," the bench observed.

porations for lack of a plan on controlling dust, HC observed that the issue needs to be immediately looked into. It said while it may not be a good idea to cover every area with concrete, planting of shrubs and creepers could help remove dust. "If shrubs are planted on the sides of roads, the problem could be solved," the HC noted.

Pulling up the municipal cor-

It listed the matter for December 5.

In pursuance to the court's earlier direction, the Chief Forest officer of Delhi government was present during the hearing and submitted that their aim is to reach 25% of green cover by 2025. The court was hearing a PIL initiated by it in 2015 on the issue of poor air quality in the capital.

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AMARAVATI, AP

3 of gang arrested for stealing cameras

Noida: Three people were arrested for allegedly targeting high-end showrooms and stealing expensive cameras and other equipment. The accused — Sanjay Arora, Sanjeev Kumar and Sukhvinder Singh — are believed to be part of a larger gang that breaks into shops, police said. "A complaint was received after a group of people broke into a service centre and stole over 70 cameras. After two months, police found a group active in targeting high-end showrooms," said Vineet Jaiswal, SP City, Gautam Budh Nagar. Police have recovered cameras, lenses, flashlights, chargers worth Rs 25-30 lakh. **ENS**





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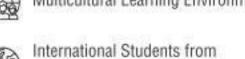
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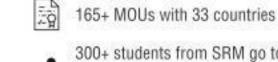




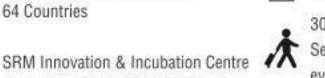
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DELHI AROGYA KOSH SCHEME

Delhi govt opens purse strings to get pvt hospitals on board

ASTHA SAXENA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

THE DELHI government is set to increase package rates to be paid to private hospitals willing to be a part of the upgraded Delhi Arogya Kosh (DAK) scheme by 10%, after a section of hospitals said the money being offered was too low. This means the hospitals will now be paid up to 50% more than the rates offered under the Centre's Avushman

Bharat scheme. For instance, if a hospital would have received Rs 1 lakh from the Centre for a procedure covered under Ayushman Bharat, it will receive anywhere between Rs 1.1 lakh and Rs 1.5 lakh from the Delhi government if it decides to come under the DAK scheme. The money paid will depend on

the hospital's NABH accreditation and number of beds.

In a meeting held with Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain last month, representatives from several private hospitals are learnt to have expressed dissatisfaction over the rates offered by the government, which were already 10-40% above the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

There are around 1,100 private hospitals registered with the Delhi government in the city. Only 26 hospitals from Delhi have agreed to be part of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme so far. "After a lot of deliberation, the

meeting concluded with the decision that the government will raise the upper limit by 10% (to reach 50%). The Health Minister agreed to the suggestions made by private hospitals, but it was also made clear it cannot go beyond a certain point," said Dr Arun Gupta, president of the Delhi Medical Council (DMC), who was present in the meeting.

Around 40 hospitals in Delhi

have been empanelled so far.

Under the new scheme, 1,016 surgical, 123 oncology and 10 neonatal procedures, as well as six medical packages, have been made part of 86 surgeries already covered under the DAK a corpus that funds various health schemes for residents of Delhi. This includes implants as well as treatment for vectorborne diseases.

"The scheme is already implemented in some private hospitals and the government has entered into an agreement with around 40 of them," Health Minister Jain told The Indian Express.

In order to incentivise timely payment, the empanelled hospitals shall provide a 3% discount on the total bill to DAK if payment is made within 15 days of submission of bill without any defect. Similarly, if payment is not made by DAK within 30 days of the bill submission, a penalty of 1% of the

total bill will be added.

"We will also reimburse the cost of knee, hip and revision surgery provided it is performed in a Delhi government hospital having its own department of orthopaedics. The rates fixed by NPPA will be implemented," said a senior official from the health department.

"Similarly, financial assistance will be provided to patients/hospitals for expenditure incurred in purchasing consumables like stent, pacemaker and aneurysm clip for patients who have a heart attack, stroke and arrhythmia," said the official.

Told me he was bored, wanted to go for a ride: Family of teen dead in accident

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FOR AS long as Mohd Javed (33) can remember, his son Hamza Malik (15) spent his evenings with his cousin Mohd Saad (14) and friend Osama Malik (17). The inseparable trio would whizz past Delhi Gate on a twowheeler, share meals, and return home late evening. On Saturday night, the three didn't make it home after their two-wheeler allegedly rammed the pavement, sending them flying into a pole. Police said the three boys were not wearing helmets, and the impact killed them.

On Monday, their homes at Turkman Gate in Darya Ganj were shrouded in grief and shock. While the families insist the boys were being chased by a police van, DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh Randhawa said, "We have scanned CCTV footage and have not found any such ev-







(From right) Hamza, his cousin Saad and their friend Osama died after their scooter allegedly rammed the pavement

idence to show this."

Around 11.30 pm Saturday, the bodies of the three boys were found roughly 10 feet away from the mangled scooter, said family members.

A senior officer said, "An FSL team was called and they noted down skid marks of the twowheeler on the pavement, the pole and the road. They also took blood samples. As per the FSL team, the boys were speeding."

Saad's mother Afshah Begum (30) claimed that despite repeated attempts, police have not shared the CCTV footage of the area with the families. "I believe they were being chased by police because they didn't have helmets. Why else would they drive so fast?" she claimed.

Two days after the incident. friends, family and neighbours gathered at their modest homes, where Hamza dreamt of becoming a doctor, Saad wondered if engineering was his calling, and Osama learnt the Quran.

Police are investigating who was riding the two-wheeler, though prima facie it appears that

it was being driven by Hamza Police claimed the two-wheeler is owned by his grandfather.

"He had recently learnt how to drive the scooter. He borrowed his uncle's and grandfather's two-wheeler to practise and would often take his friends for a ride. The scooter was bought six months ago for his grandfather but since he didn't use it much, Hamza started riding it," said Javed.

On Saturday, the families said that they last saw their children around 11 pm. "He told me that he was getting bored at the function and wanted to go out with his friends. I told him not to go far as it would be unsafe... he said he would be back in 20-30 minutes," said Manzoor Ahmed, Osama's father.

Ahmed said that he tried to call his son after 11.30 pm but his phone was switched off.

Later, the families received a call from an eyewitness and the police about the accident.

'2,919 teachers

MCD schools'

New Delhi: Around 65% of MCD

primary teachers, including spe-

cial educator teachers, who were cleared for appointment by the

Delhi Subordinate Services

Selection Board, have joined

schools. This is as per an affidavit

submitted by the South MCD in

stayed the order cancelling their

appointments and seeking revi-

sion of DSSSB results. While

DSSSB recommended 4,432 can-

didates, MCDs issued appoint-

ment letters to 3,917 candidates of which 2,919 have joined. ENS

BRIEFLY

New Delhi: A 30-year-old

pregnant woman was al-

legedly robbed of jew-

ellery worth Rs 40 lakh by

unidentified men on an

Ambala-bound train, at

the New Delhi railway

station Sunday. Police

said when the woman,

Garima Singh, dozed off,

the accused made off

with her trolley contain-

ing jewellery, medicines and medical reports.

No clarity on

DU ad-hoc

appointments

New Delhi: More DU col-

lege principals Monday

issued notices saying they

were keeping appoint-

ments of ad-hoc teachers in abeyance, as the DU

Principals' Association

had sought clarification

from the varsity over con-

tinuance of their appoint-

ment. The DU Registrar, in

a statement Monday,

said: "The University em-

phasised its commitment

to recruit faculty mem-

bers on permanent basis

as per UGC Regulations,

2018. The University asked all colleges to com-

plete process of recruit-

ment of permanent fac-

ulty at the earliest."

DDA sets up

New Delhi: The Delhi

Development Authority has set up help desks at

25 places to provide in-

formation on ownership

rights to residents of

unauthorised colonies,

under the PM-UDAY

scheme. It will be free of

cost, said an official.

help desks

Teachers joined after the HC

the High Court Monday.

have joined

Supreme Court asks Amrapali homebuyers to pay outstanding amount by January 31

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THE SUPREME Court Monday directed thousands of Amrapali homebuyers to pay outstanding amounts by January 31, either in instalments or in one go, for speedy completion of all stalled projects.

The SC asked 28 banks, which have entered into agreements directly with homebuyers or through the Amrapali Group for financing homes, to disburse the pending amount within a month.

Section-A

"So far, around Rs 105 crore of around Rs 3.000 crore outstanding amount has been deposited

by homebuyers," the bench said, adding, "We direct homebuyers to deposit outstanding amount by January 31, 2020, either in instalments or in one go".

It asked Additional Solicitor General Vikramjeet Banerjee to seek instructions on whether money from the Rs 25,000-crore fund, announced on November 6 by the Centre for completing stalled real estate projects in the country, can be used as a loan for pending Amrapali projects and what are the modalities.

A bench of Justice Arun Mishra and Justice UU Lalit said funds need to be channelised to complete the group's pending projects and provide respite to hassled homebuyers.

During the hearing, joint director of Enforcement Directorate (ED) Rajeshwar Singh said the agency has prima facie found evidence of violation

Exchange Foreign Management Act, 1999, by multinational firm JP Morgan, and they have recorded statements of the firm's country head

with regard to dealings with the now defunct Amrapali Group.

He said prima facie there appears to be violation of provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act and action is being taken. The top court directed the ED that the probe should be done impartially and expeditiously within three months.

It also pulled up Surekha Group director Akhil Surekha, who appeared in person for noncompliance of the court's order to deposit Rs 167 crore of homebuyers' money, which were siphoned from the Amrapali Group.



Warming Up

Chilly winds swept through Delhi, with the temperature dropping to 8°C Monday morning. IMD officials said it may drop further to 7°C in the coming days. Praveen Khanna

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Verka Jalandhar Dairy

Phone 73555-56749, 73556-01750.

Section - B

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Sr. No.	Name of the Item	Qty/ Contract Period	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D (Rs.)	Last Date & Time of Submission of Tenders	
1.	Krisp Refined Palm Kernal Oil	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Dairy Chandigarh, Indl. Area-1, Chandigarh (0172-5041928, 5041913)	1.5	10,000/-	16.12.2019 up to 02.00 PM	16.12.2019 at 02.30 PM
2.	Ice Cream trays	-do-	-do-		10,000/-	16.12.2019 up to 02.00 PM	16.12.2019 at 02.30 PM
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4.	Wooden Sticks and Spoons	-do-	-do-		10,000/-	16.12.2019 up to 02.00 PM	16.12.2019 at 02.30 PM
5.	Open Auction for the disposal of Unserviceable material loha, plastic drums, tyres of trucks & burned oil etc.	List can be obtained/seen from cattle feed plant, khanna	Verka Cattle Feed Plant, Bhattian (Khanna) Ph No. 01628-521450,67 Mobile No. 94630-58418	100/-	10,000/-	- 1	16.12.2019 at 11.00 AM

Numbers given above. The Tender Notice may also be seen at Verka Website (www.verka.coop). TENDER (S) WITHOUT EARNEST MONEY ARE LIABLE TO BE REJECTED. The Consignee reserves the right to accept/reject any/ all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. General Manager (QA&E) Note: Corrigendum if any will be uploaded on website only.

Interested parties may obtain detailed Tender Documents from the office of Consignee where tender is to be opened on any working day from (9AM to 5 PM). If any clarification is required may contact on Phone

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER e-Tender Notice No. : SERCON-GRC-CE-C-01-86-19, dated 29.11.2019. e-tender is invited by Chief Engineer (Con)/I/ GRC, S.E.Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following www.verka.coop work. Following tender has been uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.in The tender will be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date. Brief description of Work: Construction of Up loop line at KITA station and Additional loop line at Jonha station in Hatia-Muri section of South Eastern Railway. Approx. Cost: ₹ 13.93 Crores. EMD : ₹ 8,46,700/-Completion Period: 18 Months. Due Date: 27.12.2019. Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full

detail/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for this item will be accepted. NB: Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all other tenders. (PR-1083)

Fire Extinguisher, ACDB (Indoor / Outdoor), MCCB with Box. Battery Cabinet / Canopy, Earthing Strip, DCDB, AC, DG, PIU, SMPS, Shelter Panel, DG Battery, FCU, Armoured Cable (Aluminium), LCU Battery Cell, LCU (Aluminium), Copper Strip, AC-0.9 TR, TX RACK etc. vide auction number - 27805, 27804, 27807. www.mstcindia.co.in

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LTD. (A Govt. of India Undertaking) eb: www.ircon.org, CIN - L45203DL1976GOI008171 e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

e-Tender No.: IRCON/CIVIL/5019/NELS.BNDM/e-TENDER/OT/35 Date: 02.12.2019 e-Tender for and on behalf of South Eastern Railway is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Design & Construction of Flooring, Embedded Track, Inspection Pit of Lifting Bay Shed including all other allied works with contractor's own P-way materials (except rails) in connection with Setting up of New Electric Loco Shed at Rourkela (Odisha), South Eastern Estimated Cost of the Work ₹ 13,85,74,858/-

Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission 23.12.2019 upto 15.00 hrs. For further details and updates, please visit website https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted on the website only. General Manager/Electrical Palika Bhawan, Sector-XIII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi - 110 066 (India)

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person 26 years of age whose name, residence and family is unknown had been found dead at Sector 20, District Park Rohini, In front of Aman Vihar on 26.11.19. In this regard a vide has been registered with DD No: 11-A dated 26.11.19 at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the UIDB is as under:

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641

Fax: 011-24368639

DP/3453/RD/19

Sex: Male, Age: 26 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Black colour jacket & black colour lower and white colour slippers in his feet.

If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/Aman Vihar, Delhi. E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in

New Delhi

SHO

P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi

Ph. No. 011-27581223, 27581559

Arms supplier disguised as tourist held

New Delhi: A 32-year-old arms supplier, who pretended to be a tourist by ioining tour groups, was arrested Saturday. The accused was allegedly supplying arms from Madhya Pradesh to Delhi. **ENS**

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14 CENTRES DECLARE BOYCOTT, MORE EXPECTED

To step up fee protest, JNU students decide to skip semester exams



JNU students have been protesting for over a month demanding rollback of hostel fee hike

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

THE PROTEST against hostel fee hike by students of Jawaharlal Nehru University has reached an unprecedented stage, with students of 14 Centres deciding to boycott their final semester examinations. The decisions were taken in the Centres' general body meetings (GBMs), the JNU Students' Union said.

More Centres and Schools will hold such meetings in the next two days to decide their position on the examination boycott. This comes after a call was given by the JNUSU as part of their "total noncooperation" with the university administration over the issue of hostel fee hike.

If all students boycott their end-semester examinations, it would be a first. Former INUSU presidents confirmed that an exam boycott had never taken place. CPM leader Prakash Karat, who was JNUSU president in 1973-74, said, "There were no exam boycotts in the 1970s. Don't think later too. Exams were not held because of closure

of the university by authorities in the 1980s." JNU was closed sine die in 1983.

president Saket Moon, Centres and Schools which have decided to boycott exams include the Centre for German Studies; Centre for Korean Studies; Centre for Japanese Studies; Centre for Political Science; Centre for the Study of Social Systems; Centre for Historical Studies (CHS); Centre for the Study of Regional Development; Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies; School of Arts and Aesthetics (SAA); Centre for Russian Studies; Centre for Persian and Central Asian Studies; Centre of Indian Languages (CIL); Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health: and Centre for Study in Law and Governance.

"More Centres and Schools will hold their GBMs in the next two days. There is no Centre which has decided against the

boycott, as yet," said Moon. In some of these Centres, exam dates have already passed, with nobody sitting for the

exam. However, with the JNU

administration announcing that end-semester exams should be held between December 12-20. According to JNUSU vice-Centres have either rescheduled or are planning to reschedule the

exams to fit the given dates. Amrit Raj, JNUSU councillor from SAA, said, "In our school, exams for MA and MPhil were supposed to begin on November 22. The dates have already passed and no one sat for the exam. Even MPhil and PhD synopsis presentation have been boycotted."

A PhD student from CHS said the same. "Our MPhil, PhD synopsis presentations were to be held on November 25-26, which were boycotted. Also, the MA exams were scheduled to begin on November 30, for which students did not sit," she said. However, a faculty member said the exam was postponed as per the new schedule.

An MPhil student from CIL said, "Besides exams, neither class tests nor seminars are taking place. We will not cooperate

till there's a complete rollback." The JNU Registrar did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment.

Warrant against Haryana public information officer for not responding to RTI query

SAKSHIDAYAL GURGAON. DECEMBER 2

HARYANA'S STATE Information Commission has directed that a bailable warrant be issued against the State Public Information Officer(SPIO) for allegedly failing to furnish information requested by an RTI activist, and not responding to a showcause notice issued by the Commission seeking his presence during hearings on the matter.

The matter pertains to an RTI filed by activist Ramesh Yadav in October 2018, seeking information about action taken by the Department of Town and

Country Planning against unauthorised colonies in Gurgaon. With officials allegedly failing to respond, Yadav had filed an appeal to the Commission in March this year.

The matter had come up before the Commission on June 20 and August 2 this year, when SPIO Ved Prakash Sehrawat, who is also DTP (Enforcement), was directed to inspect relevant records and furnish information to the activist. He was also directed to be "personally present" on the next date of hearing, November 15.

In an order passed on that date, the Commission stated that the case file had been "perused" and the SPIO had "neither furnished any information to the appellant nor has he replied to the showcause notice".

"The Commission further observed that the respondent SPIO never attend the hearings in the Commission, which shows that the respondent SPIO has no regards for effective implementation of the RTI Act, 2005," states the order, going on to direct that a notice be issued against the SPIO under Section 18 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005.

"A copy of this order shall be endorsed to Dy. Commissioner of Police (HQ), Gurugram for executing the bailable warrant... The Dy. Commissioner of Police (HQ), Gurugram is hereby also

directed that after serving the bailable warrant... to respondent, report be sent immediately to the Commission for necessary action," it added.

The order also directed the SPIO to be personally present, along with his reply to the showcause notice, on the next date of hearing on March 11, 2020, "failing which the case will be decided on merits without giving him any further opportunity to be heard".

Emphasising the importance of SPIOs following protocol, the Commission directed the Director General, Town and Country Planning, Haryana, to "issue necessary directions to SPIOs in his department to attend the

Teen barred over

hearings in the Commission regularly whenever asked", to ensure appeals are decided on time.

Speaking to The Indian Express, SPIO Sehrawat denied the allegations, claiming he had written to the Commission seek-

"I had sought exemption in this case and had also responded to the Commission via email, but this seems to be a case of miscommunication. They may not have received the email, which is why they have issued this or-

ing an exemption.

der," he said. When contacted, DCP (Headquarter) said he could not provide an update about the matter offhand.

2.59% dip in Delhi's revenue surplus in 2017-18: CAG report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

WHILE DELHI has mantained a revenue surplus since 2013-14, its expenses saw a spike two years ago. According to CAG's audit of the state's finances, which was tabled in the Delhi Assembly Monday, Delhi consistently registered a surplus between 2013-14 and 2017-18, but it registered a 2.59% dip in 2017-18.

After the drop, the surplus stood at 0.72% of the GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product), which is the total volume of all goods and services produced within the boundaries of the state during a given time period.

The surplus dropped even as revenue receipts during 2017-18 increased by 12.58% over the previous year, and tax and nontax revenue registered an increase of 14.70% and 101.05% respectively over the previous year, the report said.

The drop in surplus indicates that the government's expenditure on various public schemes and salaries of government staff could not keep pace

WHAT THE REPORT SAYS

Grants from Govt of India (Grants-in-Aid): Down from ₹2,825 crore (2016-17) to ₹2,184 crore (2017-18)

Total Delhi govt expenditure in 2017-18 is up by 10.21% from the previous year. Of the total:

> expenditure: 86% Capital **Loans and** advances: **5.74**%

with the earnings.

Outstanding loans

The report also pointed out that nodal bodies and corporations under the Delhi government, such as the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), continue to have large amounts of money as outstanding against loans.

In case of DJB, against loans amounting to Rs 26,620.04 crore disbursed to it between 1998-2018, only Rs 351.16 crore was re-

■ Share of social and economic services in total expenditure, which represents development expenditure, increased by 2.1% in

2017-18 over last year ■ Fiscal deficit of ₹1,051 crore in 2016-17 turned to fiscal surplus of ₹113

paid, leaving Rs 26,268.89 crore outstanding as on March 31, 2018. Loans amounting to Rs 11,837.69 crore were disbursed

crore in 2017-18

to the DTC during 1996-2011 but only Rs 161.55 crore has been repaid, leaving Rs 11,676.14 crore as outstanding as on March 31, 2018. The North, East and South

civic bodies too have loans amounting to Rs 2,037.54 crore, Rs 1,395.90 crore and Rs 381.45 crore outstanding as on March, 2018, the report added.

hookah video, HC says let him attend school

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

THE DELHI High Court Monday gave interim relief to a 15-yearold boy, who was allegedly barred from school on the grounds that he was seen smoking a hookah in a social media video, and allowed him to attend class.

