



Relief for Tata Sons as SC stays NCLAT order on reinstating Mistry

AASHISH ARYAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

THE SUPREME Court on Friday stayed the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT) decision to reinstate Cyrus Mistry as the executive chairman of Tata Sons, observing that its December 18 order had "lacunae" and was "sorely lacking". A three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and Justices B R Gavi and Surya Kant refused to accept the plea of Mistry's counsel that the entire NCLAT order need not be stayed as Mistry had made it clear that he was not interested in returning to Tata Sons.

[PTI adds: The bench said the NCLAT's decision suffers from "basic errors and we have to hear



Tribunal had reinstated Cyrus Mistry as Executive Chairman

the matter in detail". While ordering interim stay of the NCLAT order, the bench also said, "You (Mistry) have been out of the saddle for quite a long time. Does this hurt you now? How does it (stay order) hurt you today?"

The court said there was no prayer in the petition for reinstatement of Mistry, but the tribunal went ahead with it and ordered that. "We are looking at the order and the judicial attitude with which it was made. We find that it is sorely lacking.

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TN cop killed in revenge attack for terror arrests

ARUN JANARDHANAN & JOHNSON T A
CHENNAI, BENGALURU, JAN 10

TWO DAYS after the mysterious killing of a Special Sub-Inspector in Kanyakumari district bordering Kerala, investigators have identified one of the two accused as Abdul Shamim (25), and described him as a "self-declared jihadi". The motive for the killing, they suspect, was revenge for the arrests of three alleged terror suspects in Bengaluru this week.

Wilson (57) was shot dead around 9.30 pm Wednesday at a checkpoint near Kaliyakkavilai in Tamil Nadu — his body had stab injuries, too. Police identified the accused from CCTV footage as Shamim and Thowfic (27), both



Abdul Shamim and Thowfic

from Kanyakumari.

Police said Shamim has been absconding after obtaining bail last month in the murder case of a Hindu Munnani leader in 2014. "He is unlikely to surrender. He is someone who would commit suicide before arrest, if he gets a chance," an officer, who had interrogated him earlier, told *The Indian Express*.

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JNU violence: Police name Ghosh, 6 others from Left, don't say 2 are from ABVP

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

FIVE DAYS after a masked mob unleashed violence inside the Jawaharlal Nehru University campus, leaving 36 people injured, Delhi Police Friday released the names of nine suspects — all students, of whom seven were identified as members of Left student outfits. The other two are from the ABVP.

While Delhi Police identified the Left outfits as SFI, AISF, AISA and DSF, it did not name ABVP during the press conference it called to release the names of suspects. Police have since Sunday maintained that the violence was led by two groups — one that was behind the attack on Periyar hostel in the afternoon and the other that was responsible for violence at Sabarmati dhaba and hostel in the evening.

Those named by police include JNU Students' Union president Aishe Ghosh, who received 16 stitches for injuries on her head following Sunday's

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JNUSU chief Aishe Ghosh, other student leaders with HRD Secretary Amit Khare on Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

TV sting raises questions, gaps in police version

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

THE TELECAST of a sting operation by India Today TV Friday evening in which two students, claiming to be ABVP members, brag about their role in Sunday's violence and some glaring omissions by Delhi Police during a press conference earlier raised

questions about the police version on the series of events in JNU on January 5.

Barely an hour after the police called a press conference to release names of suspects in the JNU violence case, the sting operation was telecast in which

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MORE REPORTS

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8 years in bonded labour, tribals recall horror, now hope for new life, homes

KAVITHA IYER
PUNE, AHMEDNAGAR, JAN 10

"They would call us dogs, and other bad words for women... There was no cooking oil, nor any vegetables, ever. There was dried fish, foodgrain and atta, so I would cook these in water, making everything spicy to mask the rawness."



The rescued workers in Ahmednagar. Express

FOR EIGHT years, Kantabai Jadhav was among 14 tribal men and women, and eight children, who lived as bonded labourers working on farms, a cowshed and a rice mill just 120 km from Mumbai in Dhamane village of Pune's Maval taluka. They were rescued in June last year in an operation involving local police,

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NET DOWNING, SEC 144 ORDERS TO BE PUBLIC

Freedom of speech via Internet is protected, review J&K curbs: SC

Order suspending Internet indefinitely is impermissible: Three-judge bench

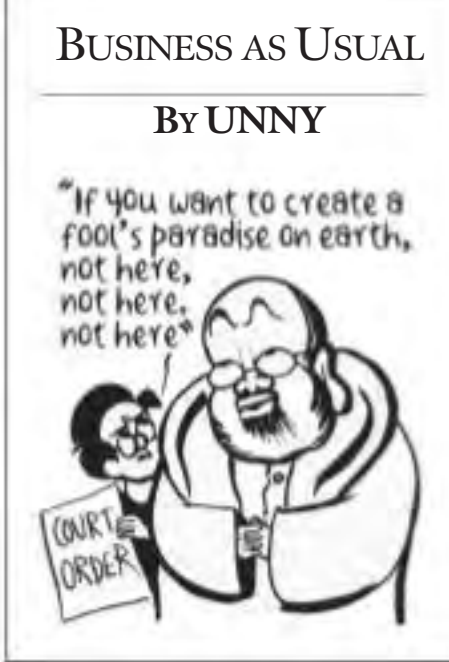
ANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

RULING THAT "freedom of speech and expression and the freedom to practice any profession or carry on any trade, business or occupation over the medium of Internet enjoys constitutional protection under Article 19 (1) (a) and Article 19 (1) (g)", the Supreme Court Friday directed the J&K administration to "review all orders suspending Internet services forthwith" since "an order suspending Internet services indefinitely is impermissible".

It said "restriction upon such fundamental rights should be in consonance with the mandate under Article 19 (2) and (6) of the Constitution, inclusive of the test of proportionality".

The bench of Justices N V Ramana, R Subhash Reddy and B R Gavai, ruling on petitions by *Kashmir Times* Executive Editor Anuradha Bhasin and Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad who challenged curbs imposed in J&K following the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5 last year, also sought to remove the cloak of secrecy surrounding orders for Internet shutdown and prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

It directed the State/competent authorities "to publish all



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SC ORDER IS WORK IN PROGRESS

BY RAMAN JIT SINGH CHIMA
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orders in force and any future orders under Section 144, CrPC and for suspension of telecom services, including Internet, to enable the affected persons to challenge it before the High Court or appropriate forum".

While it found "ample merit" in the government argument that Internet could be used to fan terrorism and challenge India's sovereignty and integrity — "it goes without saying that the

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Why this goes beyond J&K, opens window for challenges, judicial reviews

KARISHMA MEHROTRA & APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

DIRECTING THE government to mandatorily publish all orders permitting Internet shutdowns, the Supreme Court has for the first time set the stage for challenging suspension orders before courts.

Although the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Service) Rules, 2017 issued under the Telegraph Act — the law that deals with restricting Internet access — does not provide for publication or notification of the order suspending Internet, the apex court mandated that such orders must be made available to the public.

The court declared that it is a "settled principle of law, and of natural justice" that requires publication of such orders, "particularly one that affects lives, liberty and property of people".

"Any law which demands compliance of the people

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ODISHA
PRIDE'S BEST KEPT SECRET

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14 January 2020
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Odissi (Duet) : Leema Bhol & Arupa Gayatri
Odissi (Group) : Parwati Dutta & Group

15 January 2020
Chorus (Shiva Vandana) : Bikash Shukla & Group
Odissi (Solo) : Pallavi Das, USA
Odissi (Duet) : Suraj Sahu & Manoj Pradhan
Odissi (Group) : Guru Pankaj Charan
Odissi Research Foundation

16 January 2020
Chorus (Shiva Vandana) : Ramahari Das & Group
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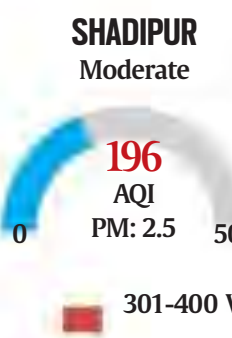
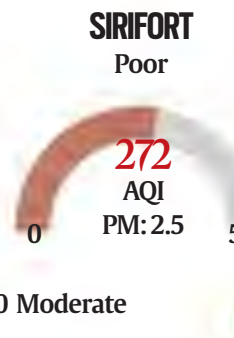
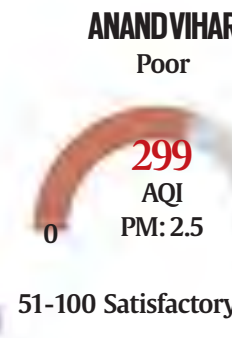
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JNU HOSTEL FEE HIKE

HRD says 'basic demand' met, but no end to stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

HOURS AFTER meeting JNU Vice-Chancellor M Jagadesh Kumar and officers-elect of the JNU Students' Union Friday over the hostel fee hike, Higher Education Secretary Amit Khare said the varsity had addressed the students' "basic demand" and requested them to end their three-month-long agitation.

JNU, at the HRD Ministry's behest, clarified Thursday night that it would charge only the increased room rent, and the service and utility charges were to be borne by the University Grants Commission. Till date, about 3,500 students have registered for the new semester and agreed to pay the increased room rent. Roughly 7,500 students are studying in JNU.

However, officers-elect of the JNUSU told reporters after their meeting with Khare that the roll-back of utility and service charges is not enough. They alleged the varsity was not honouring the compromise formula announced on December 12. "Although it is significant that such an administration was forced to concede even if their intention to ultimately raise (hostel fee) is clear, the approach of the MHRD is to wash its hands off, rather than address the crisis. May we remind the MHRD secretary it is only a part of the discussion that took place on 11th," the JNUSU said in a statement.

"Considering the culpability of the V-C and his supporters within the faculty in the violence, the MHRD should follow up on advice it had given to the V-C, which he ignored, and take steps to remove him... We shall carry on our movement to save our university," they added. The Ministry, on December

11, had advised the V-C to take a lenient view of the "incidents that occurred since October 2019 as a part of the current agitation" and also recognise the students' union as per the order of the High Court. However, JNU has neither withdrawn its police complaint against students till date nor has it recognised JNUSU. On these demands, Khare said, "There can be any number of demands. The basic demand was of the fee issue. Whatever was decided earlier has been already implemented by the V-C."

Khare had Thursday ruled out Kumar's removal. On Friday, ministry officials reiterated the stand. "We have got the V-C to soften his stand, and he has issued a clarification on the service and utility charges. Students have to meet him halfway and call off the agitation. In the last five days, we have called the V-C thrice to the ministry. We can't keep doing this. We have to maintain the dignity of a V-C's office," said an official.

This is the HRD Ministry's second attempt at arriving at a compromise. The last one in December had ended with the transfer of the then higher education secretary R Subrahmanyam. After meeting Khare Friday, Kumar released a statement saying the university is "implementing the record of discussions with MHRD issued on 11 December 2019" and also "making every effort to ensure all students and teachers have a conducive environment to pursue academic activities".

Kumar further said in the statement, "In a meeting with the Deans and Chairpersons, it was decided that classes would start from January 13. MHRD was also informed that if required, the registration date for winter semester would further be extended. The university has strengthened security on the campus."



JNU's women students form a human chain from Sabarmati Dhaba to the varsity's main gate, Friday. Abhinav Sah

JNU violence: Teachers seek to retrieve footage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

THREE PROFESSORS of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Friday moved the Delhi High Court seeking order to police to preserve and retrieve all CCTV footage in connection with the January 5 violence on the JNU campus.

The petition by JNU professors Ameet Parameswaran, Atul Sood and Shukla Vinayak Sawant, sought directions for preservation and retrieval of all evidence available with WhatsApp, Google and Apple, pertaining to relevant data of WhatsApp groups 'Unity Against Left' and 'Friends of RSS', including messages, pictures,

videos and phone numbers of the members.

The plea stated that the aforementioned organisations be directed to preserve and supply to the court or the investigating agency the account information of the WhatsApp groups 'Unity Against Left' and 'Friends of RSS'.

Masked men wielding sticks and rods ran riot on JNU campus for around three hours on January 5, entering hostels, attacking students and teachers. The violence left 34 people injured. Later, the Delhi Police filed an FIR against JNUSU leader Aishe Ghosh and 19 others for destroying varsity's property. Ghosh and others have been accused of destroying the server room on January 4.

Cong & Left leaders say probe shoddy, influenced

ENS & PTI
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

CONGRESS LEADER Ajay Maken termed the probe into JNU violence "shoddy", and demanded that the "varsity's V-C and Delhi Police chief Amulya Patnaik be sacked".

"The victims have been made the accused. The investigation is clearly influenced by the government, the home minister and the ruling party," Maken said Friday.

The Delhi Police has named nine suspects for the violence on JNU campus, claiming seven of them are from Left-leaning student bodies.

"It seems that the force was also an accomplice in the entire

incident because everything happened in front of it. The Delhi Police has not been able to identify even a single rioter correctly," Maken said.

Meanwhile, Left leaders accused the Delhi Police of being a "government stooge".

"It is said that Delhi Police has become the stooge of the Home Minister. In JNU, the reality is that ABVP and RSS activists attacked students and Delhi Police did not say a word on it," CPI(M) politburo member Brinda Karat said.

Hitting out at the Centre, CPI general secretary D Raja said that the Delhi Police's revelation was an attempt by the government to hurt the protests against the new citizenship law.

Those named at police conference allege 'political targeting'

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

JNUSU PRESIDENT Aishe Ghosh, on the list of Delhi Police suspects allegedly involved in the January 5 violence, denied charges of being involved and said she has nothing to fear. "I haven't done anything. Is there any video in which I can be seen roaming around with sticks or wearing a mask? Somebody cannot become a suspect just by them saying so," she said.

Besides Ghosh, others named in the attack are Dolan Samanta, Sucheta Talukdar and Chunchun Yadav — all from AISA. Others include Pankaj Mishra, a student of Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health; Vaskar Vijay Mech from the School of Arts and Aesthetics; and Priya Ranjan from the School of Languages. Their political affiliations are unclear. Two people from ABVP named in the police document are Yogendra Bharadwaj and Vikas Patel.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Yadav said, "This is political targeting. Police is hand in glove with administration..." Talukdar said the police have made a "mockery" of the investigation. "Our protest has been peaceful for the last 70 days. They are disturbed by that," she said. Another suspect, who did not wish to be named, said, "My face is not even covered in the photo they have circulated. Why would I do that if I was hitting someone?"



Ghosh is among the nine suspects named by police.

Prem Nath Pandey

Bharadwaj, when asked to comment, said 'Satyamev Jayate' and hung up the phone. Others on the list either did not respond to calls or could not be reached.

The JNUTA said that the Delhi Police "glossed over the incidents of mob violence on the evening of January 5". "Such underplaying of the incidents... is disturbing. Not even one of the several complaints filed by teachers has been turned into a FIR," the JNUTA said in a statement.

The JNUSU called the Delhi Police press conference "a litany of distortions, half-truths and outright lies".

"The most significant fact was that the additional commissioner named all Left organisations but the name of the ABVP was curiously missing. The silence of the police on the ABVP is deafening and its ploy to implicate the Left in violence is an indication that this investigation is a political investigation with a clear agenda to placate Mr Amit Shah and the ABVP," they said.

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2BHK TYPE -04	2	588.263	89.653	23,97,880	1,19,894	4,79,576
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7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti-Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony Anti-Skid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles, • Windows: M.S. Sections as per IS Codes / Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Doors Frame: Red Merandi / Mild Steel/ Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles till 4 Feet / 7 feet high & Oil Bound Distemper Above. Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble / Granite • Wall: Oil Bond Distemper • Sanitary fitting: ISI marked CP Fittings, W.C & Washbasin • Electric Fitting: ISI Marked. Structure: RCC Frames Structure designed for SEISMIC forces as per latest IS code and NBC Recommendations.
8. Applications Timelines	(i) Applications can be procured & submitted at: SignatureGlobal (India) Pvt. Ltd., Corp. Office - Ground Floor, Tower A, Signature Tower, South City -1, Gurugram, Haryana-122001, 0124-4908200 by paying an application form fee of Rs 1,000/- starting from date 11.01.2020. For more information, call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 10.02.2020. (iii) The list of Distribution and Collection centers is available on www.signatureglobal.in (iv) Application Forms & Facility of applying Online is also available at www.signatureglobal.in .

Eligibility: 1. The applicant should not be debarred from entering into legally binding contract under any prevailing law. 2. Any person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent child, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna-Housing for All" programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the State of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licensed colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats. 3. An applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice of retaining only one flat. **Allotment Criteria:** 1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of coloniser concerned. 2. After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued. 3. For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable Group Housing Policy 2013 vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (available at the Department website, i.e., tcp.haryana.gov.in).

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AVAIL INTEREST SUBSIDY BENEFITS OF ₹2.67 LAC (APPROX) UNDER PMAY (PRADHAN MANTRI AWAS YOJANA)

Practitioner urges every applicant to inspect the project site and shall not merely rely upon or to be influenced by any architectural impression, plan or sales brochure and therefore, requested to make personal judgment prior to submitting an application for allotment. The images shown here are indicative of design and for illustration purposes only. Further, the actual design may vary in fit and finished from the one displayed above. Project details / specifications can also be accessed at the office of Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority website <https://haryanaregla.gov.in/>. Journey time shown, if any, is based upon google maps which may vary as per traffic at relevant point of time. *Rate mentioned above does not include GST and other statutory charges, if applicable. 1 & Apply, 1 Sq. mt. = 10.7639 sq. ft. **The subsidy differs as per the eligibility of the client's profile and the loan amount. This is the max amount of subsidy that a client can receive and the same goes with the loan amount too for availing the subsidy. Please note that the loan can be sanctioned more than 12 lacs but subsidy can be availed only till 12 lacs of loan amount.

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Lockdown has choked business: Kashmir traders

DIVYAA
GREATER NOIDA, JANUARY 10

AGAINST THE backdrop of an 87% dip in tourist footfall after Article 370 was scrapped in Kashmir, as per the Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Department's figures, participants at the J&K stall at SATTE (South Asian Trade and Travel Exchange) 2020 appeared dejected, saying the recent months have seen them being "choked financially".

SATTE is considered among the biggest tourism marts in the region, with participants from over 50 countries and 28 Indian states this time. Each year, the J&K Tourism Department brings its leading tour operators, houseboat owners, hotel associations and travel agents for the event. It's a different story this time. As per the state's tourism department, which is hosting the stall, 32,000 domestic tourists visited Kashmir between August and November, compared to 2.49 lakh in June-July.

Parvaiz Wani, who owns a medium-segment hotel in Srinagar, said, "Hotels, huts and guesthouses have been shut since the development. Occupancy is almost nil." Wani said in the absence of internet, the situation is unlikely to change. "Places like Gulmarg, Pahalgam would be booked through winter; now they are mostly empty. Tourist families don't feel safe and connected as long as something as basic as in-

ternet is missing."

The owner of a luxury houseboat in Srinagar, who did not wish to be named, said, "The Centre's plan is perhaps to choke us financially; they know tourism is our biggest source of revenue and that has been completely hit. The revenue loss is huge."

But the team of J&K Tourism Department, led by Director Nisar Wani, appeared more optimistic. Deepika K Sharma, director, tourism (Jammu), said, "Despite the volatile situation, J&K continues to enjoy the distinction of being one of the most sought-after holiday locales for nature and adventure lovers".

The three-day event was inaugurated by Union Tourism Minister Prahlad Patel on Wednesday morning at Greater Noida's India Expo Mart. In Parliament last month, the minister, in response to a question, said the number of tourists in Kashmir in September 2018 was 83,723, while it was 4,562 in September 2019.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Radha Krishna Mathur inaugurated the Ladakh pavilion at the expo. This is the first time Ladakh has an independent stall at the event, after its newfound status as a UT. There was widespread participation by members of the travel-trade industry, such as All Ladakh Tour Operators Association and All Kargil Travel Trade Association.

Gurgaon councillors may have concerns addressed

Gurgaon: Over a month after 19 of 35 councillors of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) demanded the removal of the mayor and her deputies, one of the grounds for their rebellion will likely be raised with the Haryana Chief Minister later this month, with the mayor offering

reassurance to that effect at a meeting on Friday.

The matter set to be deliberated is the allotment of Rs 1 crore to each councillor for development work in their wards. The 19 councillors claimed that no progress in clearing it has been made for a while. ENS



LOOKING AHEAD

Seen at Shaheen Bagh, where women continued their protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act and proposed NRC for the 26th consecutive day. Late Friday night, CPI leader and former JNU president Kanhaiya Kumar visited the protest spot. *Amit Mehra*

A gunshot, then sharp pain: Man ‘shot’ at Jamia protest

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

THREE WEEKS after he suffered an injury, allegedly in firing by police personnel during an anti-CAA protest near New Friends Colony on December 15, Mohammad Tamim (23) has claimed the hospital where he was treated held back his medical reports.

On January 5, *The Indian Express* reported that an investigation into the violence during the December 15 protests had revealed that three bullets were fired by two police personnel in front of an ACP-rank officer — contrary to the Delhi Police claims that not a single bullet was fired by them during the clashes.

While Tamim's discharge summary from Holy Family Hospital said he underwent surgery for removal of a "foreign body" from his left thigh, he claimed he was told by emergency staff that he had suffered a gunshot wound.

He also alleged he was not given anything to numb the pain, and that his hands were tied.

Father George PA, director of Holy Family Hospital, said the discharge summary, which details

the treatment given to the patient, was provided to Tamim: "It was removal of small particles (from his body) which could have been done in our small, emergency OT. But due to the sensitive nature of this particular case, we did it in the main OT. Local anaesthesia was given. We put a strap around patients so they don't fall."

The protests by Jamia students and local residents had spiralled into violence after a section of protesters tried to march to Parliament but was stopped at Mathura Road.

Apart from Tamim, Jamia students Ajaz Ahmad (20) and Mohammad Shoaib (23) were admitted to Safdarjung Hospital, with each alleging they had received a bullet injury.

Tamim said he was on way to meet his grandmother in Nizamuddin, who was ill, and had stopped when he saw protesters near New Friends Colony around 4 pm "to find out what was happening". He claimed that when the lathi charge started, he ran for cover in a lane inside New Friends Colony. "Three police constables had followed us. I was between them and 7-8 protesters, who had started pelting stones from the other side. I was running to hide

behind a car when I saw one of the constables take out a service revolver and load it. I signalled him to not do it but he fired; one bullet hit me in the thigh and one brushed past my hip. I fell down and they ran away," he alleged.

Around the same time, Ajaz Ahmad, returning home in a bus from Old Delhi after buying medicines for his mother, saw traffic near Sarai Juliena. Within moments, he saw a crowd of protesters running past the bus, he said.

"Everyone began getting down from the bus and running away. As I was crossing the divider to go over to the other side of the road, I suddenly heard a gunshot. Within seconds, I had trouble breathing and felt a sharp pain near my chest," claimed Ahmad.

Showing his injury, Ahmad claimed the bullet entered his body from the left side of his chest and came out from the right side of his torso. "No tear gas was fired at the time. I didn't see who had fired the shot, but Safdarjung Hospital staff told me it was a gunshot injury," he claimed.

Ahmad added he was discharged from the hospital 20 days later. During this time, he said, police came to record his statement five-six times.

BAIL GRANTED TO 12 ACCUSED OF VIOLENCE

Seemapuri: Accused asked to sit with cops ‘to remove CAA doubts’

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

GRANTING BAIL to 12 people arrested in connection with the violence in North East Delhi's Seemapuri during protests against the new citizenship law, a Delhi court directed the accused to appear before the investigating officer or SHO at Seemapuri police station on January 19 between 2 pm and 4 pm, where policemen shall make an "endeavour to remove their doubts pertaining to the CAA".

The court also observed that the right to protest is a fundamental right in a democracy, but that it does not extend to disturbing public order.

Additional Sessions Judge Sanjeev Kumar Malhotra granted relief to the accused on a personal bond of Rs 20,000 each and one surety of like amount.

It also directed them to join the investigation as and when required by the investigating officer and not to indulge in "any act which may disturb public peace".

While granting bail, the court said, "Right to protest is recognised as a fundamental right in a democracy, but this right of peaceful protest and open criticism of government policies do not extend to disturbing the public order i.e. public peace, safety and tranquility. The Constitution of India also prohibits a person from making any



During the Seelampuri clashes. The court observed that the right to protest is a fundamental right in a democracy, but that it does not extend to disturbing public order. *Archive*

statement that incites people to commit an offence".

When the IO in the case was asked whether any man was shown pelting stones or causing damage on television channels, the IO replied that two men were identified through CCTV footage, but were not depicted in any videos related to stone pelting. The IO named accused Hazi Mehraj of inciting the crowd, snatching a baton from a head constable and giving it to someone else.

The counsel for the accused submitted that there was a delay of more than five hours in registering the FIR, and that while some of the persons accused were not present at the

protest site, those who were there were protesting peacefully.

The police, however, had submitted to the court that all accused persons were a part of an unlawful assembly and pelted stones at the police, as a result of which seven police officers sustained injuries and two public vehicles were damaged. The police also claimed that the co-accused are yet to be arrested.

As per court records, the accused were part of a crowd of around 1,000-1,500 persons carrying placards.

When senior police officers tried to pacify them, the crowd resorted to stone pelting, records show.

BRIEFLY

Caution on breach of poll code

New Delhi: With Delhi assembly poll process underway, the city government Friday cautioned all its department heads to ensure that neither the proposals sent by them breach the model code of conduct nor the compliance of court orders are delayed due to the fear of their breach. The Services Department has issued a circular to all secretaries and principal secretaries, saying the proposals where the MCC provisions are attracted, should be submitted to a screening committee constituted for examining the same. The polls will be held on February 8. Results are on February 11.

Fire in slum at Sarai Rohilla

New Delhi: A fire broke out in four shanties of a slum in Sarai Rohilla Friday morning, a Delhi Fire Service official said. No one was injured. Four fire tenders were deployed to douse the blaze, the DFS official added. **PTI**

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE
1. The Government of Tamilnadu has received a Financing (Loan No. IN8499) from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project II and it is intended that part of the proceeds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Invitation for Bids is issued.
2. The due date for the tender is extended as follows:

S. N	Description	IFB No	Sale period	Last date and time for receipt of bid	Date and time of opening of bid
1.	Angiography C-Arm based with Angiosuite (1)	RSP2/NCB/TNRSF-II/TNMSC/ENG/19 dt.02.05.19	Upto 20.01.2020	21.01.2020 03.00 PM	21.01.2020 04.00 PM

For details visit www.tenders.tn.gov.in and TNMSC website www.tnmsc.com
DIPR/292/Tender/2020 General Manager (E)

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, केन्द्रीय भण्डार, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, जल भवन, ई-ब्लॉक, नेहरू कॉलोनी, देहरादून
पत्रांक-3880, ई-निविदा/2019-20 दिनांक- 10.01.2020

ई-निविदा सूचना
उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान की ओर से केन्द्रीय भण्डार-देहरादून द्वारा निम्न कामों हेतु ई-निविदा, दृ-विड सॉल्टम (लकनौजी विड एवं कार्मिडियल विड) आधार पर निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	वार्षिक दर अनुबंध पर, ISI Marked G.I. Pipes conforming to IS: 1239 (Part-I)/2004 or its latest amendments (s) की आपूर्ति।	34,00,000.00	13.01.2020 from 11:00 a.m.	11.02.2020 upto 5:00 p.m.	12.02.2020 at 11:00 a.m.	90 days	21.01.2020 at 11:00 a.m.
अर्हता- Only manufacturers of ISI marked G.I. Pipes Conforming to IS: 1239 (Part-I)/2004 or its latest amendment(s) who are registered in Uttarakhand Jai Sansthan, Jai Bhawan, 'B' Block, Nehru Colony, Dehradun before the last date of submission of this tender i.e. 11.02.2020 are allowed to take part in this tender.							
15	वार्षिक दर अनुबंध पर, ISI Marked Plain Ended M.S. ERW Line Pipe conforming to IS: 1978/1982 Grade YST-210 (Replaced by BIS as IS/ISO 3183/2007 GRADE-L-210, PSL-1) की आपूर्ति।	3,20,000.00	13.01.2020 from 11:00 a.m.	11.02.2020 upto 5:00 p.m.	12.02.2020 at 11:00 a.m.	90 days	21.01.2020 at 11:00 a.m.
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16	वार्षिक दर अनुबंध पर, ISI Marked Plain Ended M.S. ERW Casing Pipe conforming to IS: 4270/2001 Grade FE-410 or its latest amendment(s) की आपूर्ति।	2,40,000.00	13.01.2020 from 11:00 a.m.	11.02.2020 upto 5:00 p.m.	12.02.2020 at 11:00 a.m.	90 days	21.01.2020 at 11:00 a.m.
अर्हता- Only manufacturers of ISI Marked M.S. ERW Casing Pipe having BIS license for IS: 4270/2001 Grade FE-410 who are registered in Uttarakhand Jai Sansthan, Jai Bhawan, 'B' Block, Nehru Colony, Dehradun before the last date of submission of this tender i.e. 11.02.2020 are allowed to take part in this tender.							
19	वार्षिक दर अनुबंध पर, उत्तराखण्ड राज्य में स्थापित 26 जनपदों एवं उपखण्डों जल गुणवत्ता परीक्षण प्रयोगशालाओं Corresponding Reagents Kits की आपूर्ति।	1,42,000.00	13.01.2020 from 11:00 a.m.	11.02.2020 upto 5:00 p.m.	12.02.2020 at 11:00 a.m.	90 days	21.01.2020 at 11:00 a.m.
अर्हता- फर्म जिन्होंने सरकारी/अर्द्धसरकारी विभागों में प्रयोगशाला हेतु corresponding reagents kits की आपूर्ति की हो, निविदा में प्रतिभाग कर सकती हैं।							
20	वार्षिक दर अनुबंध पर, Supply, Installation, Testing And Commissioning of Three Phase Digital Rolling Contact Servo Voltage Stabilizers Suitable For Unbalance Voltage & Unbalance Load including supply and installation of 4 core copper flexible cable at different sites in Uttarakhand State on Turnkey Basis including 5 years cost free maintenance.	1,00,000.00	13.01.2020 from 11:00 a.m.	11.02.2020 upto 5:00 p.m.	12.02.2020 at 11:00 a.m.	90 days	21.01.2020 at 11:00 a.m.
अर्हता- Only Manufacturers of Servo Voltage Stabilizer or authorized dealer or agency authorized by manufacturer for this tender, but the preference will be given to the manufacturer. Joint ventures are permissible. All the parties are jointly accountable for execution for the work. Not more than three parties are allowed in joint venture. At least one of the parties shall have technical competence to complete the project. Party that are financial capable shall be the primary contractor in the tender.							

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U.P.Hajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. Anpara Thermal Power Project, Anpara, E-Tender Notice 1. E-Tender No: 09/TCDF/ DTPS/2019-20, **Office:** Superintending Engineer, O&MCC-II, 2X500MW, DTPS, Anpara. **Work:** Work of transportation of LP Turbine rotor of unit #7, DTPS from Anpara DTPS to BHEL Haridwar for repairing. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 24,000.00 (Rs. Twenty Four Thousand Only), **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1000.00 + 18% GST (Non Refundable). Earnest money deposit & tender cost to be deposited through NEFT/RTGS of D.Y.C.A.O., CFA&BO, DTPS, Anpara, **Last date for submission of hard copy of requisite documents:** 14.01.2020, **date of opening e-bid Part-I:** 14.01.2020. **Part-II:** Shall be intimated later. **Period:** 01 Month. For participation and detailed information log in to website <http://etender.up.nic.in>. 2. E-Tender No: 05/ECCD-IV/DTPP/2019-20, **Office:** Superintending Engineer, ECCO-II, DTPS, Anpara. **Work:** Construction of coal testing laboratory and cubins at various locations of 2x500MW, DTPP, Anpara. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 46,000.00 (Rs. Forty Six Thousand Only), **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1000.00 + 18% GST, (Non Refundable). Earnest money deposit & tender cost to be deposited through NEFT/RTGS of D.Y.C.A.O., CFA&BO, DTPS, Anpara, **E-bid submission end date:** 20.02.2020, **date of opening e-bid Part-I:** 24.02.2020, **Part-II:** Shall be intimated later. **Period:** 06 Month. **For participation and detailed information log in to website** <http://etender.up.nic.in>. 3. E-Tender No: 06/ECCD-IV/DTPP/2019-20, **Office:** Superintending Engineer, ECCO-II, DTPS, Anpara. **Work:** Annual M&R of white washing, painting, distempering, cement primer and polishing etc. in the various buildings of power house area and CHP area of 2x500MW, DTPP, Anpara. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 14,000.00 (Rs. Fourteen Thousand Only), **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1000.00 + 18% GST, (Non Refundable). Earnest money deposit & tender cost to be deposited through NEFT/RTGS of D.Y.C.A.O., CFA&BO, DTPS, Anpara, **E-bid submission end date:** 22.02.2020, **date of opening e-bid Part-I:** 27.02.2020, **Part-II:** Shall be intimated later. **Period:** 12 Month. **For participation and detailed information log in to website** <http://etender.up.nic.in>. पत्रांक: 565/मु.अधि./कार्य/अंतरा/1बी-8, दिनांक: 10/01/20

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. 247/2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. Vs Applicant
Jitender Defendants
D-1 Jitender S/o Gyan Chand R/o House No. 194, C-Block, Gali No.1, Bhajanpura, Shahdara, New Delhi- 110053. Also At: Janta Kerosen Oil Depot 132/12/2 San Nagar, burari, Delhi- 110053.
Whereas, the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 07.03.2020 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 23RD day of December, 2019.
By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar
DRT-III, New Delhi

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. 316/2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. Vs Applicant
SUNITA BHATIA Defendants
D-1 SUNITA BHATIA D/O: SH. SYAM SUNDER ARORA
R/o House No. 490, POCKET-6, SECTOR-2, ROHINI, NEAR JAIPUR GOLDEN HOSPITAL ROHINI, DELHI- 110085
ALSO AT: S.S COMPANY F6/1, SUDARSHAN PARK TYAGI MARKET, NEW DELHI-15
Whereas, the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 09.03.2020 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 23rd day of December, 2019.
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THE DELHI High Court Friday asked the producer and director of the Deepika Padukone-starrer *Chhapaak* why they have not acknowledged the lawyer of acid attack survivor Laxmi Agarwal, on whose life the movie is based, for the inputs she shared with them.

The producer and director of the film, released in theatres Friday, contended before Justice Prathiba M Singh that Laxmi's advocate Apama Bhat had no legal right, statutory or contractual, to seek acknowledgment for her contribution in the film in the form of consultation, inputs and documents.

The court posed the question while hearing a plea by Fox Star Studios challenging a trial court's Thursday order asking them to acknowledge the contribution of advocate Bhat.

The HC reserved its order on the challenge plea for Saturday, and also asked their counsel what was the difficulty in acknowledging the advocate, and why the filmmakers sought her inputs in the first place. To this, senior advocate Sandeep Sethi, appearing for the film's director Meghna Gulzar, said there was no contract between the parties and seeking inputs did not confer any legal right



The film, based on the life of acid attack survivor Laxmi Agarwal, was released on Friday

on her to be acknowledged.

Senior advocate Rajiv Nayyar, representing film producer Fox Star Studios, said the trial court did not hear them before passing an order, and an ad-interim ex-parte injunction was passed, which is unusual.

Bhat, represented by senior advocate Sanjay Parikh, submitted that she had fought the case for Laxmi pro bono and was not seeking any publicity, and she had been approached by Gulzar to bring authenticity to the movie.

The trial court, on Bhat's plea, had directed that the film carry the line "Apama Bhat continues to fight cases of sexual and physical violence against women during the screening of the film".

The producer sought setting aside of the trial court's injunction order, saying they were not given an opportunity to contest it.

After arrow injury to collarbone, Assam archer treated at AIIMS

ASTHA SAXENA
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SHIVANGINI GOHAIN, the 12-year-old archer from Assam who was injured after an arrow shot accidentally during a training session pierced her collarbone, was successfully operated on Friday at AIIMS Trauma Centre.

Doctors removed a 15-cm part of the arrow's metal rod during the surgery.

Gohain was airlifted from Dibrugarh in Assam Thursday night after a failed attempt of removal of the rod at a hospital in Assam.

The arrow pierced her collarbone and damaged a part of the neck, vertebrae, and the left lung. Gohain is now under observation in the ICU.

Gohain was practising for the Khelo India Games, which began



Shivangini Gohain (12) was injured when an arrow accidentally pierced her collarbone

Friday.

Doctors said the four-hour-long surgery was "challenging" and "complex".

Dr Deepak Gupta, professor of neurosurgery at AIIMS who

led the team which operated on the girl, said medical evaluation with CT scan and angiography showed that the arrow was stuck in the cervical spine vertebrae, which was very close to the spinal cord and other major vessels.

"The arrow was touching the vertebral artery which supplies blood to the brain stem. About 15 cm of the arrow was removed during the surgery which lasted around four hours. Around 0.5 cm of the arrow was in front of the spinal cord," said Dr Gupta.

"It was a challenging case considering the age of the child. The aluminium carbon alloy arrow had penetrated through the neck from the right side, grazed the vertebral artery on right side, went through vertebral body and intervertebral disc to the opposite side up to the left lung," he added.

Sleeping on road, elderly man run over by truck

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A 55-YEAR-OLD man died while three others sustained injuries after a truck allegedly ran over them in South East Delhi's Okhla on Thursday.

The incident took place under the Modi Mill Flyover at 1:20 am, where the four were sleeping on the footpath. Less than a kilometre to the spot is a night shelter run by Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB).

The accused driver fled after the incident and the police are searching for him, said a police officer.

The victim was identified as Lalan, whose family was also sleeping under the flyover when the incident took place.

Sandeep Rajan, an employee at the night shelter, said, "Lalan slept on the footpath every day. I tried calling him to the night shelter, but he never came. He told me that he would get a blanket and food from people on the streets. He preferred sleeping there to get money or food."

The night shelter is only for men and is used by an NGO to run a school in the morning. The place provides bed and medicines to homeless people. It has 25 mattresses which are joined to accommodate 50 people every night.

While the night shelter authorities claimed that most homeless men prefer to sleep outside due to their "greed", family members of the deceased made different claims. Lalan's wife, Seema, said, "He was sleeping when the truck crashed into them. It took police an hour to recover his body from under the truck. There is a shelter nearby. Lalan never wanted to go there because we sleep here. He didn't want to leave his daughters alone on the street."

The injured persons — Adi, his wife Beena and their son Vikas (13) — sustained injuries to their head and limbs. They are undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital, said a senior police officer.

SAYS CONG HAS TAKEN A CLEAR STAND

Tharoor takes aim at Kejriwal over 'silence' on CAA protests

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SENIOR CONGRESS leader Shashi Tharoor Friday accused Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of not taking a "strong" stand against the Citizenship Amendment Act so he could reap political benefits.

"Kejriwal perhaps wants both pro- and anti-CAA people on his side so he did not take any strong stand on it. On what basis should people vote for him, if he cannot speak about the issue? If the CM of the state is not able to take a stand on the issue, then on what basis should he get votes from the public? Who is stopping you from meeting injured students? By not saying anything or avoiding statements, you will not get a free pass," Tharoor said at a press conference on Friday.

He claimed Kejriwal had earlier said Delhi Police did not stop the violence in JNU as it had orders not to intervene, and asked



DPCC chief Subhash Chopra with senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor in New Delhi Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

who was stopping him from taking a stand and showing sympathy with the students.

"Some years ago, Kejriwal tweeted about Sheila (Dikshit) ji — we do not want such a helpless Chief Minister. Let him read his own tweet now. Do we want such a helpless CM? Do parents want such a helpless CM who, when their children are facing lathis,

lice go on a rampage to destroy the university and on the other hand, they are instructed not to enter the university as the attackers are on the Right. The action of the police is reprehensible."

"The Congress has been very open on CAA. We have been saying both in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha that introducing a religious test for citizenship is a fundamental betrayal to the spirit of the freedom struggle. This will be no longer the India Mahatma Gandhi fought to free and not the India Dr Ambedkar spoke about eloquently in the Assembly. We don't believe we are speaking for one small section of India; we are speaking for the whole of India. You can't reduce the issue of CAA to one religion alone," he said.

He also accused the BJP of trying to polarise the capital before the elections. "The intention of the BJP before almost every election is to create polarisation. We hope the voters of Delhi resist any such move," he said.

'BJP's education model unscientific, regressive'

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AAP delivers the best education model: Sisodia

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish Sisodia Friday said that while the AAP government's education model focused on shaping the country's future, the BJP is pushing the next generation into a regressive path by introducing "unscientific" issues in the syllabus. He said it is now up to people to decide which governance model to go with in the upcoming assembly polls.

Sisodia's remark comes a day after Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that Delhi polls will be a contest between the governance models of the AAP government and BJP-ruled MCDs.

"AAP delivers the best education model currently available in the country. On the other hand, you have education models of the BJP and Congress which stand out for their complete absence of vision on quality of education. They are perpetually caught between whether to include references to Gandhiji and Nehru in the syllabus or not. BJP has now intro-

fore, it is imperative that we compare the education models designed and delivered by AAP and BJP," said Sisodia, who handles the education portfolio.

Challenging the BJP, he added, "Show me one positive programme you have designed for the development of education and which has received a positive response from the society or other states and countries. When we launch our programmes, people from across the world take notice, praise it and are inspired by it."

The entrepreneurship curriculum was introduced looking at India's current unemployment rate which is "increasing", Sisodia said, adding that nearly 2.5 lakh students pass out every year from Delhi schools. "If all these students were to seek jobs, where are the opportunities for employment? That was the rationale for introducing this curriculum in classes IX to XII," he said.

Meanwhile, the AAP said in a statement that the party's campaign song, 'Lage Raho Kejriwal', will be launched by Sisodia on Saturday.

Can't move on, says sister of man dead in 2016 Merc hit-and-run

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

DISAPPOINTED WITH the Supreme Court's Thursday order — wherein it ruled that the minor boy, who was four days short of turning 18 when he ran over a man while riding his father's Mercedes in 2016, will be tried as a juvenile — the sister of 32-year-old man said she has not lost hope.

Siddharth Sharma was walking back home from work when the minor, now 22, ran over him in North Delhi's Civil Lines in his father's Mercedes.

Sharma's sister, Shilpa Mittal, was in Mumbai when the incident took place around four years ago. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, she said, "He was texting me about his work. I was complaining about the defunct AC in my house in Mumbai. That was my last text to him. He didn't revert, and I thought he must be



Siddharth Sharma, a marketing professional, was run over in April 2016

busy so I waited for his call. Around 10.30 pm, my mother called and told me that he died. I couldn't believe what I heard."

Mittal reached Delhi the next day and learned that her brother was crossing a road when the speeding Mercedes hit him and fled the spot. Later, she shifted to Delhi. She said, "Earlier, it was difficult to even prove that the teenager, who was four days short of turning into an adult was driving the car. Later, we learned that he had been driving since he was 14 or 15."

The accused, now 22, had fatally run over Sharma in his father's Mercedes on

April 4, 2016. He was charged under IPC section 304 A, which carries a maximum punishment for 10 years to life imprisonment and no minimum punishment. The accused was first tried under the Juvenile Justice Act, where one could be tried as an adult in cases of 'heinous offences' with minimum punishment. However, since Section 304 A carries no minimum punishment, the accused will be tried as a juvenile.

Mittal said that she has been pushing aside her work for years hoping that the SC will put the accused behind the bars. She said her parents have tried to move on and don't come for court hearings. Her husband helps her with the case. She said, "I have been working non-stop on this case. My parents are trying to move on, my father calls me and tells me to stop worrying about the case. But I can't, my brother died..."



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NOTIFICATION			
New Delhi, the 18 th December, 2019			
S.O. 4566(E) -In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of section 20A of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose the land the brief description of which has been given in the schedule annexed hereto is required for execution of the Special Railway Project namely, Western Dedicated Freight Corridor in the district of Palwal in the State of Haryana, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land:			
Any person interested in the said land may within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 20D of the said Act;			
Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority namely, Sub-Divisional Officer (Upkhand Adhikari), Palwal, Haryana in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard either in person or by legal practitioner and may after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry if any as the Competent Authority thinks necessary by order either allow or disallow the objections;			
Any order made by the Competent Authority under Sub-Section (2) of Section 20D of the said Act shall be final:			
The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.			
SCHEDULE			
Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, for Special Railway Project, namely, Western Dedicated Freight Corridor in District Palwal in the State of Haryana			
Name of District – Palwal			
Name of Taluka – Palwal			
Serial Number	Name of Village	Survey Number/Block Number	Area (in Hectare)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Prithla	23/77/3/1	0.0152
		23/14/2/2/1	0.0126
		23/14/2/1	0.0013
		R-18/1/1	0.0101
		23/14/2/3/2	0.0101
		23/15/2/1	0.0101
		23/15/1/2/1	0.0101
		23/15/3/1	0.0177
		24/11/1/1	0.0126
		24/18/1/1	0.0076
		24/19/1/1	0.0354
		24/19/2/1	0.0051
		24/20/1	0.0303
		31/21/2/2	0.0253
		31/22/2	0.0809
		34/21/2	0.0076
		34/22	0.0531
		49/11/2/2/1/1	0.0051
		49/11/2/2/1/2	0.0025
		49/21/2	0.0025
		49/16/1/2	0.0480
		50/3/2	0.0253
		50/4/1/2	0.0329
		50/4/2/2	0.0430
		50/5/1/2	0.0582
		50/5/2/2	0.0607
		R-284/1	0.0506
		50/7	0.0152
		50/8/1	0.0607
		50/9/2	0.0708
		50/10/2	0.1087
		50/26/2	0.0303
		51/1/2	0.0986
		51/2/2	0.0885
		51/3/2	0.1087
		51/4/2	0.1087
		51/5/1/2/2	0.0759
		51/5/2/2	0.0329
		51/26/2	0.0253
		52/1/1	0.0506
		52/1/2	0.0329
		52/2/1	0.0405

2	Asawali	54/11/2	0.0986
		54/12/1/2	0.1922
		54/12/2/2	0.0152
		54/13/2	0.3237
		54/14/2/2	0.2680
		54/17	0.3818
		54/18/1	0.2554
		54/18/2	0.0076
		54/19	0.0126
		54/23/2	0.0051
		54/24	0.3085
		54/25/1	0.0455
		55/11/2	0.0480
		R-75/1	0.0025
		55/12/2	0.0759
		55/13/1/2	0.0506
		55/13/2/2	0.0455
		R-123/1	0.0051
		55/14/2	0.0936
		55/15/2	0.0936
3	Maldapur	R-76/2	0.0051
		55/20	0.0531
		55/19	0.0202
		56/15/1/2	0.0025
		56/15/3/2	0.0126
		56/16/1	0.0025
		56/16/2	0.0784
		56/17/1/2	0.0506
		56/17/2/2	0.0101
		R-77/1	0.0329
		60/4	0.0531
		60/5	0.0101
		19/22/2	0.0025
		19/23/2	0.0683
		19/24/1/2	0.0556
		19/24/2/2	0.0101
		19/25/2	0.0683
		20/21/2	0.0683
		20/22/1/2	0.0683
4	Jataula	20/23/1/2	0.0329
		R-86/1	0.0051
		R-88/1/1	0.0051
		20/16/2	0.0632
		20/17/1/2	0.0253
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		20/24/1	0.0405
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		21/16/2/2	0.0809
		21/17/2	0.0936
		21/18/1/2	0.0809
		21/19/2	0.0683
		R-94/2	0.0025
		21/20/2	0.0683
		R-51/1	0.0076
		22/17	0.0177
		22/18/1/2/2	0.0025
5	Ladpur	22/18/1/1/2	0.0607
		22/18/2/2	0.0303
		22/19/2	0.0936
		22/20/2	0.0936
		22/20/3	0.0005
		20/23/4	0.0025
		22/28/2	0.0177
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		24/7	0.0013
		24/15/1	0.0556
		24/16/2	0.0607
		24/25/1	0.0177
6	Tatarpur	11/25/1	0.0506
		3/5/2	0.0506
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BATTLE OF PERCEPTION

WITH PRIME Minister Narendra Modi as its face, the BJP has been fighting a high-stakes poll battle in Delhi against Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP and working hard to make it a clash of equals. The party's national leadership, however, seems to be quite unhappy with its position in the battle of perception. Now, leaders from the states have been asked by top leaders to strictly avoid referring to the Delhi election as "neck-and-neck" or a "tight fight" because, they said, it could strengthen AAP in the perception war. All BJP leaders have been asked to maintain, even in their private conversation, that the party is much ahead of the state's ruling party.

WARM WELCOME

IT IS not every day that a Congress general secretary lands in a party-ruled state and the chief minister and PCC president both reach the airport to accord a welcome. Such a welcome is rare even for general secretaries in charge of that particular state. But today, both Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Deputy CM and PCC president Sachin Pilot were present at Jaipur airport when Priyanka Gandhi Vadra landed on a personal visit to Rajasthan. She is in charge of UP and not Rajasthan. Gehlot and Pilot warmly welcomed her, signalling that Priyanka may not be just another AICC general secretary. Priyanka was also all smiles.

UNLIKELY SUPPORT

OFFICERS PROTESTING the cadre merger move in Railways found some unlikely support in Amar Patnaik, BJD's Rajya Sabha MP. Taking to Twitter, Patnaik called the move a "crazy situation" and "lacking prudence and common sense". Patnaik has been an Audit and Accounts officer himself. Over a couple of tweets, he said that how so many services with different service rules would be merged into a common seniority was beyond him.

60% of BJP's income through donations came from poll bonds

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MORE THAN half the funds raised by the BJP ahead of Lok Sabha elections in 2019 came through electoral bonds, according to the annual audited accounts of the party with the Election Commission.

The BJP raised a total of Rs 2,354 crore through donations in the financial year 2018-19, which was more than double the income (Rs 1,027 crore) in 2017-18. Of this, almost 60 per cent, that is Rs 1,450 crore, came through electoral bonds.

This revelation is significant as the government continues to press ahead with the sale of electoral bonds despite criticism from the Opposition, activists and the EC.

The sale of the thirteenth tranche of electoral bonds was announced this week and will take place from January 13 to January 22 through 29 branches of SBI.

The SBI has sold electoral bonds worth Rs 6,128 crore since

their introduction in March 2018, according to the Association of Democratic Reforms. The ruling party has been the biggest beneficiary of this donation instrument. Opposition parties have criticised electoral bonds for the opacity they have introduced into electoral funding. A petition challenging the scheme is pending with the Supreme Court and will be heard later this month.

Announced in the 2017 Union Budget, electoral bonds are interest-free bearer bonds used to donate money anonymously to political parties. The bonds are issued in multiples of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1 lakh, Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 crore, and SBI is the only bank authorised to sell them. Donors can donate the bonds to their party of choice, which can then be cashed by the party through its verified account within 15 days.