Justice Rajiv Shakdher also sought to know the stand of the Delhi government's education department and authorities at Kalka Public School on the matter by December 17.

The court's interim order came on a plea by the boy's mother, who reportedly received admission under the economically weaker section category in the school, seeking directions to the school authorities to let him continue his studies.

The plea pointed out that the school's action violated his "fundamental right to education", and added that the action has resulted in agony and harassment

to both the child and his parents. The petition further claimed

Plea said the school's action violated the boy's right to education

that the boy's friends, who were also seen in the video, were not barred from attending classes. "Sometime in August 2019,

the petitioner (minor) along with few friends went to a pub at Kalkaji to celebrate a birthday. It happened that all the friends, including him, smoked hookah and one of them recorded a ninesecond video," the plea stated.

It added that one of the friends uploaded the video on Instagram, which was brought to the notice of the principal on October 8, 2019.

"The principal was so infuriated that despite regret by the petitioner as well as by his parents, she (the principal) did not allow the petitioner to attend classes from October 9, 2019, onwards," the plea stated, adding that none of the boy's friends, who were at the party, were barred from attending classes.



Arvind Kejriwal Chief Minister, Delhi



GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI

CELERBRATES CONTRIBUTION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN VARIOUS WALKS OF LIFE ON THE OCCASION OF

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

3rd DECEMBER 2019

Theme for International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2019

"Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership"

Welfare measures for Persons with Disabilities:

- Financial Assistance Scheme to persons with special needs to the tune of Rs. 2500/- per month to 92054 beneficiaries.
- Six residential homes for Persons with Intellectual Disability.
- Running 03 Halfway/Long stay Homes for Rehabilitation of Persons treated for mental illness.
- Seven Special schools for children with disability.
- One hostel for college going visually challenged male students.

Rajendra Pal Gautam

Minister of Social Welfare, Delhi





Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi

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6 IN PARLIAMENT WINTER SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR **RAJYA SABHA**

"I have to make an observation because it is happening time and again. There were 15 starred questions today and seven members were absent. After having asked those questions, if they are absent, it is a sorry state of affairs. I hope the media will publish the names of these hon. members who were kind enough not to come to the House in spite of putting the questions... Today is Monday, a working day. This is a very serious matter."

M VENKAIAH NAIDU, Chairman, during Question Hour.

LOK SABHA

"We will have to raise the standard of questions."

OM BIRLA, Speaker, when BJP member Guman Singh Damor posed a query to Minister of State for Culture Prahlad Singh Patel about the renovation and construction of an approach road to a local temple in his constituency, Mandsaur, in Madhya Pradesh.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I was enthused like a bride going to her in-laws' house when I found my question listed, but was disappointed with the reply, like she does after finding that it (the house) has no toilet."

GUMAN SINGH DAMOR, BJP Ratlam MP, during Question Hour.

5 QUESTIONS



BJP MP **KAILASH SONI** SPOKE TO **ABANTIKA GHOSH** ON WHY HE RAISED THE ISSUE OF STUDENTS OF A KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA IN DELHI BEING CALLED TO SCHOOL DURING THE AUTUMN BREAK IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

What was the issue you raised? The Kendriya Vidyalaya in R K Puram Sector 8 called students and teachers to school during the autumn break. I brought the matter to the attention of the HRD minister and the government.

What is wrong with that?

These are very important religious occasions for the majority community, Ashtami, Navami etc. These are days when Hindus, no matter where in the world they are, observe some rituals in their homes. If we are mindful of the religious concerns of other communities, we should extend the same courtesy to the majority community too.

Schools need to finish their syllabus.

If that is the case, they are welcome to call people even on Sundays but religious occasions should be spared. That is my contention.

Did students or teachers complain to you about this?

Many people raised the matter. I also got many phone calls on this. These are days that are very important for us.

Do you want these to be made gazetted holidays?

These holidays are already scheduled. All I am asking is that they be respected. I raised it in the House. I will also bring it to the notice of the HRD minister.



Telangana Congress MPs demanding justice in the Hyderabad rape-murder case, at Parliament on Monday. Renuka Puri

OUTRAGE IN BOTH HOUSES OVER HYDERABAD RAPE-MURDER

Castration to lynching, MPs seek stringent action for rape

PRADEEP KAUSHAL& **ABANTIKA GHOSH** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

THERE WAS outrage in both Houses of Parliament Monday over the Hyderabad rape and murder case with several members demanding fast-track courts, strict laws, castration and even public lynching of the perpetrators of such crimes even as the government said it was ready for a discussion to consider stringent amendments for

expeditious punishment of the guilty.

In the Rajya Sabha, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said there is no room for any mercy or age considerations for heinous offenders. "There is no reply (of the minister/government) on this, there is no one solution... the reply is with all of us... only law is not the solution... even after punishment there is appeal, there is mercy. Can anybody think of mercy for such people? And why? Because some practice has been there for years together... We need to think about changes in the legal judicial system... why look at age when a person has done such a crime and say he is a juvenile... what has age got to do with such a heinous crime?... In my opinion we need to revisit the law," Naidu said.

Samajwadi Party member Jaya Bachchan said, "I know it is a bit harsh but these kind of people should be brought out in public and lynched." She also emphasised the need to fix responsibility of policemen in cases such as the ones in Hyderabad, Delhi or Kathua.

Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad said that this is not a problem of any one region or state and society has to stand up "at every level to end this disease". "The guilty should be punished regardless of religion or any other considerations," he said.

Naidu allowed all MPs who had submitted notices on the matter to speak briefly during Zero Hour, with the proviso that particular states or governments should not be singled out to avoid unnecessary protests. "This is an issue disturbing all, a total disgrace to humanity," he said.

DMK MP P Wilson said the country



Samajwadi MP Jaya Bachchan demanded public lynching of the perpetrators. Renuka Puri

should look at options like surgical or chemical castration for rape convicts.

BJD MP Amar Patnaik pointed out the lack of an "ecosystem" of adherence to the law as he had been caught driving without a licence just two days ago.

In the Lok Sabha, MPs across party lines expressed their outrage over the Hyderabad incident and similar crimes as soon as the House met in the morning.

Responding to a Zero Hour discussion, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, "We are ready for discussions in the House so that stringent provisions in laws could be explored to give punishment to those involved

in such ghastly incidents." The Defence Minister said he was falling short of words to condemn the Hyderabad incident. He said that such heinous crimes were reported even after strict laws were framed in the aftermath of the 2012 Delhi gangrape.

Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishen Reddy informed the Lok Sabha that the government was ready to amend the IPC and CrPC to ensure swift justice in cases of heinous crimes. Reddy said the Centre was very serious on the issue and ready for suitable amendments. It had written to states and police forces over the issue, he said, adding various parties

will be consulted. Reddy said the government had come out with 112, an all-in-one emergency helpline number, and has "zero tolerance" against crimes against women.

Speaker Om Birla said that "we in one voice" condemn such incidents.

When the House assembled in the morning, Congress MPs held posters demanding justice for the Hyderabad case victim as DMK and BSP members joined them. The Speaker assured them that the issue would be discussed later during Zero Hour and they could let Question Hour progress.

Opening the discussion during Zero Hour, Congress's Nalgonda MP Uttam Kumar Reddy criticised the Telangana Home Minister for his remarks and slammed the police for delay in lodging the case. Reddy also blamed the sale of liquor along highways in Telangana for the incident and demanded that a fast-track court should conduct the trial and "hang" the accused.

TR Baalu of the DMK took up the issue of the sexual assault of a 12-year-old school girl in Coimbatore and urged the Centre to ensure time-bound action.

Calling the rape of the veterinarian a "heinous crime", Saugata Roy of the Trinamool Congress said such incidents continued to take place even after the enactment of strict laws. He asked the Centre to immediately frame laws to make rape punishable by "only death sentence". BJP's Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar

was of the view that "we need to implement punishment on the spot". "There was no need for holding seminars. How we need to respond is the debate of the day. How can we see that such incidents are checked," he said.

BJD floor leader Pinaki Misra questioned the delay in executing the death sentence awarded to convicts in the Delhi gangrape case. He said laws and establishment of fast track courts will not make a difference till the time death sentence is not executed.

Nama Nageswar Rao of the TRS said the Telangana government had given the highest priority to cases of crimes against women and noted that accused in this case were arrested within six hours.

RS clears Bill banning e-cigarettes, Oppn points to conventional tobacco

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

THE RAJYA Sabha approved a country-wide ban on electronic cigarettes on Monday.

The Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Bill, 2019 was passed by a voice vote amid concerns that it was brought under pressure from the tobacco lobby. The Bill, which got the Lok Sabha's nod last week, will replace the Ordinance promulgated on September 18.

The law categorises production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale, distribution, storage and advertisement of e-cigarettes as cognisable offences. Any contravention of the law will be punishable with imprisonment of up to one-year, or a fine of up to Rs 1 lakh, or both. For any subsequent offence, it provides for imprisonment of up to three years along with a fine of up to Rs 5 lakh.

Twenty-eight MPs spoke on the Bill, which was passed without any amendments. A statutory resolution by CPI(M)'s K K Ragesh, opposing the Ordinance route taken by the government, was not approved.

Responding to apprehensions regarding the government's motive, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan assured the House that there are no "vested interests" or "ulterior motives" behind the legislation. "Our intentions are absolutely pious and very clear that we want to nip this problem in the bud itself," he said, pointing out that only 0.02 per cent Indians use e-cigarettes.

Justifying the government decision to impose the ban through an Ordinance, the minister said it was the "need of the hour". "We

wanted to implement it because we knew that big companies had planned everything.. They were just going to start their manufacture," Harsh Vardhan said.

On Monday, members of the Opposition alleged that the Bill was brought under pressure from the tobacco companies since e-cigarettes could hurt their market share. "It seems like it's okay to have cigarettes and tobacco products, but not e-cigarettes. What is it about e-cigarettes that you had to bring in such a law? Please let us in on this secret,' Congress MP Digvijaya Singh said.

"If the idea is to address health problems related to consumption of tobacco then all tobacco products should be banned. Why just e-cigarettes?" asked Ravi Prakash Kumar of Samajwadi Party.

The minister replied, "In a country as vast as India, you see once a particular product has a very big consumer base and social acceptance, it is, in fact, very, very difficult to ban it.. Once you have a very huge consumer base.. we are not able to do it (implement ban) for cigarettes, for so many things, because 28 per cent of the people are involved with that.

"People are attributing all sorts of motives like we are being governed by the tobacco lobby. All my life, I have fought against the tobacco lobby," he said.

Opposition members also questioned whether a blanket ban was the right way since the prohibition of alcohol in Gujarat and Bihar had no effect on the supply of the banned substance.

Nadimul Haque (TMC) said the mandate of the Bill should be extended to all tobacco products including gutkha and pan masala. Vijila Sathyananth of the AIADMK said the government should ban all kind of cigarettes

Ethics panel set to form code of conduct for LS MPs

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

WITH TWO legislators forced to apologise for their remarks in the two sessions of the 17th Lok Sabha, its Ethics Committee is all set to form a code of conduct for MPs in the Lower House. After BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur triggered a controversy with her remarks on Nathuram Godse, the Ethics Committee initiated discussions on it on Monday.

The panel, headed by BJP's Vinod Kumar Sonkar, met on Monday and decided to seek suggestions as well as views from all political parties for the code that would oversee the moral and ethical conduct of the MPs. A code of conduct had come into force for the Rajya Sabha MPs in 2005.

In the meeting, the 14-member committee decided to study code of conduct for the lawmakers in the US, UK and other countries, sources said.

While SP leader Azam Khan had created controversy in the first session of the 17th Lok Sabha with a sexist remark against BJP's Rema Devi, who was then in the chair, the ongoing winter session witnessed uproarious scenes when Thakur made a remark about Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Godse.

While Thakur's remarks were expunged, the Opposition protests forced the ruling BJP to direct her to tender an apology twice on the floor of the House.

Sources said the two incidents have made it necessary to lay down a format on code of conduct, especially in the backdrop of new



Rampur MP Azam Khan and Bhopal MP Pragya Thakur were forced to apologise for their remarks

technologies in the communication sector. "Unlike in the past, the remarks on the floor of the House spread fast, even if they are expunged from the records. So the MPs will have to follow certain decorum in speaking inside the House as well as outside," a source said. During the meeting on Monday, mem-

bers warned that such a code will have long lasting impact and thereby it should be "carefully discussed and deliberated in detail". The political parties would be asked to give their opinions and suggestions, the source said. Sources said the discussions have just be-

gun and no time frame has been finalised to come up with a format. However, they indicated that no decision would be taken in a hurry without proper study. With proceedings getting disrupted of-

ten in the Rajya Sabha, Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu has suggested changes in the code so that "disruptive activities" in whatever form can be brought down.

BJP MPs seek Adhir apology, target Sonia after Cong leader calls Modi, Shah 'infiltrators'

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ENRAGED OVER his description of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah as "infiltrators", BJP members in the Lok Sabha on Monday demanded an apology from Congress floor leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

Chowdhury had on Sunday made the remark about Modi and Shah during a television debate on the issue of National Register of Citizens (NRC). He described Modi and Shah as "infiltrators" in Delhi because they had their homes in Gujarat. As soon as Parliamentary Affairs Minister

Pralhad Joshi took on Chowdhury on Monday, the ruling party's members sprang to their feet. Joshi referred to the foreign-origin of Congress president Sonia Gandhi and dubbed her an "infiltrator". The minister said he was forced to draw this inference that the Congress led by an infiltrator will pursue others in a similar manner.

Joshi said Chowdhury's remarks were an "outright insult" to the people who had given Modi a solid mandate in the last Lok Sabha polls. They showed that the Congress was still not prepared to come to terms with its defeat, the minister said. According to the minister, India's prestige in the world had been enhanced under Modi's leadership and an insult to him and Shah could not be toler-



Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Congress president Sonia Gandhi in Lok Sabha. PTI

ated. The minister wondered if Chowdhury could be called an infiltrator because he hailed from West Bengal.

"You will have to apologise," Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal said. BJP members also accused Chowdhury of running a "syndicate" in West Bengal to help Bangladeshi infiltrators be-

come Indian citizens. Chowdhury tried to explain his remarks

and said he will apologise if the BJP was not satisfied with his response. However, he said that his family had come from what was Bangladesh today. "We do not have many documents so if somebody calls (us) an infiltrator, we cannot do much," he said.

However, BJP members persisted with their protests and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla adjourned the House. Earlier, there were angry exchanges be-

tween Chowdhury and BJP members during Question Hour as well. When Chowdhury rose to ask a supplementary related to the Steel Ministry, BJP members took a dig at him by repeatedly shouting "infiltrator". "Yes, I am an infiltrator, I am a deemak (termite). Modi is an infiltrator. Amit Shah is an infiltrator. LK Advani is an infiltrator," the Congress leader retaliated. Petroleum and Steel Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan shot back, "Sab khulengi, aap ki paribhasha se desh nahi chalega (Everything will be exposed. The country will not be run by your definition)." BJP members also created uproar in the

Rajya Sabha over the issue. When the Upper House assembled after lunch, BJP member Bhupender Yadav raised a point of order and sought to condemn the Congress leader's remarks.

This was opposed by Congress's Digvijaya Singh and others. "This is not only the issue of this House or of that House", this is a matter of dignity, Yadav said.

"Does any leader of a party have the right to use words such as 'infiltrators'. Are we not insulting parliamentary democracy of this country by using such words," he said.

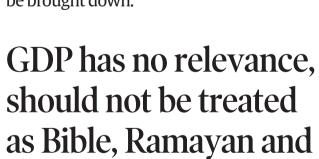
Several BIP members left their seats to protest Chowdhury's comments.

New Delhi

said he would look into the issue.

The Upper House has earlier condemned such issues which were against the dignity of Parliament, according to Yadav.

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh



New Delhi: Amid the Opposition's attack over the state of the country's economy, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey said in the Lok Sabha on Monday that Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has no relevance and it should not be treated as Bible, Ramayan and Mahabharat.

Mahabharat: BJP MP

Participating in the discussion on the Taxation Law Amendment Bill and a statutory resolution disapproving the ordinance on the same legislation, Dubey said, "Sustainable economic development is more important than GDP".

Before Dubey, Adhir Ranjan Chowdury, Leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha, attacked the government over the falling GDP num-

The debate in the Lower House mostly hovered around the GDP slipping to an oversix-year-low of 4.5 per cent in the July-September quarter.

Seeking to return fire, Dubey claimed GDP did not exist before 1934.

"(Economist Simon) Kuznet said it is not the ultimate truth to believe GDP as Bible, Ramayan and Mahabharat and GDP will be not be of any great use in future," Dubey said, inviting ridicule from the Opposition benches.

"Whoever talks about the GDP is wrong. GDP has no relevance to this country," Dubey said. He said what is important is the last person standing in the queue and whether the government is able to reach him.

Bungalow, 12 other

DEBATE ON TAXATION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL IN LOK SABHA

On 'atmosphere of fear', Sitharaman says: We listen, respond to criticism

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

DISMISSING THE Opposition's charges about the "atmosphere

of fear" in the country, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said it is unfair to aver that the government is not willing to hear criticism.

Replying to the debate on Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill in Lok Sabha, Sitharaman said, "To say the government is not willing to hear criticism is unfair, absolutely unfair. We take criticism, we respond to criticism; and therefore the Home Minister responded to the eminent senior industrialist. We do listen and respond."

She also said, "I have been told that I am the worst Finance Minister. They (Opposition) are not even waiting for me to finish my term. I told them, 'please give me more ideas, we will work on it'. If there's a government that listens, it is PM Modi's government."



Nirmala Sitharaman in Lok Sabha on Monday. LSTV/PTI

Sitharaman said this is a government where the Prime Minister and other ministers have been pilloried but the response has been positive.

Referring to industrialist Rahul Bajaj's remarks at an event in Mumbai on Saturday that people are afraid of criticising the NDA government's policies, and Home Minister Amit Shah's re-

ply to it, Sitharaman said, "We are a responsive government ready to hear every section, every segment, and take corrective measures. The Home Minister heard every word and I was also on the dais. Only after hearing all remarks we responded."

Earlier in the day, initiating the debate on the Bill, Congress's

Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury attacked the government saying that the "atmosphere of fear needs to be obviated".

Without naming Bajaj, he said. "Investors and industrialists don't have faith (in the government). Yesterday, or the day before, they (industrialist) said there is an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty. That is why they (investors) fear to invest. Now all your ministers are behind them and have started scaring(them). I know they will now just back down but they (industrialists) have spoken the truth."

against the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019, which will be replaced by the Bill, Chowdhury also wanted to know from Finance Minister the positive impact she has observed after promulgation of the ordinance. At the end of her reply,

Moving a statuary resolution

Sitharaman hit back at Chowdhury and said, "I am not nirbala (weak). Every woman in 2019.

our party is *sabala* (strong)...I am Nirmala, and I shall remain Nirmala.'

She also took on the main opposition for the alleged nepotism in the party and said there are "no jijas (brothers-in-law) in our party, only party workers".

Shiv Sena MP Arvind Sawant and NCP's Supriya Sule also raised Bajaj's remarks while speaking in the House. Sule said, "I come from a state which is probably one of the most developed in this country. The entire market is from Mumbai. It works even on sentiments. Now there is a fear sentiment and somebody has raised it, and the Home Minister compliments it by correcting it. Shri Bajaj is one of the tallest business leaders. If he says something, I think we should take it positively. He used to criticise our (IPA) government, too, but we took it positively."

After the Finance Minister's reply the Lok Sabha passed the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill

Dawood properties to go under the hammer These properties, some

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN MUMBAI, DECEMBER 2

THIRTEEN PROPERTIES owned by underworld don Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar, including his home in Ratnagiri in Maharashtra, will go under the hammer under the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act (SAFEMA).

Officials told The Indian Express that the Finance Ministry's office of Competent Authority is at an advanced stage of valuing the properties, which include Dawood's two-storey bungalow where he was born in 1955, 11 parcels of land and a petrol pump, all located at Mumka, in Khed taluka of Ratnagiri. According to the records, the total area of these properties is over 10 acres.

"The valuation of the properties is at an advanced stage and the properties will be put up for auction by January," said R N D'Souza, additional commisof which were owned by Dawood's family, were forfeited by **SAFEMA in 1998**

sioner at SAFEMA.