The Congress' income from electoral bonds pales in comparison to BJP's. It has received Rs 383 crore through this donation instrument, accounting for 41 per cent of its total income (from donations) of Rs 918 crore.

Oppn hails SC ruling on J&K: Understood pulse of people

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OPPOSITION PARTIES on Friday hailed the Supreme Court directions on restrictions in Jammu and Kashmir, calling the order "historic".

The Supreme Court had earlier declared Internet as a fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression and asked the J&K administration to review all orders imposing curbs in the Union Territory, including the 160-day Internet ban, within a week.

Welcoming the directions, Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said the entire country had been waiting for it. "The Supreme Court has told three-four things to the government which was on the minds of everyone...It seems the Supreme Court has understood the pulse of the people of Kashmir," he said.

Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram said the Supreme Court order is a rebuff to the "unconstitutional and arrogant stance" of the Centre and the J&K administration on the restrictions. "The entire team in J&K that designed and executed the plan should be changed. A new set of administrators who respect the Constitution should be appointed," he said. He also called for former J&K Governor to "own responsibility" and resign from his present post of Goa Governor.

Senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal said the apex court has concluded that repetitive orders under CrPc Section 144 would be an abuse of power and argued that "in the context of Section 144 and Internet suspension...I think it is a historic verdict by the Supreme Court...I believe the

people of Jammu and Kashmir will get relief...That is why we had gone to the court."

The CPI(M) in a statement asked the Centre to remove all restrictions in J&K in light of the Supreme Court order.

"The Supreme Court has made significant comments on the curbs on civil liberties in Jammu and Kashmir which belie the false claims of normalcy that the Central Government has been peddling...The Supreme Court has criticised the indefinite ban on Internet services holding that the use of internet is a constitutional right and is part of freedom of speech and expression. It has also held that the repeated use of Section 144 could not be used as a tool to oppress difference of opinion. While ordering a review of all such orders within a week it has also said that Government must put such orders in the public domain so that citizens affected have the right to challenge them," the statement said.

The National Conference welcomed the Supreme Court directions and expressed hope that restoration of mobile Internet services will help ease the situation. "The observations of the apex court about snapping of Internet services indefinitely are significant and the government must take a call to review and restore the connectivity immediately," NC provincial president Devender Singh Rana said.

The PDP said the apex court has "finally" woken up to "injustices" on the people of J&K. "Finally #SupremeCourt has woken up to the injustices cast upon the people of J&K, calling such govt. lodged curbs an 'abuse' of power reinstates our faith in the judiciary," the party said on Twitter.

—WITH PTI INPUTS



Journalists in Srinagar with laptops and placards demanding the restoration of Internet services. Reuters File

'Welcome direction, people are suffering'

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 10

THE SUPREME Court's directions to review the Internet shutdown in Kashmir has generated hope among the people that Internet connectivity will now be restored in the Valley. Broadband and mobile Internet in Kashmir has been suspended since August 5, when the government revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

"We welcome the ruling. People in the Valley are suffering because there is no Internet. Today, the economy is Internet-driven and there have been massive losses to all business sectors in the absence of Internet. I am sure the government will soon review the decision so that Internet is restored," Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries Sheikh Ashiq told *The Indian Express*.

For students, who have been

struggling to fill up forms for competitive exams online, the apex court's directions have brought hope.

"With no Internet for the last five months, Kashmiris are living in the stone age. To fill my CMAT form, I had to wait for almost nine hours at Srinagar's TRC centre where the government has set up Internet facility for students. The court's direction is important because it has said that Internet cannot be suspended indefinitely. If Internet is restored, it will be a relief for everyone in Kashmir," said Mohammed Izzat, a student.

A Srinagar-based journalist told *The Indian Express*, "We have been demanding restoration of Internet to media houses because the work of journalists is suffering," he said. Journalists are currently accessing Internet from the government-run media facility centre in Srinagar.

Underlining press freedom, SC draws on US case laws, explains 'chilling effect'

ANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

"RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENTS are required to respect the freedom of the press at all times", "journalists are to be accommodated in reporting and there is no justification for allowing a sword of Damocles to hang over the press indefinitely", the Supreme Court said Friday, ruling on petitions challenging the curbs imposed in J&K following the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5 last year.

One of the petitions was filed by Anuradha Bhasin, Executive Editor of *Kashmir Times*, who contended that the cumulative effect of the restrictions, such as imposition of Section 144 and restrictions on Internet and communication, has had a chilling effect on free speech and the freedom of press in the Valley.

Discussing case laws from the United States on the evolution of the concept of chilling effect, a bench of Justices N V Ramana, R Subhash Reddy and B R Gavai rejected her argument. "One possible test of chilling effect is comparative harm," the court said, adding, "in this

frame-work, the court is required to see whether the impugned restrictions, due to their broad-based nature, have had a restrictive effect on similarly placed individuals during the period".

Bhasin, the court said, had contended that she was not able to publish her newspaper from August 6-October 11, 2019. "However, no evidence was put forth to establish that such other individuals were also restricted in publishing newspapers in the area," it said, adding that "without such evidence having been placed on record, it would be impossible to distinguish a legitimate claim of chilling effect from a mere emotive argument for a self-serving purpose".

The court said Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the J&K administration, had submitted that there were newspapers which were operational during this time.

"There is no doubt that the importance of the press is well established under Indian law. The freedom of the press is a requirement in any democratic society for its effective functioning," the court said. "There is no doubt that the freedom of the

press is a valuable and sacred right enshrined under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. This right is required in any modern democracy without which there cannot be transfer of information or requisite discussion for a democratic society," it said.

Discussing "chilling effect", the court ruled that it has been utilised in Indian jurisprudence as a fairly recent concept. In the US, its presence can be traced to the 1952 decision in *Weiman v. Updegraff*. The case pertained to the dismissal of employees of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College as they had refused to take the loyalty oath, which required them to swear that they were not members of certain groups. This was struck down by the US Supreme Court as unconstitutional.

Delving into the US case law, Justice Ramana, who authored Friday's judgment, said: "We may note that the argument of chilling effect has been utilised in various contexts, from being purely an emotive argument to a substantive component under the free speech adjudication. The usage of the aforesaid principle is chiefly adopted for impugning an action of the State, which may be consti-

tutional, but which imposes a great burden on free speech. We may note that the argument of chilling effect, if not tempered judicially, would result in a 'self-proclaiming instrument'."

"The principle of chilling effect was utilised initially in a limited context, that a person could be restricted from exercising his protected right due to the ambiguous nature of an overbroad statute," the court said.

The judgment said the widening of the 'chilling effect doctrine' has always been viewed with judicial scepticism, and referred to the 1972 decision of the US Supreme Court in *Laird v. Tatum*, wherein the respondent brought an action against the authorities to injunct them from conducting surveillance of lawful and peaceful civilian political activity, based on the chilling effect doctrine.

The US Supreme Court, in its majority decision, dismissed the plea of the respondent on the ground of lack of evidence to establish such a claim, observing that "allegations of a subjective chill are not an adequate substitute for a claim of specific present objective harm or a threat of specific future harm."

In Jammu, senior BJP leaders meet foreign envoys as part of civil society group

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JANUARY 10

OF THE nearly dozen civil society members who met the group of 15 foreign envoys in Jammu on Friday — the second day of their two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir — at least three were senior BJP leaders, and one a known party supporter. Moreover, the delegation of Kashmiri Pandits was led by BJP state spokesperson Ashwani Churango.

■ Narinder Singh, BJP general secretary, J&K, was part of the civil society group, reportedly as a refugee of Pakistan-occupied territory. He said his family originally hailed from Palandari area of Poonch, which is now under Pakistan control. "All of us hailed the removal of Articles 370 and 35A, and told the visiting envoys that this was a longstanding demand of the people... We told them the situation in J&K is normal," he said.

■ Ghulam Ali Khatana, vice-president of J&K BJP, met the envoys as president of the J&K Gujjars United Front. He said the removal of Articles 370 and 35A had empowered the Gujjars and village panchayats.

■ Abhinav Sharma, spokesperson of J&K BJP, was included in the civil society group as president of J&K High Court Bar Association. He said he told the envoys that both the Articles could have been removed through a Presidential proclamation, but the Union government took Parliament into confidence and got a resolution passed by both Houses.

■ Churango, BJP state spokesperson, led the Kashmiri Pandits' group which met the envoys in Jagti township, on the outskirts of Jammu. He was earlier with Panun Kashmir, then floated his own Panun Kashmir

Movement, before finally joining the BJP. "We apprised the envoys on how Articles 370 and 35A were encouraging separatist tendencies in the Valley, forcing Kashmiri Pandits to leave their homes and live in exile in their own country," he said.

■ Labha Ram Gandhi, who is a known BJP supporter, represented the West Pakistan refugees. He said he told the envoys that members of his community were still treated as outsiders. "The country may have got independence on August 15, 1947, but we got freedom on August 5, 2019 when the Centre moved to remove Articles 370 and 35A," he said.

■ Among the others who met the envoys were two members of the teaching community from the University of Jammu, two from Valmiki Samaj, and a former soldier of the Gorkha community settled in Jammu.

Meanwhile, State Congress president G A Mir and National Conference provincial president Devender Rana said they were not invited by the administration.

When contacted, J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina said the party had not received any invitation, as the government had decided to keep it a non-political affair. Asked about the senior BJP leaders who met the envoys, he said they had been invited as leaders of non-political organisations representing various sections of civil society.

Rajiv Chuni, chairman of SOS International, an organisation of refugees from Pakistan, and Rakesh Gupta, president of the Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, were not invited to meet the envoys. Chuni said it was a guided tour by the administration, while Gupta said the administration, perhaps, did not think them fit to meet the foreign dignitaries.



A delegation of 15 foreign envoys were in Srinagar for a two-day visit from Thursday. Shuaib Masoodi

J&K admin revokes PSA against 26 people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JAMMU, JANUARY 10

THE JAMMU and Kashmir administration on Friday revoked detention warrants issued under the Public Safety Act (PSA) for 26 individuals from different parts of the Valley.

Of the detainees, 11 hail from Baramulla, followed by Pulwama (seven), Kulgam (three), Anantnag (three) and one each from Shopian and Srinagar districts, according to an official statement.

Sources in the administration told *The Indian Express* that the move to withdraw PSA against these individuals was done "after a regular review by the competent authority". They said 11 of the detainees were being held in Kashmir, and 15 were lodged in jails outside the Union Territory.

The revocation of the PSA comes days after a delegation of some former ministers and legislators, mostly from PDP, had called on Lt Governor G C Murmu seeking, among other demands, a compassionate policy for PSA detainees who are citizens of J&K. They had said it would be a great confidence building measure if the cases of these PSA detainees were to be reviewed on compassionate and lenient grounds to facilitate their early release.

The list of detainees against whom the PSA was revoked Friday includes Nazir Ahmed Ronga (55), the former president

of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association. Ronga, who has been under detention since August 5 at Central Jail Muradabad, was detained for being "very vocal against abolishing of Article 370 and 35 A of Constitution of India and also against bifurcation of erstwhile J&K state". Charges cited against him also included his leading "many protests marches in this behalf" which, the administration said, "created problems in public order within District Srinagar. Your capacity can be gauged from this fact that you were able to convince your electorate to come out and vote in huge numbers during poll boycotts".

Baramulla District Bar president Abdul Salam Rather is also included in the list.

The Jammu and Kashmir PSA is an Act that allows the government to detain a person without trial for a period of three to six months. The Act was promulgated in 1978 by the Sheikh Abdullah government as an administrative detention aimed to keep the timber smugglers "out of circulation". However, over the past three-and-a-half decades, the government has frequently used it against its political opponents.

Former chief minister and current Srinagar MP Farooq Abdullah has also been detained under the same Act at his Cupkar residence since September 14. He was initially detained for a period of 12 days, which was subsequently increased to three months.

AS PER THE PRIME MINISTER'S DIRECTIONS

Dept of Military Affairs works to deliver in 100 days

SUSHANT SINGH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

THE NEWLY-CREATED Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in the Defence Ministry has got cracking on delivering "tangible outcomes" within 100 days as per Prime Minister Narendra Modi's directions, even before it has had time to be established and settled.

The instructions to the DMA, which is headed by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, were passed on by Modi during sectoral briefings by selected secretaries earlier this week. The briefing for all ministries dealing with national and internal security was done by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar.



CDS Gen Bipin Rawat

"The DMA has got to hit the ground running after the PM expressed his desire to show tangible outcomes from this major reform he has undertaken, and he has given a deadline of 100 days. It has meant that they have had little time to settle down and establish themselves," a senior government official told *The*

EXPLAINED What falls under the DMA's purview?

THE CHARTER of duties of the DMA was so far looked after by the Department of Defence, which is headed by the Defence Secretary, who is also the secretary in-charge of the Defence Ministry. Work exclusively pertaining to military matters will fall within the purview of the DMA, while the Department of Defence will deal with larger issues pertaining to defence of the country.

Indian Express.

As per a government order, the CDS has been given a time-bound task to be done within three years — to bring about

jointness in operations, logistics, transport, training, support services, communications, and repairs and maintenance of the three services. The head of DMA

has to also facilitate the restructuring of military commands for optimal utilisation of resources by bringing about jointness in operations, including through establishment of joint/ theatre commands.

Meanwhile, the Department of Defence has decided to transfer its civilian officials to the DMA based on the quantum of work, sources said. As nearly 35 per cent of the work from the Department of Defence has been allocated to the DMA, it has decided to allocate two Joint Secretaries, 13 Deputy Secretaries and 25 Under Secretaries to the new department.

Sources said that the two joint secretaries who are likely to join DMA are both IAS officers. Their names have been identified and

the officers have agreed to the move, but their role and appointment in DMA is still not clear.

In fact, in the interim, the DMA has already posted military officers of Major General and equivalent ranks as Joint Secretaries in-charge of the Army, Navy and Air Force. These posts in the erstwhile department of defence were tenanted by civilian officers from central services.

As per sources, there is still no clarity on the organisation structure, charter, role and staffing norms of DMA, which will need to be processed through the ministry. It will thereafter need the sanction of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), before the new department is formalised.

PROTESTS AGAINST CADRE MERGER

Rly traffic officers suggest division into two streams

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

RAILWAY CIVIL servants, who have been protesting against the government’s plan to merge cadre, have suggested the government to change the criteria of selection for high-level posts and divide railway officers into two streams instead of one.

In a formal representation to the Railway Minister, the PMO, the Cabinet Secretary and the Department of Personnel and Training, the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) Officers Association said the key challenges facing Railways that result in poor financial performance — declining market share, high cost of transportation, network capacity constraints, absence of co-ordinated investment planning — do not get addressed if all officers are merged into an Indian Railway Management Service as per government decision.

The Traffic Service officers are responsible for core operations of Railways. They are responsible for running the trains and planning the transportation solutions and business development. As a result, they are in charge of earning every penny that Railways earns through passenger and freight segments.

The body has said that due to early age entry of officers into the Engineering services, those in the civil services — Traffic, Personnel and Accounts — “would be deprived of a fair and equitable opportunity to man posts at the apex decision-making levels...”

It has suggested creation of two services — one by amalgamating all engineering services and another by merging the three civil services of Traffic, Accounts and Personnel.

MP liquor shops can now open sub-shops, BJP slams Cong govt

MILIND GHATAWAI
BHOPAL, JANUARY 10

IN YET another step to increase revenue, the Madhya Pradesh government has allowed existing liquor shop owners to set up one or more sub-shops by paying an additional amount. The Opposition BJP said the move will lead to an increase in crime against women.

According to the new rules, sub-shops can be opened in only those areas where there is a demand for illicit liquor, according to a notification issued by the Excise Department, which has set Rs 13,000 crore as the revenue target for 2019-20.

In urban areas, the licensee will be able to open one or more sub-shops only if there are no other shops of the same category within five kilometres. In rural areas, the limit is 10 km.

To set up a sub-shop of a store whose auction price is less than Rs 2 crore, the licensee will have to pay 15 per cent. The amount will marginally go up for shops auctioned between Rs 2 and Rs 5 crore, and those auctioned for Rs 5 crore and more.

The government’s decision drew flak from the Opposition BJP, which said the sub-shops will spell doom for the state. They accused the Kamal Nath government of converting

It has argued that while the technical wing will look after the “supply side” by ensuring network infrastructure, rolling stock, technical support in signalling, tracks etc; the “demand” side will be taken care of by specialised civil servants by “understanding the users of the different modes of transport where the element of public policy plays a crucial role”.

In its petition, the association has suggested that the posts of zonal General Managers, Divisional Railway Managers and Railway Board Members should be filled through a revised selection process and not just through seniority among various services.

For General Manager posts, the association suggested that a selection panel comprising of-fices outside Railways like Cabinet Secretary, DoPT Secretary and even an outside expert, along with the CEO of Railways, should be formed. The eligible officer must be an Additional-Secretary rank and should have worked as DRM.

For DRM posts, it suggested that the eligibility should be akin to those required for Director in premier PSUs. And in addition, the officer should have worked in a division for at least six years.

The Board Members, through a similar process, should be selected from the pool of General Managers, it suggested.

The officers’ association said in its petition that a sizeable number of traffic officers spend 24X7 in producing the “railway transportation output”. “Excluding them from the top posts by virtue of age of entry and changing the service conditions suddenly and with retrospective effect will severely affect the morale of these officers,” it said.



AAP PROTESTS AGAINST PUNJAB POWER TARIFF

Police used water canons on Friday to disperse an Aam Aadmi Party protest against the repeated hikes in power tariff in Punjab and the failure of the Congress government to abrogate the purchase agreements signed with private power producers during the previous SAD-BJP state government. *Kamleshwar Singh*

Khap stand against same-gotra marriages is scientific: Khattar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 10

HARYANA CHIEF Minister Manohar Lal Khattar Friday came out in support of Khap panchayats claiming that their stand on not allowing marriages between people of same gotra has scientific backing.

Khaps, or caste or community organisations in villages, have often, acting as quasi-judicial bodies, pronounced harsh punishments based on regressive customs and traditions.

“Some people have tried to defame the khap panchayats, but they have a principle that within a village...intra-clan marriages should not take place. It has been proven scientifically that intra-clan marriages should not be performed,” Khattar said in Panchkula.

“If the relation of sister and brother is followed within the



Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar

village, or within neighbouring villages and khaps... then certainly it will have an impact on the society. I have given the example of Gujarat also where the women are referred to as *behen* (sister) and the men are referred to *bhai* (brother). Marriage is an ancient tradition...If we maintain such relations (of sisters and brothers), then any person should think well before committing such a crime (of marrying in the same gotra),” he added.

Opponents of the same gotra marriages term such weddings as social crime. The khap panchayats have been seeking an amendment in the Hindu Marriage Act to prohibit same gotra marriages.

After Gehlot govt assurance, Nindar farmers suspend protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JANUARY 10

FARMERS AT Jaipur’s Nindar village suspended their protest following talks with government Chief Whip in state Assembly, Mahesh Joshi, who reached the spot on Friday.

Since January 7, five farmers had buried themselves chest-deep in soil against acquisition of their land by the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) for a housing scheme.

Nagendra Singh Shekhawat, convenor of Nindar Bachao Yuva Kisan Sangharsh Samiti, said that Joshi had proposed a talk between the farmers, JDA and the government, which he has accepted.

The agreement was reached after JDA Commissioner T Ravikant’s assurance to Joshi, who then convinced the farmers to suspend their protest. On the fourth day, five women had also joined the five men at the protest by burying themselves in the soil.

Modi, Mamata likely to share stage during PM’s Kolkata visit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JANUARY 10

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi is likely to share the stage with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar during Kolkata Port Trust’s (KoPT’s) 150th anniversary celebrations on Sunday.

Union Minister of State for Shipping (Independent Charge) Mansukh L Mandaviya on Friday went to the state secretariat and invited Banerjee for the event. Sources in the state secretariat

said Banerjee is likely to attend the event. The source also said Modi and Banerjee are expected to meet at Raj Bhavan in the presence of Dhankhar on Saturday evening.

“The PM, CM and Governor will inaugurate the 150th anniversary celebrations of KoPT. I am going to the state secretariat (Nabanna) to invite Banerjee to attend the event,” the minister said. Later the minister also went to Raj Bhawan to invite Dhankhar for the same.

The development appears significant as Modi and Banerjee have not shared a public platform with

each other in recent times. Banerjee has been on the streets protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and announced that her government will not implement it in West Bengal.

Mandaviya said the Centre has no problem if the state government goes ahead with its plan to set up a deep sea port at Tajpur. The state government initially aligned with KoPT to come up with a deep sea port either in Sagar Islands or Tajpur. Later the state government decided to go ahead with the project alone without KoPT, which is under the Union shipping ministry.

SC to govt: Why delay in appointments cleared by Collegium?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

THE SUPREME Court on Friday asked the Centre about the delay in appointments of judges cleared by the apex court Collegium for the High Courts and asked the Attorney General to inform it in four weeks whether appointments can be made possible within six months of such recommendations.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and K M Joseph said the “High Courts were reaching a collapsing stage” and asked A-G K K Venugopal whether it would not be possible to clear the appointments on which the Collegium and the government “are on the same page” within the six-month period.

The A-G said the government alone could not be blamed and there was delay on the part of High Courts too in recommending names to fill up vacancies. Also, there is an income limit fixed for the nominees and

The bench said HCs were reaching a ‘collapsing stage’ and asked the A-G whether it would not be possible to clear appointments within six months

sometimes names are from the less income bracket, he said, adding that the government then sends it back and things go into cold storage.

Justice Kaul said he was only referring to cases where the Collegium had cleared recommendations of the HC Collegium and the government too did not have any objection and yet the appointments are not happening on time.

He added that “if Govt starts seeking shadows behind everything, there will be a problem. There are no shadows”.

The A-G said there were rea-

sons and everything cannot be brought in the public domain.

Intervening, Justice Joseph referred to the case of a lawyer from Kerala whose name was recommended by the High Court Collegium and approved by the Supreme Court Collegium. The government sent it back, but the Collegium reiterated its recommendation and yet the appointment was not happening. Justice Joseph pointed out and sought to know what was the reason and added, “As far as I know the law, the government is bound to clear the appointments.”

The A-G replied that he will find out what was the reason for the delay in this case.

The A-G also said the main problem is the lack of enough talented lawyers. In High Courts, affluent lawyers were turning down the position of judges, he said.

Agreeing, Justice Kaul said the problem is people who deserve to be judges are not willing. “Number of people who say no have increased,” he said.

Rajan backs Deepika’s silent protest, Lavasa’s ‘impartial duty’



Raghuram Rajan

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BACKING DEEPIKA Padukone, former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan said the actress’s silent protest against violence in JNU as also Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa doing his duty “impartially despite harassment” of his family showed that for some people, truth, freedom and justice are not just lofty words but ideals worth sacrificing for.

In a blog on LinkedIn, Rajan said the news of masked assailants going on a rampage in JNU, attacking students and faculty, entirely undisturbed by the police, is “worrisome”. Without naming Padukone, he said that despite putting her latest movie Chhapaak at risk, the actress “inspires us all to take stock of what is truly at stake”.

Rajan said it is elevating to see “young people of diverse faiths march together, Hindus and Muslims arm-in-arm behind our national flag, rejecting artificial divides stoked by political leaders for their own gain”.

“They show that the spirit of our Constitution still burns brightly,” he said.

Without naming Ashok Lavasa — the sole member of the Election Commission who re-

fused to give a clean chit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in the matter of electoral process violations — he said: “When an Election Commissioner carries out his duties impartially despite the harassment it brings upon his family, he asserts that integrity has not been completely cowed.”

Soon after the BJP won a second term, investigations were initiated against five members of Lavasa’s family.

Rajan went on to praise bureaucrats resigning and some media working tirelessly to get the truth out. He said one has to be truly cynical to not be moved by these actions.

“These people show through their actions that they think truth, freedom, and justice are not merely lofty words, but ideals worth sacrificing for. It is they

who are fighting today for India that Mahatma Gandhi gave his life for. It is they, who never marched to win freedom, but today march to preserve it, who give us hope that Rabindranath Tagore’s dream — ‘into that heaven of freedom, My Father, let my country awake’ — will continue to be a reality,” he wrote.

The former RBI governor said makers of the Indian constitution had come through the horrors of a fratricidal partition and sought to create a more united future by drafting “a document that attempts to draw out the best in us in a spirit of common purpose and pride”.

“What better resolution for the new decade than to re-dedicate ourselves to ensuring that this spirit burns strongly in each one of us?” he said.

Rajan said that while the identities of the JNU attackers remain unclear, many of those attacked were activists, and neither the government-appointed administration nor the police intervened. “When even elite universities become literal battlegrounds, accusations that the government is attempting to suppress dissent — even if by apathy rather than design — gain substantial credibility,” he said, adding it was easy to blame leadership but in a democracy the public also bears responsibility.

Shah launches national platform for reporting cyber crimes online

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Friday inaugurated the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, where people across the country can lodge their cyber crime complaints online.

The portal can be accessed by all state and UT law enforcement agencies so they may go through the complaints and take action, a home ministry statement said.

So far, more than 700 police districts and more than 3,900 police stations have been

connected to the portal — www.cybercrime.gov.in.

The portal can boost the capacity of the law enforcement agencies to investigate cases and will improve the success rate of prosecutions, the statement said.

It also focuses on specific crimes — especially those related to finance and social media.

The portal will improve coordination among law enforcement agencies of different states, districts and police stations in dealing with cyber crimes in a coordinated and effective manner, the statement added.