These properties, some of which were owned by Dawood's family, were forfeited by SAFEMA in 1998 — the Act provides for forfeiture of ill-gotten properties of smugglers, foreign exchange manipulators and their kith and kin. However, Dawood's family had challenged the forfeiture of their properties at various legal forums. In April 2018, the Supreme Court dismissed appeals filed by Dawood's mother Amina Bi Kaskar and sister Hasina Parker against the orders of confiscation, clearing the decks for confiscation and auction of the properties by SAFEMA.

The government has maintained that these properties of

Dawood had been acquired using "undeclared and ill-gotten income" from his criminal activities. The underworld don is a designated global terrorist and wanted for several crimes including murder, extortion, targeted killing, drug trafficking and terrorism.

So far, SAFEMA has successfully auctioned at least four properties of Dawood and his family in Mumbai. In April, SAFEMA auctioned a residential apartment in South Mumbai, belonging to Haseena Parkar for Rs 1.80 crore. In 2017. the agency auctioned six flats in Dambarwala building, Hotel Raunaq Afroz on 33, Pakmodia Street, and Shabnam Guest House at Bhendi Bazar, the last known addresses of Dawood Ibrahim in Mumbai. While Shabnam Guest House was sold for Rs 3.05 crore, Dawood's ancestral property, Dambarwala building, was auc tioned at Rs 3.53 crore. Hotel Raunag Afroz was auctioned at Rs 4.53 crore.

'Encounter' report in House, Baghel says guilty won't be spared

DIPANKAR GHOSE RAIPUR. DECEMBER 2

TABLING THE report of a judicial commission that looked into an alleged encounter in 2012 that killed 17 people, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday said that no one found guilty will be spared. Speaking on the sidelines of

the last day of winter session, Baghel said, "It is unfortunate that there was no FIR or action taken then (in 2012). Seven years later, a report like this has come. Whoever is responsible will be punished."

This comes two days after The Indian Express reported that Justice V K Agarwal commission found that there was no evidence to suggest that 17 people killed the encounter were Maoists, or that there was any firing from the "meeting" of villagers in Sarkeguda village of Bijapur district.

Baghel said the report would now be sent to the Law Department for examination. "Based on its findings, a committee will decide the course of action. But there is no question of any guilty person being spared...17 people lost their lives," he said.

Earlier in the day, the Opposition BJP moved a breach of privilege notice against Baghel over alleged "leak" of the report before it was tabled in Assembly.

Former CM and BJP leader Raman Singh said, "The Vidhan Sabha is on. The government received this report a month ago, and it was put before the House only today — that too suddenly. Our objection was that such an important report should be tabled before the House but it was leaked to the media (before that). It is an insult to Vidhan Sabha, and to its members, that we read this report in newspapers instead of it being tabled."

In response, Baghel said, "The BJP was shouting in Assembly today but why were they silent on this for so long? Seventeen people were killed. Where was their (BJP leaders') voice then? Is raising this issue bigger than the deaths of innocent people? Normally there is six months' time to table a report; we have done it early."

Kawasi Lakhma, state minister and five-time MLA from Konta in Bastar, demanded FIR against the then CM and Home Minister — in 2012, BJP led the state government.

The saffron party countered that the Congress-led UPA was in charge at the Centre in 2012, and the CRPF, which carried out the alleged encounter, was under then Home Minister P Chidambaram.

In a statement, the Congress party said that Raman Singh was raising questions, instead of "be-

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home, writes to MHA

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breach at Priyanka's

AFTER THE Centre revoked the Special Protection Group (SPG) security cover accorded to the Gandhi family last month, the Congress on Monday claimed a security breach at the residence of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in

Lutyen's Delhi on November 26. Sources said a communication in this regard has been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) by Priyanka's secretary.

Congress sources said on November 26, seven unknown people allegedly drove up to the porch of Priyanka's home, got out of the vehicle and walked up to her to ask for photographs.

The security detail for the Gandhis is now handled by the CRPF and Delhi Police.

While no official statement was offered either by MHA or by the CRPF and Delhi Police, Minister of State for Home Affairs, G Kishen Reddy, told reporters at Parliament complex that he was unaware of the incident. "I am just coming out of Lok Sabha. Let me take the information from the police... I will dis-

cuss with my officers," Reddy said. Meanwhile, sources in the CRPF said they were in-charge of handling perimeter and mobile security and access control to the premises was handled by the



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

Delhi Police.

A source in the Delhi Police said, "As per the new arrangement, the CRPF and the Delhi Police are looking after the security at 35, Lodhi Estate. Some communication gap seems to have occurred on the day of the incident. Corrective measures have been initiated."

The source said the information relayed to the guards at the gate was that Rahul Gandhi's guests were arriving. An inquiry is being conducted, said the source.

Meanwhile, the Congress termed the incident a serious security lapse. "The breach of security is an extremely serious lapse reflecting gross negligence on part of the BJP government... Home ministry and its officials should be held accountable for ensuring that the security protocol is meaningful for the protectee," Congress spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said.

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WARM WELCOME

HAVING SHEPHERDED a three-party government in Maharashtra, NCP Rajya Sabha MP Sharad Pawar returned to Parliament on Monday with fellow MPs both inside the House and in the Central Hall congratulating him for the "victory". His party colleague Praful Patel too had congratulatory hands reaching out to him as he walked in and out of the House. Those from other parties reached out to them, with the exception of BJP MPs.

New Record

SPEAKER OM Birla seems to believe in the carrot-and-stick policy for MPs. He may have taken a strict stand against banners inside the House, but he has also begun a new system on the Lok Sabha website to keep a record of the performance of MPs on a daily basis. The website has a new item showing the performance of MPs since November 21 — it lists MPs who have raised matters under 377, matters of public importance (zero hour) and those who have participated in debates.

PARTY TIME

The German ambassador hosted his annual "Nicolaus party" over the weekend. As around 200 children came from various embassies, the envoy said that Santa Claus had to leave his reindeer and sledge behind in the Arctic Circle, and his red Ambassador — fondly called Aunty Amby — was there to help out. They even cut a cake in the shape of a red Ambassador.

Message For Moshe

MOSHE HOLTZBERG, the Israeli child who was rescued by Indian nanny Sandra during the 26/11 terror attack, celebrated his Bar mitzvah — the coming of age ritual for boys. At the event, Indian ambassador to Israel Sanjiv Singla went to convey good wishes and read out a letter from PM Narendra Modi — which said that his story inspires everyone and he hoped he would come to Mumbai Chabad House some day.

TN announces rural civic polls, Oppn slams move to skip urban polls

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, DECEMBER 2

THE LONG-DELAYED elections to rural civic bodies in Tamil Nadu will be held in two phases on December 27 and 30, the State Election Commission (SEC) announced on Monday.

The announcement faced the wrath of Opposition parties, as State Election Commissioner R Palanisamy announced dates for elections only to rural civic bodies, keeping urban local body polls on hold. The poll panel said elections to urban local bodies will be announced separately. DMK Chief M K Stalin asked

whether SEC R Palanisamy and Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami are the "same" person, hinting at a possible hand of the state government in the poll schedule announcement and referring to their similar surnames. Stalin also pointed out out that

Tamil Nadu has always had single-phase elections — be it for Lok Sabha, Assembly or local bodies. He alleged that the SEC was taking decisions in favour of the government, as the ruling AIADMK was "afraid" of facing local body polls. "The schedule announced for local body elections shows that the ruling party is scared," he maintained.

Calling the poll schedule a "murder of democracy", MDMK leader Vaiko said the decision is meant primarily to give courts a chance to further postpone the election process.

CPI(M) state secretary K Balakrishnan said the SEC is confused and is not ready yet to conduct polls. He claimed that the process of delimitation of wards in many areas is not complete and demanded an election schedule after completing all work as per



LOCAL BODY polls were originally scheduled for June 2016, soon after late J Jayalalithaa led AIADMK to a second consecutive victory in Assembly elections. They were postponed to October 2016, as AIADMK was allegedly not too keen to face the electorate soon after winning the state elections. It was further postponed for multiple reasons, including legal contests and a turbulent period that saw hospitalisation and subsequently death of Jayalalithaa and AIADMK's internal rifts.

the Panchayat Act.

CPI state secretary R Mutharasan also accused the AIADMK of being "afraid" of facing the electorate. He demanded both SEC and AIADMK come forward and hold the local body elections on a single day.

As per Monday's announcement, poll notification will be issued on December 6, nominations can be filed from December 6 to December 13, and scrutiny of candidature will be taken up on December 16. Votes will be counted on January 2.

The Indian Express had earlier reported that the BIP, which contested the Lok Sabha polls in Tamil Nadu in alliance with the AIADMK, is eyeing putting up party-backed candidates in at least 50 per cent of the 1.25 lakh seats across the state in different local bodies.

Top court to hear DMK plea on TN local body polls

Chennai: The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a fresh petition filed by the DMK seeking a direction to the EC to complete formalities such as delimitation of constituencies and reservation aspects before going ahead with panchayat and local body elec-

tions in Tamil Nadu. This comes a day the TN State **Election Commission announced**

a request seeking urgent hearing in the wake of SEC's announcement in Chennai, the apex court agreed to hear it on Thursday. The delimitation issue raised by DMK is about delimiting the extent of each ward based on population instead of number of voters as per the Tamil Nadu Delimitation Commission Act, 2017. **ENS**

dates for rural local body polls. On

Will expel infiltrators by 2024 polls: Shah

ABHISHEK ANGAD JAMSHEDPUR, DECEMBER 2

UNION HOME Minister and BIP chief Amit Shah on Monday set a 2024 deadline for implementing the National Register of Citizens (NRC) across the country, stating that "each and every infiltrator" will be sent out of the country before the 2024 parliamentary election.

At a rally in Chakradharpur in West Singhbhum, Shah said: "Please tell me if the infiltrators should be sent away or not. Sisters and mothers, please tell me... the Congress says don't implement NRC, don't send infiltrators... We will implement NRC in the entire country and send each and every infiltrator outside the country by the 2024 elections." Raking up the Ayodhya dis-

pute, Shah alleged that the Congress made attempts to thwart the hearing in the Supreme Court. "Congress leaders would tell the Supreme Court that there is no need for hearing the Ram Janmabhoomi case. With your (people's) backing, we submitted that it be taken forward, and the result is that the apex court has ruled that only a Ram temple will be built in Ayodhya," he said.

ABHISHEK ANGAD

JAMSHEDPUR, DECEMBER 2

AT BIRSA Nagar in Jamshedpur

East Assembly segment,

Congress candidate and party

spokesperson Gourav Vallabh is

out for canvassing. As he goes

into shops and meets people, his

supporters introduce him as

"Trillion wale bhaiyya" — a ref-

erence to his question to BJP

spokesperson Sambit Patra on a

TV show on the number of ze-

member of XLRI Xavier School

of Management is contesing

polls for the first time and is up

against two heavyweights — BJP

nominee and Chief Minister

Raghubar Das and BIP veteran

Sarayu Roy who is contesting as

Vallabh's candidature appears to

have invigorated the Congress

cadre at a time when infighting

in the state party unit threatens

to harm its poll prospects. Asked

about the factionalism in the

party, Vallabh says he is not af-

fected, "I am just doing my work

who joined the Congress in

January 2018, Vallabh has an il-

lustrious academic career. Before

A first-generation politician

and focusing on the strategy."

The announcement of

The 42-year-old faculty

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an Independent.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses a public meeting in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand on Monday. PTI

Up against CM, XLRI faculty member

confident ahead of first poll fight

XLRI faculty member Gourav Vallabh is up against BJP

nominee and Chief Minister Raghubar Das. Express

joining the Xavier School of

Management in 2003, he

worked as a Research Officer and

Faculty at National Institute of

Bank Management — a think

tank set up by RBI. He has been a

visiting faculty at 20 institutes in

India and abroad. The Xavier

School of Management's web-

site mentions his qualification as

a Certified Financial Risk

Manager (Global Association of

Risk Professionals, US),

Chartered Accountant (ICAI),

Company Secretary (ICSI), and a

doctorate in credit risk assess-

ment from University of

ments help his poll prospects?

But will his career achieve-

Rajasthan.



Shah said that national issues like uprooting terrorism, Maoism and construction of a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya were as important in the Jharkhand elections as local matters like development.

He added that the Raghubar Das government was corrup-

tion-free. "In the last five years of the Raghubar Das government, there were zero instances of corruption. There has been no allegation of corruption against him," he said. Referring to the "vikas ki

Ganga" flowing in Jharkhand because of the "double engine" growth the Centre and the state governments had ushered in together, Shah said the Modi government built AIIMS in Deoghar, and it will now construct an airport there and also in Bokaro. Dumka and Jamshedpur.

-WITH PTI INPUTS

Will change Jharkhand just like Chhattisgarh, says Rahul

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SIMDEGA, DECEMBER 2

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi on Monday promised to waive farm loans if the Opposition coalition comes to power in Jharkhand and vowed to change the state like neighbouring Chhattisgarh, where his party stormed to power last year. Addressing his first rally in

Iharkhand, Rahul said that within a year of coming to power in Chhattisgarh, the Congress government had changed its scenario. "During the BJP government in Chhattisgarh, land was taken from tribals and given to industrialists. We brought the tribal Bill, forest rights law and ended BJP's wrongdoings. For the first time in history, land was taken back from the Tatas and given to tribals," he said.

"Wherever the BJP has a government, industrialists get land easily but farmers and tribals do not get the right price for paddy. We ensured the right price for paddy farmers in Chhattisgarh and waived loans in Congressruled states," Rahul said.

"There is no shortage of wealth in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, but the common people, tribals are not benefiting from it. The BJP government is exploiting Jharkhand the same way as Chhattisgarh..." he said.

Jamshedpur has an educated,

cosmopolitan crowd and I am

Vallabh has been is Jamshedpur

for the last 16 years and says he

has an "emotional connect" with

Das should give an audit of work

done by his government in the

last five years. "I am ready for a

debate in a short notice of an

for the underprivileged and that

was when he decided that he

was narrow, then I thought that

politics is one field where I can

contribute enough and I dived

Congress because it "stands for

a liberal society, has intellectual

honesty and promotes free

surname because I don't believe

in caste structures. I perform

pooja daily and can recite

Ramcharitmanas, but it does not

mean I will impose my belief on

"Till then my contribution

Vallabh says he joined the

"I deliberately don't write my

in a shambles," he says.

must join politics.

in," he adds.

thinking".

others," he says.

Hailing from Rajasthan,

Vallabh says Chief Minister

more confident now."

the city.

CM drama' to protect funds, Fadnavis denies **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

BJP MP says '80-hour

MUMBAI, DECEMBER 2

LEADER OF Opposition in Maharashtra Assembly Devendra Fadnavis on Monday denied BJP MP from Karnataka Anantkumar Hegde's purported remarks that Fadnavis was sworn-in as chief minister for a brief while as part of a planned "drama" to protect Rs 40,000 crore Central funds to the state from being "misused" by the next chief minister.

While Fadnavis called the remarks "absolutely wrong" "highly improper" and "baseless", leaders from the governing coalition in the state — the Shiv Sena, NCP and the Congress condemned this "treachery" against Maharashtra.

The BJP central leadership is reportedly unhappy with Hegde's comments, and a senior BJP leader said the leadership's "displeasure" will be conveyed to the former Union minister, PTI reported.

In a video uploaded recently on his Facebook page, Hegde purportedly said while speaking at an election meeting in Uttara Kannada district, "Recently our person (Fadnavis) became CM for 80 hours. Then resigned. Why was this drama staged? Didn't we know? Why did he become CM despite knowing we (BJP) didn't have the majority? These are the questions everyone will ask."

He purportedly said, "More than Rs 40,000 crore was under the CM's control. If the NCP. Congress and Shiv Sena came to power, that Rs 40,000 crore would not have gone for development. This was all planned before."

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari had given oath of office to Fadnavis as CM and then-rebel NCP legislator Ajit Pawar as his deputy early November 23 morning. Both resigned three days later, before the floor test in the House. Hegde also purportedly as-

serted that it took 15 hours for hour. Education, health, jobs are Fadnavis to ensure that the Asked when he decided to money "reaches where it had to". He said. "Once we got to join politics, Vallabh replies that one of his students once questioned him on his contribution

know (about Sena-NCP-



Anantkumar Hegde

Congress forming government) it was decided that a drama has to be played out. So adjustments were made and oath was taken After oath, within 15 hours Fadnavis systematically ensured that it (money) reaches where it had to and protected it. If it had been kept here (in Maharashtra) the next CM... you know what would have happened."

Fadnavis told the media in Mumbai, "I don't know what the MP (Hegde) has said. But what I understood from the media, I can say it is an absolutely wrong allegation. Not a single penny from the state has gone to the Centre, nor received (from the Centre).'

He added, "If anybody is making such false charges, it is highly improper and baseless." He asserted that "not a single

penny was transferred" to the Centre "during my tenure as (either) full-fledged CM during election period or even as care taker or short-tenure CM". Sena MP Sanjay Raut said,

"The BJP MP says Rs 40,000 crore was moved to Centre. This is treachery with Maharashtra." NCP's chief spokesperson

Nawab Malik said, "It is not possible to send back Rs 40,000 crore and if it has been done then the PM will have to resign... This is not only injustice done on Maharashtra (if money was returned to the Centre) but also on all other states."

Seeking a reply from the PM, spokesperson Congress Randeep Surjewala tweeted, "A Union minister has exposed the Modi government. BJP's anti-Maharashtra face has been exposed. Has the federal structure been crushed? Was Rs 40,000 crore earmarked for welfare of the public and farmers withdrawn through a conspiracy? Prime Minister Reply!'

SC: No tree felling for Metro work in Thane for 2 weeks

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday restrained the Maharashtra government and its authorities from felling trees for the under-construction Mumbai Metro-IV project in Thane for two weeks.

A bench of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and Justices B R Gavai and Surva Kant said it was allowing the request only to enable the petitioner to suitably amend its petition pending before the Bombay High Court.

The court was hearing an appeal by Rohit Joshi, an environmental activist, challenging the HC's November 25 order vacating the stay granted by it on September 20, while hearing a PIL filed by him. It contended that the HC order would pave the way for "destruction of trees for construction of Metro Line 4 project in Thane" and thereby render its petition infructuous.

The bench asked Advocate Pooja Dhar, who appeared for Joshi, whether the tree authority had sanctioned felling. Dhar replied in the affirmative but added that the public hearing was not properly carried out. The court said the petitioner should have challenged the authority's order. The counsel requested authorities be restrained from cut-

ting trees in the interim. **ENS**

Took help of Cong MLAs to raise Indore issues during Chouhan govt: Mahajan

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL. DECEMBER 2

FORMER LOK Sabha Speaker and senior BJP leader Sumitra Mahajan has admitted to taking the help of Congress legislators to raise issues related to Indore when her party was in power in Madhya Pradesh, putting the BJP in an awkward position.

Mahajan made the remarks on Sunday while sharing the dais with Governor Lalji Tandon and **Higher Education Minister Jitu** Patwari in Indore. She said as Indore's MP she was always concerned about development of

her constituency. "When it comes to development of Indore we rise above the party line. I am sharing my personal experience. If my government was there, I could not speak against it. I used to feel something should happen, someone should speak. I used to stealthily ask Jitu Bhaiyya (Congress MLA Jitu Patwari) and Tulsibhai (Congress MLA Tulsi Silawat, now health minister) to do something," she said while looking at Tandon, the former

Uttar Pradesh chief minister and senior BJP leader.



Sumitra Mahajan

she would ask the Congress leg islators to raise the matter and promise that she would later take it up with then chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Justifying her conduct, she said she did so only because she had development of Indore in mind. She said such camaraderie is Indore's nature and every politician wants to do something good for the city.

Mahajan then went on to say that Jitu Patwari has all the qualities to become her disciple. Mahajan, 76, represented

Indore in Lok Sabha for three decades and was the Speaker in her last term. In April this year she announced that she won't contest the general elections after getting an indication from the top leadership that she may not be fielded again because she had reached a certain age limit. She later wrote an open letter, questioning the delay over naming party's Indore candidate.

KARNATAKA BYPOLLS

BJP up against some anger in 3 seats of flood-hit Belagavi

JOHNSONTA KAGWAD (BELAGAVI), DEC 2

AS ROWS of tractors laden with sugarcane produce roll towards sugar factories around Kagwad and Athani region of Karnataka's Belagavi district, missing from the rows of farmers waiting to get canes crushed at the factories are hundreds of farmers whose crops were wiped out by massive floods in Belagavi and surrounding districts in August this year.

Nearly 1.7 lakh hectares of agricultural land was wiped out.

With the BS Yediyurappa government, which came to power in July, yet to hand out compensation to farmers who lost crops in the floods, the BJP is up against some anger in the December 5 byelections in three Assembly constituencies of Belagavi: Kagwad, Athani and Gokak. The defection of three

Congress MLAs from the region to BJP — Shrimanth Patil (MLA of Kagwad), Mahesh Kumatahalli (Athani) and Ramesh Jharkiholi (Gokak) — along with 14 other Congress - JD(S) MLAs helped BJP topple the then coalition.

In many villages in Athani and Kagwad constituencies, banners appeared asking Kumatahalli and Patil, now fielded by BJP, not to enter the villages and seek votes since they never came



B S Yediyurappa

to check on people after the floods. Waiting for Yediyurappa's campaign meeting for Patil on Monday, Korgund Mallappa, a farmer from Kagwad said: "There is a lot of anger against Shrimanth Patil, who is now trying to get reelected from Kagad on a BJP ticket. He never paid the dues of farmers last year at his sugar factory. This year, after the floods, he did not visit the villages. He has not dared appear in Ainapur until today..."

Apparently sensing the anger in Belagavi district, dominated by members of his own Lingayat community, Yediyurappa has carried out two rounds of campaigning to assuage anger, promising that all problems will be addressed after December 9 if BIP wins a majority after the bypolls.

In his campaign run through the three seats, Yediyurappa has played the Lingayat card strongly. Another problem for the BJP in Kagwad is the fact that the

Congress has fielded a Lingayat

leader, Raju Kage, who joined the party last month after BIP announced Patil's candidature.

Vallabh says he is "confident".

"Everyone wants good people in

politics," he says. "A politician

promises something and does

not live up to it. This is not good

for a healthy democracy... I in-

tend to serve the people and live

up to the promises I make..." he

in Jharkhand began November 30.

Polling in Jamshedpur East is on

The five-phase Assembly polls

Up against formidable oppo-

nents like Das and Roy, Vallabh

says, "My planning would not be

the same as other seasoned

politicians, but I am getting good

inputs from a lot of people, in-

cluding the young ones...

says.

December 7.

"There is additional trouble for Patil because he is not from the local Lingayat community — he is a Maratha..." farmer Mallappa said. In an effort to bolster support,

BJP had several Lingayat leaders campaign in Kagwad and Athani on Monday. "Don't look at the candidate's caste in Kagwad. Think of Yediyurappa and vote," former Union minister Basavaraj Yatnal said at Athani.

In Athani, the BIP seems to have it relatively easy even though the party candidate, Congress rebel Kumatahalli, requires the support of Deputy CM Laxman Savadi, whom he defeated in the 2018 polls. Shankar Rao Kottur, a founding member of the BJP unit in Athani, was confident that the party will fare well. "There was some resistance to the BJP newcomer in the beginning but that is all sorted out now," he said.

The BJP is also seemingly on a good wicket in Gokak, where the battle is within the family of the Jharkiholi brothers: Congress rebel and BJP candidate Ramesh and his brother and Congress nominee Lakhan. "Although JD(S) has fielded a Lingayat candidate in Ashok Poojary — a former BJP leader — the battle seems to be going the way of BIP," a local

official said.

BJP leaders dismiss rumours after Pankaja's Facebook post

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 2

SENIOR MAHARASHTRA BIPleaders had to swing into defence mode on Monday to scotch rumours of former minister Pankaja Munde's unhappiness with the party after reportedly feeling sidelined following her recent Assembly election defeat.

Pankaja created a flutter on Sunday evening with a Facebook post declaring that she wanted to "introspect" on the changed

political equations in the state. "...I entered orders of my fa-

politics on the ther and later after Munde saheb, stayed in politics on ac-

count of my responsibility towards the people. Today there is a need to decide on all our future course after considering the changes in politics and in our responsibilities and the

Pankaja

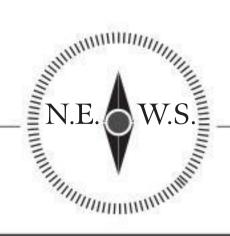
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changed context," she wrote. The BJP's Maharashtra chief Chandrakant Patil dismissed rumours. "BIP leaders were in touch with Pankaja. After her defeat, she was seriously introspecting. It does not mean she is going to leave the BIP," he said.

She went on to reveal that New Delhi

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North

70-year-old raped by 27-year-old neighbour

Lucknow: A 70-year-old woman was raped allegedly by a 27-year-old man in Anpara area of Sonbhadra district late Sunday evening. Police have arrested the accused, Ram Kishan, who works as a painter and is a father to two children. "The incident occurred around 8 pm on Sunday when the

woman was alone in her house

while her family members were out. Ram Kishan, who lives in the neighbourhood and was drunk that evening, found the woman in the house alone and entered inside. He then overpowered the old woman and raped her," said Shailesh Kumar Rai, SHO of Anpara police station.



Women mark the 35th anniversary of the Bhopal gas disaster, in Bhopal on Monday. Reuters

WEST

Maoists kill two, destroy elephant camp

Nagpur: Two villagers from Pursalgondi village in Etapalli tehsil were allegedly murdered by Maoists on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. In a press note issued by police in Gadchiroli, the victims were identified as Maso Dhebla Pungati (55), and Rishi Lalu Meshram (52). They were killed for their insistence to work at the iron

ore mine of Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd at Surjagad, police said. Maoists also destroyed the forest department's elephant camp in Kamlapur forest range around the same time, according to police. Police said the Maoists were observing their annual People's Liberation Guerilla Army week from December 2 to December 8.

EAST

Woman raped by policeman, aides in Puri

Puri (Odisha): A woman was allegedly gangraped by two persons, including a policeman, inside a police quarter in Puri on Monday. Police said the woman lodged a complaint saying a man, who identified himself as a police personnel, offered her a lift in his car while she was waiting at a bus stand in Nimapara town. The woman said three others

got in the car after a while. "The four took me to a house where two of them raped me while two others left after closing the door from outside," the victim claimed. The house was a police quarter near Jhadeswari Club in Puri town. A police constable has been arrested and suspended while efforts are on to nab other accused, police said.

South

Cop succumbs to burns after self-immolation bid

Hvderabad: An assistant subinspector, who attempted self-immolation after climbing a water tank here on November 22, succumbed to burns on Monday, police said. K Narasimha, 54, took the extreme step as he was reportedly upset after being transferred. "The ASI succumbed to injuries while undergoing treatment at a hospital here,'

a senior police official said. On November 22, Narasimha reached the top of the water tank and set himself ablaze. Two policemen who managed to reach him immediately extinguished the flames and brought him down, and rushed him to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries, officials said while speaking to reporters. PTI

AFTER SWEDEN RAISED ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN J&K

Right to life most basic human right: Jaishankar to Sweden counterpart

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

DAYS AFTER Sweden raised the issue of human rights in Jammu and Kashmir, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told visiting Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde on Monday that the "right to life is the most basic human right" as he linked it to "cross-border terrorism". This position is likely to form the template to counter criticism by the international community on human rights violations in Kashmir.

Linde, who is accompanying Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia on their state visit to India from December 1 to 6, met Jaishankar on the sidelines of the trip. The Swedish King met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday.

As some members of the European Union community and US raised the issue of human rights in Jammu and

SREENIVAS JANYALA

HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 2

AMID OUTRAGE over the rape

and murder of a veterinary doc-

tor in Hyderabad, a similar inci-

dent was reported in Komaram

Bheem Asifabad district recently

where villagers accused the po-

lice of inaction against the ac-

cused despite their complaints.

woman was waylaid by the three

accused while she was walking

on a lonely stretch between

Yellapatur and Ramayana

Thanda villages in Lingapur man-

dal. The accused, Sheikh Babu,

Sheikh Maqdoom and Sheikh

Shabuddin, took her to a nearby

forest area and allegedly raped

her. When she resisted attempts

to strangle her, they allegedly

stabbed her several times and slit

Dalit and tribal organisations

her throat, police said.

On November 24, a Dalit



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Sweden's King Carl XVI **Gustaf and Queen Silvia at Hyderabad House.** *Prem Nath Pandey*

Kashmir, sources told *The Indian* Express that the Indian position will be on the following lines that cross-border terrorism would lead to loss of life, a violation of the right to life which is the most basic human right.

Jaishankar, in a series of tweets

villagers accuse police of inaction

protested against the gangrape

and murder even as villagers of

Lingapur and Jainoor mandals

accused the police of not taking

any preventive action against the

Yellapatur and are addicted to

drugs and alcohol. They are teak

wood smugglers. They are noto-

rious for misbehaving with

women and have made several

attempts to kidnap tribal

women working alone in the

forests. They were fined several

times by the village panchayat,

and in spite of police complaints,

they (police) did nothing," said

Teku Navin, a member of Jainoor

hawker along with her husband,

who lodged a police complaint

after searching for her for a few

hours on November 24. Police

found her body the next day.

Based on forensic reports, police

The woman worked as a

Adivasi Sangh.

"The three accused belong to

accused.

on Monday, said, "Wide-ranging conversation with Swedish FM. Discussed expanding bilateral cooperation in environment, manufacturing, health and Smart Cities. Urged greater mobility of Indian talent."

the bushes.

"Discussed challenges of ter-

However, Komaram Bheem

Asifabad SP P Malla Reddy said

that there was no actionable

complaint against the accused

earlier. "Their village sarpanch

had fined them a couple of times

for misbehaving and creating

nuisance but there was no police

rested on November 27.

"Magdoom has a criminal

record. He was arrested for rob-

bery earlier. All three smuggle

teak wood and make money and

spend the entire day taking

drugs or alcohol. They are

known as criminal elements in

the village and villagers said that

they misbehave with women

but there was no complaint to

take any kind of action against

them," Lingapur sub-inspector

N Venkatesh said.

The three accused were ar-

complaint," he said.

to life is the most basic human right. Agreed to work together in international forums to address this key challenge of terrorism," he tweeted. "Strong identity of views on multilateralism. We agreed on a new consultation mechanism.

rorism, especially cross-border terrorism. Emphasised that right

Will cooperate closely in the UN," he tweeted. Sweden last week urged

India to restore free movement and communication in Jammu and Kashmir. Among all countries that have reacted on the issue so far, Sweden's response is the most recent. Linde's statement on Kashmir

came as a written answer to a question by a member of the Left party in the Swedish parliament, Riksdag, on Thursday.

The foreign policy spokesperson of the Left Party, Håkan Svenneling, had asked whether Sweden would lead any initiatives on Kashmir due to the "escalating situation".

India, Sweden sign three MoUs

India and Sweden on Monday signed three MoUs and agreements for cooperation in the fields of polar science and maritime sphere after talks between Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf and President Ram Nath Kovind.

Separately, the Swedish King and Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the India-Sweden High-Level Policy Dialogue on Innovation Policy, during which the two sides emphasised the role of collaborative tech-innovation leadership of the two countries in meeting the challenges of the future, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Ravish Kumar tweeted.

"Invigorating the India-Sweden friendship with closer cooperation in innovation and technology. His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf and I chaired the India-Sweden High-Level Policy Dialogue on Innovation Policy,' PM Modi tweeted.

Woman activist moves SC for 'safe passage' to Sabarimala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

A WOMAN activist from Kerala has approached the Supreme Court seeking direction to ensure "safe passage" for women irrespective of age and religion who wish to visit the Sabarimala temple.

She claimed in her application that the Kerala government "has openly taken a stand in defiance of the" top court's November 28, 2018, "judgment' lifting age restrictions on entry of women to the shrine.

Bindu said she was the first woman to visit the temple following the 2018 judgment. The visit had led to protests and the Supreme Court had in January this year ordered round-the-clock security for her and another woman. She said she had again de-

cided to visit the shrine on November 26 along with activist Trupti Desai and others, but taxi drivers refused to take them. Thereafter she went to lodge a complaint with police, but "was attacked in front of the office of the Commissioner of Police, Ernakulam District, Kerala", the petition claimed. Bindu said "some chemical

substances having burning sensation over the body was sprayed at her face" but the "police failed to act in time or to give her adequate protection". She added that she "is being

attacked by some unlawful elements wherever she goes and the State Government has completely failed to give her adequate protection".

The plea claimed that "the situation is same for any woman aged between 10-50 who wanted to visit Sabarimala, as there is an atmosphere of fear and lawlessness en route Sabarimala".

Bindu contended that she "believes that faith, religion, custom all are always below other Fundamental Rights" and that "no one has the right to question her faith". She added that she "is motivated by Dalit identity to fight for Constitutional values like gen-

Her petition claimed that the recent SC judgment keeping the review petitions against the 2018 order pending had not in anyway varied the 2018 directions and the state government cannot ignore them "by giving its own interpretation".

der equality, fraternity etc".



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, DECEMBER 2

POLICE IN Rajasthan's Jalore district have registered a case against a man for allegedly raping his daughter and tying her with chains.

According to the police, the girl managed to escape from her house and reached her maternal uncle's house, who informed the police.

"The victim has accused her father, who is aged between 50-55 years, of rape. In her statement, the girl has said that her mother had left the father, and he is in an illicit relationship with one of her aunts. The victim said that she had come to know of this fact, following which he chained her and raped her," said Kailash Bishnoi, deputy superintendent of police (women atrociBishnoi said that the victim

managed escape from her house, following which the police came to know about the incident on Sunday. "The girl escaped and went to

a nearby field owned by the family of her maternal uncle. Following that, she told them about her ordeal, who informed the police on Sunday," said Bishnoi. The police said that an FIR

has been lodged under IPC Sections 376DA, 342 and 323 and relevant sections of the POCSO Act.

"The medical test of the victim has been done and the medical board will determine her correct age but preliminary investigation suggests that she is a minor. We are investigating the matter and a search is on to arrest the accused," said Jalore SP Himmat Abhilash Tak.

Govt paying lip service to women's safety: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

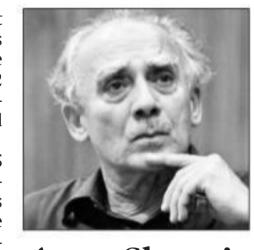
rape-murder.

Speaking to reporters, Amee Yajnik said, "I have been seeing for the last two-three days, the tweet that comes in five seconds, that hasn't come, nor has there been any response or any statement." She said that even the Women and Child Development

Speaking on the issue of

safety of women, Yajnik said that according to the NCRB, 90 rapes happen in India every day. She pointed out that after the 2012 Delhi gangrape, the UPA government brought stringent laws and created a fund.

She accused the government of paying only "lip service for women's safety".



Arun Shourie hospitalised after injury

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, DECEMBER 2

senior journalist Arun Shourie, 78, was hospitalised late on Sunday night after he sustained a head injury. Doctors have said that he is conscious, well-oriented and stable.

FORMER UNION Minister and

Shourie sustained a fall while out on an evening walk on Sunday evening. "According to the relatives, Shourie had walked 10 rounds and felt giddy. He fainted and had a fall at around 5.45 pm, Dr Sachin Gandhi, a neurosurgeor at Ruby Hall Clinic said. According to Dr Gandhi, Shourie suffered blunt trauma to the brain and mild bleeding. "He is, however, fully conscious," doctors added. Shourie was initially taken to

the Hinjewadi unit and then shifted to the main hospital at 11.15 pm. When contacted, Dr Prachee Sathe, chief of the ICU at Ruby Hall Clinic, said they had carried out all the necessary investigations and Shourie's vital parameters were normal. "He is under observation and needs rest," Dr Sathe said.

Rajasthan minister: Internet behind perverted mentality, leads to rape adults have mobile phones in

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, DECEMBER 2

RAJASTHAN MINISTER B D Kalla on Monday said that the Internet is responsible for a "perverted mentality" which results in increasing cases of rape, and demanded that the Centre censor content online.

Kalla holds the portfolios of Energy, Public Health & Engineering, Ground Water and Art, Literature and Culture in the Ashok Gehlot-led government.

"Vikrat mansikta iske piche sabse bada karan hai. Chota baccha se lekar bado tak jeb me mobile hai aur usme internet me jo samagri parosi ja rahi hai wo



BD Kalla

bahut hi aadmi ke mastishk ko vikrat karti hai... Jaise cinema me to censorship hai lekin mobile me jo cheezein dekhi jaati hai usme censorship lagu honi chahiye. (The biggest reason behind this [rape cases] is perverted mentality. Everybody from a little child to

their pocket and the content distributed through it perverts the mentality of a man... Like there is censorship in cinema, there should be censorship in the content seen in mobiles)," Kalla told reporters on Monday, while commenting on the rape and murder of a 6-year-old girl in Tonk district.

He also called for the censorship of online content while speaking with the media at a public hearing at the Congress headquarters in Jaipur.

"The Central government should impose an immediate ban on this (online content). Only education-related content should come under this...," he said.

THE CONGRESS on Monday ac-

cused the government of not speaking up after Hyderabad

Minister has not said anything.

women's empowerment and

Yajnik's colleague S

Jothimani said there were several other recent rape cases across the country. "We have seen in Unnao, where the complete victim's family was wiped out, the MLA was booked only after Supreme Court intervention," Jothimani added.

Nitish set to begin 'Jal Jivan and Hariyali' yatra today

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, DECEMBER 2

BIHAR CHIEF Minister Nitish Kumar is all set to begin his 'Ial livan and Hariyali' (water, life and greenery) yatra on Tuesday. Nitish will begin the yatra

from Champaran, aiming to play up the symbolism of Mahatma Champaran Gandhi's Satyagraha. He will cover all 38 districts of the state in several phases, starting with West Champaran, East Chamapran, Siwan and Gopalganj in the

first leg. Each day of the yatra will see a public meeting on environment preservation and planting of trees under the 'Jal, Jivan and Hariyali' mission — recently launched by the Department of



Bihar CM will start yatra from Champaran

Change.

Nitish will also lay the foundation of several development schemes and review existing ones, including the beautification of ponds and fishery projects.

The principal opposition party RJD has termed the yatra "yet another political exercise at the expense of public money" and has demanded a white paper on "money spent on previous half a dozen yatras" by Nitish over last 14 years.

AHMEDABAD, DECEMBER 2 FACING LOSSES, Gujarat-based

AVINASH NAIR

Ro-Ro ferry operator in the Gulf of Khambhat has put up for sale the vessel that Prime Minister Narendra Modi rode in October 2017 while inaugurating the Rollon, Roll-off (Ro-Ro) ferry service between Bhavnagar's Ghogha and Bharuch's Dahej ports.

The services of the vessel, Island Jade, and another vessel, Voyage Symphony, were suspended in September this year as enough draft was not available to run the vessel. "There is no motivation to

Gulf of Khambhat. We are clock-

ing losses and it is only a matter

of time when we might run into

bankruptcy. We have already put

continue operating the service in

out an advertisement and we plan to sell Island Iade within a month," said Chetan Contractor, head of Indigo Seaways, which operates the ferry service in the Gulf of Khambhat under the brand name DG Sea Connect. At present, the company has

SERVICES SUSPENDED SINCE SEPTEMBER, OPERATOR FACING LOSSES

two ferries — Island Jade and Voyage Symphony — being used by the operator to bridge the 31 km between Ghogha and Dahej through the sea. The land route between the two destinations takes about 8 hours to cover 360 kilometres. Island Jade was brought from Singapore to launch the Ro-Ro service in October 2017 ahead of the Gujarat Assembly elections.

While inaugurating the service two years ago, PM Modi said that it was an "invaluable gift" and "first-of-its-kind service in India and the biggest in South Asia," which would bring back "glory



Ferry PM rode for Ro-Ro launch is up for sale

Island Iade vessel. File

days" to the Bhavnagar coast. "This was the same vessel

that the PM used to inaugurate the service... However, as the company is running into losses, the owners decided to sell it though reluctantly," said a senior official of Indigo Seaways, requesting anonymity. The com-

lakh per month in maintaining the crew and the ferries. "Despite operating the service for over a year, the state government failed to provide lastmile connectivity to passengers

pany is spending around Rs 18

at Ghogha and Dahej. In the absence of any conveyance to reach to these two terminals, most people started bringing their own vehicles and that is how most of the traffic shifted to Voyage Symphony from Island lade," the official added.

While the ferry 'Island Jade' is up for sale, there is no ferry service across the Gulf of Khambhat as the second ferry, Voyage Symphony, has been anchored at Ghogha for two months. The service between Ghogha and Dahej remains suspended ever since the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) – state government's

river Narmada forced the operators to discontinue service in the Gulf of Khambat. The website of DG Seaconnect for passenger bookings states, "Due to nonavailability of sufficient depth of water at Dahej, ferry services would remain suspended till December 7, 2019." The ferry operators said that for the past one year, the GMB has not been able to provide the

nodal agency for port operations

- said on September 23, 2019

that heavy siltation from an over-

flowing Sardar Sarovar Dam on

required five-metre draft in the navigation channels and the place where the ferry takes a Uturn, especially at Dahej.