The scheme to setup I4C was approved in October 2018 at an estimated cost of Rs 415.86 crore.

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	Jai Vayu Vihar		Gurugram Railway Station	Rajokri	AF Station (25 Wing)
Greater Noida	Sector 82 & AWHO	Ghaziabad	Near house No 246A, Shani Chowk	Faridabad	AF Station (56 ASP)
	Jai Vayu Vihar	Dwarka	AWHO & Sector 10 Metro	Arjangarh	AF Station (503 SU)
	Sector 21 & 25	Najafgarh	AF Station (12 BRD)	Uttam Nagar	Uttam Nagar (West) Metro Station
	Mother Dairy Booth	Tughalakabad	Najafgarh Metro Station		
Gurugram	Shishupal Vihar		AF Station (7 BRD)		

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SC to hear in March plea against plan to deport Rohingya

New Delhi: United Nations Special Rapporteur E Tendayi Achiume, on Friday sought to plead before the Supreme Court in a plea challenging government plans to deport Rohingya refugees.

The petition came up before a bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde. The bench fixed March 18 as the date of hearing.

Achiume who is the 5th Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, said in her application: "India's mass deportation order of Rohingya, like all mass deportation orders, is impermissible under international human rights law. India must ensure that Rohingya in India enjoy equality before the law and equal access to judicial remedies and individualized forms of due process."

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DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

EVEN AS protests continue across the country against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), the government on Friday notified the controversial legislation, making it effective beginning January 10.

A notification in the official gazette by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Anil Malik said, "In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of the Section 1 of the

Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (47 of 2019), the Central Government hereby appoints the 10th day of January, 2020, as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force."

This practically means that beginning January 10, at least legally, illegal immigrants from communities - barring Muslims - can apply for Indian citizenship under the new Act. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is yet to notify the rules for CAA. Without the rules in place, identifying necessary authorities and

streamlining processes may not be feasible.

The notification comes in the backdrop of large-scale protests across the country against the Act and fears being expressed that along with the National Register of Citizens, the Act will practically disenfranchise a large number of Muslims.

The Act, which grants illegal immigrants belonging to Hindu, Jain, Sikh, Parsi, Christian and Buddhist communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, has also been opposed by multiple state govern-

ments. Kerala and West Bengal have announced they will not implement CAA. The Kerala Assembly has even passed a resolution against it.

MHA sources said work is still on to frame the rules for the Act.

Since the Act has fixed a cut off date of December 31, 2014, the rules would have to specify the kind of documents that would be needed to prove if the applicant came to India before that date or not.

The ministry also has to decide the nature of documents or

evidence that would be required from an applicant to prove that he/she came from the three countries mentioned in the Act. Notably, most illegal immigrants have entered the country without travel documents.

Sources, however, said there would be no need to prove whether the applicant had faced religious persecution as a member of the minority community in the mentioned countries. "That would be deemed to be true. No one would have to prove religious persecution," an MHA official said.

PROTEST WATCH

KERALA



A video grab of the 'water march' in Kerala

Fishermen take out 'water march' against CAA

Kozhikode: Several fishermen staged a novel protest from Chaliyam in Kerala against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, sailing their boats with the national flag tied at the bows of the vessels and raising slogans against the CAA. Named 'water march', the boat rally was held from Chaliyam Jankar Jetty to Feroke puthiya-paalam (New Bridge) and back on Friday evening.

"In order to sustain our

country's religious diversity, we request everyone and all fishermen, irrespective of the religion they belong to, to participate with their boats," a pamphlet issued by the organisers read.

The fishermen also held aloft placards against the CAA as their boats cruised through the river. The organisers said the protest was against the "Centre's move to deny citizenship to one community on the basis of their religion".

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WEST BENGAL



Activist Harsh Mander at a march against CAA, NRC and NPR in Kolkata on Friday. Partha Paul

Retired IAS officers take out march in Kolkata

Kolkata: Retired IAS officers and various civil society groups on Friday took out a protest march in the city against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and urged non-BJP states not to implement it. The march was organised under the banner of Forum for Democracy and Communal Amity and was led by former IAS officer Harsh Mander. It started from the Statesman

House at Esplanade and concluded near the Gandhi statue on Mayo Road.

On Thursday, Mander called upon the non-BJP states not to implement the new citizenship law. Addressing mediapersons, the activist had also congratulated the Kerala and West Bengal governments for announcing that they will not implement CAA and NRC.

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MAHARASHTRA

100 organisations form alliance against CAA, NRC

Mumbai: Over 100 social and Muslims organisations, including 13 youth bodies, on Friday came together to form a "national alliance" in Maharashtra against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), National Register of Citizens (NRC) and National Population Register (NPR). Maharashtra is the fourth state where such an alliance has been formed after Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Gujarat.

The Maharashtra convenor of the alliance, Justice (retd)

Kolse Patil, said the aim of the alliance is to facilitate future protests as well as to hold awareness sessions on CAA, NCR and NPR. "We are hoping the judiciary will step in to stop the discriminatory CAA. This movement will continue until we reach a logical end... by withdrawal of the Act," he told mediapersons on Friday.

The alliance will also work to provide legal aid to youth and activists who are being booked by the police for protesting.

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Muslim bodies extend support to student protests

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TERMINING THE new citizenship law "unconstitutional", Muslim organisations in a meeting on Friday extended "full moral support to the struggles launched by the Jamia Millia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University and other students and youths against these laws (CAA)".

The meeting, attended by the Darul Uloom Deoband vice-chancellor, apart from representatives of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, Jamaat Islami Hind, Markazi Jamiat-e-Ahle Hadees, All India Milli Council and All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat, also condemned "in strongest possible terms the police attacks

on the students of Jamia Millia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Hyderabad Central University".

Jamiat said in a statement: "The Amended Citizenship law is not only anti-Constitutional but also violates the pluralistic character of the country. This law discriminates with people on the basis of their religion and directly contradicts fundamental rights enshrined in Articles, 14, 15 and 21 in the Constitution. It also contradicts the Preamble... They also feel that NPR that has been brought in by the government is actually the first steps towards the NRC exercise, and that the new NPR demands more things than the old one NPR of 2010."

GUJARAT ASSEMBLY NOD TO RESOLUTION BACKING CAA

Speaker tells Cong MLA he is not in Pak House, sparks ruckus

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GANDHINAGAR, JAN 10

GUJARAT ASSEMBLY Speaker Rajendra Trivedi on Friday told a Congress MLA who displayed a banner against the new citizenship law — written in his own blood — that he was not "sitting in Pakistan Parliament", inviting strong objections from the Opposition and leading to the adjournment of Assembly proceedings for 15 minutes.

The House had met for a day when a resolution to support the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) was moved by Minister of State for Home Pradeepsinh Jadeja. The resolution was passed by the majority amid opposition from the Congress.

Congress MLA from Jamalpur constituency, Imran Khedawala, displayed the

banner that said, "Boycott CAA, NRC, NPR", to which the Speaker reacted with the comment that was strongly objected to by senior Congress MLA and party state party chief Amit Chavda and other party MLAs.

Khedawala displayed the banner from his seat when BJP MLA Naresh Patel was speaking during the discussion on the resolution. On seeing the banner, the Speaker said, "Respected Imranbhai, we are not in Pakistan."

In protest, Chavda said, "The post of Speaker is respected and supreme. But the member of the House is also elected; he also has a right... But the words that you use..."

At this point, Trivedi cut Chavda short and said, "Which words? Imranbhai is not sitting in the Parliament of Pakistan."

"I have respect for Imranbhai and he has for me.

Priyanka meets protesters, BJP says she feels pain selectively

MAULSHREE SETH

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 10

CONGRESS GENERAL Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who was in Varanasi on Friday, met students of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and social activists who were arrested over protests against the new citizenship law and National Register of Citizens (NRC) and told them that the Congress would revoke CAA if voted to power in Uttar Pradesh in the 2022 Assembly polls or at the Centre in 2024.

Saying that she heard the "plight" of those arrested during the protests in Varanasi, she added that "injustice" was done to those who were raising their voice peacefully. "What the government is doing is against the Constitution. It is a bid to break the Constitution and break the country," she said.

Ekta Shekhar, who is a mother of a 14-month-old and was arrested during a protest, alleged during the interaction with Priyanka that after she was arrested, she tried to explain to the police that she has a toddler who needs feeding but was told she should not have come to protest.

Ekta also alleged that despite their repeated pleas that they were not indulging in any violence, they were re-



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in Varanasi on Friday. Anand Singh

ferred to as "dangai" (rioters).

The activists requested Priyanka to assure that if her party was voted to power, both NRC and CAA would be quashed. Uttar Pradesh Congress president Ajay Kumar Lallu told *The Indian Express*, "Priyanka ji told those she met that while Chief Ministers of Congress-ruled states have refused to implement NRC and CAA, Congress, if the party comes to power in the state in the next elections, will roll back implementation and would withdraw the same if a Congress-led government is voted back to power at the Centre."

After the interaction, Priyanka, who also offered prayers at Ravidas Temple, said, "They were protesting peacefully when police ar-

rested them. They also told me about the slogans they were raising and none of them were provocative.

Injustice was done to them."

"The struggle will continue... they are raising the voice of the country," said Priyanka.

Hitting out at Priyanka Gandhi over her multiple visits to Uttar Pradesh to meet those injured in the protests, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said she understands pain "selectively".

"It seems she understands the pain selectively as when she visited AIIMS trauma centre, she chose to look away from injured students who differed from her ideology. This reeks of selectivism," Patra said at a press conference.

Kumaraswamy releases 'footage of police atrocities' during protest

DARSHAN DEVAIAH BP

BENGALURU, JANUARY 10

FORMER CHIEF Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Friday released around 35 video clips of clashes between protesters and Mangaluru police, and claimed they showed police atrocities against students, bystanders and vendors on December 19, 2019.

Speaking to the media, Kumaraswamy said, "Even before the Commissioner's order, the police were ready to fire, this incident shows the complete failure of law and order by the police department. I raise suspicion over the possible involvement of

police in the violence after seeing these videos."

He said he would table the video clips in the Assembly for discussion. "The videos show police heckled the people near the bus stop, journalists were treated badly by shouting at them, police have also pelted a mosque with stones and lathicharged on street vendors and the public. All this is to create fear among the people," he said.

Slamming the BJP government in the state, Kumaraswamy said, "Yediyurappa has become the Chief Minister for the people of Karnataka to solve their problems and not to please his bosses in Delhi."



The Tiranga Rally in Hyderabad on Friday. ANI

At Hyderabad rally, Owaisi says protests must continue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

HYDERABAD, JANUARY 10

THOUSANDS OF people carrying the tricolour participated in the Tiranga rally to protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act in Hyderabad on Friday.

The 3-km rally was organised by the United Muslim Action Committee, headed by AIMIM. It was led by AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi.

"This is a peaceful protest and protests should continue for at least 4-5 months to force the Centre to withdraw CAA and NRC. I believe these protests will bring results... This meeting sends a message to Prime Minister Narendra

Modi that people of Hyderabad and Telangana are against CAA, NPR and NRC," Owaisi said.

He said a public meeting would be held on the night of January 25 at Charminar and after midnight, he would hoist the national flag, sing the national anthem and read the Preamble.

Head of Jamat-e-Islami Hameed Khan said Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao should put the NPR on hold like Kerala. "This peaceful protest is to save the secular fabric of this country and to save the Constitution," he said. In the old city, shops, offices and business establishment remained closed for the rally. Several schools and educational institutions were closed.

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NORTH
Ex-BJP councillor's brother
shot at in Meerut

Meerut: The brother of former BJP councillor Naveen Bansal was shot at by unidentified assailants Friday noon when he was sitting at his shop in Meerut's wholesale grain market. Hitesh Bansal (57), who is a wholesale trader of salt, has been admitted to a private hospital, where his condition is said to be serious



Fire brigade personnel at work after a bus was set on fire by an irate mob, in Kolkata on Friday. *Express*

EAST
Bus kills man in Kolkata, mob
sets ablaze three buses

Kolkata: Three buses were set on fire and a few others were vandalised by a mob after a man was run over and killed by a speeding bus in the city's Mominpur area Friday, police said. Two buses were racing against each other on Remount Road in Mominpur area when one bus ran over a man and killed him, a senior police officer said. Soon a

mob gathered at the spot and set three buses on fire and vandalised a few others to protest the incident. "The situation is under control. We are trying to identify those involved in the matter," said Commissioner of Police (South) Meeraj Khalid. The driver and the conductor of the bus were arrested, another police officer said. **PTI**

WEST
Man held for posing as UP
minister: Goa to probe

Panaji: Probe has begun into whether a man held in Goa earlier this week, for posing as a minister from Uttar Pradesh by submitting fake documents and staying at a state guest house here for over 10 days, was involved in similar cheating incidents in other places, police said Friday. Sunil Singh, who posed as a UP minister, and

four of his accomplices were held Tuesday by the Crime Branch after Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant alerted police, an official said. "We will be going to Lucknow to find out if Singh has carried out such crimes in other parts of the country," said Superintendent of Police (Crime Branch) Pankaj Kumar Singh. **PTI**

SOUTH
Tension in Warangal town as
man slits girl's throat

Hyderabad: There was communal tension in Hanamkonda in Telangana's Warangal district after a 22-year-old man slit the throat of a minor girl who rejected his proposal. The incident occurred in Ramnagar when Mohammed Shahid accosted the minor and dragged her to into his friend's house. Police said

they arrested Shahid, who confessed to slitting her throat as she refused to enter into a relationship with him. She died on the spot. "We arrested him with the murder weapon on him. He had been pursuing her for a while," an official said. This is the fourth case in 10 months of spurned lovers in Warangal district assaulting women. **ENS**

New border fences in works, BSF pushes for tech to disable drones

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

Amid the heightened threat of infiltration from Pakistan following the abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir, the BSF is acquiring state-of-the-art fences that cannot be cut.

BSF sources said there are intelligence inputs about Pakistan preparing Afghan militants to push them into India after the snow melts.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Home Affairs is working on acquiring technology to disable drones.

"There are inputs that at various launch pads across the border, terrorists who have fought in Afghanistan or are of Afghan origin are waiting to cross over to Kashmir," a senior BSF officer said.

Sources said that in view of such a threat, it was necessary that all measures are taken to plug loopholes at the border. "The border fences we use can be easily cut. It is not possible to man the whole border without technical assistance. The new fences we are getting are like a

EXPLAINED
The new threat amid cross-border tension

DRONES ARE often used by both India and Pakistan for conducting surveillance across the border. But of late, Pakistan has started sending load-carrying drones that carry arms, ammunition and drugs. Punjab police recently caught hold of a cache of arms dropped by drones from Pakistan at Kahangarh in Punjab. It is against this backdrop that BSF is pushing for technology to disable drones.

mesh. Two wires do not have enough space between them for wire cutters to be used," the officer said.

Under a pilot project, new fences have been set up at the Indo-Pak border in Amritsar and the Indo-Bangladesh border in Silchar, Assam. Sources said the cost of erecting such a fence would be around Rs 2 crore per km. "Barring the riverine patches, we want it across over 3,000 km of our borders. Some of our fences are so old that one can simply break through them," an officer said.

Besides this, the BSF is pushing the Ministry of Home Affairs

(MHA) to get the latest technology to disable drones.

"Surveillance drone flights are very frequent. But load-carrying drones are a grave threat. In fact, that's the future of warfare. The assassination of Iranian Major General Qasim Suleimani in Iraq by a US drone strike is an instance," an officer said.

Sources said the country currently doesn't have proper standard operating procedure for dealing with foreign drones or detailed guidelines for operation of domestic drones. "Some forces have bought drone disabling technology, but they are area-specific. We want a wall



HIMACHAL SHIVERS

A snow-covered road in Shimla on Friday. As Himachal Pradesh reeled under biting cold, Lahaul-Spiti's Keylong on Thursday recorded the coldest night in the past 12 years at -17.6°C. Two people were airlifted from Lahaul-Spiti to Shimla for treatment on Friday, an official said. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur directed officials to ensure that essential services were restored at the earliest in areas affected by snowfall. *Pradeep Kumar*

Twitter adds 'caste' to its hateful conduct policy

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

TWITTER ON Friday added the word "caste" to their hateful conduct policy following a series of discussions with Dalit rights activists.

The revised policy now reads: "You may not promote violence against or directly attack or threaten other people on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, caste, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, religious affiliation, age, disability, or serious disease. We also do not allow accounts whose primary purpose is inciting harm towards others on the basis of these categories."

A spokesperson for the social media giant said, "Our commitment to inclusion and diversity is fundamental to who we are at Twitter and crucial to the effectiveness of our service. Twitter rules are in place to ensure all people can participate in the public conversation freely and safely. The Twitter Rules are a living document and we are continually working to update, refine, and improve both our enforcement and our policies. Our Hateful Conduct Policy always prohibited behavior that targets individuals based on protected categories (including caste). Today, we have updated the policy to specially include the word caste."

When Twitter's legal head

Vijaya Gadde visited India in November 2018 to meet local stakeholders, the company responded to a query by *The Indian Express* on caste by saying, "We do currently prohibit abuse based on caste, even though it's not specifically called out in the policy. Abusing people on the basis of caste would be a type of intra-religious distinction. It would fall under our hateful conduct policies, prohibiting the targeting of people based on their membership in a religious group. However, based on the useful feedback Vijaya received on this trip, she is going to discuss with the team whether this should be called out more explicitly."

FROM PAGE ONE

Eight years in bonded labour, tribals hope for new start

the tehsildar of Maval, other officials and activists. An FIR was finally filed in the last week of December, at the Shirgaon-Parandwadi police station, based on a government official's complaint, under sections of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. No arrest has been made.

According to one of the tribals, Sandeep Kale, 28, they were a team of 30 adults from villages in Sangamer and Parnar talukas of Ahmednagar, all belonging to the ST Thakur community, who signed up for a season of work — four-six months — as sugarcane harvest labourers in 2011.

Two of the workers — Rambhau Kathore, 65, and Sandeep's father Savlerao Kale, 60 — signed a bond on behalf of the group for Rs 12.5 lakh. Kathore, who studied till Class 5 in the 1960s, says he was handed cash that he distributed among the labourers in 2011. Trouble started the very next year, when 15 of their group fled,

leaving the others to work off the remaining advance.

The accused in the FIR, Hanumant Garade of Dhamane village, in whose cow shelter the workers lived and worked, claims that the workers had taken a loan or advance payment for labour — although the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 outlaws such "debt bondage".

According to the rescued men and women, for the next seven years, they saw no payments barring the occasional few hundred rupees when they needed money desperately. They lived alongside cows and buffaloes in an open cowshed, with no toilets. Each family was provided rations in return for work: Operating the mill, cleaning and caring for the animals and taking them out grazing, chopping wood, sowing and weeding farmland and working as domestic help.

"My boys worked for free. When we tried to include their names in the attendance books, Garade's men would tell us they didn't want to get into trouble for

employing child labourers," says Kantabai.

Hailing from Palshi village in Parnar, Kantabai, in her late 40s, had taken her two sons along while her husband, who has a drinking problem, stayed back. The boys, now aged 17 and 15, attended only a few months of school sporadically. "They were put to work looking after smaller animals. My son was beaten once for disobeying, his hand was seriously injured," she says.

Rambhau Kathore, who had signed the bond, was in charge of maintaining attendance, and says for the last three years the employer would not even glance at his records. "He threatened to break our legs if we asked for any calculation of how much money we had earned," he says.

Savlerao Kale, who had also signed the bond, lost four fingers of his right hand in a machine used to chop hard foliage for fodder. "They took me to the clinic, but added the Rs 1 lakh expenses as payment to be worked off," he says.

Beatings were with a bamboo pole, or elbows and fists. Savlerao's son Sandeep was allowed to leave on only one other occasion, to Sinner in Nashik for a wedding in his wife's family, a two-day trip, with their three sons left behind as collateral.

Twice, the group tried to escape. In 2012, when they organised a van with a friend's help and went to Karnataka but were traced and brought back 15 days later. Sandeep's brother Suresh says he was beaten brutally upon returning. In 2015, they organised a pick-up truck with his mother-in-law's help and fled to Sinner, where they spent a month.

Through this period, family members and relatives knew they were being forced to work, but nobody in the community was aware that the practice is illegal. "Even when I approached a police sub-inspector who belongs to our community for help, he reported that our people were irresponsible, that they had taken a large loan and were creating trouble," says Madan Pathwe, an NCP

worker. Pathwe heard of the case from his mother Sitabai, who is related to the family of Sandeep's wife. "I was doing my MSW degree then at the Karve Institute of Social Service in Pune. In 2018, on a field trip to Delhi, I came across an NGO working on labour and sex trafficking and took their help to approach the tehsildar and police," says Pathwe.

On June 28, as the rain came belting down, the rescue operation was conducted in the presence of senior government and police officials. The workers took only the clothes they were wearing, leaving behind utensils and other belongings that had made the cow shed their home for eight years. Suresh was the last to join those who piled into police vans, terrified till the end that something would go wrong.

A 2016 Central Sector Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labourers offers financial assistance between Rs 1 lakh and Rs 3 lakh, but prosecution and conviction in such cases remain low. In this case, the FIR was lodged six



The cost of erecting the fence would be around Rs 2 crore per km.

across our border that can cut radio frequency and disable GPS — the two key technologies guiding most drones these days," the officer said.

He said that presently, the only option forces have is to shoot down drones, but it was difficult as it would require the drone to be within the range of sniper fire.

Sources said work was on in full swing to get the required technology and innovations from both India and foreign countries were being tested.

IAF officer, dental
surgeon held for
calling MP
Governor posing
as Shah, his aide

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JANUARY 10

A WING Commander in New Delhi and a Bhopal-based dental surgeon were arrested on Friday for calling Madhya Pradesh Governor Lalji Tandon posing as from Union Home Minister Amit Shah and his aide, to get the surgeon appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the Madhya Pradesh Medical Science University.

The IAF officer, Kuldeep Waghele, was brought to Bhopal on Friday while the surgeon, Chandresh Kumar Shukla, was also arrested.

Shukla is a member of the Dental Council of India and an office-bearer of Aarogya Bharati — an RSS-affiliated organisation. He also met Tandon a few months ago at the Raj Bhavan. He was on the panel of doctors at Raj Bhavan.

Shukla had appeared for an interview before a search committee set up for selecting the V-C. A source in the Raj Bhavan said the committee had rejected Shukla.

According to officials, Shukla and Waghele met while the latter was serving as the aide-de-camp to former governor Ramnaresh

On January 3, Shukla called the Raj Bhavan posing as Shah's aide. Waghele then took over as Shah. "When the Governor was on the line, Waghele spoke to him posing as Shah. After the call ended, the Governor felt something was wrong and asked his staff to find out," Additional DGP (STF) Ashok Awasthi told *The Indian Express*. When the Raj Bhavan staff found that no call had been made from Shah's office, they approached the police.

On Friday, the duo was presented before a local court that remanded them in police custody for three days.

SHRC INTERVENES

No FIR filed over triple talaq, Mumbai top cop gets notice

TABASSUM
BARNAGARWALA
MUMBAI, JANUARY 10

IN A first, the Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission has intervened in a triple talaq case, taking suo motu cognizance after the police allegedly refused to register an FIR despite the enactment of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019.

The commissioner, through a notice to the Mumbai Police commissioner on January 1, has asked for an inquiry into the matter. It has questioned the police why an FIR was not lodged despite repeated visits by a 34-year-old woman to the BKC police station since August 2019. The commission will hear the matter on January 18.

Niloufer Syed was allegedly given triple talaq by her husband Moiuiddin Syed (36), on April 11, 2019. She had married Moiuiddin in 2006 and the two have five children. She currently works as a caterer.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Niloufer, who now stays with her parents, said: "He said 'talaq talaq talaq' and left... Later, he married another woman."

She claimed that she does not receive any maintenance from Moiuiddin. "I have visited several maulanas (spiritual leaders) and women support groups... In August 2019, after the Muslim women Act was enacted, I approached BKC police

to get an FIR registered but the officers there refused to do so. Since then, I have visited the police station at least five times, but no FIR has been registered."

Zubeida Khatoun, from NGO Bharatiya Mahila Muslim Andolan, said she visited the police station with a written complaint on several occasions with Niloufer. "They would ask us to come later. Amid all this, officers at the station were transferred and we had to repeat the whole process," she added.

When contacted, Manoj Sharma, Additional Commissioner of Police (West Region), claimed Niloufer had submitted a letter asking the police not to register an FIR. "This is the information I have received from BKC police station," he said.

Niloufer, however, denied the claim. "I have submitted only one letter to the police, seeking to register an FIR against my husband," she said.

Counselor Nirmala Kahar, who is handling Niloufer's case at Bharatiya Mahila Muslim Andolan (BMMA), said: "She was subjected to abuse, humiliation and even violence for years."

Meanwhile, soon after the commission issued a notice to the police, Moiuiddin visited the BMMA office on Tuesday and assured that he would to pay a maintenance of Rs 5,000 per month for Niloufer and their children.

The practice of triple talaq was held unconstitutional by Supreme Court in 2017.

Armyman among 3 held for cross-border smuggling of drugs, arms using drones

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 10

PUNJAB POLICE Friday seized two Chinese-made drones and arrested an Army Naik and two others allegedly involved in smuggling weapons and narcotics from across the border, DGP Dinkar Gupta said. "The drones are capable of flying 2-3 km. They were launched from the Indian side to fly into Pakistan to pick up payloads of narcotics. They had apparently conducted four to five sorties," Gupta told mediapersons.

The seizure, "resulting from targeted and intelligence-led search operations", also included drone batteries, custom-made drone containers, two walkie-talkie sets, Rs 6.22 lakh in cash, and the magazine of an INSAS Rifle, he added.

Gupta, who was accompanied by ADGP (Internal Security) R N Dhoke, IG (Border Range) SPS Parmar and Tarn Taran SSP Dhruv Dahiya, said this was the "first instance to show drones were being used to smuggle narcotics, even though no drugs had been recovered".

According to the DGP, the module members had revealed that they were "involved in cross-border smuggling of drugs and weapons over drones over the

past few months". Certain Pakistan-based drug smugglers who were sending narcotics and weapons from across the border have also come to notice, he added.

According to the DGP, the arrested persons have been identified as Dharminder Singh, a resident of Dhanoa Khurd village in Amritsar; Rahul Chauhan, a resident of Ambala Cantontment, and Balkar Singh, a resident of Kalas village in Amritsar Rural police district. "Dharminder was arrested from Hardo Rattan village, about 3 km from Indo-Pak border and Balkar was in Amritsar jail in a NDPS case and was brought on a production warrant. Chauhan, a Naik in the Army, was reportedly involved in procuring and supplying drones and training cross-border smugglers," said the DGP.

Two members of the narcotics module were absconding, said the DGP, adding that further probe was underway to ascertain details about the accused's ties with terrorist outfits and other anti-national elements.

Preliminary probe has confirmed that Chauhan was directly involved in operating drone sorties for picking up heroin and arms from Pakistan, said the DGP. "He and his aides were in direct contact with Pakistani smugglers on encrypted OTT platforms."

HARYANA

Sex ratio at birth up from 871 in 2014 to 923 in 2019

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HARYANA HAS registered an increase of 52 points in sex ratio at birth in the last five years, as per data provided by the Civil Registration System of the state government.

According to the data, the sex ratio of the state has increased from 871 girls for every 1,000 boys in 2014 to 923 girls in 2019. Releasing the data, nodal officer for 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' in the state, Dr Rakesh Gupta, said the increase is higher than the target set by the government under the scheme.

The state releases sex ratio figures every year.

Gupta said that a total of 5,18,725 births were registered in 2019 of which 2,48,950 were females and 2,69,775 males. He said the majority of the districts, which had a low sex ratio of below 900 for decades, are now placed better with the sex ratio

of over 920. "Panchkula and Ambala districts have recorded sex ratios 963 and 959, respectively, which is better than the ideal sex ratio of 950 as per public health experts," he said.

The official further said that after the implementation of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' in Haryana, nearly 25,000 girls were saved from "being killed in the last five years."

Gupta said Mahendragarh district, which used to register the lowest sex ratio at birth in the state, has improved by 172 points. It recorded a ratio of 917 in 2019 compared to 745 in 2014.

It was in January 2015 that Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the nationwide campaign from Panipat.

Gupta added that in 5 years, more than 730 FIRs were registered, including 185 in UP, Punjab, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand, and around 2,000 people were arrested in the crackdown against female foeticide.

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Date, time & place of Sale: 10.02.2020, Time 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon, <https://www.bankeauctions.com>
 (Digital signature certificate of bidders is necessary for participation in bidding process)

Last date and time for submission of tender form for e-auction is 09.02.2020 by 04.00 PM.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor and Name of the Branch	Amount due	Description of the mortgaged property	Reserve Price Earnest Money (EMD) Bid Increment Amount
1.	1. Mr. Umesh Kumar, S/o Late Mr. Rajdev Rai (Borrower), and Mr. Alok Ray S/o Late Mr. Rajdev Ray (Co-Borrower), 3. Mrs. Devendri Devi W/o Late Mr. Rajdev Ray (Guarantor), Address of all: Village- Birra, Post-Sarai, Ward No.-13, Birra, Vaishali-844125 Branch: Hazipur	₹10,21,967/- with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon unrecovered	All that part and parcel of the property, Land & Building belongs to:- 1. Umesh Kumar Rai & Alok Kumar situated at Mauza-Birra, Rev. Thana No.-67, Anchal/SRO-Hajipur, Dist.: Vaishali, Khata No.21, Keshara No.429, Sale Deed No.2669, Area-3.50 decimal. Boundary: North-Devendri Devi, South-Jawahar Thakur Farik Vender, East-Devendra Rai, West-Jagdish Rai & Others. 2. Devendri Devi situated at Mauza-Birra, Rev. Thana No.-67, Anchal/SRO-Hajipur, Dist.: Vaishali, Khata No.21, Keshara No.429, Sale Deed No.3614, Area-3.50 decimal. Boundary: North-Rasta, South-Jawahar Thakur & Others, East-Devendra Rai, West-Jagdish Rai & others.	₹18,92,000/- ₹1,89,000/- ₹10,000/-
2.	1. Sri Sanjit Kumar S/o Sri Harinandan Singh (Borrower/ Mortgagor) R/o Jalalpur, PS-Lalganj, Dist.-Vaishali, Pin-844121 and 2. Sri Arvind Singh S/o Sri Harinandan Singh (Guarantor/ Mortgagor), R/o Jalalpur, PS-Lalganj, Dist.-Vaishali, Pin-844121 Branch: Hazipur	₹12,60,465/- with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon unrecovered	All that part and parcel of the property, Land & Building belongs to:- 1. Sanjit Kumar and Arvind Singh situated at Mauza-Jalalpur, Rev. Thana No.113, Anchal/ SRO-Lalganj, PS-Lalganj, Dist.-Vaishali, Khata No.198, Keshra No.3315,3316,3317, Sale deed no.5316 dated 23/09/2017, Area-04.00 Decimal. Boundary: North-Suresh Rai, South-Niz Vendor and Surender Singh, East-Mahendra Singh, West-Umesh Rai. 2. Sanjit Kumar and Arvind Singh situated at Mauza-Jalalpur, Rev. Thana No.113, Anchal/ SRO-Lalganj, PS-Lalganj, Dist.-Vaishali, Khata No.809, Keshra No.3310,3313, Sale deed no.5316 dated 23/09/2017, Area-04.00 Decimal. Boundary: East-Umesh Rai, South-Niz Farikain, East-Surender Singh and Other, West-Gramin Sarak.	₹23,15,000/- ₹2,31,000/- ₹10,000/-

Bidders are advised to visit the website (<https://www.bankeauctions.com>) of our e auction service provider C1 INDIA PVT LTD, Udyog Vihar Phase II, Gulf Petrochem Building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana-120015 for auction bid form and detailed terms and conditions which are annexed to the bid form. The helpline No. to get assistance during the entire process is 0124-44302000/20/21/22/24, Mr. Mithalesh Kumar and Mob. No. 7080804466, **Help Line Mail ID:** support@bankeauctions.com, mithalesh.kumar@c1india.com

Date : 04.01.2020
Place : Patna

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING Pant Krishi Bhawan, JAIPUR (Rajasthan) Ph. No. 0141-2227115 E-Mail-dir.dam@rajasthan.gov.in No.52539-52542 Date: 27.12.2019		
CORRIGENDUM#1 FOR THE RATE CONTRACT FOR GOODS viz, EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENT' s etc (NIB REF No.- 48696-699 Dated 12.12.2019) Amendment/Modification/Deletion/Addition are made in terms & conditions, specification of following E- Bids under NIB ref no 48696-699 Dated 12.12.2019.		
SR No.	Bid Title	UBN No
1	Grain Physical (Morphological) Analyser	DAM1920GLRC00668
2	Oil Testing Machine- NIR/Grain Analyser	DAM1920GLRC00669
3	Mobile Cleaning and Sorting Machine (2 TPH) with Generator 20 KVA	DAM1920GLOB00670
4	Weighing Scale (200KG) Integrated to e-NAM with POS	DAM1920GLOB00671
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Sd/- Addl. Director Department of Agricultural Marketing Rajasthan, Jaipur		

THE PUNJAB STATE FEDERATION OF COOPERATIVE SUGAR MILLS LIMITED(SUGARFED PUNJAB) PLOT NO.53,SECTOR-54, PHASE-2, (OPPOSITE BASSI CINEMA) SAS NAGAR(MOHALI)
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"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL"
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The details including the complete Bid Documents (i.e. RFP & Agreement) are available on e-tender portal <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The detailed time schedule for the bidding process is mentioned in the RFP.
For participation in the above e-tender process, the Applicants shall have to get themselves registered on the website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and get user ID and Password, Class-2 or Class-3 digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification or assistance pertaining to the e-tendering process flow, enrollment etc., contact with the help desk no. 0172-2970263, 2970264, (Site Ram, NIC-9457799958) can be made.
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Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

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FORWARD E-AUCTION NOTICE

The On-Line Forward E- auction for the sale of various types of Scrap Material of PSPCL on "As-is-Where-ls" and "As-is-What-ls" basis will be conducted as under:

Auction Notice No.	Name of Office	Date of E-Auction	Material
EA/56/LDH-20	Disposal Committee (North)	06.02.2020	Damaged Distribution & Power T/FS, HT/LT Alum Coils scrap, ACSR scrap,
EA/53/PTA-20	Disposal Committee (South)	07.02.2020	PVC/XLPE Cables Scrap, Central Store Material,
EA/57/LDH-20	Disposal Committee (North)	13.02.2020	TRY/TRW material, Machinery,
EA/54/PTA-20	Disposal Committee (South)	14.02.2020	Vehicles and other misc. items etc. and Scrap Material related to Thermal/ Hydro Plants & Civil Mtc. etc.
EA/58/LDH-20	Disposal Committee (North)	20.02.2020	
EA/59/LDH-20	Disposal Committee (North)	27.02.2020	
EA/55/LDH-20	Disposal Committee (South)	28.02.2020	

NOTE:

It is informed that in case E-Auction process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official, PSPCL website www.pspcl.in.

For more details on registration procedure and detailed terms & conditions of e-Auction, please log on to PSPCL website www.pspcl.in or https://www.indiaengineering.com/pspcl.

Sd/-
Controller of Stores & Disposal (South),
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Date: 04/02/2020
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अधिकांशसूची द्वारा विद्युत वितरण खण्ड(दक्षिण) के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्यो हेतु उपरानुखण्ड शासन द्वारा प्रदत्त विद्युत कार्यो के लिए आवश्यक लाइसेन्स धारक, नवीनीकरण विवरण, जोीरसादीआ, ईंधनीएफएक, ईंधनआइओ में पंजीकृत ऐन काई धारक एवं अनुगुणी निविदादाताओं से मुख्यरन्ध निविदाये दो भागों में अर्जलिखी जाती हैं। निविदा के प्रथम भाग निम्नलिखित धरोहर राशि जो कि किसी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक / डाकघर की एफओडीआओ / सीओडीआओ के रूप में अर्जितपुत्री अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड (दक्षिण), 18-ईओसी रोड, देहरादून के महा में अंकक होनी हो तथा समन्वित प्रमाण पत्र संलग्न होने चाहिए एवं द्वितीय भाग में दरे जो कि अ: माह तक भवे हो, दिनांक 05.02.2020 को 14.00 बजे तक अर्जितपुत्री की जाती है जो कि कार्यालय से किसी भी कार्य विराम से दिनांक 04.02.2020 तक अर्जितपुत्री करी के कार्यालय से निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य नगद (अप्रतिदेय) जमा कर कार्यालय से क्रय किया जा सकते हैं। बिना धरोहर राशि के निविदा प्रपत्र को नही खोली जायेगी। निविदा खोलने के दिन किसी कारणवश कार्यालय बन्द रहता है तो अपने कार्य दिवस में निविदा खोली जायेगी। अधीहरतासूची को यह अधिकार होगा कि वह निम्न कारण बताये समस्त अथवा किसी भी विविदा को निस्सर कर सकते हैं।

निविदा संख्या EDD(S)-08/19-20 विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड निरंजनपुर, देहरादून
के अन्तर्गत प्रणाली सुधार मद में 33 / 11 केबी उपसंस्थान निरंजनपुर में 2x10 MVA T/F to new 2x12.5 MVA T/F में अन्तर्गुणित करने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 210000.00 निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रु.) 500.00+GST

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

NOTICE OF INVITING TENDER

SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

Tender Notice No. SNT/JP-22-20/2018-20

DRM (S&T) North Western Railway, Jaipur

Jaipur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders from registered tenderer/bidders for the following work. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids on-line up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available ON TREPS portal LIKE net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipt, FDR etc. are not allowed. 1. Name of work with its location : Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for IP based CCTV Surveillance system and integrated S&T system installed at Jaipur railway station for three (3) years. 2. Tender Value (Rs.) : 164533000. 3. Earnest Money to be deposited (EMD) (Rs.) : 3290000/- 4. Tender submission & closing Date & Time on website : 31.01.2020 Up to 15:00 hrs. 5. Website Particulars & Notice board location : www.treps.gov.in DRM office/NWR/Jaipur

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O.A No. 277/2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. Applicant
Vs
Lalita Rohilla Defendants
To,
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D/o: Salprakash Rohilla
R/o House No. 654-B, UGF, Rishi
Nagar, Rani Bagh, Delhi-34
Also At
Sai Mult Speciality Dental Clinic
653, Ground Floor, Rishi Nagar,
Rani Bagh Delhi- 1100034
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S/o Zile Singh
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Nagar, Rani Bagh, Delhi-34
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been shown to the satisfaction
of the Tribunal that it is not possible
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on 09.03.2020 At 10.30A.M.
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Given under my hand and seal of
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By Order of the Tribunal
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DRT-III, New Delhi

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24 feared dead as truck, bus catch fire after collision in UP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 10

AS MANY as 24 persons are feared dead as a double-decker bus and a truck caught fire after a head-on collision at Chhabaramau area of Kannauj district Friday, police said. A total of 21 persons who suffered injuries were rescued by local residents, they said. The private bus was ferrying passengers from Kannauj and Farrukhabad districts to Jaipur, police said.



The state government has announced a compensation of Rs 2 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to those injured. Vishal Srivastav

Police suspect that the accident occurred when the truck driver lost control over the vehicle, leading to a collision with the bus. The truck driver and cleaner are missing, they said.

Chhabaramau Circle Officer Shiv Kumar said that around 8.45 pm they were informed that a bus carrying passengers to Jaipur had collided with a truck coming from the opposite direction at Gilohi locality, around 60 km from the district headquarters. Both vehicles caught fire after the collision, said Shiv Kumar.

Local residents reached the spot and rescued 21 persons from the bus. "The bus has just one door, so local residents broke

open the windows to rescue passengers," said Shiv Kumar.

A team from the district administration and police reached the spot. Kannauj District Magistrate Ravindra Kumar and Superintendent of Police, Kannauj AP Singh also reached the spot. Two fire tenders were pressed into service and the flames were yet to be doused till late evening.

"We are trying to contact the bus owner to know how many persons were travelling in the

bus," said Shiv Kumar.

Chief Medical Superintendent Krishna Swaroop said of the total 21 injured persons, seven who suffered severe burns were referred to the district hospital for treatment.

Kannauj SP A P Singh said, "We have come to know around 45 persons, including the bus driver, were in the bus. Of these, 21 have been rescued. We have no information about the others. The bus was totally burnt."

"The picture will be clear only

after the fire is brought under control totally. There are several charred bodies inside the bus," said Shiv Kumar.

Taking cognizance of the incident, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed the District

Magistrate and Kannauj SP to go to the spot and provide all possible medical attention and help to the rescued passengers. The state government has announced a compensation of Rs 2 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to those injured.

Dalit minor 'raped' and murdered, 2 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 10

ASIX-YEAR-OLD Dalit girl was allegedly raped and murdered by two men, aged 18 and 19, in Prayagraj Thursday. Prayagraj SSP Satyarth Aniruddha Pankaj said both the accused were arrested and are being questioned.

"The girl's father has given a complaint alleging that the two men raped and killed her. We registered a rape case, but circumstances did not indicate sex-

ual assault. The postmortem report is awaited... to know if the girl was raped before she was murdered. One of the accused is mentally unstable. We are investigating the matter to figure out the motive of the crime," said Pankaj.

Another police officer said the girl was picked up from outside her school around 2 pm by one of the accused while she was with her friends.

"Since one of the accused knew the girl, she accompanied him on his motorcycle. The ac-

Father gets death for rape, murder of teen daughter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SURAT, JANUARY 10

THE SURAT district court Friday sentenced to death a 37-year-old man, convicted for the rape and murder of his 14-year-old daughter in 2017. The accused, who is from Odisha, is lodged in Surat central jail.

The body of the girl was found by a passerby in the bushes on June 30, 2017. After the postmortem, the police registered a case of rape and murder and began a probe. When the girl's identity was established, her father was called for questioning. He confessed to killing

his daughter "as she became pregnant and was unwilling to disclose the name of the father".

Police then arrested the accused on July 6, 2017. It was later found that the DNA test of the accused and the foetus of the deceased girl matched.

In his statements, the accused had said that the deceased was his step-daughter. He confessed to raping her regularly in their house. The additional public prosecutor requested the court that the case be considered rarest of rare. He had also cited 12 judgments of the Supreme Court wherein those accused of similar crime were sentenced to death.

cused then took her to a field nearby. After the girl could not be found until evening, the parents went enquiring with her friends. The accused had killed the girl by slitting her throat with a knife, which has been recovered," said the officer.

He added, "The girl's friends told her parents that she went out with an unidentified person on a motorcycle. The parents started looking for her and found her body lying in a farm around 300 metres away from the school. Thereafter, one of the ac-

cused was nabbed by local residents after a few persons informed them that they had seen the girl with him. He was beaten up by the group. We rescued the accused from the mob once we were informed. He has suffered injuries. Another accused was nabbed later," said the officer.

Based on a complaint by the girl's father, an FIR was registered under IPC sections 376 (rape), 302 (murder), 325 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt) and under relevant sections of POCSO Act and SC/ST Act.

Two get death penalty for minor's gangrape, murder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 10

TERMINING THE gangrape and murder of a 12-year-old Dalit girl in 2016 a "rarest of the rare" case, a POCSO (Prevention of Children against Sexual Offences) court in Bareilly Friday awarded death sentence to two persons from her village who were convicted of the crime.

Convicts Murari Lal (34) and Uma Kant Gangwar (36) have been lodged in Bareilly jail since

their arrest after the incident. During the post-mortem, a stick was found inserted in the victim's private part.

According to the prosecution, on January 29, 2016, the victim had gone to a field for work with her mother. "The mother returned home after sometime, but the victim stayed back. Her neighbours Murari and Uma later took the girl to a secluded place where she was gangraped and later strangled to death," said Bareilly District Government Counsel Suneeti Kumar Pathak.

Compensation a worry for owners of Maradu apartments

SHAJU PHILIP
KOCHI, JANUARY 10

THEIR IMPOSING waterfront homes will soon be a searing memory as they are demolished according to a Supreme Court order for violation of CRZ norms. But, for the owners of the four apartment complexes at Maradu that are to be demolished, the battle for justice is far from over.

Four complexes with 325 units will be demolished in an imposition on Saturday and Sunday. The apex court had appointed a three-member committee to sanction interim relief of Rs 25 lakh to the flat owners. For the 279 flats sold out, 266 owners had approached the committee for compensation. But, the committee has so far cleared compensation for 247 flat owners.

Committee sources said it had rejected 13 applications mainly because the claimants could not produce sale deed. "There is evidence that they had paid the builder. But these owners would have to either initiate a civil dispute or approach the Supreme Court for relief," a member said.

the owners would be to get compensation for their demolished properties at the prevailing market rate. The committee, in the next stage, is slated to initiate steps to see that the owners get only the actual amount paid to the builders. This would mean that the owners get less than half the market price of the flats.

"As per the SC directive, owners are eligible to get only the amount they had paid, but they are demanding the market rate for the flats. They have to move a civil court for relief on that front," said committee sources.

On Thursday, the committee wrote to the Supreme Court seeking clarifications on many fronts. As many as 266 flat owners have submitted claims for 279 flats; with one owning five flats and seven others owning two flats each. "The SC said Rs 25 lakh should be paid to each flat owner. The committee has sought clarification on whether Rs 25 lakh is to be released per flat owner or per flat. At present, we have released only per flat owner," said committee sources.

As the SC had ordered the four builders to pay compensation to the committee, the process for the same has begun.

Two porters killed in Pak shelling

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JANUARY 10

TWO CIVILIAN porters working for the army were killed and three others injured on Friday as Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked mortar shelling at Kasalia village in Gulpur sector of Poonch district.

Sources said the victims were working near a forward army post when a shell fired by Pakistan landed near them. The two porters succumbed to injuries on the way to the hospital. Defence ministry spokesperson Lt Colonel Devender Anand said the mortar shelling from Pakistan side started around 11 am. He said that injuries to the porters are reported to be severe.

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And whereas, several individuals have made bookings for allotment of Commercial spaces/shops/offices in the said colony (hereinafter referred as existing allottees).

And whereas, building plans earlier approved vide DTCP Memo No. ZP-1081/AD(RA)/2016/11530 dated 08.06.2016 (Approved building plans) for this Commercial colony are now proposed to be revised for which In-principle approval has been granted by DTCP vide memo no. ZP-1081/JD(RD)/2020/522 dated 07.01.2020 ("Revised Building Plans").

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Place: Gurugram
Date: 11.01.2020

For Elan Buildcon Pvt. Ltd.,
3rd Floor, Tower-A, Golf View Corporate Towers, Golf Course Road, Sector-42, Gurugram, Haryana
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Ministry of AYUSH

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Dated 6th January, 2020

Notification

The list of selected and waitlisted candidates of the walk-in interview held in AYUSH Bhawan, New Delhi on 19.11.2019 in response to the vacancy notification dated 06.11.2019 is as under: -

S. No.	Selected Candidate (Mr./Ms.)	Waitlisted Candidate (Mr./Ms.)
1.	Dr. Shipra Singh	1. Dr. Rahul Singh Sisodia

PG Doctor (Ayurveda)

	Doctor (Ayurveda)	
1.	Swarnima Mishra(Gen)	1. Roopali Patel(Gen)
2.	Pragya Sharma(Gen)	2. Subhrojyoti Chakraborty(Gen)
3.	Arya Nair(Gen)	3. Vikas Parashar(Gen)
4.	Manoj Pargain(Gen)	4. Pallavi M. Phale(Gen)
5.	Rashmi Tokas Rana(OBC)	5. M. Kingston(OBC)
6.	Rahul Kumar Sanwariya(SC)	6. Tanuja Sagar(SC)

Pharmacist (Ayurveda)

1.	Shweta Gupta (Gen)	1. Gaurav (Gen)
2.	Mukesh Kumar Latta (Gen)	2. Yadendra Shandilya(Gen)
3.	Sunil Singla(Gen)	3. Radhey Shyam Kumawat(Gen)
4.	Manish Kumar Sharma(OBC)	4. Vishnu Prasad Nagar(OBC)
5.	Pramod Kumar(Gen)	5. Inder Pal(Gen)
6.	Deepamoni Salkia(Gen)	6. Gaurav Kumar Nagar (Gen)
7.	Neeraj Maurya (SC)	7. Rahul Kumar(SC)

Therapist (Panchakarma)

1.	Sankarmoni Kakoti(Male)	1. Ajay Kumar Meena(Male)
2.	Surendra Kumar(Male)	2. Yogendra Singh(Male)
3.	Rinki (Female)	3. Chandra Devi(Female)
4.	Poonam(Female)	

2. The validity of the selected and approved panel of candidates will be for a period of one year from the date of approval by the Competent Authority.

3. The appointment of the above candidates will be made as per requirement. The appointments will be purely on contract basis and will not confer any right for regular appointment in the Ministry/ Organisation.

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And whereas, several individuals/persons have made bookings/entered into purchase agreement / buyers agreement for the allotment and purchase of units in this Commercial colony ("existing allottees").

And whereas, building plans earlier approved vide DTCP Memo No.ZP-699/JD(BS)/2012/9678 dated 06/06/2012 (earlier approved building plans) are now proposed to be revised again for which DTCP has granted in-principle approval vide Memo No.ZP-699/AD(RA)/2019/903 Dated 09.01.2020 ("revised building plans").

And whereas, the office of the DTCP and also the provisions of RERA Act/HREAR Rules have required seeking of objections / consent against the said revision of the earlier approved building plans as a pre-condition for allowing such revision in the earlier approved building plans.

Accordingly, vide this Public Notice, consent / objections, if any, are hereby invited from the existing allottees on the revised building plans. The earlier approved building plans, revised building plans, deviation plans are available for perusal / reference of the existing allottees on a) our website <http://www.spaze.in>; b) in the office of the undersigned at Spazedge Building, Tower - C, Gurugram - Sohna Road, Sector - 47, Gurugram - 122002; c) at the project site office in Sector-84, Gurugram Manesar Urban Complex, Gurugram & d) in the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram at HSPV Complex, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana. The changes proposed in the revised building plans w.r.t. the earlier approved building plans are also marked in different colors on the earlier approved building plans.

Any of the existing allottees having any objection on the revised building plan(s), may file his/her/their/its objection / consent in the office of the Senior Town Planner, Gurugram at HSPV Complex, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana and in the office of the undersigned within Thirty (30) days of publication of this Public Notice i.e. upto 09.02.2020 till 5.00 pm, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed revision in the building plan(s).