Mukesh Kumar, vice-chairman and Chief Operating Officer of GMB said, "The turning circle is a major challenge as siltation still continues."

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COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY **ASSOCIATION APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY GENERAL**

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), an Association of Commonwealth Parliamentarians composed of over 180 Branches formed in Legislatures in Commonwealth countries with its headquarters at London United Kingdom seeks applications for the post of Secretary General from deserving candidates for a nonrenewable 4-year contract period from 1 August, 2020 Further details of this appointment can be accessed on the website http://loksabha.nic.in under the head "UPDATES". Candidates wishing to apply for the post should submit their application with detailed Curriculum Vitae by post or by e-mail to Joint Secretary (PC), Lok Sabha Secretariat Room No. 111, Parliament House New Delhi-110001, Annexe, prabhat.k@sansad.nic.in within 21 days of publication of this advertisement.

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GVK) Mumbai International Airport Ltd.

Request for Qualification and Proposal for the Design. Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer of International Common User Courier Terminal at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai

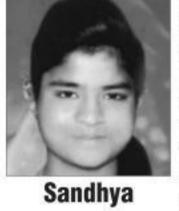
Mumbai International Airport Limited ("MIAL") intends to award Concession to Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer ("DBFOT" 'International Common User Courier Terminal" (ICUCT) through a competitive bidding process. MIAL hereby invites interested parties to participate in the competitive

bidding process by submitting an application to MIAL which can be downloaded from CSMIA website: https://csia.in- business opportunities -commercial opportunities

Request for Qualification and Proposal ("RFQP") document containing land details, eligibility criteria and terms shall be provided to the applicant who submits the application on or before 20" January, 2020 on paymer of cost for issue of RFQP. Last date for submission of Bid is 20" January

Contact details: cargo.project@gvk.com

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



Round, Complexion : Sallow, Build: Thin, wearing black colour kurta, black colour payjami and white colour chapple in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 12.11.2019. In this regard DD No. 33-A, dated 19.11.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this

General public is here by informed

that this girl namely Sandhya D/o

Sh. Girish Chander R/o D-74, Moji

Wala Bagh, Azadpur, Delhi Age:

18 years, Height: 5', Face:

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 24368639,

P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi Tel. No.: 011-27672452, 27674452 Tel.: 24368638/24368641



following:-

Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) Niyojan Bhawan, Sriya Square, Unit 3, Bhubaneswar-751001, Odisha India Tel: +91 674 2391320

Website: www.empmissionodisha.gov.in email: osdpadbosda@gmail.com

Extension of Last date for Submission of Tender

missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the

In reference to Odisha Skill Development Authority Notice Inviting Tender Loan 3539-IND: Odisha Skill Development Project (OSDP) dated 4th Oct 2019, it is notified that the last date for submission of the tender for Packages 5 & 12 in International Competitive Bidding (ICB) is extended upto 3:00 pm 6th Jan 2020 and for tender packages in National Competitive Bidding (NCB) is extended upto 3.00 pm, 4th Jan,2020. For information on corrigendum/addendum/changes in bid document please visit following website www.empmissionodisha.gov.in

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Chief Executive Officer

Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA)

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CENTRAL MINE PLANNING & DESIGN INSTITUTE LIMITED (A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited) ional Institute-1, G.T. Road, (West), Asansol-713304 Ref.No.: CMPDI/RI-I/Hiring of Veh/Dharma/2019-20/E-405913 Date: 29.11.2019 &

Ref.No.: CMPDI/RI-I/Hiring of Veh/Gourangdi/2019-20/E-405907 Date: 29.11.2019 DOMESTIC TENDER NOTICE Tenders are invited on-line on the website https://coalindiatenders.nic.in,

http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp from the eligible bidders having Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) issued from any agency authorized by Controller of Certifying Authority (CCA), Govt. of India and which can be traced up to the chain of trust to the Root Certificate of CCA for Hiring of five light vehicles of commercial category (including one pick-up van) for Dharma Sub-camp and Hiring of five light vehicles of commercial category (including two pick-up vans) for Gourangdi Sub-camp, Paschim Burdwan District (W.B) of CMPDI, RI-I for period of two years.

SI. No.	Description of Item	Value (in Rs.)		
1.	Hiring of five light vehicles of commercial category (including one pick-up van) for Dharma Sub-camp, Paschim Burdwan District (W.B).			
2.	Hiring of five light vehicles of commercial category (including two pick-up vans) for Gourangdi Sub-camp, Paschim Burdwan	Rs.57,48,513.96		

Earnest Money: For Sl. No. 1: Rs. 72,200/- and For Sl. No. 2 Rs. 72,000/-. Completion Period: For Sl. No. 1 & 2:02 (Two) years.

SI. No.	Particulars	Date	Time
a	Tender e-Publication date	04.12.2019	10.00 AM
b	Document download start date	04.12.2019	10.00 AM
С	Document download end date	19.12.2019	04.00 PM
d	Bid Submission start date	04.12.2019	11.00 AM
е	Bid Submission end date	19.12.2019	04.00 PM
f	Start date for seeking Clarification on-line	04.12.2019	11.00 AM
g	Last date for seeking Clarification on-line	14.12.2019	04.00 PM

Availability of tender documents: Detail tender notice & Tender documents including terms and conditions shall be available on e-tendering https://coalindiatenders.nic.in and http://eprocure.gov.in/cppp. General Manager (Geology)

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Varanasi- 221004

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Vidyut Nagar, P.O.-

Website: http:// www.etender.

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NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

For and on behalf of Managing Director, U.P. Rajkiya Nirman

Nigam Ltd., Project Manager, High Court Unit-2, Lucknow invites

online offers in two bids system from eligible Architectural firms for

Providing Architectural Consultancy services for construction of

"Atal Bihari Bajpayee Medical University, Lucknow". Interested

eligible Architectural firms may furnish their EOI online, on or

before 21-12-2019 by 02:00 PM, other details are available on web

portal https://etender.up.nic.in. For any changes/corrigendum

please follow UPRNN website www.uprnn.co.in &

Sealed Tenders in Two Bid Format, are invited from Experienced

and Financially sound Registered Agencies having valid

Registration for the execution of following works at various

02.12.2019

The DNIT, Bidding Document and other details can be obtaine

shall be uploaded on SASB website only, therefore, the bidder

are requested to visit the website regularly for latest updates

Last Date of Submission of Bids: **06.01.2020** (1400 hrs.)

All subsequent information/ Corrigendum/ Addendum/

from the website: www.shriamarnathiishrine.com

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

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OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD ROORKEE CANTT

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) FOR E-TENDER

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INVITATION OF E-BIDS FOR LEASE OF COLLECTION OF

VEHICLE ENTRY FEE FOR THE YEAR 2019-20

field for financial year 2019-20.

02nd Dec. 2019 by 10:00 AM

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21st Dec. 2019 by 05:00 PM

The bidder may download the "Tender Document" and other terms and conditions as

available on the web site of http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app or visit Cantonment

office of the Cantonment Board, Roorkee. (b) Financial 26-12-2019 at 12:00 PM onwards.

favour of CEO, Cantonment Board Roorkee)

https://etender.up.nic.in regularly.

Baltal Axis (Part 1st)

Baltal Axis (Part 2nd)

Pahalgam Axis

b. Cleaning of Camps.

MPORTANT DATE

1 Name of work

2 Firm Registration

3 Cost of Tender Form

Date & time of release

submission of online Bids & e-tender documents Last date for

submission of online Bids & e-tender documents

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and online bids

opening of envelops

Board Office, Roorkee during working hours.

of tender through e-procurement

Starting date for

Sanitation of Toilets & Baths,

Cleaning of Camps & Tracks.

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Sanitation of Toilets & Baths,

Uttar Pradesh Raikiva Nirman Nigam Ltd

(ISO 90001: 2008 Certified Company)

Visheshwaraiya Bhawan, Gomtinagar, Lucknow.

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Extension

25 killed in rain-related incidents in state in 4 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAL DECEMBER 2

SEVENTEEN PEOPLE, includ-

ing two children, were killed in the early hours of Monday when a wall collapsed on four houses in Mettupalayam near Coimbatore. In the last four days, ac-

cording to the government, a total of 25 people have died in rain-related incidents in the state. According to the police,

a 15-foot compound wall collapsed on four houses in Nadur village because of the heavy rain in the region from the past two days. The bodies were sent to

Mettupalayam general hospital where there were reports of a lack of space for the bodies. While officials who visited the hospital faced protests from the crowd over the lack of facilities, local residents also blocked the Coimbatore-Ooty road. Amidst reports that the wall had been put up illegally and that there were complaints earlier to

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING

ENGINEER IIIrd CIRCLE, U.P.

JAL NIGAM, LUCKNOW.

E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 2371 / M-7 / 177, Date: 30.11.2019

U.P. Jal Nigam invites bids in

electronic PERCENTAGE

tendering system for execution

of proposed Re-Organisation

of Water Supply works in

Bilgram Nagar Palika

Parishad (Zone- 1, 2, 3, 4) in

District Hardoi on Turn Key basis

under State Sector programme

up to 13.01.2020 till 17.00 hrs. The details for submission of e-

bids will be available in the

Govt's e-procurement website

https://etender.up.nic.in from

13.12.2019 to 13.01.2020 till

17:00 hrs. The technical part of

e-bids will be opened on

15.01.2020 at 15:00 Hrs. in the

office of Superintending

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Nigam, Lucknow. The cost of Bid

Document in Rs. 10,000.00 +

18% G.S.T. extra. The e-notice

can also be viewed on the official

website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.

All the Modifications/

Corrigendum hereafter will be

published only on the E-

Procurement Portal

Collection of Vehicle entry fee in Roorkee Cantonment at

Vehicle Entry Fee collection points by the Private Contractor.

02-12-2019 to 11-12-2019 (Registration Fee: Rs. 5000/

non refundable and to be physically received by this Office)

(Firm Registration can be done by submitting copy of

certificate of minimum 1 year experience of similar work in

Government Department, Character certificate issued by

D.M. Office which should not be more than six months old and

along with registration application, Registration exempted for

already registered in Cantt. Board office, Roorkee for same

Rs. 5000/- (Excluding tax) (Non-refundable and to be

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supporting tender documents, as uploaded at the time online

bid, are to be submitted by 23-12-2019 up to 12:00 P.M at

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Cantt. Board, Roorkee

tender document on the

डकाई प्रभारी (वि०)



NDRF personnel at the site of the wall collapse in Nadur village of Mettupalayam on Monday. PTI

concerned authorities. Coimbatore district collector K Rajamani and Superintendent of Police Sujit Kumar, who visited the spot, promised immediate action if there were violations. The Mettupalayam police filed a case under section 304 A (Causing death by negligence) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Property Prevention of Damage and Loss (TNPPDL) Act against the owner of the private property where the wall was built.

Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami condoled the deaths and is scheduled to visit Mettupalayam on Tuesday. His office announced a compensation of Rs 4 lakh for the families of the 25 people killed.

With the onset of the Northeast monsoon, several parts of Tamil Nadu have received intense rain over the past four days. According to data from the state government on Monday, around 1,000 people were evacuated to government relief centres in the last four days.

Sea could drench TN, Kerala this week **ANJALI MARAR**

Cyclone in Arabian

PUNE. DECEMBER 2

ANOTHER CYCLONIC storm is likely to develop in the Arabian Sea by Wednesday. If so, it would be the third cyclonic storm after cyclones Kyarr and Maha to form here in just over a month. The system could indirectly revive the Northeast monsoon and cause rainfall over the southern states this week.

India Meteorological Department(IMD) stated that this system, which is headed towards the Somalia coast, is set to concentrate into a depression by Tuesday and intensify into a cyclonic storm by December 4. As a result of the fresh brewing storm, the Northeast monsoon would get further activated. IMD has forecast heavy rain-

fall mainly over Tamil Nadu, Karaikal, Puducherry and Kerala till December 6. On Monday, some of the very heavy rainfall amounts (for 24 hours) was reported at Coimbatore (180mm), Coonoor (133.8 mm),Thottambedu (104 mm),Taliparamba (98mm), Tada (96mm), Mahe (89mm), Srikalahasti (84mm).

The Northeast monsoon had remained subdued during most of November, but the rainfall disEXPLAINED After west, south may bear brunt

CYCLONES KYARR and Maha had formed in October-end and early November, respectively, and caused widespread rainfall along the country's west coast, particularly Karnataka and Maharashtra. For the first time since 1965, these two cyclonic storms formed and raged simultaneously in the sea. In fact, Kyarr was only the second super-cyclone in the Arabian Sea to be formed after Cyclone Gonu in 2007.

tributions so far has remained spatially appreciable. Since its onset on October 17

this year, rainfall recorded during the present Northeast monsoon season has either been normal or above normal in the southern

Barring coastal Andhra Pradesh (- 7 per cent), all other sub-divisions recorded normal rainfall suggested IMD's rainfall data till December 2.

MP honey trap case: Police declare reward of Rs 10,000 on editor of paper till December 6 but the father plainant in the honey trap case court should pass a pen drive

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL. DECEMBER 2

INDORE POLICE on Monday declared a reward of Rs 10,000 on litendra Soni, the editor and owner of Sanjha Lokswami, an Indore-based eveninger that published stories based on leaked videos and audios in the 'honey trap' case, resulting in a crackdown on his business establishments including a bar and a hotel.

> The eveninger was not published for the second day as the Indore administration has sealed its office. Soni's son Amit, who was arrested on Sunday, was remanded in police custody

After the eveninger published lurid details of conversa-

tions and photographs, and uploaded at least one video and an audio clip on its website and hinted that it would come out with more stories, the police, accompanied by officials of nine departments, including revenue, excise, food, Indore municipal corporation, raided Soni's business establishments and home. After the crackdown that lasted hours, the police registered cases for violations like human trafficking, building and parking norms and under the Arms Act.

The police action followed a complaint by former superintending engineer of Indore Municipal Corporation Harbhajan Singh under the Information Technology Act after the eveninger published his photographs with two women. Singh was the original com-

that came to light in midcontinued to remain at large. September.

Indore SSP Ruchi Vardhan Mishra said office lockers were still being searched and the police will declare what they have found only after the action is over. The police said Singh had also told them women were exploited at the bar and that patrons were blackmailed by showing their photographs. The police claimed to have recovered documents of many properties that were not registered in Soni's name.

The police suggested the recovery pointed to either extortion or blackmailing.

Meanwhile, advocate general Shashank Shekhar apprised the Indore High Court about the details of the action against the eveninger and its owner. The court is hearing a petition seeking a CBI inquiry into the mat-

Shekhar argued that the

submitted by Soni to the SIT probing the case. Before going underground, Soni had handed over the pen drive to advocate Manohar Dalal, who is appearing for the petitioner. The advocate general told the court that 67 women were rescued from the bar.

The advocate general said that if the pen drive is handed over to the SIT, it will be sent for analysis to a laboratory in Hyderabad. The SIT has already sent to

the laboratory digital evidence in laptops and mobiles seized from the five women accused whose houses had been searched after Singh complained that he was being blackmailed into parting with Rs 3 crore.

The advocate general said laboratory analysis would prove if the data in the pen drive matched other data or had been tampered with.

MP govt to grant bar licenses to resorts near religious towns

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL. DECEMBER 2

THE CONGRESS government in Madhya Pradesh has decided to grant bar licenses to resorts near the religious towns of Maihar and Chitrakoot. The previous BJP government had frowned upon the idea.

Resorts near these towns — classified as 'religious tourist area' — will now be granted FL-3-A category license. Similar licenses will also be issued in areas classified as 'heritage tourist area', 'natural tourism area' and resorts set up near dams and water areas notified by the tourism department for water tourism.

The Kamal Nath government had last month announced that it was easing conditions for resort bar licenses to encourage tourism near sanctuaries and national parks. The minimum room requirement was brought down from ten to five and area from two hectares to one acre. The license fee was reduced to Rs 50,000, Rs 1 lakh and Rs 1.5 lakh per annum, depending on size, from the earlier Rs 2.5 lakh.

However, the fine print became clear with the publication of a Commercial Tax Department notification in the official gazette on Thursday. Sources told *The* Indian Express that the changes were more sweeping. The government has added religions areas, tourism areas, natural tourism areas and water tourism areas under the FL-3-A category.

From Sanchi, Bhim Betika, Khajuraho,

Mandu, Orchha to Pachmarhi to dams like Gandhisagar, Tawa and Bansagar — the new classification makes it much easier to get a resort bar license. Some of these towns would have earlier needed to apply for FL-3 category (hotel bar license), for which the license fee is much higher. Excise officials said the new classifi-

cation will prompt many resort owners

to seek licenses. The guests used to get liquor on the sly, but the government did not get anything in taxes. Leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargava said that in its bid to generate revenue and oblige its supporters, the Congress gov-

ernment was taking liquor to places of worship. "We used to abhor selling not just liquor but also meat in areas declared holy towns. We will raise the matter in the Assembly and bring a calling attention motion," he said. Former finance minister Jayant

Malaiyya, who also held commercial tax portfolio in the previous government, said the move was prompted by "paiseki maramari" (cash crunch). Chouhan, who was CM between 2005

and 2018, would often declare that he would not let a single new liquor shop come up in the state. He had banned liquor shops along the Narmada river. Responding to recent policy changes, he had warned that the BIP would not let MP turn into "Madira Pradesh".

He claimed the BIP was gradually moving towards prohibition but the Congress government was going in the opposite direction.

AGUSTAWESTLAND CASE Ratul Puri gets bail in money

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 2

laundering case

A DELHI court on Monday granted bail to Ratul Puri, nephew of

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, in the AgustaWestland money laundering case, being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Special judge Arvind Kumar

granted Puri bail on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh with two sureties each of the like The judge noted that the ED

had named 46 people as accused in the case after filing six chargesheets, and said, "It is worthwhile recording here that co-accused having a similar or greater role than the role of the present accused have already been enlarged on bail... The accused Ratul Puri is not the accused person in the CBI case registered for predicate offences." The court also noted that Puri

runs a business in India and lived with his family in Delhi. "Therefore, the contention of the ED that the accused may abscond does not appear to have much substance," the court said.

	DELHI JAL BOARD OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (NE) II R-POCKET DILSHAD GARDEN DELHI-95 PRESS NIT NO. 44 (2019-20)							
S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender to tender		Tender Fees	Date of release of tender in eprocurement solution	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through eprocurement solution		
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SC: Want to ensure patients don't suffer during strike by doctors

Apex court issues notices to Centre, IMA for strike call in June

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

THE SUPREME Court on Monday said it wanted to ensure that critically ill patients don't suffer when doctors go on strike.

The remarks were made by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde as the bench headed by him issued notice to the Indian Medical Association (IMA) on a plea seeking contempt action for holding a nation-wide strike in June this year to express solidarity with their counterparts in West Bengal, who were in turn protesting an attack on doctors by the family of a patient who died during treatment. The bench also issued a notice to the

"We also want to ensure that critically-ill patients are taken care of when doctors go on strike, but we can't do it here...," the CJI remarked. The bench however, agreed to examine the

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FORMER RSS ideologue K N

Govindacharya on Monday

withdrew his plea seeking per-

jury proceedings against

WhatsApp and an NIA probe of

the social media firm, its parent

company Facebook and the NSO

Group over privacy concerns af-

ter being told that pleas which

raised similar issues were al-

ready pending in the Supreme

comprising Chief Justice of India

S A Bobde and Justices B R Gavai

and Surya Kant initially asked

senior advocate Vikas Singh,

Govindacharya, why in such

matters parties don't approach

Opposing the petition, senior

advocate Mukul Rohatgi said

similar matters were already

pending before a bench of the

petitions ordered to be trans-

ferred to the apex court from

various High Courts. These peti-

tions, which sought linking of so-

cial media accounts to Aadhaar

number of the user, had raised

questions of privacy vis-a-vis se-

plea, Singh submitted that he

will look into the pending mat-

Singh, appearing for the peti-

MHA guidelines

to allow sexual

assault victims

to depose

from abroad

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THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs

(MHA) has drafted a fresh set of

guidelines which will enable

sexual assault victims and wit-

nesses to depose before Indian

courts even from foreign shores.

drafted in order to ensure that

there is no delay in recording the

testimony of a prosecutrix who

is based abroad, through video

December last year had sent a

A fast track court in

conferencing.

These guidelines were

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ters and do the needful.

Agreeing to withdraw the

"Senior advocate Vikas

His reference was to the four

the High Court first.

Supreme Court.

curity.

appeared

A Supreme Court bench

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The plea by 'People For Better Treatment', a charitable society, referred to a November 2014 order passed by the apex court on a PIL filed by it, and said the doctors' strike-call violated this or-

According to the petition, in its 2014 order, the SC had said a doctors' strike may be deemed as "negligence warranting action for misconduct".

The order further said, "That the movement of the petitioner-organization against the 'Doctors' strike' is one of the activities of the petitioner to bring a safe medical environment for vulnerable patients to protect the lives of ailing citizens and to make the medical delivery system safe for the patients at all times, so that innocent patients do not suffer and die due to deliberate disruption of hospital services by doctors who frequently resort to strikes in order to satisfy their personal grievances against the government and/or hospital

plea against WhatsApp

K N Govindacharya

order.

Group.

for

tioner, prays for withdrawal of

this petition with liberty to file

appropriate proceedings. Prayer

is allowed. Accordingly, the writ

petition is dismissed as with-

drawn with the liberty afore-

said," the bench said in the

WhatsApp had "deliberately

mislead" the court during the

hearing of a plea by Facebook,

which had sought transfer of the

four petitions to the SC. He con-

tended that WhatApp had said

that users' data is fully encrypted

and no one, including

WhatsApp Inc., which is a sub-

sidiary of Facebook Inc., revealed

to the public that its systems

were compromised by Israel-

based surveillance company

NSO Group. WhatsApp also dis-

closed that it has filed a case be-

fore the District Court in

California against the NSO

WhatsApp) is contradictory to its

own filing before the US

Thus the "statement (of

Sub Lieutenant Shivangi hails from Muzaffarpur, . PTI

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SUB LIEUTENANT Shivangi on

Monday became the first

woman pilot in the Indian Navy

after she successfully graduated

Muzaffarpur, was inducted into

the Indian Navy under the Short

Service Commission-Pilot entry

scheme and was part of the 27th

Naval orientation course (NOC)

Course at the Indian Naval

she will continue her training at

the Indian Naval Air Squadron

(INAS) 550 — the Dornier

squadron at INS Garuda — to be-

come a fully operational pilot on

Maritime Reconnaissance (MR)

Commissioned in June 2018.

Academy in Ezhimala, Kerala.

SLt Shivangi, who hails from

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from her course.

Sub Lieutenant Shivangi

Navy's first woman pilot

However, on October 30,

WhatsApp, has the key.

Govindacharya alleged that

authorities."

The SC had also said in the order that "we would only express our desire that doctors, who carry out a noble service as God's agent by saving lives of people, should not resort to strikes with any intermittent cause but undertake their responsibility with efficiency and utmost sincerity at all times," said Monday's contempt plea, and referred to the strike in July.

The plea alleged that the IMA had negligently and "most recklessly" indulged in a contemptuous act against the court by joining the June protest.

"The unfortunate chronology of events related to the frequent doctors' strikes in India, holding the defenceless patients at ransom despite repeated calls against it from the apex court and high court demonstrate the overtly reckless, uncaring, immoral and unlawful attitude of our medical leaders, in particular by the leaders of IMA," the plea

Supreme Court which states that

it came to know about the hack-

ing in May 2019. Thus, it is clear

that WhatsApp committed per-

jury by falsely claiming a pro-

tected system and failing to dis-

close about the NSO Hack to the

Hon'ble Supreme Court", the

plea said, seeking proceedings

against the social media

the alleged hack, data of many

Indian citizens, who are mainly

human rights activists and

lawyers, was also compromised.

This was reportedly informed to

them by WhatsApp and its part-

ner organisations. Many such in-

dividuals have come out in the

companies have been violating

the privacy of Indian users by

taking their data abroad and util-

lance illegally, it shows the scant

respect for rule of law by the in-

strumentalities of the State. In

case private agencies are doing

surveillance of Indian citizens,

the same cannot be allowed by

the Government, which has a duty to protect the fundamental

WhatsApp NSO hack, he had

written to the Union Minister for

Electronics and IT and sought

that government accounts on

private communication net-

works must be removed to pro-

tect national security.

The plea said that after the

rights."

ising it for commercial gains.

Govindacharya said Internet

He said, "In case the Government is doing surveil-

Govindacharya said that in

company.

Govindacharya withdraws

about their affair only after they went missing.

Srilakshmi's uncle Abhilash PR, a police constable in Kerala, posed to the affair, although he

ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE MRS. OMVATI AND ANR. Mohandas said, Abhijith had

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता कि ग्राम पंचायत घामडौज का मंदिर वाला जोहड का 5 वर्ष की अवधि के लिए मछली पालन हेत् पट्टा कम्युनिटी सेन्टर घामडौज पर प्रात 11 बजे 18.12.2019 को खुली बोली पर छोडा जायेगा। शर्ते मौके पर सनाई जायेगी।

> ग्राम पंचायत घामडौज खंड सोहना (गुडगांव)

संख्या :: 80/02/E-3/D.R./H.C.(P.A.)/2019-20 दिनाँक :: 02 दिसम्बर, 2019 विज्ञप्ति

एतदद्वारा सुचित किया जाता है कि विज्ञापन संख्या- A-1/E-3/PA-HC/2019-20 के माध्यम से वैयक्तिक सहायक के 12 रिक्त पदों पर सीधी भर्ती हेत् वैयक्तिक सहायक (अधिष्ठान, मा० उत्तराखण्ड उच्च न्यायालय) परीक्षा-2019 का विज्ञापन प्रकाशित किया जा रहा है। विज्ञापन की शर्तानुसार अभ्यर्थी आयोग की वेबसाईट www.ukpsc.gov.in पर दिनाँक 03 दिसम्बर, 2019 से ऑनलाईन आवेदन-पत्र भर सकते हैं। ऑनलाईन आवेदन-पत्र भरने तथा आवेदन शुल्क जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि 23 दिसम्बर, 2019 (सोमवार) है। आयोग की वेबसाईट www.ukpsc.gov.in पर विस्तृत विज्ञापन संख्या A-1/E-3/PA-HC/ 2019-20 उपलब्ध है। अभ्यर्थी विज्ञापन में वर्णित समस्त निर्देशों का भली-भौति



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- 15675150F LHav K Anandaraj
- 15714075F Nk Vishal Singh
- 15696697X LNk Patel Babubhai Bavabhai

On behalf of the Corps, we sincerely pray to Almighty for

to bear this irreparable loss

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN ment of India, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Financial Services (Department of Financial Services)

PUBLICATION NOTICE

SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 AS AMENDED (FROM TIME TO TIME)

1. Parasa Mohan Kumar, S/o Parasa Jakralah, R/o Drill Section Adjt to IMA Branch, Dehradun, 248007, UK.

Second Address: Village Chavavaripalem P.O. Angalakundru, District Guntur State, AP 522211

No. 177 of 2019 against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 10,02,422.75/- in which Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue Summons/Notice U/s 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and

Officer on 20.11.2019. Whereas, It has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to server you in ordinary way, Therefore, this notice is given by way of this publication directing you to appear in person or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time before the Tribunal, the case shall be heard

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 22rd day of November, 2019.

KERALA DUO FOUND DEAD IN BENGALURU

Were not opposed to affair: techies' families

called up and mentioned tension

at workplace. "For the first time,

he indicated (an affair with)

Srilakshmi. She also spoke, and

told me that Abhijith is under se-

vere tension and required med-

ical attention. She gave me her

that Abhijith had left office that

night, and Srilakshmi reportedly

went with him. The family learnt

that the two were missing, when

Abhijith's sister Athira tried call-

ing Srilakshmi a day later. "After

father told me about Abhijith's

friend, I called her on October 12

evening. Her colleague took the

call and said Srilakshmi was miss-

ing; that she had left with Abhijith

the evening before," Athira said.

not inform the families about the

incident even after some of them

got frantic voice messages on

October 12 from Abhijith and

Srilakshmi, saying, "we need help,

please come, don't waste time".

spond to the situation even after

they had details about the duo's

location," Athira said.

Bengaluru on October 13.

"It is very sad they did not re-

Mohandas said he reached

Before Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Delhi

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building,

Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001

Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery of

Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions

Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993

in the matter of O.A. No. 278/2019/DRT-III

Applicant

Athira said the colleagues did

The family said they learnt

number and hung up."

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

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TWO DAYS after decomposed bodies of two young techies from Kerala working with an IT major in Bengaluru's Electronics City was found in rural Bengaluru, and the police said preliminary investigations suggest suicide by hanging, their families in Kerala on Monday said they suspect foul play, as the two had sent distress messages to colleagues a day after they went missing.

Abhijith Mohan, 25, and Sreelakshmi, 21, employed with TCS as financial analysts in Bengaluru, were reported missing after they left office on October 11 evening.

Police suspect possible suicide following the families' opposition to their relationship.

But Abhijith's father Mohandas, from Sholayur in Palakkad district, said, "Neither our side nor her family was opposed to an affair. We have no caste issues — both families are Hindu Nairs (upper castes)."

He said the family learnt

also said their family was not opadded that she had later distanced from Abhijith, as per information from her friends.

Late October 11 evening,

D-3 Sh. Madan Pal Lohia, S/o Late, Sh. Rashan Lal, 217, Arya Nagar, New Delhi-

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 18-12-2019 at 10.30 A.M

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 29th day of Oct., 2019.

By Order of the Tribunal Assistant Registrar DRT-III, New Delhi

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग आयोग भवग, हरिद्वार- 249404, Website: www.ukpsc.gov.in

वैयक्तिक सहायक (अधिष्ठान, मा० उत्तराखण्ड उच्च न्यायालय) परीक्षा-2019 अध्ययन करते हुए ऑनलाइन आवेदन-पत्र भरना सुनिश्चित करें।

(राजेन्द्र कुमार) सचिव

OBITUARY



their heavenly abode during the month of Nov 2019.

- IC-69219M Maj Ravi Inder Singh Sandhu
- 15693155H Nk Dinesh Kumar
- 15676491Y LHav Biswajit Karmakar

peace to departed souls & strength to the bereaved families

IN OA. NO. 177 OF 2019 SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) of SECTION 19 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT 1993 READ WITH

Dy. No. 613

Date 22.11.2019 State Bank of India Vs Parasa Mohan Kumar,

Whereas the above named Applicant Bank has instituted OA

Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding

before the Tribunal on 06.01.2019 at 10:30 A.M.

and decided in your absence.

By order of Tribunal Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun

Kerala child council to care for 4 of 6 kids of destitute woman

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 2

Maintaining that there was

investigation,

delay on part of the police in ini-

Srilakshmi's uncle Abhilash said, "I had moved a police complaint

on October 13 but they regis-

tered an FIR only the following

day. But there was no progress in

the probe even after that. The

probe began only after we

moved a habeas corpus petition

in Karnataka High Court almost

problem between the two fami-

lies, Abhilash said they learnt

from Srilakshmi's friends that

Abhijith had become aloof after

the relationship got strained. "She

Stating that that there was no

tiating

a week later."

UNABLE TO feed her six children aged below 10, a destitute mother in Kerala on Monday consigned four of them to the care of the state council for child welfare.

This in a state that has a wide network of social security missions and a slew of grassrootslevel poverty alleviation schemes. Only 7.5 per cent of the state's population is under the poverty line as compared to the all-India average of 21.92 per cent, according to RBI report of 2013.

(Srilakshmi) had even sought Welfare, said "The state child counselling for him," he said. welfare committee got a call on Abhijith had joined TCS two Sunday about a woman with six years ago and was leader of the children living under a tarpaulin team in which Srilakshmi, a sheet in Thiruvananthapuram." graduate, joined six months ago. Deepak said volunteers saw

SPDeepak, general secretary

of Kerala State Council for Child

the seven-year-old eldest child eating dirt. All the children were rescued. Since the two youngest have to be fed by the mother, they were left with her with food supplements and other provisions.

Deepak said the woman's husband is alcoholic and abuses her, and local people informed the child welfare committee about this. "Domestic violence is a severe issue in Kerala across the spectrum of society," he said.

Thiruvananthapuram city Mayor K Sreekumar, who visited the children and their mother, said the government would give them protection and care. "The mother will be given a temporary job at the municipal corporation. They will get a house under the state government's life mission scheme. The child welfare committee will look after the children's education until the age of 18," he said.

भारतीय प्रतिभृति और विनिमय बोर्ड Securities and Exchange Board of India Public Notice of Adjudication order passed

Adjudication order in the matter of RDPL Infrastructure Private Limited was passed on January 31, 2018. Order dated January 31, 2018 sent to the below mentioned addresses of the noticees, as available in the

records of SEBI, returned underivered.	
RDPL Infrastructure Ltd. RDPL Temple, 540/10, Adarsh Nagar, Sonepat, Haryana-131001	Shri Rakesh Kumar H. No. 508A, Ward No. 11, Sonepat, Haryana-131001
Shri Lalit Kumar, 340/10-H, Adarsh Nagar, Sonepat, Haryana-131001	Shri Praveen Kumar Rohilla 340/10-H, Adarsh Nagar, Sonepat, Haryana-131001

The above mentioned noticess are advised to collect the order from following address within 7 days of the oublication of this intimation:

Enforcement Deparement-DRAIII SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA SEBI Bhavan II, Plot No. C7, G Block,

Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai 400051 The noticees are advised that SEBI may initiate further proceedings for non-compliance of its order.

The order can also be accessed on SEBI website under the heading Enforcement- Orders of AO. **GENERAL MANAGER**

Place: Mumbai







Enforcement Department

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Government of India Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Social Justice and Empowerment A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up the following post in NISD. Details of post to be filled up, educational qualifications, experience and other prescribed requirements for the post are as under:

establishment and accounts matters

S. No.		Number of Post	Pay Band and Grade Pay	Essential Qualifications and Age Limit	Remarks
1.	Deputy Director (Administration & Planning) on deputation including short term contract basis	1	Rs. 15600 - 39100/-, Grade Pay- Rs. 6600 under Pay	Officer under the Central Government/ State Government/Public Sector Undertaking/ Autonomous Statutory bodies holding analogous post on regular basis in the Parent Cadre/ Department or with atleast 5/8 years service in the posts in the pay scale of Rs. 15,600-39100 + Grade Pay of Rs. 5400/- or Rs. 9300-34000 + Grade Pay of Rs. 4800/- or equivalent respectively and having experience in administration,	of Deputation will be initially for 3 years.

Interested candidates who fulfil the prescribed conditions may apply for the post of Deputy Director (Administration & Planning), National Institute of Social Defence. The applications may be forwarded to Deputy Secretary, Senior Citizens, Room No. 643, A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001. The full details of the advertisement and prescribed proforma may be downloaded from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Website www.socialjustice.nic.in. The last date of receiving the application form alongwith attested copy of vigilance clearance, Integrity Certificate and APARs of last five years will be within 30 days from the date of publication of the advertisement. The Employees of Central Government /State Government/Public Sector Undertakings etc. should send their application through proper channel. The Competent Authority reserves the right to reject any application or all applications without assigning any reason. Applications received after the last date or without all or any of the documents (photocopy) pertaining to education, experience and age or otherwise found incomplete will not be considered and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

Deputy Secretary Senior Citizens, phone-011-23388837 email-kumar.ss@nic.in

2019, issued by the MHA. The guidelines deal not only with the service of summons, notices and judicial process but also with video conferencing.

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reference to the Delhi High Court, raising an issue that due to lack of procedure in place, it was not able to record the testimony of a woman who left for the US after she had reported that she was sexually assaulted in 2017 in Delhi. The High Court sought to

know from the Centre whether there was any mechanism in place for the expeditious service of documents, summons, warrants and judicial process for foreign nationals. Maintaining that there were guidelines in this regard, senior

government counsel T P Singh handed over a photocopy of fresh guidelines on the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

"Sub Lieutenant (SLt) in a statement.

ficers of the 7th Dornier Conversion Course (DOCC) who qualified as pilots and got their golden 'Wings' at a ceremony held at INS Garuda on Monday.

a year of flying training at the Air Force Academy (AFA) in Dundigal and the INAS 550. They will will join the 'Dornier Operational Flying Training' course at INAS 550 from mid-January 2020, prior to joining an Maritime

Shivangi created history as the first woman pilot of the Indian Navy, on successful graduation from the course," the Navy said She was one of the three of-

The three officers completed

operational Reconnaissance squadron.

(Seal)

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New Delhi

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PERSONAL

Nivedita Saroha, D/o Ravindra singh saroha, henceforth is known as Nivedika saroha. 0130013905-1

It is for general information that I. Dilip Tikaram Shripad S/o Sh. Tikaram Shripad residing at FB 15, 1st floor, Tagore Garden, New Delhi-110027 (Permanent residence at A-6, 503, Yogidham, Murbad Road, Kalyan (West), Distt-Thane, Maharastra-421 301), informs that the name of mine has been wrongly written as "Shripad Dilip Tikaram" in my 10th and 12th Class certificate. Theactual name of mine is "Dilip Tikaram Shripad" which may be amended accordingly. 0040522630-1

I,have changed my name from Vijendra to Vijendra Gahlot for all future, Purposes. Vijendra Gahlot S/o-Ram Singh Gahlot R/o-C-368,Paramount Golf Foreste, Opp. Sec-Zeta-1, Greater Noida. 0040522708-8

I.Yogesh Kumar S/o Bhudev Prasad Sharma R/o-D471,100-Feet Road, Kalindi Vihar, ADA Colony, Sector-D, Kuberpur, Agra, U.P.-282006, have changed my name to Yogesh Sharma for, all 0040522708-2 purpose.

,Saurabh S/o Baldev Oberoi R/o-E-29B, E-Block, Tilak Vihar Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name Saurabh to Saurabh Oberoi. 0040522724-1

I,Rezwana Begum W/o Anis Ahmed Saifi R/o.H.No-662, Deepak Vihar, Khora Colony, Khora, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201309.have changed my name to Rizwana Begum Saifi permanently. 0040522708-7

I,Ranbir Singh Mehendru S/o Harbans Singh Mahendru R/o.D-127.Sector-51. Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Ranbir Singh Mahendru Permanently.

I,Kalim Ahmed S/o Anis Ahmed Saifi R/o.RC-662, Deepak Vihar, Khora Colony, Khora, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201309, have changed my name to Kalim Ahmed Saifi permanently. 0040522708-5

I,Anita Mehendru W/o Ranbir Singh Mahendru R/o.D-127, Sector-51, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Anita Mahendru

Permanently.

I**,Anish** Ahmed S/o Abdul Shakoor Saifi R/o.RC-289, Deepak Vihar, Khora Colony, Khora, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201309, have changed my name to Anis Ahmed Saifi permanently. 0040522708-6

0040522708-3

, hitherto known as Hari Krishna S/o Shri P C Mittal (Shri Prakash Chand Mittal), employed as Senior Manager in BSES Yamuna Power Ltd., residing at H-1, Mitradweep Apartment, I.P.Ext., Patparganj, Delhi-110092 have changed my name and shall hereafter be konw as Hari Kishan Mittal. 0040522648-1

It is for gen inform that I No 2879437A ex/Naik Umed Singh R/O-23B 1st-floor HP-block DDA-flats Pitampura Delhi-34, I, hereby inform that name of my wife mentioned in services-record as Roshni but the real name of my wife is Prem, for all purposes.

I, Vijay Kumar Sharma S/o Ganesh Dass R/o-403, Tower-D. Microtek Greenburg, Sector-86, Gurgaon, Haryana-122004. inform that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Vijay Sharma in birth-records of my minor daughter Avira Sharma, but correct name is Vijay Kumar Sharma. 0040522694-8

I, Vicky. Vikky S/O Sunderlal Garg. A-51 Kewalpark. Extention. Mandimarqpanchyati

Azadpur Delhi-33. Have Changed My Name To Aayush Garg.(15/9/1999) Permanently. 0040522694-2

I, Venkata Raman Lakshmi, D/o Rajagopalan Subramaniam, R/o 1463, Sector-37, Arun Vihar, Noida have changed my name from Venkata Raman Lakshmi to V Lakshmi for all future 0040522646-2 purpose.

l, Varun S/o Sh.Raj Kumar R/o, O-104, Chander Shekar Azad Colony, Kishanganj, Delhi-110007, have changed my name Varun Chauhan to Varun

for all purposes. 0040522624-2 I. Vailankanni Martin D/O Andrew Martin R/O 4/149 lalita park, laxmi nagar,

shakarpur East Delhi-110092 Changed my name to Pooja Martin. 0040522757-1

I, Suresh Kumar Sharma S/o Ram Chander Sharma R/o WZ-64B, Todapur-Village, Delhi-110012 have changed my name to Suresh Kumar. 0040522707-1

I, Simple Puri W/o Mohit Puri R/o-D-75, Ground-Floor, Mehendru-Enclave, changed my name from KM.Simpal Chopra to Simple Pure, for all Purposes.