Place:Gurugram
Date: 11.01.2020

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SC order on internet lockdown in J&K makes right noises but leaves matters of relief to the future

THE RULING BY a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court on Friday in the Kashmir lockdown and communications shutdown cases has been far too long coming. Triggered by the petition filed by Anuradha Bhasin, the editor of the *Kashmir Times*, and clubbed with the concerns raised by other affected press groups and elected representatives, the case pertained to the internet shutdown and clampdown on other communication networks in the erstwhile state. It also dealt with the impact the prohibitory orders issued by the district magistrates of the Union government-controlled Jammu and Kashmir Administration, under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, were having on press freedom.

The Supreme Court's decision makes certain things clear with respect to our civil liberties in this digital age, while leaving several legal issues and matters of relief to residents of Jammu and Kashmir to the future. The Court has confirmed that the expression of speech as well as the conduct of trade and business via the internet is protected under Article 19 of the Constitution. The bench's ruling reiterates the importance of testing any restriction to the fundamental right to freedom under Article 19 of our Constitution against the principle of necessity and proportionality. In the process, the precedent established by the Supreme Court's nine-judge bench ruling on the fundamental right to privacy has been further cemented into the country's law — despite the efforts of the lawyers of the Union government.

Indeed, what was remarkable about the case was the troubling call for unprecedented executive power by the government in order to enable it to take actions that intrude on the civil liberties of citizens — with little space for judicial oversight. Till date, the Union government has not filed copies of all the internet shutdowns relevant to this case before the apex court. Instead, it has

tried to assert a form of executive privilege that has no place in a 21st century democracy. Government arguments also tried to conflate legal positions regarding conduct in times of war with those pertaining to the maintenance of law and order, which the Supreme Court luckily chose not to accept.

When it comes to internet-related restrictions, this judgment has one clear, unqualified message — it clearly lays down that any government order that impacts the exercise of fundamental rights must be a reasoned and publicly accessible order. This verdict may have larger, lasting consequences even for fundamental rights in our digital age, since other rules created and used by the Union government, particularly under the Information Technology Act, have allowed the blocking of countless websites via secret orders that are not published. This has hurt democracy and gone against the principles of judicial oversight and the necessity to have thorough checks and balances. We should also be concerned by the repeated efforts of the Union government since 2015 to assert that the broad reach of digital communications somehow justifies even more intrusive executive powers and the loosening of judicial standards controlling government actions impacting fundamental rights.

This judgment should be seen as a work in progress. It leaves many issues of actual state measures impacting citizens today, and matters of law, open. It should also be seen as a call for further action. The Centre, which oversees the administration of the current Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, has to decide whether to continue its restrictions on internet services — and if so, it has to justify why and make its reasons public. The implication of the Supreme Court's judgment — perhaps less explicit legally than what it should have been ideally — is that the internet shutdown in Jammu and Kashmir has not been clearly justified un-

der the current legal framework. Any extension of the shutdown there will likely be challenged before the courts and will face the judiciary's scrutiny.

The executive has also been told that its current Telecom Network Suspension Rules of 2017 has gaps, and that the rules require improvement. The Court did state that it was not being asked to scrutinise the rules and pointed out that it was not testing their constitutionality. However, it made it clear that the status quo on the 2017 rules is not acceptable — it has, in effect, provided guidelines that the executive has to follow in the interim.

Some state high courts have already noted that government actions on internet shutdowns go beyond this flawed legal framework. Last year, for example, a bench of the Rajasthan High Court indicated its displeasure at the state government delegating shutdown powers to district administrations during examinations and the Gauhati High Court ordered the lifting of the Assam internet shutdown after the anti-CAA protests began.

The Union government should actually reconsider this problematic legal framework that enables and excuses internet shutdowns in the first place. Issued in August 2017 under a clause of the Telegraph Act passed by the British Raj in 1884, and notified with no public consultation and despite repeated concerns by MPs on the growth of internet shutdowns in India, these rules have let shutdowns spiral out of control. India has the ignominy of leading the world in terms of the number of internet shutdowns ordered by government authorities last year. We must act to ensure that a shutdown of our increasingly digital lives does not become mainstream standard operating procedure.

The writer is senior international counsel at Access Now and chair of the Internet Freedom Foundation

THE OPPOSITION WITHIN

Mamata Banerjee's plan for solo run signals the contradictions within the anti-CAA political front

ONE ASPECT OF the aggressive federal pushback to the new citizenship Act, the proposed NRC and NPR has been the broad though tenuous consensus among the major opposition parties to oppose these. However, the contradictions within the Opposition have now come to the fore with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee deciding to stay away from a meeting convened by Congress chief Sonia Gandhi. Mamata, the face of the citizenship law protests in her state, has explained her decision as an act of protest against the "violence unleashed by Left and Congress" during the general strike on Wednesday. She had also declined their demand that the West Bengal assembly pass a resolution against the new citizenship Act.

This is not surprising since the compulsions of state politics are often at variance with the national narrative. Besides, the requirements of office too can force parties in government to disassociate with certain forms of protest, especially those of opposition groups, even if their interests converge at the national level. Both these tendencies have become visible in non-BJP ruled states that have seen major mobilisations against the CAA. In Kerala, the ruling CPM-led Left Front and the Congress-led opposition had come together initially to protest the CAA. Soon, the state Congress chief, Mullappally Ramachandran, claimed a joint struggle against the Centre was not a part of the Congress strategy in Kerala. Though the Kerala legislative assembly passed a unanimous resolution against the CAA, the CPM and Congress leaders have refused to coordinate their protests or even address the issue from common platforms. The moment of separation for non-BJP parties in West Bengal came when the Trinamool refused to allow the main opposition in the legislative assembly, the Left Front and Congress, to capture the anti-BJP space. CM Mamata also accused them of trying to damage the state's economy by resorting to strikes.

The challenge for the national opposition would be to manage the state-level contradictions as it tries to build a united front against the Centre, a task it failed at during the general election. Political parties, especially regional outfits, tend to privilege their local electoral interests over larger ideological concerns, which limits the prospect of any collective action at the national level. The absence of opposition unity may have a limited impact in the case of anti-CAA protests since much of it has been mobilisations of students and young people.

THE NEW HERO

Women do make blockbuster characters, box office data shows. But old prejudices refuse to fade away

CAN A GIRL have it all? Be a superhero and a princess? A hustler and a stripper? And still have the audience come to watch the films? As it turns out, yes. According to the annual report from San Diego State University's Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film, *It's a Man's (Celluloid) World*, of the top 100 grossing domestic films of 2019, the percentage of films featuring a female protagonist increased to a historic high of 40 per cent, up from 31 per cent the previous year. That figure was bolstered by successes as varied as *Captain Marvel* and *Mary Poppins Returns*, *Little Women* and *What Men Want*. Surprisingly, the spike came not from indie films, where female protagonists fell from 68 per cent to 55 per cent, but across studio releases. The suits seem to be waking up to the fact that women make blockbuster characters.

That's the good news. But parse the data, and the old prejudices remain. Hollywood still wants its women to be seen rather than heard — the number of women with speaking roles is a little over one-third, down by one percentage point. Most of the women characters remain overwhelmingly White, with Black, Asian and Latina characters airbrushed out of screens. That ties in with the disappointing no-show of diversity on award lists as well.

But that way lies the path to greater equality. As this report revealed, women at the helm of creative decisions results in stories where women are placed at the centre of the narrative. In films with at least one woman director and/or writer, females comprised 58 per cent of protagonists, as opposed to 30 per cent for films with only male writers/directors. Packing the studios with women will make camera veer to the female gaze.



KHALED AHMED

THE PRESIDENT OF Pakistan, Arif Alvi, filed a reference in May 2019 against Justice Qazi Faez Isa of the Supreme Court of Pakistan asking the Supreme Judicial Council to probe him for "concealing his properties in the United Kingdom allegedly held in the name of his wife and children". The implication was that the judge had taken bribes and then laundered the sums with which his family had bought the properties in the UK.

Isa became a member of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 2014, after serving as chief justice of the Balochistan High Court for five years. His father, Qazi Muhammad Essa, was a close associate of Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

As the full bench of the supreme court debated whether the case should go to the Supreme Judicial Council, Justice Isa complained about the propriety of the reference filed by President Alvi. Anticipating his ouster from the supreme court, lawyers across Pakistan protested, charging that Justice Isa's judgment pertaining to the sit-in of the fanatically religious party Tehreek Labbaik Party (TLP) had unleashed the fury of "the powers-that-be" against him.

Salahuddin Ahmed, a former president of the Karachi Bar Association, wrote: "Many consider Justice Isa's real sin to be of a nature similar to a judge of the Islamabad High Court who had made public 'interference' from the powers-that-be in the working of the judiciary: In his Faizabad dharna judgment, the armed forces and intelligence agencies were directed to investigate

JOLTING THE JUDICIARY

The case against a Pakistan supreme court judge reveals older political faultlines

whether their officers violated their oath by meddling in politics, inter alia, by doling out cash to protesters."

The sit-in referred to has a crazy context: Crying blasphemy, the wheelchair-riding, foul-mouthed leader of TLP, Allama Khadim Hussain Rizvi had managed to get rid of a law minister of the Pakistan Muslim League government in 2017 for insulting the Holy Prophet PBUH through changes made in the Election Bill of 2017. The army intervened as Rizvi's followers broke the bones of a policeman, blocked roads and torched vehicles. But they were given cash handouts before being released, giving them a sense of empowerment not available to any other political group.

Everyone thinks it is the verdict Isa delivered on the Faizabad sit-in, and the peculiar way the army behaved, that caused the presidential reference. An excerpt from Justice Isa's judgment: "Politicking, manipulation of media undermines integrity of armed forces. Pursuant to the judgment in Air Marshal Asghar Khan's case, the involvement of ISI and of the members of the armed forces in politics, media and other 'unlawful activities' should have stopped. Instead when TLP's dharna participants received cash handouts from men in uniform, the perception of their involvement gained traction. The Director General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) has also taken to commenting on political matters."

This objection to how democracy is disrupted in Pakistan could have been the last

straw, leading finally to the presidential order against the judge.

About the property of Justice Isa's settled-in-UK family, one knows little. His lawyer has revealed in court that Zarina Montessarat Khoso Carrera, wife of Justice Isa, was an independent lady and, while in Pakistan, had paid Rs 1,04,000 as tax in 2009, Rs 1,43,055 in 2010 and Rs 1,47,883 in 2011, whereas "Prime Minister Imran Khan paid Rs 103,763 as tax in 2017". What flummoxed the judges was President Alvi's oversight in not reading the Income Tax Law that lays no responsibility on a taxpayer to reveal the wealth of his family members, but holds that the Income Tax Department could demand such details if it chooses to.

Decisions taken in haste, at times at someone else's behest, come to grief. After the 2013 polls, which Imran Khan lost, he leveled the charge of "35 painchar" (punctures) on the caretaker chief minister of Punjab, journalist Najam Sethi, meaning that he had "fixed" the election by applying 35 different rigging devices against Khan's party. Sethi, who currently lives in London out of fear, went to court against him demanding "damages" in crores of rupees. It remains a pending case that the prime minister has carefully ignored. Will Justice Isa — who has been taken off the bench — too demand some kind of reparation for the pain caused to him by the president?

The writer is consulting editor, Newsweek Pakistan

JANUARY 11, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIRA TO TAKE OVER THE PRESIDENT INVITED Indira Gandhi to form the new government. He requested her to communicate the names of other ministers to be appointed to the council of ministers. Sanjeeva Reddy sent the invitation to Mrs Gandhi (I). Mrs Gandhi is likely to form the cabinet in two phases. She has been consulting senior party colleagues about cabinet formation, but no one really knows whom she will ask to join her government.

US TO ARM PAK INDIA'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES Ashok Gokhale met the Assistant Secretary of State and other

senior US officials to discuss the latest developments in Asia. It is learnt that the officials conveyed to Gokhale that the US would take note of India's concerns in formulating future policy in the region. American sources said that the US would arm Pakistan to meet the danger from across the Afghan border but the level would be such as not to cause concern to India.

UN ON AFGHANISTAN THE UN SECURITY Council called for an emergency special session of the general assembly to deal with the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. The council approved a Philippine and Mexican request to take the

issue to the 152-nation assembly following a Soviet veto in the Council. The Soviet Union and East Germany voted against the measure, claiming it was an interference in the internal matters of Afghanistan.

RED FORT BURGLARY THE POLICE HAVE not made progress in investigating the theft of three valuable antique pieces from the Red Fort museum. The stolen articles include the ghaghra-choli of Zeenat Mahal and a gold brocade dress of Bahadurshah Zafar. However, the police suspect that the burglary was an organised operation sponsored by a collector who specifically sought the three pieces.



The digital repression playbook

Some thoughts and advice for the Hon'ble Minister of Digital Repression, Government of India, for 2020



BHASKAR CHAKRAVORTI

DEAR HON'BLE MINISTER of Digital Repression, Government of India,

I am sorry if you were planning to read this article on your smartphone and are stuck in a part of the country experiencing an internet shutdown. That would be ironic. Of course, you know you could always go out and buy an old-fashioned print version of this newspaper, but that would not be in keeping with our collective commitment to Digital India. But I digress. Onwards to the main points I wanted to share with you — all essential tips for upgrading your ministry's tech capabilities to 2020 to secure India from hooligans demonstrating against the Citizenship Amendment Act, reading the Indian Constitution in public and committing other such acts of moral turpitude.

First, allow me a moment to dwell on congratulations. It is a rare instance when India breaks world records. Thanks, no doubt, to the diligence of your tireless staff, when it comes to digital repression, India has no competition: Most Internet shutdowns of any country — unlike all those nail-biters on the cricket pitch, India's score of 134 shutdowns in 2018 handily beats the world number two, Pakistan's measly 12 shutdowns. With Jammu and Kashmir in digital darkness, you have secured the record for the longest-running internet shutdown in a democracy. Your team can orchestrate shutdowns at will across the country, from Meghalaya and Tripura to the nation's capital. From Bijnor to Bulandshahr, from Rampur to Sitapur, the state of UP, enjoyed freedom from the menace of social media on a rolling basis during December and got to reflect on deeper things as befitting a state governed by a yogi. Given the sheer scale of these operations, I am in awe that you even have the time to read this article.

Second, I wonder if you have asked: Is it worth it? I thought I would do some research for you. I am afraid the news isn't good.

You will, no doubt, recall that we are talking about a country that pretty much gifted the world the notion of satyagraha, which the hooligans of yesteryear pulled off without WhatsApp. Yes, an internet shutdown does make it inconvenient to organise, but the resourceful find a way. You will note that Indians have also invented *jugaad*, which roughly translates into: For every shutdown, there is a workaround. The troublemakers travel to places where they can pick up a signal. They use virtual private networks. They turn to the TOR network or Bridgefy, an app that uses bluetooth to enable chats or tweet using SMS to bypass a ban. When all else fails, they go back to old-fashioned whisper campaigns.

A Stanford study on internet shutdowns in India suggests that an internet shutdown may lead to even more offline protest and violence. Research drawing on the perpetual digital repression laboratory of Kashmir indicates that shutdowns have been "largely ineffective". Internet shutdowns can, ironically, create even wider awareness of the causes being suppressed. This phenomenon even has a name — the "Streisand effect" — named



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for the star, Barbra Streisand, who sued the California Coastal Records Project, on the grounds that the organisation's pictures of the coastline invaded her privacy since it included images of her Malibu mansion.

To make matters worse, these shutdowns are not costless. Putting aside the human cost — there is, after all, no shortage of humans in India — the economic costs can be enormous, especially when you count the losses tied to shutting down the internet not just in a few out-of-the-way places, such as Kashmir, but across India. Running up huge economic losses in the middle of an economic slowdown may not be such a hot idea. On the plus side, you might be able to get a selfie with Barbra Streisand on your next visit to Malibu.

Now to my third point. Surely, you have a job to do and I cannot leave you without constructive advice. What should a government with an irrepressible need to repress do in an era of the equally irrepressible internet? My advice is simple — look to China. Their digital repression playbook can be your 2020 upgrade. There is no shame in this. We must all admit that the Chinese know a thing or two about repression.

The first lesson you'd learn is that even the Chinese have given up on crude techniques like wholesale internet shutdowns. After riots in the capital of Xinjiang province, Urumqi, home to the pesky Uighur minority, the Chinese government cut off the internet. But that was 2009. The Chinese 2020 digital repression arsenal for that same province includes drones, facial recognition, and other biometrics techniques, AI, smart borders and, of course, monitored cell phones. Elsewhere, their digital throttling is surgically precise. Lawless Silicon Valley companies, such as Facebook and Google, are banned. In advance of the Tiananmen protest anniversary, last year, the messaging app WeChat and micro-blogging site Weibo stopped users from altering profile photos and other personal information. Words such as "tank man" and code for "Xi Jinping", including the otherwise adorable Winnie the Pooh, are banned.

As a real-time case study, consider China's

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play in Hong Kong. The state correctly anticipated that the economic costs of an internet shutdown would be too high and Hong Kongers would find workarounds. During past protests, many citizens had downloaded FireChat, a messaging app which uses wireless mesh networking to communicate over bluetooth and wifi. Instead, the state left the internet running and stuffed it with disinformation. The range of this propaganda is impressively broad, from coordinated social media blasts condemning protesters or depicting Hong Kong as a bratty little girl, playing to sexist stereotypes, to more sophisticated approaches, such as satirical news and rap music videos. Looking ahead, state manipulation apparatus will adopt deepfakes and other digital innovations.

Will it work in India? And, here, dear minister, I must end on a happy note. India holds another world record. According to Microsoft's Digital Civility Index, of all the nationalities in their study, Indians were most likely to encounter fake news and internet hoaxes. Digital disinformation is already a tradition. In other words, there is precedent — and the experiences of the 2018 summer suggests it works. The one catch is that the government also plans to require monitoring, interception and tracing of social media messages in 2020 and it could get really awkward if toxic messages get traced to your ministry or your proxies.

This is all part and parcel of the new complex reality as you push towards a Digital India into the third decade of this century. Techniques from 2009 — or even 2019 — are not befitting an aspiring tech superpower. Dear Hon'ble Minister, I know these are busy times, but tell your team that getting the 2020 upgrade will be rewarding. And, oh, please remember to tell them to turn the internet back on.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"It is a strange yet somehow positive development that Iran's airstrikes on Iraqi bases hosting US troops has had a sobering effect in terms of diffusing (for now) the real threat of an escalation of hostilities between the US and Iran."

— DAILY STAR, BANGLADESH

Demographic dividend to demographic wasteland

It is bad enough that our education system routinely fails the youth. To subject them to violence only adds to their sense of hopelessness about the future



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ONE OF THE greatest privileges of being a Chief Economic Advisor was the opportunity to meet with students from all over India. Over the course of nearly four years, my team and I visited scores of educational institutions across the country to talk about India's economic issues and the Economic Surveys.

Each time, I was struck by the students' curiosity, enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. In campus after campus, turnout exceeded our expectations, questions exceeded the time to answer them, and we always left wanting to return. Indeed, it was the students' evident desire to learn, so that they could participate in the national project of building India, which inspired my team and me to create an online course on the Indian economy.

Among the campuses we visited were places that have been in the news recently: Jamia Millia University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), all bastions of youthful idealism. I remember in particular the welcome by the students in AMU — a rousing Jana Gana Mana, with the boys all dressed in black sherwanis and the girls in white salwar-kameezes with red dupattas.

But something has changed over the past few months. Thugs armed not just with weapons but with ideological hate have perpetrated unprovoked violence, not only in these universities but in campuses across India. Among the many victims could easily have been some of the students we met and still remember: The eager escort, the enthusiastic guide, the brilliant questioner, the impressive organiser, the selfie-seeker.

We speak of creating a \$5-trillion economy by taking advantage of our demographic dividend. But if our universities become war zones rather than sacred sanctuaries of learning, we don't build human capital. We make carcasses of the hopes of our students. Just as the psycho-

logical burdens of poverty and hardship narrow cognitive bandwidth (according to research by Sendhil Mullainathan and Anandi Mani), the psychological burdens of violence on students could impair their capabilities and turn the demographic dividend into a demographic wasteland. Indeed, since building human capital, maintaining social peace and creating strong institutions are key determinants of long-run development, recent actions triply undermine achieving *sabka saath, sabka vikas*.

It is bad enough that our higher education system has routinely been failing our youth. It is bad enough too that their prospects of getting decent, well-paying jobs are becoming more grim. To heap violence and physical and psychological insecurity only adds more hopelessness to their educational years and to their sense of the future that awaits them.

And why are these students being attacked? For exercising their right of expression, their right to articulate their concerns and opinions about a set of measures they fear might consign many Indians to second-class citizenship, if not deprive them of their identity altogether? Are their fears exaggerated or misplaced? Regardless, they must be heard. How else will we be able to understand and address their concerns? And to be clear, address them we must.

As the images of violence on India's university campuses have streamed on screens and phones across the globe over the past months, the poet Yeats' dark evocation keeps coming to mind: "The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere/The ceremony of innocence is drowned." So, too, does a climactic scene from Mira Nair's movie, *Monsoon Wedding*. The character played by Naseeruddin Shah confronts a relative who has abused a younger family member, saying: "These are my children. I will protect them from myself even, if I have to." We too must ask: Aren't these our children, who need to be protected from ourselves, from our instincts to hate and harm? These young, our college students, need to be nurtured, educated, and equipped to build the wealth and future that we want for our country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RIGHT REFORM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Coal comfort' (IE, January 9). Indeed, this is one reform the coal sector, especially after the poor monopoly of Coal India, desperately needed. Ultimately, the objective should be that whoever gets the best output should be the one mining. Besides improving quality and output, it is bound to ease pressure on our current account deficit. Till date, only 14 per cent of the total blocks that were cancelled after the coalgate scam have been allowed to mine. The government must ensure that more such blocks are opened for private mining.

Bal Govind, Noida

STAR OF THE HOUR

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A star's trek' (IE, January 9). The editorial is right in its assessment that the new crop of Bollywood stars are not caged. They express their opinion more freely. But questions related to the timing of Deepika Padukone's visit still lie unanswered. Why did she visit JNU and not Jamia or any other university of India where students have been protesting? Will she keep her commitment to the student cause even after the release of her movie? Did she use the student platform to promote her own film? Only time can offer the answer. But the editorial should have mentioned these perspectives too.

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

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THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A star's trek' (IE, January 10). Indeed, not all the glamour, glitz and glory of *Padmaavat* made Deepika Padukone the hero that her visit to JNU did. Her quiet dignity was ample proof that true heroism is undramatic. In this one moment, the tall Deepika stood much taller than the tallest from the film industry who probably didn't want any trouble in these

LETTER OF THE WEEK

JNU FOR INDIA

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A history of violence' (IE, January 9). The writer has quoted incidents out of context to tarnish the image of JNU. The solidarity shown by JNU students and the faculty members towards people fighting for their rights is a demonstration of their love for the nation — unlike the BJP which resorts to discriminatory measures such as the CAA. The Left opposed the Emergency half-heartedly. But it is also true that the BJP's earlier avatar, the Jana Sangh, joined the JP-led anti-Congress movement to promote its sectarian agenda.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

testing times.

Sangeeta Kampani, New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A star's trek' (IE, January 10). Celebrities are treated like demigods in our country and this star power is gainfully milked by advertisers for marketing products. It has happened more often than not, that the product endorsed by the celeb has failed to lived up to the expectations of the consumer. The celebrity has never been called into question after that. The point is, whatever the celebrities do is to serve their own ends. Deepika's upcoming film is to be released shortly, and the JNU platform has been appropriately, innovatively exploited to promote her visibility and the film.

Deepak Singhal, Chennai

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Hypocrisy in the name of liberalism

Frustrated by their electoral reverses, the Left has turned to manufacturing unrest

WHILE THOSE IN office are striving to ward off the impact of the challenges from the global economy and give further impetus to India's manufacturing sector, many in the opposition are working overtime to "manufacture" unrest.

For them, it is easier to do so as most "narrative shapers" come from the left-of-centre camp. Compared to the BJP, ideologies opposed to it have always had an upper hand in the mainstream media. Even in the NGO sector, many of whom now call themselves civil society, leftists have been in a dominant position. This used to be the case in academia as well. Even the Padma awards were almost an exclusive right of the left-of-centre artistes and authors.

Post 2014, this situation has been changing. The left-of-centre ideological block is facing stiff opposition in every walk of public life. Accustomed to calling the shots without any accountability, this group is now bewildered at an establishment that is demanding answers. Increasingly, they are now finding it tough to protect their privileges. Habituated to an unquestioned hegemony in their chosen sectors, leftists are perturbed to find that their opponents can outsmart them. During the last five years, all this contributed to the unease in the leftist block.

Frustration in this block reached its zenith after the resounding victory of the BJP-NDA in the 2019 general election. Finding themselves in a helpless situation, they are now spreading unfounded fears, sowing seeds of suspicion and rejecting the fears about the impact of unchecked infiltration of Bangladeshis, expressed even by the apex court. Uninformed opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Act is a classic case of back-door support to the front-door entry of Bangladeshi infiltrators. And yet, people are being told that opposing the CAA is equal to progressivism. Now that there is a greater public awakening about the truth behind the CAA and with the initial opposition to the Act depleting, violence in JNU is being used by the leftist to play the martyr. It is, therefore, educative to understand the general game plan as well as the usual positions of the leftists.

To start with, nationalism was always a bad word for the Left. Many in the ultra-left have a firm conviction that India is a conglomeration of several nationalities. Although they talk of constitutionalism, they look grudgingly even at the constitutional boundaries of India. Disregarding the threat of secessionism, they have always been pro-Article 370, much against the desire of the framers of Constitution. Similarly, Supreme

Court observations and reprimands notwithstanding, leftists always opposed the common civil code and by implication, freedom to Muslim women from the barbaric practice of triple talaq as well.

Post JNU, the entire leftist ecosystem is busy in condemning violence. Violence is always deplorable. But the leftists have double standards. They don't mind burning public property in Delhi and unleashing murderous politics in Kerala. But when violence takes a toll on their functionaries, they suddenly become Gandhian and create a picture as if their political activism has always been within the "legal framework" and non-violent as well. From Trinamool Congress to the Shiv Sena — the Left's new found friend — all were at the receiving end of the Left's violent political activism at one point of time or the other.

In so far as freedom of expression is concerned, again, leftists and their occasional partners must understand that people are now acutely conscious of their hypocrisy. Leftists don't mind banning Taslima Nasrin's or Salman Rushdie's books. But when a Hindu organisation complains about pictures of Ganesha or Hanuman (Elephant God and Monkey God according to the so called progressives) being used on toilet seats or

footwear, they look the other way. Ask an opponent of leftist trade unions where he or she is singularly fighting against their thought terror and one would realise how authoritarianism is a part of their DNA. The latest testimony to this thought terror is the incident at Visva Bharati, where a speaker is not only disallowed from speaking but in fact held hostage by goons professing liberalism. But remember, you can't show the leftists a mirror. They immediately tell you that "whataboutery" is a sin. You can't dig into their past!

Frustrated by electoral reverses, the ideological untouchability practised by the leftists leading to intellectual arrogance is now acquiring new, dangerous dimensions. Their hegemony is now being challenged and that is the real reason for their stomach ache. This frustration takes a perverted turn when enmity to and a pathological hatred of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is added to it. Unless the saner elements in their ideological block ensure that leftists liberate themselves from this hypocrisy, their anarchist politics is going to wreak havoc, and sadly, all in the name of liberalism.

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The laws being used to suspend Internet, and what SC laid down

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ON FRIDAY, the Supreme Court declared that the fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression and the right to carry on trade or business using the Internet are constitutionally protected. This came in the backdrop of the five-month-long Internet shutdown in Kashmir. While India's longest Internet suspension continues, the verdict has laid down a framework of how the Internet can be suspended, and what rights and legal recourses a citizen has when it is suspended.

What does the verdict say about Internet shutdowns?

Although the court stopped short of ruling that access to Internet is a fundamental right, it said that the Internet as a medium is used to exercise other fundamental rights. “Expression through the Internet has gained contemporary relevance and is one of the major means of information diffusion,” the court said. The observations made by the court essentially laid out guidelines that Internet shutdowns cannot be arbitrary and can be challenged in courts. However, for Kashmir, the court did not test the legality of

the shutdown and has instead directed the government to review the orders. The court also said the orders suspending the Internet would have to necessarily state how the action was justified and proportionate to the imminent threat to law and order.

What procedure does the government follow to suspend Internet services?

The Information Technology Act, 2000, the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), 1973 and the Telegraph Act, 1885 are the three laws that deal with suspension of Internet services.

SECTION 144: Before 2017, Internet suspension orders were issued under Section 144 of the CrPC. A law retained from the colonial era, it empowers a district magistrate, a sub-divisional magistrate or any other executive magistrate specially empowered by the state government in this behalf to issue orders to prevent and address urgent cases of apprehended danger or nuisance.

The use of Section 144 to suspend mobile internet was challenged before the Gujarat High Court in 2015 but the court upheld the power of the magistrate to issue such orders.

SUSPENSION RULES: In 2017, the central government notified the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Service) Rules under the



An Army vehicle in Srinagar on January 9. AP

Telegraph Act to govern suspension of Internet. These Rules derive their powers from Section 5(2) of the Indian Telegraph Act, which talks about interception of messages in the “interests of the sovereignty and integrity of India”.

But hasn't Section 144 CrPC continued to be used to shut down the Internet?

Despite the 2017 rules, the government

has often used the broad powers under Section 144. In the wake of the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act, Internet services were suspended by the District Magistrate in Sambhal, UP, under Section 144. In West Bengal on June 20, 2019, mobile Internet, cable services and broadband were shut down by the District Magistrate in North 24-Parganas under

Section 144 over communal tensions.

The government had argued that the “volatile history, overwhelming material available even in the public domain about external aggressions, nefarious secessionist activities and the provocative statements given by political leaders, created a compelling situation” which mandated passing of orders under Section 144 to suspend the Internet in Kashmir.

In December last year, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Special Cell, issued an order to the nodal officers of telecom operators including Airtel, Reliance Jio etc to interrupt services in specific areas.

So, what does the judgment say on the rules to be followed?

The court recognised that the 2017 Rules are the only procedure to be followed to suspend Internet services in the occurrence of a “public emergency” or for it to be “in the interest of public safety”.

Quoting from the 2017 Rules, the verdict reiterated that the competent authority to issue an order under the Suspension Rules, in ordinary circumstances, would be the Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Rules also say that in case the confirmation does not come from a competent authority, the orders shall cease to exist within a period

of 24 hours. Clear reasons for such orders need to be given in writing, and need to be forwarded to a Review Committee by the next working day. Further, the confirmation must not be a mere formality, but must indicate independent application of mind by the competent authority to the order passed by the authorised officer, who must also take into account changed circumstances if any, etc.

What can an individual affected by an Internet shutdown do?

Although the Suspension Rules do not provide for publication or notification of the orders, the court said that an order, particularly one that affects lives, liberty and property of people, must be made available. When these orders are made available, an individual can challenge the orders in court on grounds of proportionality. “We are therefore required to read in the requirement of ensuring that all the orders passed under the Suspension Rules are made freely available, through some suitable mechanism,” the court said. While suspension orders were always subject to judicial review, lack of availability of such orders in public domain prevented such challenges before courts. The court also ruled that the government cannot refuse to publish such orders citing logistical inconvenience.

FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

A GIANT FISH IS DECLARED EXTINCT — HOW DO SCIENTISTS CONCLUDE THAT?



The Chinese paddlefish, now declared extinct, grew up to 7 m long and had existed since 200 million years ago. Qiwei Wei et al/Science of the Total Environment

ONE OF the largest freshwater fish has been declared extinct in a study published in the journal *Science of the Total Environment*. The Chinese paddlefish (*Psephurus gladius*) was an iconic species, measuring up to 7 m in length, dating back from 200 million years ago, and therefore swimming the rivers when dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Its ancestral home was the Yangtze River.

But how did the study determine that it has gone extinct? Chinese researchers made this conclusion based on the Red List criteria of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The Red List has several categories for extinction, or for how endangered a species is. For example, “extinct in the wild” means a species survives only in a captive environment while “locally extinct” means a species has ceased to exist in a particular area but may exist in other areas. Then there is “functionally extinct”, which means the species continues to exist but it has too few members to enable to reproduce meaningfully enough to ensure survival. To be “globally extinct”, it means a species has no surviving member any-

where. Such a conclusion is reached when there is no reasonable doubt left that its last member has died.

Declaring a species extinct is an elaborate process. It involves a series of exhaustive surveys, which need to be taken at appropriate times, throughout the species' historic range and over a time-frame that is appropriate to the species' life cycle and form. When these surveys fail to record the existence of any individuals belonging to that species, a species may be presumed to be extinct. Once declared extinct, a species is not eligible for protective measures and conservation funding; therefore, the declaration has significant consequences.

In the case of the Chinese paddlefish, the researchers made the conclusion over long-term surveys. It was once common in the Yangtze, before overfishing and habitat fragmentation — including dam building — caused its population to dwindle from the 1970s onwards. Between 1981 and 2003, there were just around 210 sightings of the fish. The researchers estimate that it became functionally extinct by 1993, and extinct sometime between 2005-2010.

THIS WORD MEANS CORONAVIRUS

New virus identified as agent in China disease outbreak. Why is it called a coronavirus?

ON FRIDAY, *The Indian Express* published a report, sourced from *The New York Times*, about a new virus identified by Chinese researchers. They said it was responsible for a new pneumonia-like illness that had swept Wuhan since last month, leaving 59 ill and created panic. The researchers described the infectious agent as a “coronavirus”, identified in a hospitalised person with pneumonia in Wuhan.

Coronaviruses are a specific family of viruses, with some of them causing less-severe damage, such as the common cold, and others causing respiratory and intestinal diseases. A coronavirus has many “regularly arranged” protrusions on its surface, because of which the entire virus particle looks like an emperor's crown, hence the name “coronavirus”. Apart from human beings, coronaviruses can affect mammals including pigs, cattle, cats, dogs, martens, camels, hedgehogs and some birds. So far, there are four

known disease-causing coronaviruses, among which the best known are the SARS corona virus and the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) coronavirus, both of which can cause severe respiratory diseases.

In the newly identified coronavirus, a direct link with the disease has not been established yet. Previously, there was speculation that the mystery illness was related to the SARS epidemic in China in the latter half of 2002 that killed roughly 350 people. Now, the new coronavirus has been detected in over 15 cases so far. No deaths have been reported, nor has any case been reported of human-to-human transmission.

As per state-owned CCTV, the new coronavirus is different from human coronaviruses already known. WHO said in a statement that further investigations are required to determine the source, modes of transmission and extent of infection caused by the new virus.

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Reading Australia fire signals

Forest fires are routine during the Australian summer, but what’s happening now is on an unprecedented scale. A look at the extent of damage, and how the likely causes bear out long-time climate concerns



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FOR MORE than three weeks now, striking photographs from Australian towns and villages, bathed in an orange background, have been making global headlines, and circulating on social media. The gloomy orange background is because of smoke from an unprecedented spate of forest fires in large parts of Australia for more than three months now.

Forest fires, or bushfires as they are known in some parts of the world, are common occurrences in Australia during the summer season, but the scale and intensity this year have been extraordinary, and scientists are already attributing it to climate change. Many of them are warning that the scenes from Australia could be a glimpse of the future that awaits our planet if urgent action is not initiated on climate change.

What causes forest fires?

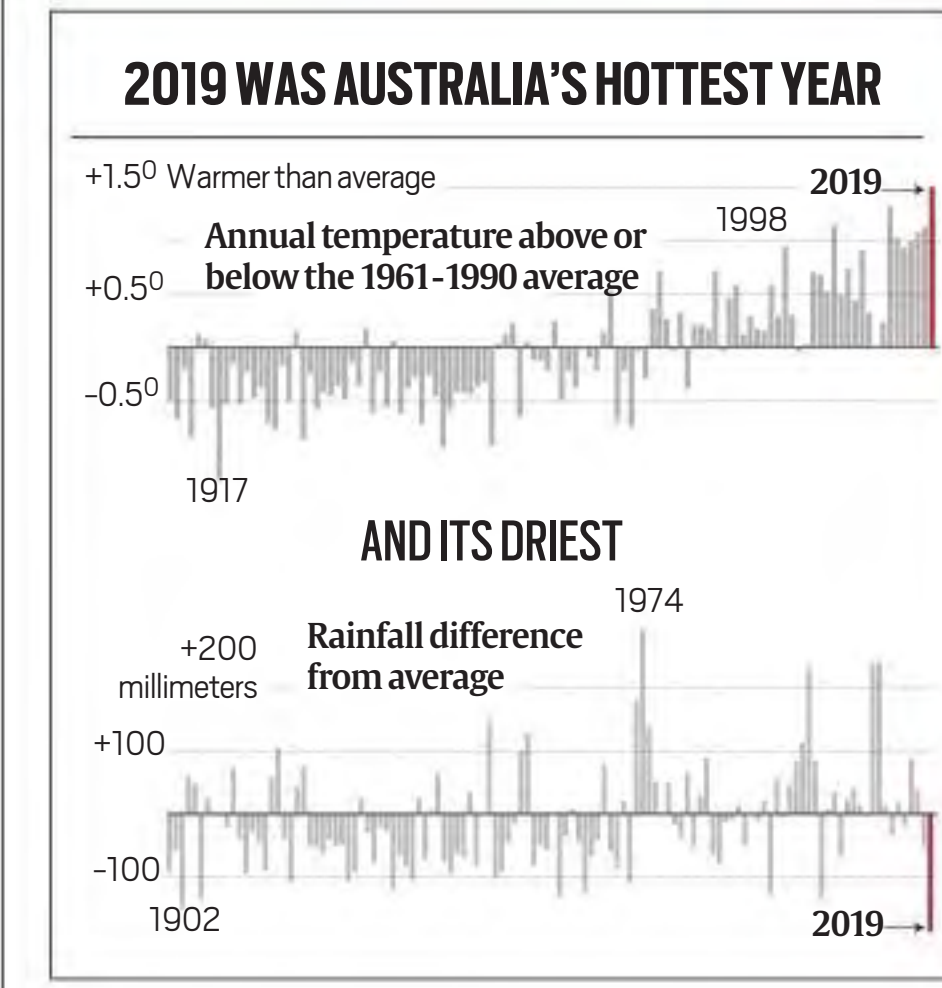
Forest fires, or wild fires, routinely occur across the world in hot and dry seasons. Dry leaves, grass, shrubs, deadwood etc are easily combustible. Ignition happens naturally, from lightning strikes for example, or accidentally, from sources such as cigarette stubs. Suitable speed and direction of wind helps spread a forest fire faster. It usually comes to an end due to rain or because there is no further contiguous vegetation to spread to. Sometimes, fires are ignited on purpose, either to clear the land, or even to control an incoming forest fire by removing vegetation that would have aided the incoming fire's further spread.

Last year, the fires in the Amazon forests in Brazil had become controversial because they were largely seen to have been a result of deliberate burning by farmers and large agro-industry players keen on getting more land. Major forest fires were reported last year in the US, Canada and Europe too. During the summer months, fires are common in the forests of India as well, though their scale and impact are much smaller.

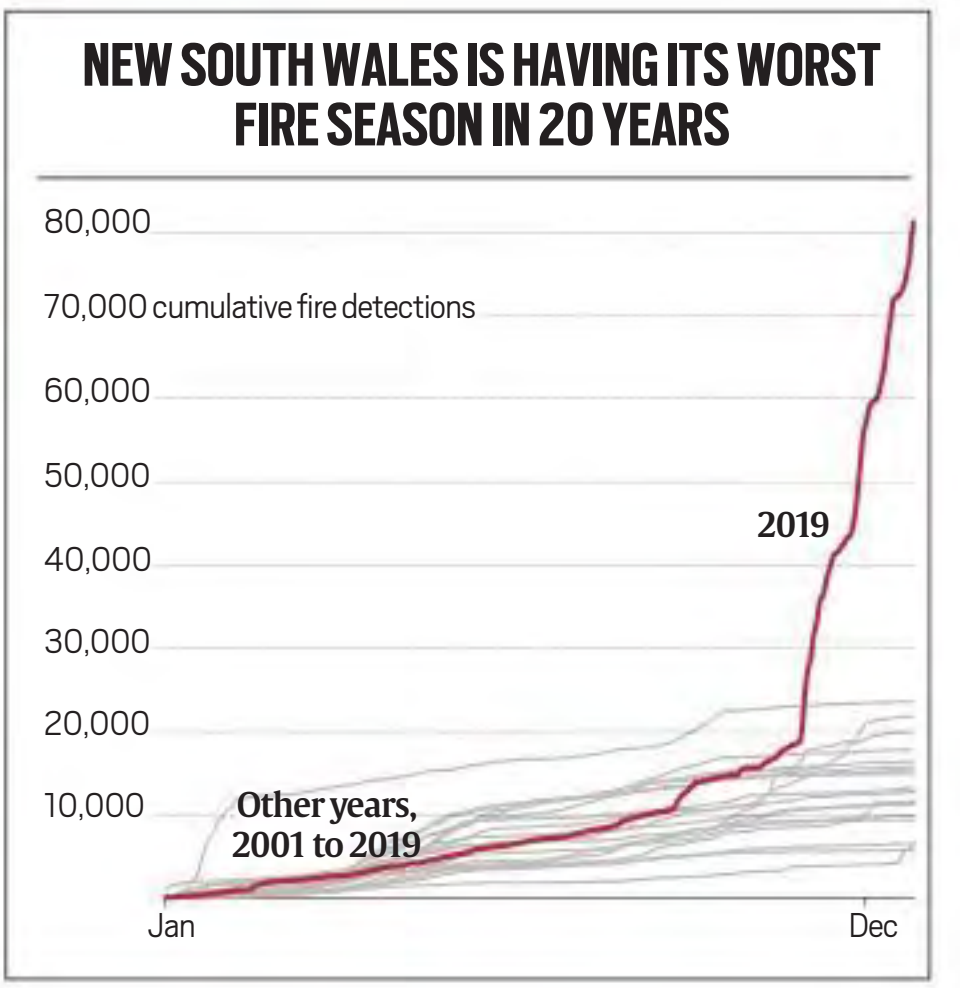
How common are forest fires in Australia?

Australia, where the summer starts around October, is known to be the most fire-prone of all continents. This is mainly because Australia is also the driest inhabited continent. Almost 70 per cent of its area comprises arid or semi-arid land, with average annual rainfall less than 350 mm, according to the Australian government's Department of Environment and Energy.

Australia has about 134 million hectares of forest land, most of it in the north and east. Bushfires are pretty common every year in summer. Australian government data show



Sources: NASA Terra and Aqua satellite data and Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology via The New York Times



that about 55 million hectares of forest land, more than 40 per cent of the entire forests, had been affected by at least one such fire in the period between 2011 and 2016.

So, how are the ongoing fires different?

This Australian summer, the spread and intensity of forest fires are something never seen before. According to a Reuters report earlier this week, the fire has impacted more than 10.3 million hectares of forest land so far, an area the size of South Korea. Twenty-seven people have so far died, while reports suggest millions of wild animals might have been killed. Australia's Environment Minister said up to 30 per cent of the koala population was feared to have perished in the fires.

Several record-breaking weather conditions are believed to have contributed to this unprecedented wave of forest fires. The Australian Bureau of Meteorology confirmed on Thursday that 2019 happened to be the warmest and driest year for the country since 1900. Daytime temperatures were, on an average, 2°C higher than normal, while average rainfall for the country was 40% below normal. Heat and dryness are the key preconditions for the ignition and spread of forest fires.

Australia is in the midst of a prolonged drought, now spreading to three consecutive years. The three years between 2017 and 2019 were the driest 36-month period ever in the Murray-Darling Basin and New South Wales. For last year at least, the problem has been compounded by the presence of one of

the strongest-ever positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) events. The IOD, which refers to the difference in sea-surface temperatures in the eastern and western Indian Ocean, either aids or cuts off moisture supply to Australia, depending on whether the western Indian Ocean is cooler or the eastern. This year, the eastern Indian Ocean has been unusually cold, and that contributed to the rainfall deficiency over Australia.

Another indicator of the extent of dryness this year is the condition of soil moisture which is at historic lows in the areas most affected by the fires. Scientists also point to a rare stratospheric warming over Antarctica — temperatures were 30°C to 40°C higher than normal in the region 10 to 50 km from Earth's surface — as yet another extraordinary weather event that could have contributed to the unusual heat and dryness in Australia.

Can it be attributed to climate change?

Usually, scientists are wary of attributing any single contemporary event to climate change, mainly because of the difficulty in completely ruling out the possibility of the event having been caused by some other reason, or a result of natural variability. In this case, however, there is strong evidence to indicate that nearly all the drivers of the extraordinary heat and dryness in Australia, which has led to these unprecedented forest fires, could directly be linked to climate change.

The warming trend that made 2019 the

warmest year on record for Australia, the prolonged drought, severe rainfall deficiencies, the strongly positive IOD and low soil moisture can all be easily attributed to climate change.

More significantly, exactly these kinds of bushfires, of higher intensity and wider spread, have been predicted by climate change studies in the past. As far back as 2007, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) had said in its fourth assessment report that climate change was likely to increase the frequency of fires in Australia. This has been re-emphasised in all recent IPCC reports.

“In south-east Australia, the frequency of very high and extreme fire danger days is likely to rise by four to 25 per cent by 2020 and 15 to 70 per cent by 2050,” the IPCC report had said in its 2007 report. The fiercest fires this season have also been concentrated in south-east Australia. “In both Australia and New Zealand, the fire season length is likely to be extended,” the report had said.

The Australian bushfires are therefore being seen as one of the biggest climate disasters of our times. And it is likely to intensify even further, considering that the Australian summer is not yet over. Thousands of people have already been rendered homeless, and Australian authorities, on Thursday, told the people to be ready for more mass evacuations, particularly those living in the south-eastern parts where the fires have caused the maximum devastation.

TOPOF THE WORLD



Gotabaya Rajapaksa

SRI LANKA
Probe into graft panels set up by previous govt

Colombo: President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Friday ordered a presidential probe on the previous government's anti-corruption panels which investigated the members of the Rajapaksa family including himself. Two retired senior judges and a former police chief have been appointed to the panel which has been mandated to come out with a report within six months from January 9, according to a gazette issued by the government. The probe panels investigated the members of the Rajapaksa family on the alleged misconduct during 2005 and 2015.

THAILAND
Toddler among 3 killed by man in mall robbery

Bangkok: Thai police were hunting Friday for a masked assailant who went on a shooting spree at a shopping mall, killing three people, including a 2-year-old boy, and wounding four others as he robbed a jewelry store. Security footage from the Thursday night spree at a Robinson mall in Lopburi province, north of Bangkok, shows a man wearing a ski mask, camouflage pants and a backpack across his chest shooting a customer at the shop and a sales clerk. "The robber was merciless. We are looking for him in every place," Regional police commander Lt Gen Ampol Buaruppon said.

ISRAEL
Man convicted of spying for Syria released

Jerusalem: Israel has announced the release of two prisoners — one of whom was convicted of spying for Syria — as part of a swap deal brokered by Russia. Sidqi al-Maqt, from the Druze community in the annexed Golan Heights, was jailed in 2015 to 11 years for spying, treason, contact with a foreign agent and transfer of information to the Syrian government. He had already spent several years behind bars in Israel for spying. "Security prisoner Sidqi Al-Maqt will be released tomorrow (Friday) January 10..." Israel's prison authority said late Thursday.

TENSIONS OVER UKRAINE AIRLINER CRASH

After US, Canada points to Iranian missile, Tehran says share intel

AGENCIES

OTTAWA, JANUARY 10

PRIME MINISTER Justin Trudeau said Thursday multiple intelligence sources indicate that Iran shot down a Ukrainian airliner after it took off from Tehran, killing all 176 on board, including 63 Canadians.

Trudeau's comments came as video emerged that appeared to show the moment the airliner was hit. That and other footage posted on social media increasingly pointed to a catastrophic mistake by Tehran's air defense batteries in bringing down Ukraine International Airlines Flight PS752 early Wednesday.

The video, which *The New York Times* said it verified, shows a fast-moving object rising at an angle into the sky before a bright flash is seen, which dims and then continues moving forward. Several seconds later an explosion is heard. Citing information from allies as well as Canada's own intelligence, Trudeau said the plane appeared to have been hit by an Iranian surface-to-air (SAM) missile.

"We know this may have been unintentional. Canadians have questions, and they deserve answers," Trudeau told reporters.

He was backed by other leaders, including British Prime Minister Boris Johnson who said mounting evidence supported a missile strike, which "may well have been unintentional."

The Iranian government



At a vigil for the victims of the jet crash, in Toronto. Reuters

said the missile strike scenario made "no sense," however, arguing that several internal and international flights had been sharing approximately the same airspace. "What is obvious for us, and what we can say with certainty, is that no missile hit the plane," Ali Abedzadeh, head of Iran's national aviation department, told a press meet.

"If they are really sure, they should come and show their findings to the world" in accordance with international stan-

dards, he added.

Meanwhile, the US also rejected a request by Iraq's caretaker prime minister to send a delegation to prepare to pull out its 5,200 troops in the country.

"At this time, any delegation sent to Iraq would be dedicated to discussing how to best recommit to our strategic partnership — not to discuss troop withdrawal, but our right, appropriate force posture in the Middle East," State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus said.

US HANDS OVER DATA TO UKRAINE

■ US officials have handed Kiev 'important data' following a plane crash in Iran, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko said on Friday

■ "President Volodymyr Zelensky and I met with US representatives," Prystaiko said on Twitter. "We have

received important data which will be processed by our experts."

■ Earlier, President Volodymyr Zelensky had pleaded with the US and other Western countries to release the evidence showing that the jet had been shot down

US House votes to restrain Trump's Iran war powers amid charged debate

Iraqi cleric slams 'violations of sovereignty'

CATIE EDMONDSON & CHARLIE SAVAGE

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 10

A SHARPLY divided House voted on Thursday to force President Trump to come to Congress for authorization before taking further military action against Iran, in a sharp response to his ratcheting up of hostilities with Tehran without the explicit approval of the legislative branch.

The vote was 224 to 194, almost entirely along party lines, to curtail Trump's war-making power. It came as Democrats insisted that the president must in-



'AMERICAN JUSTICE'

President Donald Trump used his first campaign rally of 2020 to argue he served up 'American justice' by ordering a drone strike to take out Iranian General Qassem Soleimani. "We didn't have time to call up Nancy, who isn't operating with a full deck," he said of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. AP

volve Congress in any escalation against Iran, and Republicans — following Trump's lead — accused Democrats of coddling the enemy in questioning the commander in chief at a dangerous moment.