Shaniarpur, Delhi-110033 have 0040522694-10

I, Shobhit Agarwal S/o Sh. Ramesh Chandra Agarwal R/o B-263, Yojna Vihar East Delhi-110092, have changed my name from Shobhit Agarwal to Shobhit Ramesh Agarwal for 0040522649-1 all purposes.

I, Shhyam Bindoraa S/o Chhedi Lal R/o F-381, Type-4Qtrs, Nanak Pura, New Delhi-110021 have changed my name from Shyam Sunder to Shhyam Bindoraa for all future

purposes.

1, Shakir Choudhary S/o Sakhawat Hussain R/o R-272, Gali No.3, Jogabai Ext Jamianagar N.Delhi-110025 changed my name Shakir Ali to Shakir Choudhary 0040522629-1 permanently.

I. Shaheen W/o Mohammad Seraj Alam R/o D-113, First-Floor, Back Side, Shaheen Bagh, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-II, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Shaheen Alam for all purposes. 0040522621-1

L Saurabh Mittal S/o Sh. Yogendra Mittal R/o B-263, Flat

0040522666-1

No.-18193, ATS Advantage Ahinsa Khand-1, Indrapuram i.e. Sahibabad, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-2010, have changed my name from Saurabh Mittal to Saurabhh Mittal for all purposes. 0040522636-1 I. Santosh Sodhi W/o S S Sodhi.

R/o 2/31, Kalkaji Extension, Nehru Enclae, New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Sudha Sodhi for all purposes. 0040522628-1

I, Sandeep Kundlia, S/o Kalu Ram Kundlia R/o-143, Arihant-Nagar, West PunjabiBagh, Delhi-110026, have change my minor daughter's name from Diva Kundalia to Diva Kundlia. 0040522717-4

I, Sandeep Kundalia, S/O Kalu Ram Kundlia, R/O 143, Arihant-Nagar, West PunjabiBagh, Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Sandeep Kundlia. 0040522717-1

I, Tejinder Kaur W/o Satvinder Singh R/o E-139, First Floor, East-of-Kailash, Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Tajinder Kaur. 0040522707-4

I, Rasmi W/O Jagdish Kumar, H.no.561-C, First Floor, Rishi Nagar, RaniBagh, Delhi-110034. Changed My Name To 0040522694-5 Rashmi.

I. Ramabhat Neelakanta Marathe S/o Gopalbhat Ramabhat Marathe, Permanent R/o-3/122, New-BH-Road, Gandhinagar, Sagar, KT-577401 have changed my name to Neelakanta Marathe. 0040522707-3

I, Raju Devi Kundalia/Raju Kundalia/Raju Devi Jain, W/o Kalu Ram Kundlia, R/o-143, Arihant-Nagar, West PunjabiBagh, Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Raju Devi Kundlia. 0040522717-5

I, Rachna Manishkumar Gurg W/O Manish Garg residing at B 605, Park View Ananda, Gurgaon, Haryana have changed my name to Rachna Garg vide affidavit no. 15238 dated 26/11/2019 0050159307-1

I, RICHA NARANG W/o Nitesh Rawal R/o-16/8, 3rd-Floor, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to RICHA NARANG RAWAL for all 0040522707-10 purposes.

I, Pulkit Aggarwal S/o Anil Kumar R/o 38/13, Shakti Nagar, Delhi-07, have changed my name to Pulkit Garg for all purposes. 0040522664-1

I, Poonam Kanwar W/o Late Rakesh Kumar Kanwar R/o-N-494-B Sector-23, Sanjay Nagar, Ghaziabad U.P.-201002, have changed my name to Sunita Devi for all future purposes 0040522701-2

I, Numan Nasim S/O Mohammad Naseem, H.No-1218 Gali Mahal-Sarai, Punjabi Phatak Ballimaran, Delhi-110006, changed My Name To Mohd Nauman. 0040522732-4

I, Nitin S/o Mahipal Singh R/o-B-478, Rajeev Nagar, Begumpur, New Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Nitin Jangid for all purposes.

I, Neha Singal W/o Shri Amit Kumar R/o G-3/3, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my Name Nirmal to Neha Singal for all purposes.

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0040522624-1 I, Neha Kundalia, W/o Sandeep Kundlia, R/O 143, Arihant-Nagar, West PunjabiBagh, Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Neha Kundlia.

0040522717-2 I, Nasreen W/o Mohammad Miyan R/o C4B/455, Wood Market, T-Huts, LNJP Colony,

Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Nasrin permanently. 0040522677-1 I, Narendr Kumar Bhatia, S/o Tej Bhan Bhatia, R/o 34-A, Sant

Nagar, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065. Have changed my name to Narendra Kumar Bhatia. 0040522757-2 I. Muhammad Ismail Abbasi S/o

Faheem Abbasi R/o-F-39, New-Seelampur, Shastri Park, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Mohammad Ismail Abbasi. 0040522732-5

I, Mehvish Sultana D/o Wassy Ur Rehman R/o C-8/275, Rehman Building, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Mahvish Sultana. 0040522680-1

I, Mehul Kumar S/o Giradhari Lal R/o 5A/158. Street No.4. Sat-Nagar, KarolBagh, Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Mehul. 0040522707-2

I, Manjeet Singh S/o Late Shri Mohinder Singh Chugh R/o D-55, South Extn Part-I, New Delhi-110049 have changed my name to Manjeet Singh Chugh for all purposes. 0040522631-2

I, Chanda Devi W/o Shivdas R/o Unchrawan, Paras, Sirathu, Kaushambi, UP-212205 have changed my name from Chanderwati to Chanda Devi for all purposes. 0040522632-1

1, Mahender Singh S/o Sh. Ramphal R/o 177, Mandir Wali Galli, Village Singhu, Delhi -110040 do hereby declare the name of mine has been wrongly written and Mahendra Kumar in my Driving License No. DL11 20050030632. The actual name of mine is Mahender SIngh, which may be amended accordingly. 0070686347-1

1. Lalita Devi w/o late Sunil Kumar R/o Rajpura Khalsa Rewari Haryana 123401 have changed myname to Lalita. 0070686313-1

I, Km. Kusum Rani Gola W/O Ved Prakash R/o O-49a, Vijay Vihar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059. Changed My Name to Kavita 0040522694-4 I, Km Sudha Mishra W/o

Ratnesh Kumar Ojha R/o-I-6B, Block-A Kaushik Enclave Burari Delhi-110084, changed my name to Sudha Ojha. 0040522717-9

I, Km Dharm Lata Rai @ Poonam Rai D/o Late Sh. Kalp Nath Rai W/o Sh. Durgesh Rai R/o B-4, Hanuman Mandir, Ganesh Nagar, Pandav Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi - 110092 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Poonam Rai. 0070686346-1

I, Kalu Ram Kundalia, S/o Sumer Mal Jain, R/o-143, Arihant-Nagar, West PunjabiBagh, Delhi-110026, have changed my name to Kalu Ram Kundlia. 0040522717-3

I, Jyoti Patwal W/O Rajesh Patwal R/O-C-3/21 Gali No-3, C-Block, Dayalpur, Karawal-Nagar, Delhi-110094 According by my Husband's Service **Documents Date-of-Birth** Mentioned as-12.01.1983 is incorrect, That my real and correct Date-of-Birth is 12.06.1982, permanently. 0040522707-6

I, Jetandro Nath Biswas S/o Raj Kumar Biswas R/o-RZD1-26B D1-Bkock Gali No.5/7 Mahavir-Enclave Palam South/West Delhi-110045. changed my name to Jatindro Nath Biswas. 0040522717-10

I. JC-381042H Sub P K Dwivedi of 1Air Fmn Sig. Regt.C/o-56APO in my service record, Date Of Birth of my wife wrongly mentioned as 01/07/1979, but actual Date Of Birth is

01/03/1980. 0040522757-3 I, JC-380349 Sub S K Mahanti of 1Air Fmn Sig. Regt.C/o-56APO in my service record, Date Of Birth of my wife wrongly mentioned, as 17/06/1973 but actual Date Of Birth is 07/04/1973. 0040522757-4

I, Isha D/o Sh.Bijender Singh R/o-House No.114, Street No.2, Mata Chowk, Rang Puri, South West Delhi, Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Isha Sehrawat, for all future 0040522707-9 purpose.

I, Gulshan Sachdeva S/o Late Sh. Dina Nath Sachdeva, R/o B-107, Ground Floor, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008, do hereby solemnly affirm and informs that Gulshan Sachdeva and Gulshan Kumar Sachdeva are one and same person. That in future I will be known as Gulshan Sachdeva

for all purposes. 0040522703-1

I, Firoz Khan S/o.Md. Sagir R/o-E-400 Dakshin Puri.Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, New.Delhi-110062, That in My Adhar-Card and my Eight-Class Certificate, My Name has Been, Wrongly Written as "Vivek" Instead, of Firoz Khan and also, my Father Name Has Been, Wrongly Written as Md. Sagar Instead of Md. Sagir. Which May be, Amended

Accordingly. 0040522708-1 I, Farheen Irshad W/o Akeel Ahmad Khan R/O 313/104, Iv-Floor, Tulsi Nagar, Inderlok, Delhi-110035. Changed My Name To Farheen Akeel.

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I, Bindiya Shrma W/o Vijay Kumar Sharma R/o-403, Tower-D, Microtek Greenburg, Sector-86, Gurgaon, Haryana-122004 have changed my name to Bindiya Sharma.

0040522694-9 I, Ekhlak Ahammed S/O Kifayt Hussain, H.No.B-151/1, Abulfazal-Enclave Part-2 Shaheenbagh, Jamianagar, Okhla South/East Delhi-110025., changed my name to

0040522732-3 I, Dheeraj Kumari Bairagi D/o Sh. Rekhraj Bairagi R/o Ward No. 2, Ummedpura, Kota, Rajasthan - 325003 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vandna Bairagi. 0070686348-1

I, Biplab Mishra, R/o F 53, Ansari

Md.Ekhlague Ahmad.

Nagar (West), New Delhi-110029, have changed the name of my daughter from **NIVEDITA MISHRA to** CHRISTINA MISHRA by affidavit sworn before the notary public, Delhi on 27th November, 2019. Henceforth, she will be known as CHRISTINA MISHRA for all purposes. 0040522616-1

I, Bhawna Jangra W/O Inderjeet Singh, H.No. 1716, Sector-55, Faridabad, Haryana-121004, Changed My Name To Bhawna. I, Bhagyawanti W/o Sanjay Tewari R/o H.No. K7/1, Street No.5, West Ghonda, Hansraj Dairy, Garhi Mendu, Delhi-53. Informs that name of mine, has been wrongly-written as Bhagiawanti in my 10th Class Marksheet & Certificate. The actual name of mine, Bhagyawanti which may be

I, Ashneet Singh S/o Manjeet Singh Chugh R/o D-55, South Extn Part-I, New Delhi-110049 have changed my name to Ashneet Singh Chugh for all purposes. 0040522631-1

0040522657-1

amended accordingly.

I, Anita Malik, W/o Jaldeep Singh R/o A-603, Garima Vihar, Sector-35, Noida have changed my name from Anita Malik to Acharya Anita for all future purpose. 0040522646-1 1. Amit Kumar Lamba S/O Brii

Lal Lamba R/O Hno.108. First-Floor, Pkt-12, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110042. Changed My Nameto Amit Lamba. 0040522717-7

I, Ambar Sharma, S/o Brij Mohan Sharma R/O Flat 505. Saraswati Apartments, Tower S2, Pocket 6, Sector-D, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi, Delhi-110070, have changed my name to Amber Sharma for all purposes. 0040522550-1

I, Amaan Ali S/O Shakeel Ahmed H.No.F-17, Dilshad Colony, Dilshad Garden, Jhilmil, H.O East-Delhi-110095. Changed My Name To Amaan Ali Ahmed. 0040522732-1

Md Enatulla R/O-A-42/2, Gali No.3, Pul-Prahladpur, New Delhi-110044, Have Changed My Name To Abdul Hafeez. For All Purposes. 0040522694-3

I, Abdul Hafees Mohd Aali S/O

I, Mahesh Parshad S/o Shri. Manohar Lal R/o-317, B-Block, Sudershan Park Delhi-110015. have changed my name to Mahesh Prasad permanently. 0040522707-5

Singh flat.No-T-604 Amarpali Cilicon-City Sector-76 Noida have changed my name to Rituu Kasaana permanently 0040522689-1 I Pradeep S/O Tejpal R/O-K-26 Main VasantKuni Road

TRitu Kasana D/o Shri Sant Pal

Kumar Sehrawat. 0040522707-8 I Parveen Kumar S/o Kanwar Sen R/o-623, Sangam Appt Pitam Pura Delhi-34 have changed my name to Praveen

Mahipalpur Delhi-110037. Have

Changed My Name To Pardeep

Kumar. 0040522694-1 I Manish Arora, H.NO-B-73 Guiranwala Town-1 New Delhi-110009. Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Samaira Arora To Phalak 0040522694-6 Arora.

I Kishan Lal Paliwal S/O Ganga Prasad R/O D-478, Dabua Colony, Faridabad, NIT, Haryana - 121001 Have Changed My Name From Kishan Lal Paliwal To Kishan Lal For All Purposes.

ISuhel S/o Rashid R/o A-30 New Seelampur Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Sohel for all purposes 0040522701-1

0070686308-1

I Himansu garg S/o Fateh chand garg R/o I-160 Ashok Vihar Phase-1 Delhi-110052 have changed name to Himanshu Garg. 0040522717-8

I Deepu Alias Deepika D/o Sh.Kedar Singh W/o Late Pankaj Kumar Singh R/o House No.631/B, Block-I, Hari Nagar Extn., Jaitpur, South Delhi, Delhi-110044 have changed my name to Deepika for all purposes. 0040522618-1

I Arun Kumar S/O J S Shukla, H.No-1833 A/1 Govind Puri-Ext Kalka Ji Delhi-110019. Have Changed My Name To Arun Shukla. 0040522694-7

I Anil Dutt @ Anil Dutt Bhargava S/o Sh. Sis Ram R/o Old Rangpuri Road, H. No. 419, Rangpuri Village, South West Delhi, Delhi - 110037 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anil Dutt Bhargava. 0070686350-1

I Akriti Mishra, D/o Pankaj Mishra R/o 118/1, Labour Colony, Naini Allahabad, U.P-211008 Have changed my name to Shilpa Mishra for all future purposes. 0040522647-1

I. Manoi Kumar S/o Satva Narayan Singhal R/o J-106, First Floor, Block-J, Kalkaji New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Manoj Kumar Singhal for all purposes. 0040522771-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Archana W/o Dr Tejinder Singh, R/o O-28, FF, Jangpura Extension, New Delhi-110014 has lost original documents of property bearing of my flat number 222-D, Pocket B, Mayur Vihar, Phase-2, New Delhi. Finder may please be contact-9717514487.

I. Aastha Sharma D/o M K Sharma R/o-B-270, Ghonda. Gamri Road, Delhi-53, have lost my all original certificates of Class 10th(2013) Rollno.8134023 and Class 12th(2015) Rollno.9126629, CBSE Delhi. 0040522757-9

0040522684-1

I, Jiya Rakshith R/o-B-717 Sushant-Lok Phase-1, Gurgaon, Haryana have lost my Original Marksheet of Class-10,2018, Roll No-2140131, **CBSE. Finder Contact-**9818728141 0040522623-1

I, Vipin Kumar S/o Karan pal singh. R/o-C-5 kardam farm johripur delhi-110094. Have lost my original certificate class-10th year-2007 Rollno-6123909 CBSE- Delhi 0040522757-6 LOST & FOUND

1, Sagar Garg son/of Shri Satish Garg, Resident of-C-13/14, Sector-3 Rohini, Delhi and others owners of the property hereby declare that the one Relinquishment deed Dated-22.12.2015 of Property bearing No.86 Block & Pocket-A-1 Sector-8, Rohini Delhi is misplaced and not traceable after best effort. If any one found please contact at my above said address or at Phone No.9811181704.

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It is notified for the information that the Original Qualifying **Examination Certificate of** Main Secondary Examination of Year 2018-19 and Roll No.5407335 of my son issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of candidate KUSH CHAWLA, Full Address/Tel. G C Grand Homz, Flat No.3A-33,2c-Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad (U.P.)-201014. Telephone No.9810040903. 0040522679-2

It is notified for the information that the Original Qualifying **Examination Certificate of Main Secondary Examination** of Year 2018-19 and Roll No.5407400 of my son issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of candidate KUNJ CHAWLA, Full Address/Tel. G C Grand Homz, Flat No.3A-33,2c-Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad (U.P.)-201014. Telephone No.9810040903. 0040522679-1

NOTICE's hereby, given that

the, Certificate(s) for, 120-Equity Shares, No. 33537739, to 33537858, of-Ultratech Cement-Limited, standing in the.name(s)of Mr.Lalit Krishna has been, lost, or misplaced and the undersigned has, applied to the, Company to, issue duplicate-Certificate(s)for the said, shares. Any person, who has, any claim, in respect of the said, shares should write to our Registrar,M/S.KARVY FINTECH, PRIVATE LIMITED.Karvy,Selenium Tower-B, Plot.31 32,Gachibowli,Financial District, Hyderabad 500032, within, one month from this, date else, the company, will proceed to issue duplicate Certificate(s).LALIT KRISHNA Name(s) of Shareholder(s) 0040522735-5

Notice is here .given that.the share certificates, by. Folio Number-004502841, of Reliance, Industries Limited standing in the name of Rattan Singhania, residingat, C-704, 3RD Floor, New. Friends Colony, South-Delhi-110025, have been reported, lost/stolen, and that an application, for issue, of duplicate-certificate,in respect thereof has, been made to, the company, objection, if any against-issuance, of such **Duplicate, Shares-certificates** should be, made within, 15days, from the, date of publication, of this notice. Share certificate, is not, mortgaged or any, loan

taken against, it. 0040522735-2 Notice is here given, that the, share-certificate by.Folio,No.045110613,of Reliance, Industries-Limited standing in the, name of,Ramesh Chand Bansal, residing-at, E-206, Naraina Vihar, New. Delhi-110028, have been, reported.lost/stolen,and that, an application, for issue, of duplicate-certificate, in respect, thereof has, been made to the company, objection, if any against issuance of, such Duplicate, Shares-certificate should be, made within, 15-days, from the, date of publication of, this notice. Share-certificate, is not mortgaged, or any loan, taken against it. 0040522735-3

I. ALKA D/o late kherati lal R/o-R-A32 suraz-vihar Dwarka Delhi. have lost my original certificate class-10th year-2003 Rollno-6337979 CBSE-Delhi. 0040522757-7

Notice is here, given that the

share-certificate by,Folio.No.036708026,of Reliance, Industries-Limited, standing in the, name of,Bharat Bhushan Sahny,residing-at,B-22, Dayanand-Colony, Lajpat-Nagar-4, New. Delhi-110024, have been, reported. lost/stolen, and that, an application for, issue of, duplicate.certificate in respect, thereof has, been made to, the company, objection, if any against issuance, of such Duplicate, Shares-certificates, should be, made within, 15-days, from the.date of publication of, this notice. Share-certificate is, not mortgaged or any, loan taken against it. 0040522735-1

Notice is, here given, that the share certificate by Folio. No-043056743, of Reliance, Industries-Limited standing, in the, name of Rattan Singhania, residing-at C-704,3rd-Floor, New. Friend-Colony, South.Delhi-110025,have been, reported lost/stolen and, that an application for, issue of duplicatecertificate, in respect-thereof has been made, to the company, objection, if any against issuance, of such Duplicate-Shares, certificate, should be, made within, 15days, from the date, of publication, of this notice. Share-certificate is, not mortgaged or any, loan taken against it. 0040522735-4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is here, given, that the

Reliance, Industries Limited-

Dharminder Sarna, residing

share-certificate by,Folio

standing in, the name of-

at,D-1001,New-Friends

that an, application for

has, been made to the

company, objection, if any

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Colony, Delhi-110025, have

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General public is hereby informed that i

client Karamjit Singh S/o Late Santok

Singh R/o CISF Unit, NTPC, Tanda

Janpad Ambedkar Nagar (U.P) do hereb

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Singh from all his movable an

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effect because he do not stay with the

family nor contribute in any matter of the

family. Anybody dealing with him

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My client and his family will not be hel

deed or things done by him

responsible for any of his act, activity

Sd/- B.B.N. DEO, ADVOCATE

S.R.II, B. Campus, Janakpuri, N.Delhi-58

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that We, Shre

Shyam Traders Prop. Keshav

Mittal S/o Deepak Mittal office a

H-7, G-18, Agarwal Plaza, Netaji

Subhash Place, Pitampura

Delhi- 110034 have misplaced

my blank signed cheques

bearing No. 000054 to 000059

and 000061 to 0000100 d

Bahadurgarh Haryana, and also

Letter head of the Company and

Stamp in this regard a Complain

lodged in Crime Branch Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that

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Number-022237934, of

Be it known to all that We, Shre Shyam Traders Prop. Keshav Mittal S/o Deepak Mittal office a H-7, G-18, Agarwal Plaza, Netaj Subhash Place, Pitampura Delhi- 110034 have misplaced my blank signed cheque: bearing No. 000054 to 000059 and 000061 to 0000100 Bandhan Bank Bahadurgarh Harvana, and also Letter head of the Company and Stamp in this regard a Complain

My Client Anil Virmani S/o Late Sh. Madan Lal Virman R/o Flat No. C-2/006 Printer Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-85 do hereby Disown/Debar his son Karan Virmani from all his movable & immovable properties & severe his relations from him as he is no more in his control. It anybody dealing with him shall be doing at his/her own risk & responsibility My client shall not be responsible for pros & cons arise therefrom. Gaurav Dhameja (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

lients (1) SH. SONAL JAIN son of Sh. Delhi, to purchase the Property No.81/ absolute owner of the same. asement or otherwise howsoever,

mentioned Equity/Bonus Shares of the Company have been lost/misplaced and holder(s)/purchaser(s) of the said equity/bonus share have Delhi-110034 Mob.9810039884 applied to the company to issue duplicate share certificates Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge objection for the same with the company at its Registered Office within 21 days from this date else the company will proceed to issue duplicate certificates to the aforesaid applicant without any further intimation. Name of Company : Reliance

Distinctive Nos. 2188124118-2188124153) & 66946062 (72 shares, Distinctive Nos 6903483794-6903483865) Name of Share Holder: Sajjan Kumar, Address : 632, Asiad Village, New Delhi-49 Name and Registered Office address of the Company Reliance Industries Limited 3rd Floor, Maker Chamber IV. 222, Nariman Point, Mumbai-21 NARENDRA KUMAR ADVOCATE FOR: THE LEGAL SOLUTIONS

Ch. No.749, Western Wings,

Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-96

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Industry Limited, Folio No.

109803912, Certificate Nos

62242006 (36 shares

lodged in Crime Branch Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE RU-5, Pitampura, Delhi-34

haramvir Jain and (2) MRS. DOLLY JAIN wife of Sh. Sonal Jain, both resident of 103-A, Veer Nagar, Jair colony, Delhi-110007 are negotiating with Sh. Arun Kumar Singal alias Arun Singal son of Sh. Raghubeer Saran resident of A-35, Gulmohar Park, New land measuring 453.33 sq.yds., in Block-A, situated at G.T. Karnal Road Industrial Area, Delhi, who claims the sole & All persons having any claim or demand or rights in respect of or against the above said property or any part or portion thereof by way of Agreement to sell, nheritance, share, sale, transfer, assignment, private mortgage, gift exchange, possession, covenant, hereby required to make the same known writing with documentary proof to the indersigned at my office within seven days from the date of publication hereof, alling which the claim of such person(s) any, will be treated as null and void and rill not have any legal & any other sanctity and not binding on my clients and the proposed transaction of purchase of the said property shall be completed without any reference to such claim(s). Parveen Garg (Advocate 26, RU, Outer Ring Road, Pitampura,

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Sh. Khem Chand Chauhan Late Sh. R.S. Chauhan R/o 28, Bhagwa Buddha Apartment, Pitampura, Del 110034, Mob No. 9811089449 herel inform to the general public that S Santosh Bansal W/o Late Sh. J.P. Ban-Resident of C-11/157, Sector-3, Roh Delhi-110085 had agreed to sell her Bu Up Four Storey Property bearing No. 11/157, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-1100 area measuring 60.00 sq. mtrs. to client upon receipt of Bayana amount a has entered into an agreement to sell with my client on 24 September 2019 w respect to the above mentioned prope I, hereby, call upon feneral public to info me & my client if any person whosoe has any claim over this above mention property within 10 days from the date **AJAY PAUL (Advocate**

Mob No. 981053964

PUBLIC NOTICE my client Sh. Gopal Lal Mirwal S/o Shri Moii Ram R/o House No. D2-651, J. J. Colony Madan Pur Khadar, New Delhi 110076 have disowned his Real Son namely Deepak mmovable properties & have severed all his elations with him on account of his immora conduct & intolerable physical & mental ruelties with him. And his son Deepal Kumar Mirwal solemnized his marriage with a girl Namely Bhawna without the consent of my client. Anyone dealing/ transacting with both of them shall be fully responsible for their acts and my client shall not be responsible for any of their acts in future

Dharamvir Singh Chauhan (Advocate) Ch. No. 322, Saket Courts New Delhi-17 PUBLIC NOTICE

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TELLING NUMBERS

Nearly 3 out of 5 babies and children in India are anaemic

AS MANY as 58.5% of children between the ages of 6 months and 59 months, and 53.1% of women between the ages of 15 and 49 years, are anaemic in the country, the government told Lok Sabha last week.

As per the details of anaemic women and children in urban and rural India given by the government, 29.8% of children in rural India suffer from moderate anaemia, and 40.3% of women in the villages are mildly anaemic. The data, based on the findings of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) IV (2015-16), divide the incidence of anaemia into 'Mild', 'Moderate' and 'Severe' kinds for both rural and urban India.

Answering a question by Chandigarh BJP MP Kirron Kher, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan said that the union government had, in 2018, launched the "Anaemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) Strategy under POSHAN Research on Anaemia Control.

Abhiyaan with the aim to reduce anaemia prevalence by three percentage points every year till 2022".

AMB, the Minister said, "is a 6x6x6 strategy that is targeting six age groups, with six interventions and six institutional mechanisms". The six age groups include pre-school children (6-59 months), children (5-9 years), adolescent girls (10-19 years), adolescent boys (10-19 years), women of reproductive age group (15-49), and pregnant women and lactating mothers.

Among the six interventions are prophylactic iron folic acid supplementation, periodic deworming, and addressing non-nutritional causes of anaemia in endemic pockets, with special focus on malaria, haemoglobinopathies and fluorosis, the Minister said. Institutional mechanisms include a National Anaemia Mukt Bharat Unit, and a National Centre of Excellence and Advanced

PREVALENCE OF ANAEMIA AMONG CHILDREN (6-59 MONTHS)

	RURAL	URBAN	TOTAL
Mild (10.0-10.9 gm/dl)	28.2	26.8	27.8
Moderate (7.0-9.9 gm/dl)	29.8	27.5	29.2
Severe (<7.00 gm/dl)	1.5	1.6	1.6
Any (<11.00 gm/dl)	59.5	56.0	58.5

PREVALENCE OF ANAEMIA AMONG WOMEN (15-49 YEARS)

	RURAL	URBAN	TOTAL
Mild (10.0-11.9 gm/dl)	40.3	38.3	39.6
Moderate (7.0-9.9 gm/dl)	12.8	11.6	12.4
Severe (<7.00 gm/dl)	1.1	0.9	1.0
Any (<12.00 gm/dl)	54.2	50.8	53.1

Source: Lok Sabha Question; data from NFHS-IV (2015-16); figures in per cent

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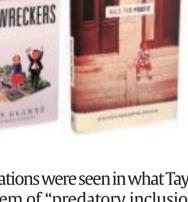
Two Housing Tales, Many Lessons

JOURNALIST AARON Glantz remodelled his home with \$8,000 that his wife and he received as part of the Obama administration's stimulus package, also giving people employment in the process. He has now written *Homewreckers*, a book about the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, which tells the story of, as the book's long, blunt subtitle says, "how a gang of Wall Street kingpins, hedge fund magnates, crooked banks, and vulture capitalists suckered millions out of their homes and demolished the American Dream". It is, according to the review of the book in The New York Times, the "bigger story about American housing that's tortuous, confounding and ultimately enraging".

The other book out recently, also on housing, though with a different focus and from a different era, is Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor's Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership.

Taylor covers the period in the late 1960s and early 1970s when, "federal government partnered with a real estate industry enthusiastic about exploiting a new market but refusing to bear most of the risk". Mismanagement, corruption, distorted incentives, and unenforced civil





rights regulations were seen in what Taylor calls a system of "predatory inclusion", which replaced the earlier system of racist exclusion. The government's marketbased solutions in its low-income housing programmes in the 1970s impacted Black neighbourhoods, Black women on welfare, and emergent discourses on the urban "underclass", says Taylor.

Together, the two books present a picture of faulty government interventions in housing that, despite being focussed on the US, hold lessons for other parts of the world as well. As their joint review in The NYT says, they demonstrate together "what happens when private speculators get buoyed by government largess while non-tycoons are largely left to fend for themselves".



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tors have played a bigger role; the weak do-

Which is why, with a real GDP growth of 4.8% y-o-y in H1, it is hard to see the economy clocking in much more than 5% in FY20. And that is with a hugely helpful base, since

The big worry now is the fisc.

GDP growth in the second half — the budget has pencilled in a 12% growth in nominal GDP for FY20 while the number is more likely to be 8-8.5% — the fiscal deficit ratio will take a real knock. Thanks to the government using the wrong base numbers, the tax projections were quite unrealistic to begin with. Now, they look even worse.

At a time when the economy is slowing. it is only to be expected that tax collections too, will slow. And since the denominator nominal GDP — will be lower, the deficit-to-

The fiscal deficit for the April-October period – Rs 7.2 lakh crore – doesn't look too good at 102% of GDP. To be sure, much of the increase in the deficit is because the government has spent more — Rs 16.55 lakh crore versus Rs 14.55 lakh crore in the correspon-

At the same time, it is also true that the tax mop-up this year has been virtually flat at Rs 10.52 lakh crore

April-October 2018 period. The government believes that the economy will revive in the second half, but so far, there is very little to suggest a meaningful pick-up.

versus Rs 10.39 lakh crore in the

tracted 5.8% y-o-y in October — slightly more than it did in September — suggesting the busy season hasn't got off to a great start. Demand for cars was subdued in the festival month, and has fallen in November. Sales of two-wheelers fell 14% y-o-y in October, and

haven't done very much better in November, suggesting poor rural demand. Also, sales of commercial vehicles were weak, crashing by 23% y-o-y.

spend, especially on big ticket items such as homes. The fact that there is no quick fix for the compression in credit growth will,

and Q4 from picking up meaningfully.

sumption demand has tapered off is rural stress — with prices of agri goods collapsing, farm incomes have been badly hurt. The agricultural GVA in

y, the slowest in 14 quarters save one. Unless many more jobs are created, it is hard to see consumption getting a boost.

But it is even harder to visualise where the jobs are going to come from, since the manufacturing sector is in a slump — man-

ufacturing GVA contracted 1% in the September quarter. And the services sector is in big trouble since the financials of a couple of large telcom players are fragile following adverse regulation. These companies are

Also, gross fixed capital formation, an indicator of capex, barely grew in the September quarter — it rose 1% y-o-y, the slowest in 19 quarters. That suggests not too much fresh capacity is being added, which is not surprising, since there is a fair bit spare

bought stressed assets via the IBC route, using up some of their financial resources, it is

unlikely they will undertake greenfield expansion. But the government needs to worry more about existing businesses. The biggest challenge today is to unclog

ing cautious in what is an extremely tough

3,300 companies being downgraded so far. Incremental lending between April and November 8 is up barely by 0.43%; in the fortnight to November 8, loan growth

environment – 2019 has seen more than

slumped to a two-year low of 7.9% y-o-y. Banks can't be blamed for their approach because there are few businesses worth lending to. But companies too are not inclined to create fresh capacity. Meanwhile, lending by NBFCs has slowed sharply over the past year – 34% y-o-y in Q2FY20 – with several of them in financial trouble. Indeed, whether the Reserve Bank of India cuts repo rates or not is less important now because banks have become extremely cautious.

Also, with credit flows tight — despite a Rs 2 lakh crore surplus liquidity — more companies are likely to default on loan obligations, which, in turn, means rising loan losses. To be sure, there is no systemic risk, but there is the danger of many small and mid-sized businesses closing down, leading

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Bullet train: where things stand

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has announced a 'review' of the project. Where does land acquisition stand in Maharashtra and Gujarat? Why is it moving slowly in some areas?

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Uddhav Thackeray has announced a "review" of the bullet train project, sending out signals of uncertainty over the prestigious enterprise. "This government is of the common man... Yes, we will review the bullet train (project). Have I stayed the bullet train project like Aarey car shed? No, I haven't," Thackeray told reporters late on Sunday night.

Controversy is not new for India's bullet train. From its inception, the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), the body implementing the project, has been facing controversies over land acquisition in tribal-dominated areas, and cases filed by farmers in court. There is fundamental opposition to the idea of a Rs 1.1 lakh crore train corridor between Mumbai and Ahmedabad even though the project is being funded by an 80% loan from Japan.

Even so, the project has made some headway. The initial plan was to complete the land acquisition process by December 2018; this strategy was, however, revised to link land acquisition to tender requirements. The implementing company now says it is on course to do a trial run between Surat and Bilimora in Gujarat in August 2022, and to open the full service to the public around December 2023. NHSRCL officials say they are hopeful of getting most of the land required for the project by the time tenders are finalised in mid-2020.

How much land has been acquired?

The project needs land in Gujarat, Maharashtra, and a little in Dadra and Nagar Haveli. Of the total 1,380 hectares required, 705 hectares have already been acquired.

In Gujarat, out of the required 940 hectares, 617 hectares have been acquired; in Maharashtra, out of the total 431 hectares required, 81 hectares have been acquired. In Dadra and Nagar Haveli, of the total 8.7 hectares needed, 6.9 hectares have been acquired.

So why has land acquisition moved slowly in Maharashtra?

Mainly because of problems in Palghar district, where the project requires 286



Former CM Devendra Fadnavis hands over land documents to Railways Minister Piyush Goyal in Mumbai in February 2018. Prashant Nadkar

hectares. However, much of the past one year has been spent in holding parleys with the landowners, and many have agreed over the past few months.

With the offer of various schemes like providing health facilities for villagers, village development expenses, and other outreach programmes in addition to the compensation package, 31 out of the required 286 hectares in Palghar have been acquired.

Of the 73 villages in which the project needs land, joint measurement surveys have been done in 65. Joint measurement surveys are considered a major breakthrough, because they involve the landowner and the project engineers jointly measuring the land, physically on the ground. The company has appointed a manager just for issues related to Palghar.

In Gujarat, the process was smoother after the High Court dismissed 120 petitions by farmers by upholding the validity of the Land Acquisition Act as amended by the state government in 2016.

The land across the alignment is divided into 7,000 plots, in 195 villages in Gujarat and 104 villages in Maharashtra.

Can the new Maharashtra government scrap the project? Maharashtra is not investing any money

per se in the project. Its equity is through land. Both Gujarat and Maharashtra own 25% each in the project, while the remaining 50% is owned by the Government of India. The state government can change the rules for land acquisition, as that is within its purview. However, the contract with Japan that the Centre has entered into, cannot be impacted. That said, a change in government may

affect the priority that is accorded to the project in the state's scheme of things. When the BJP's Devendra Fadnavis was Chief Minister, the bullet train project was in the CM's "war room" – meaning it was directly monitored by the CMO. Officials said that this helped a lot in land acquisition efforts — anything to do with the bullet train got priority treatment at every level from the Secretariat in Mumbai to the administration in the district.

The Shiv Sena is politically strong in Palghar. The MP, Rajendra Gavit, is from the Shiv Sena. The party has in the past joined the chorus against the project in Palghar and nearby areas. Sena leaders have had altercations with



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NHSRCL officials working on the ground.

Can the project change the alignment to avoid problem areas?

While the government decides which places to link with a train corridor, the precise alignment is a technical reality that has been frozen after scientific surveys and measurements. It cannot be tampered with at will. The high-speed alignment, for instance, needs to be as free of curves as possible. Any speed upwards of 300 kph requires a straight alignment.

How can the acquisition process be expedited?

NHSRCL has adopted the strategy of land acquisition by consent, and not by invoking the various laws that empower government agencies to acquire land for public purposes. The provisions of the central Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, would have allowed the linear project to acquire land even without the consent of certain parties, if needed, against the payment of compensation. But the company is not looking to invoke such provisions, officials said.

FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

When is the oath taken by a Minister (in)valid?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 2

ON THE first day of the Assembly session in Maharashtra on November 30, former Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis alleged that the oath-taking ceremony of the new government had violated the Constitution.

He was referring to the invocation — by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and each Minister — at the start of the oath, before reading out the text, which he alleged had altered the oath itself.

Thackeray invoked Chattrapati Shivaji and "my parents"; Eknath Shinde named Bal Thackeray, Ananda Dhige, a Thane Shiv Sena leader who died in 2000, Uddhav Thackerav. and Shivaji

Subhash Desai invoked Bal Thackeray. Jayant Patil of the NCP invoked Shivaji and Sharad Pawar.

Chhagan Bhujbal began with Jai Shivraj, Jai Maharashtra, and invoked Mahatma Phule, Chattrapati Shahu, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Bal Thackeray, and Sharad Pawar.

Balasaheb Thorat took Sonia Gandhi's name. Nitin Raut named Ambedkar, Sonia, Rahul Gandhi, and the Buddha.



At the swearing-in. Prashant Nadkar

In the Constitution

Article 164(3) says: "Before a Minister enters upon his office, the Governor shall administer to him the oaths of office and of secrecy according to the forms set out for the purpose in the Third Schedule." The Third Schedule requires the taker of the oath to either "swear in the name of God" or to "solemnly affirm" to "bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution...".

According to constitutional experts and those familiar with procedures and rules of swearing-in ceremonies, Art 164 makes it clear that the text of the oath is sacrosanct, and the person taking the oath has to read it

person wanders from the text, it is the responsibility of the person administering the oath — in this instance the Governor — to interrupt and ask the person being sworn in to read it out correctly.

Instances of deviation

The most famous case of a political leader changing the oath was in 1989, when Devi Lal inserted the words "Deputy Prime Minister" as he was being sworn in to Prime Minister V P Singh's cabinet, and was corrected by President R Venkataraman.

In 2012, Azam Khan of the Samajwadi Party had to retake his oath in Uttar Pradesh after he skipped the oath of office, and only took the oath of secrecy.

Fadnavis's objections

According to former Maharashtra Advocate General Shreehari Aney: "It is the content of the oath that is important. That should be as per the format laid down in the Constitution. Addition something before or after the oath is not unlawful as long as the substance of the oath is unaltered."

Aney, who was AG for some time when the Fadnavis government was in power, howout exactly as it is, in the given format. If a ever, added that the "practice of invoking

gods, national leaders, reformers, while administering the oath of office can be termed as immature, as it detracts from the importance of the oath". But even so, Aney said, "it doesn't flout constitutional requirements."

Role of the Governor The Governor's approval is key. According

to experts, if the person administering the oath approves the oath, the matter is closed. Immediately on taking the oath, the person who has been sworn in, must sign a register. The register is attested by the Secretary to the Governor, which means it has been approved by the Governor. In Maharashtra, that approval was also formalised by a gazette notification on the appointment of the Chief Minister and six ministers, which was issued on November 30.

"Ultimately it is the responsibility of the Chair, the functionary administering the oath, in this case the Governor [to correct]. Once Governor takes it as read, and the Secretary to the Governor has attested that the oath has been administered, and the gazette notification has come out, then it is no longer an issue, it cannot be legally challenged," Shumsher Sheriff, former Rajya Sabha Secretary General, said.

Why, if growth is to revive, credit flows to industry must pick up fast

SHOBHANA SUBRAMANIAN

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 2

AT 6.1% year-on-year, the growth in India's nominal GDP in Q2FY20 is the lowest in more than 16 years. While the slowdown has no doubt been exaggerated by the extraordinarily low inflation, even in real terms, a 4.5% y-o-y growth in GDP is the low-

est since Q4FY13. What is worrying is that nominal GDP has grown by just 6.1% y-o-y in a quarter when nominal government spending jumped 18.9% y-o-y, the biggest increase in 30 quarters. With government spending likely to be constrained due to poor tax collections, other sections of the economy need to pull their weight if the nominal growth is to pick up meaningfully.

The government has cited weakening global growth as a reason for India's sharperthan-expected growth slump. But India is a relatively closed economy, and domestic facmestic demand has been cushioned somewhat by government spending and contracting imports.

GDP in H2FY19 grew at just 6.2% y-o-y.

Unless there is a big jump in nominal

GDP will go up even more.

ding period of 2018-19.

Indeed, the output of the core sector con-

Consumers are clearly not willing to

in fact, prevent growth in Q3 One big reason why con-

the September quarter grew at just 2.1% y-o-

laying off people in large numbers.

capacity to be utilised. Also, since several business houses have

credit flows to industry — small and large. This looks virtually impossible because banks have turned risk averse and are stay-

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to more job losses.