Iraq cleric condemns Washington, Tehran

Meanwhile, Iraq's top Shi'ite Muslim cleric on Friday condemned the US-Iranian military confrontation taking place on Iraqi soil, saying it risked plunging the war-ravaged country and the wider Middle East into deeper conflict.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani said attacks by both sides inside Iraq this month showed blatant disregard for Iraqi sovereignty and its people stood to suffer the most from Washington and Tehran's conflict. NYT

Washington imposes more Iran sanctions

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 10

THE TRUMP administration on Friday announced a new wave of sanctions on Iran after this week's missile strikes by the Islamic Republic on US bases in Iraq.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the sanctions will target eight senior Iranian officials involved in "destabilising" activities in the Middle East as well as Tuesday's missile strike.

Mnuchin said President Donald Trump will issue an executive order imposing sanctions on anyone involved in the Iranian textile, construction, manufacturing or mining sectors. They will also impose separate sanctions against the steel and iron sectors.

Meghan returns to Canada as royals seek to solve rift

MICHAEL HOLDEN

LONDON, JANUARY 10

MEGHAN, THE wife of Prince Harry, has gone back to Canada to be with their son after the couple provoked a rift with Britain's royal family by unexpectedly announcing they would be stepping back from their roles to spend more time in North America.

Queen Elizabeth and other senior British royals were trying to calm the crisis by thrashing out a plan for Harry and Meghan after the couple blindsided the family by going public with their announcement without consultation. The couple spent six weeks in Canada at the end of last year before returning to Britain and their first official engagement of 2020 was to visit Canada House to say thank you for what they said had been an "unbelievable" welcome.

Their baby son, Archie, remained in Canada as Harry and Meghan returned to announce that they would step back from royal duties and build a more "progressive" role for themselves. Meghan has now returned to Canada to be with her son, a spokeswoman said.

The couple - formally the Duke and Duchess of Sussex - said they had been reflecting for months before making the decision, which would see them divide



The royals were trying to calm the crisis by thrashing out a plan for the couple

their time between Britain and North America to allow them and Archie the space they needed. They also said they intended to become financially independent.

The couple, who spoke of their struggles dealing with the intense media attention in a TV interview last October, revealed their decision to step back from royal duties on Instagram, leaving senior royals hurt and disappointed.

Discussions over the future had only been at a preliminary stage and neither the queen nor Prince Charles — Harry's father and heir to the throne — were consulted on the release of their statement or its contents, a royal source said. As the crisis engulfed the Windsors, aides who work for the queen, Charles, and Harry's elder brother William were trying to find a solution. REUTERS



Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen in Taipei on Friday. Reuters

World is watching our democracy: Taiwan prez on election eve

YIMOULEE

TAIPEI, JANUARY 10

THE WORLD is watching what choice Taiwan makes as the only Chinese-speaking democracy, President Tsai Ing-wen said on Friday, the eve of elections in which Tsai said a vote for her would be a vote for freedom.

Taiwan holds presidential and parliamentary polls on Saturday in the shadow of a ramped up effort by China to get the democratic island to accept Beijing's rule.

"To choose Tsai Ing-wen and Enoch Wu is to choose to stand together with democracy and freedom," Tsai told reporters. Wu is an up-and-coming member of Tsai's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP).

"More importantly, it shows our determination to defend our country and sovereignty," added Tsai. She said Taiwan is the "only democratic country in all Chinese-speaking societies in the world". "The whole world is watching how we make our choice." REUTERS

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The stakes: Nature of ties with China

THE CHINA issue has dominated the election, especially after Chinese President Xi Jinping had threatened to attack Taiwan last year. Tsai has been critical of China's alleged attempts to erode Taiwan's freedom. Her main poll rival, Han Kuo-yu, favours closer ties with China, though he has said he will defend the island's democracy, Beijing, which had in 2005 passed a law authorising force if Taiwan secedes, will likely consider a victory by Han to be the best outcome.

No Considerable Habitat Remains For Many Species, That Leads To Local Extinction Events'

Australian animals face extinction threat as bushfire toll mounts

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

GLENMORE PARK, JANUARY 10

WHEN VOLUNTEER Sarah Price found a baby kangaroo frightened but miraculously alive in the pouch of its dying mother surrounded by the embers of Australia's bushfires, it seemed fitting to name him Chance.

The furry pair had survived flames that have ripped through much of southeastern Australia, but the mother's organs later collapsed from acute stress — making her one among the more than

one billion animals estimated to have died in the crisis so far.

Chance is slowly recovering, getting regular food and water and hiding out in a bag in a darkened room — a rare success story amid a disaster that has shocked even volunteers accustomed to Australia's frequent bushfires and prolonged droughts.

"We are not seeing the amount of animals coming into care or needing rescuing that we would normally anticipate," Price, who works with wildlife rescue group WIRES, told AFP.

Haunting images of koalas

with singed fur, possums with burnt paws or countless charred kangaroo carcasses have flashed around the world and have come to symbolise a nation and an environment buckling under the weight of a crisis fuelled by climate change. The populations of less visible creatures, such as frogs, insects, invertebrates and reptiles, are also expected to have been devastated.

Experts warn that even those animals that survive face a perilous fight to stay alive.

"A lot of the animals die after the fire because they have a lack



A koala rescued from a burning forest on Kangaroo Island. NYT

was not immediately known, Dawn newspaper reported.

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Amanullah was among the 15 people killed in the incident, Quetta Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Abdul Razzaq Cheema said. According to some media reports, the slain police officer was the likely target. Last month, unidentified gunmen killed the DSP's son in Quetta, The Express Tribune reported.

Twenty others were also injured in the blast, the report said.

Law enforcement agencies have cordoned off the area to in-

vestigate the incident.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blast.

Pakistan military's media wing ISPR said troops of the Frontier Corp (FC) Balochistan reached the site. "Every possible assistance be given to police & civil administration. Those who targeted innocents in a mosque can never be true Muslim," the ISPR quoted army chief General Qamar Bajwa as saying.

Balochistan Chief Minister Jam Kamal Khan condemned the incident and expressed grief at the loss of lives.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I hitherto known as Narayan Singh alias Narayan Singh Bisht S/o late Sh. Durga Singh residing at khasara No.10/10, House No.8 Gali No-1, Block-A Shastri-park Extn., Uttara khand-Enclave(Burari) Delhi-110084 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Narayan Singh Bisht.

0040527235-3

Name of my son has been wrongly mentioned as Azar Mahmood instead Azar Mahmood in my service records. It needs correction. Any objections be filed within seven days to the concerned unit. Ab Majeed Badana (No 12964229A) 161 Infantry Battalion TA&H&H JAKLI R/O Hafrada, Teshil Handwara, District Kupwara (J&K)

0020400212-1

It is for general information that I Rajni Gautam W/O Lalit Prakash Gautam D/O Girdhar Singh R/o.H.No.- 10146, Gali No-1, West Gorakh-Park, Shahdara, North-East Delhi, Delhi-110032 inform that name of mine has been wrongly written as Rajani in my 10th-class certificate.The actual name of mine is Rajni Gautam respectively which may be amended accordingly.

0040527225-4

It is for general information that I Lalit Prakash Gautam S/o Bhanwar Singh R/o H.No.- 10146, Gali No-1, West Gorakh-Park, Shahdara, North-East Delhi, Delhi-110032 inform that name of mine has been wrongly written as Lalit Parkash Gautem in my 10th-class certificate.The actual name of mine is Lalit Prakash Gautam respectively which may be amended accordingly.

0040527225-5

I,Nidhi Gupta,D/o-Vipin Kumar,R/o-H.No-63,Gali.No-1,Bhagat Vihar,Karawal-Nagar,Delhi-110094,Inform.That Name,Of My Father,Name Has,Been Wrongly-Written As RAVINDRA GUPTA,In My,10TH-Marksheet&Certificate.The Actual,Name Of,My Father Is VIPIN KUMAR,For All,Purposes.

0040527189-4

I,Neha Gupta,D/o-Ravinder Kumar,Gupta,R/o-H.No-63,Gali.No-1,Bhagat Vihar,Karawal-Nagar,Delhi-110094,Inform.That Name,Of,My Father,Name Has,Been Wrongly-Written As RAVINDRA GUPTA,In My,10TH-Marksheet&Certificate.The Actual,Name Of,My Father,Is RAVINDER KUMAR GUPTA,For,All,Purposes.

0040527189-3

I,Kehkashan Bano W/o-Abu Nasar Khan R/o-3081,Ground/Floor Kucha Sadullah Khan,Behind Golcha Cinema,DaryaGanj, Delhi,have changed my name to Kehkashan for all future purpose.

0040527165-3

I,Geeta Chadha W/o- Shri Jugal Kishore R/o-House, No-469, Street.No.7,Near-Ram Mandir, Pratap Nagar,Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Geeta Tuteja after marriage for all,future purpose.

0040527189-6

I,Mallayyar Magudeeshwaran S/o Mallayyan R/o-B-419, JJ Colony, Budhnagar, Inderpuri,Delhi-110012 have changed my name to Magudeeshwaran for all purposes.

0040527189-1

I,Abu Nassar khan S/o-Abdul Mazed Khan,R/o-3081,Ground/Floor Kucha Sadullah Khan,Behind Golcha Cinema,DaryaGanj, Delhi,have changed my name to Abu Nasar Khan for all,future purpose.

0040527189-5

I,kumud vasisht S/o pramendra kumar sharma R/o H.No-D-1-13-5, DLF Dilshad EXTN-2 Sahibabad, Gzd, U.P.-201005 have Inform that kumud vasisht & kumud vasishitha one & same person for all future purposes.

0040527153-1

I,hitherto known as Sneha D/o Sh.Bhopal Singh R/o C-24, Hudco Place Extension, Andrewsganj, Delhi-110049 presently residing at C-191, Pocket-1, Kendriya Vihar-2, Sector-82, Noida, GautamBuddha-Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201304 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sneha Singh.

0040527225-3

I,Yogendra Kumar S/o Mihi Lal R/O H.No.426, Housing-Board Colony, Sector-18, Faridabad, have changed my name to Yogender Kumar Dubey.

0040527218-10

I, Vinod Kumar Bernalwal S/O Prabhuji Ji Bernalwal R/O RZ-100a, Street No-2, Sitapuri Part-2 Dabri N-110045. Changed My Name To Vinod Kumar Barnwal.

0040527230-4

I, Vikash Srivastava R/o B-212, Sector-31, Noida(U.P.) have changed my daughter's name from Arna Srivastava to Aarna Srivastava for all future purposes.

0040527165-1

I have changed my name from Rinki Kumari to Rinkee Choudhary for all future purposes. Rinkee Choudhary W/O Rajesh Kumar Choudhary R/O H.No. 69, KH. No-420, Behind Gurudwara, Sultanpur Gadaipur Hauz Khas, South

I, Manpreet Kaur Nagi W/O Parvinder Singh, H.No-166, Gopal-Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P-201001, Changed My Name To Manpreet Kaur.

0040527230-6

I, Madan Lal Dawar S/o Shri Jagan Nath R/o A-10/21, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name to Madan Lal for all purposes.

0040527218-2

I, Karan Singh Solanki, S/O, Bharat Singh Solanki, R/O A-102, Mayank-Cghs, Plotno-21, Sector-6, Dwarka, Delhi-110075, That Name Of My Wife Has Been Wrongly Written As Shakuntala Solanki In My Ppo-No.M0032301996 My Wife Correct Name Is Shakuntla Solanki.

0070692157-1

I, Jaya Jha Pathak R/o # 1002, T12, Unitech Habitat, P12, GREATER Noida, 201310 have changed my name to Jaya Jha

0070692154-1

I, Ishminjit Singh R/o 19-B, Janyug Apartments Sec-14 Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Ishmin Singh.

0070692141-3

I, Imran S/O Subhan AIR R/O F-118, G/Floor, Shaheen Bagh, Abul-Fazal-Enclave, Jamia-Nagar, ND-110025, have changed my name to Imran Sah.

0040527230-3

I, Hira Lal Sharma S/o Sh.Mangat Ram Sharma R/o JD-36-C-432-G-8 Janta Rajouri Garden Hari Nagar, Mayu Puri, Delhi T1 Contonment, South West Delhi, 110064 have changed my name Hira Lal S/o Sh.Mangat Ram to Hira Lal Sharma S/O Sh.Mangat Ram Sharma for all future purposes.

0040527144-1

I, Govind Lal Pasricha S/o Shri Piare Lal Pasricha R/O C-1811, Sushant Lok-I, Gurgaon-122009, Declare that I have changed myName from Govind Lal to Govind Lal Pasricha for all purposes in future.

0040527201-1

I, Dimple Rani W/o Mukesh Jain R/O-F-24/87, 2nd-Floor, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Dimple Jain.

0040527183-3

I, Devinder Gandhi S/O Surinder Gandhi R/O Cc-107a, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, Have Changed My Name To Davinder Gandhi.

0040527211-4

I, Daveena Dhingra, W/O Vikas Manaktala, R/O B-9/10, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057, have changed my name to Diviya Manaktala permanently.

0040527230-1

I, Darshan Kumar S/O.Thakur Dass R/O-22 second-floor-Vinobapuri Lajpat Nagar-2 New Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Darshan Kumar Arora permanently.

0040527218-1

I, Avinash Katiyar S/o Sh. Vinod Kumar Katiyar R/O Flat No-6432, Alok Vihar-2,Sector-50, Noida, Distt Gautam Buddh Nagar, U.P.-201301 do hereby solemnly informthat Avinash Katiyar & Avinash Kumar Katiyar both are one and same person.

0040527052-2

I, Atul Garg Parent of Gouranshi R/O- FCA-177, Mukesh-Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, have changed my minor daughters name to Gouranshi Garg.

0040527218-9

I, Ashok Kumar S/O Kishori Lal R/O 3a-Block Lajpat Nagar-1, outh Delhi-110024 Changed My Name To Ashok Sharma

0040527230-5

I, Anju W/o Late Ranjan Kumar R/o 378/4 Bagh kare Khan Kishan Ganj Delhi-110007 changed my name to Anju Kapoor.

0040527211-1

I, Amit Kumar Chaurasia S/o, Ram Chander R/O, F-8/103, Rohini, Sector-15,North West Delhi-110089. Have changed my name to Amit Chaurasia For All Purposes

0040527146-1

I, Abhishek Kumar S/o Ram Balak Singh R/O Ghoswar Vaishali Rajauli, Bihar-844102, that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Abhishek Kumar and Ram Balak PD Singh Respectively in my Matriculation Certificate. The actual name of mine and my father is Abhishek Kumar and Ram Balak Singh Respectively

0070692151-1

I, Indu Chaudhary W/O Ashwani Chaudhary, H.No-409, BrijiVihar, Muradnagar, Ghaziabad, U.P-201206, Changed My Name To Sonali Gupta.

0040527230-7

I, ANIMA Das W/o Lt. shri Tapan Das R/o-H.no-15 hariom kushit ashram tahipur Delhi-95, have changed my son name from Somu das to Piyus das for all the future purpose.

0040527235-4

I Vikas Kumar S/O Devraj Add-2/367, Kala-Kuan, Aravali-Vihar, Housing-Board, Alwar, Rajasthan-301001. Changed My Name To Vikas Kumar Yadav.

0040527211-6

I Tapan Sarkar S/O Nirod Sarkar R/O RZ-18/252, Jagdamba-Vihar, Masjid Road, West-Sagarpur, Delhi-110046. Have Changed my Name to Tapon Sarkar.

0040527218-8

I, Sukh Darshan S/O Sh.Ram Chander Sachdeva R/O-Main Bazar, Sampal, H.No-1196/7,Sampal-36, ROHTAK ,HARYANA-124501 That In My Voter-Id-Card, My Aadhar-Card & My Pan-Card My Father Name Has Been Wrongly Written As Shyam Lal Instead Of Ram Chander Sachdeva Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

0040527235-8

I Sharwan Kumar Singal S/o Suraj Bhan R/o-A-77 First-Floor Ashok-Vihar Phase-2 Delhi-110052. have Changed my name to Sharwan Kumar Singhal. for all purpose.

0040527230-8

T Shabista Nabi D/o Late Gulam Nabi R/O 5417, Unci Gali, Kucha Rehman, Chandni Chowk, Near Town Hall, Delhi G.P.O., Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Shabista Nabi for all purposes.

0040527136-2

TREENA SABILOK D/O RAJ KUMAR SABILOK R/O O Ram Prakash Kapoor R/o C-33, Shankara Charya Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Reena Kapoor

0070692157-1

T Samrithi D/O Rakesh Bansal R/ 75 Urban Estate-II Hisar Haryana have changed my name to Samrithi

0040527230-2

T Nasreen Nabi W/O Late Gulam Nabi R/o 5417, Unci Gali, Kucha Rehman, Chandni Chowk, Near Town Hall, Delhi G.P.O., Delhi-110006 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Hifza Nabi to Hifzah Nabi for all purposes.

0040527136-3

T Mahboob S/O, Ikramuddin R/O A-196, Street No.7, Near New Star School Chauhan Banger, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Mehboob for all purposes.

0040527197-1

T Monika Narula W/O, Sanjiv Narula R/o 30/35, 35A West Patel Nagar have changed my name to Monica Narula for all purposes.

0040527195-1

T Kamaksha Kohli @ Kamaksha Dhunna (age 34 years) D/o Sh.Ashok Kohli presently R/O House No.1210-B, J-Block, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon (Haryana) have changed my name to Reyanika Kohli for all purposes, henceforth i shall be known as Reyanika Kohli only.

0040527136-4

T Indira Wati W/o Dalip Kumar R/O House No-B-63, Block-B, New Palam Vihar, Phase-1, Gurgaon, Haryana-122017, have changed my name to Indira

0070692159-1

T Jagdamba D/o Ramesh Chander R/o 5, Farm Houses, Sattbari, Delhi-110074, have changed my name to Jyoti

0070692161-1

T Hitherto known as Jatinder Singh Son of Shri Surinder Singh Residing at House No.103, Village Panjaur, Distt. Garhshankar, Tehsil. Hoshiarpur Punjab-144404, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jatindero Singh Bansal.

0040527225-10

T Harikesh S/O SH. Jyia Lal Bansal R/O A-2/140 sector 3 Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Harikesh Bansal.

0040527211-8

T Gurpreet Singh R/o F-8, 2nd Floor, Mangal Bazar Road, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018 have changed my minor daughter's name from Japji Palaya to Japji Kaur Playaa for all purposes.

0040527160-1

T Geeta W/o Sh. Ajay Kumar R/O H.No-712, Sector-16A HIG Vasundhara Ghaziabad U.P-201012 have changed my name to Geeta Swaroop.

0040527183-1

T Faizan Ali S/o-syed dilidar Ali Add-D-63rd floor, Okhla-Vihar, Okhla Delhi-110025. Changed my name to syed Faizan Ali.

0040527230-10

T Dushyant Pal Singh Sisodia alias Dushyant P Singh Sisodiya S/o Late Param Pal Singh Sisodiya R/o Flat No.114, DDA Flats, Sector-2, Pocket-1, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 have changed my name to Dushyant Sisodiya for all purposes.

0040527136-5

T Balbir Jagdeo Singh S/O Jagdeo Lal Ji Singh R/O-Flat.No-B-1805 Grand-Anjara Heritage Sector-74 Noida U.P-201301.Changed my Name To Balbir Singh.

0040527211-7

T Avnash Singh S/o Sawarn Singh R/O WZ-66/5A Manohar Nagar Vikasपुरi New Delhi-110018 Have Changed my Name to Anbnasha Singh

0040527141-1

T Anuj S/O Gurudev Singh R/O 688 SriNagar Colony Bharat Nagar Road Delhi-110052. Changed My Name To Anuj Rai.

0040527225-2

T Anil Kumar S/o Sh.Ram Niwas Verma R/o House No.1428-A/96, Talab Road, Ganeshpura, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Anil Verma for all purposes.

0040527136-1

T Jasbir Singh Sehra S/O, Harminder Singh R/O E-2/30, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi 110089 have changed my name to Jasbir Singh for all purposes.

0040527199-1

COURT NOTICE

PROCLAIMATION/REQUIRE ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (ORDER) s rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure) In the court of Sh. Anshul Mehta (Civil Judge-04 (Central)) Room No. 117-A, 1st Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

File No.: GS/SC/23218/2019

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the court, this 24-12-2019.

Sd/- Manoj Kumar & Anr. To, Ms. Babita D/o Sh. Shiv K. Khatri, R/o 37/8, Railway Colony, Kishan Ganj, Delhi-110007

The Defendant above named WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 11-08-2020 (the day fixed for the final disposal) it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Sd/- Civil Judge-04 (Central) Delhi

LOST & FOUND

Lost original share certificate of Flat No.60 of Luxmi Vihar Co-op. Group Housing Society Ltd., (Regd.) Block H-3, Plot No. 24, Bodella, Phase-II, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018 belonging to Sunil Puniani S/o Nandlal. FIR lodged vide LR No.32925/20 dated:09-01-2020. Founder inform at:9810479741

0040527142-1

Lost the original CBSE Secondary Grade Sheet cum certificate of year 2017 Roll No. 8698195 & Senior Secondary school certificate of year 2019 Roll No. 9668497 in the name of Shruti Jha D/o Surender Jha R/O C-381, Indir Enclave Phase 1 Kharī Suleman Nagar New Delhi-110086. M:8920875273

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T, SUNITA D/O Niranjan Dev, h.no-2862 Railway-road p.o.Adampur doaba distt-jalandhar punjab-144102, have lost my original/certificate class-10th(1979) Rollno-86835 class-12th(1981) Rollno-333339 CBSE- Delhi.

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T, Manik Hazra S/o Ravinder Hazra have lost my original certificate of class 10th Roll No. 8621269 exam session 2010-12 issued by CBSE. Finder contact 9990773469

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smt. Kalawati W/o. Sh. Ram Dass, and Sh. Ram Dass S/o. Late Sh. Ram Rao R/o. H.No. 585B, Ambikad Nagar, Haidenpur, Delhi-110058, have downed/debarred their son Parveen and his wife Smt. Neetu and his son Lakshay from their movable and immovable properties and other assets and have severed all their family relations with them by all means, any dealing with them by any one herself/himself shall be responsible for the same.

ANIL KUMAR-ADVOCATE Ch. No. 39A, Near Post Office, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Shri Bhupinder Singh Narang son of late Shri Surender Singh S/o. Vishal Enclave-1, New Delhi has disowned and debarred his son, Shri Harkaran Singh Narang finally and forever, who consequently, shall not have any right, title or interest of any nature, whatsoever, in any of the immovable, movable properties and assets belonging to and owned by or to be owned by my abovenamed client, henceforthwith. My client, thus, shall not be responsible, in any manner whatsoever, for any acts/omissions of the abovenamed person, henceforthwith.

NEERAJ TEWARI (Advocate) Ch. 57B, W.Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client S. Sukhvinder Singh Anand s/o late Harbhajan Singh R/o 20/16 2nd floor, Pooja Bagh Ext. New Delhi-110025 hereby declare that Kumar Pukhraj Singh s/o late Rajinder Singh Anand who is son-in-law of my client's elder brother named Parminder Singh Anand. He has ran away from his residence with his family. He took loan from several persons including my client S. Sukhvinder Singh Anand. my client severed all relations with him. Whosoever deals with him, my client is not responsible for any of his act, dealing & business my client does not have any concern with him.

SHUPINDER SINGH (Advocate) Ch. No. B-139-142, B.G.S. Block Tis Hazari courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

MAY IT BE KNOWN TO GENERAL PUBLIC'S NOTICE THAT my clients Sh. Bharat Bhushan & his wife Smt. Shiv Devi, both residents of R-882, Jwalapur, capm No. 5, Phase-VI, Vihar, Delhi-110017, do hereby sever all of their social relations with their son, namely Sunil Kumar, aged about 30 years and their daughter-in-law, namely Komal Koniwal Bansal, aged about 24 years, debar them from all their relations including movable and immovable properties, as they are disobedient, disrespectful & unprofessional in nature. Whosoever will deal with them whether personally or professionally, shall do so at their own risk, cost and consequences. My clients will not be liable for any of their acts, omissions, dealings, transactions etc. with immediate effect.

SUNIT BAJAJIA (Advocate) Ch. No. 398, Civil Side, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that the client Ramanand Sharma S/o Late Sh. Tula Ram Sharma R/o Flat No. 34, Site-IV, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110118 purchaser of Flat No.34 Floor First, Site-IV Category Janta. In the area of Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110118 has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold dated 7-11-2019 in DDA. The original documents i.e. DDA Possession Letter, Title Deed Possession Slip of the above Flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged vide LR No. 28075/20 dated 08-01-2020 with Crime Branch, Delhi-54.

Any Person/s claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write/contact with above named person at above address/ Phone No. 9811641452 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest or objection with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LAB) H or Director (H), D-1 Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan N/A, New Delhi.

Sd/-SUBHASH C.RAWAT Advocate Enrolment No. D13/142018


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My clients Ashok Kumar S/o Late Han Chand and Shashi W/o Astick Kumar R/o Senborya Kanya Vidyapeeth, B-Block, Janak Puri, New Delhi-58, have severed their relations from their son Akash and their daughter-in-law Kalpana; and disowned and debarred them from all movable and immovable properties and shall not be responsible for any acts, deeds and things done by Akash and Kalpana in past, present and future. Any one who deals with them shall be doing at his/her/their own cost and risk; and my clients will not be held responsible of their acts. **Shiv Datt Arin (Advocate)** S.R.-11 Dist. Centre: Jansanjari, New Delhi-58


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SENSEX: 41,599.72 ▲ 147.37 NIFTY: 12,256.80 ▲ 40.90 NIKKEI: 23,850.57 ▲ 110.70 HANG SENG: 28,638.20 ▲ 77.20 FTSE: 7,591.23 ▼ 6.89 DAX: 13,525.60 ▲ 30.54

**GOLD**
₹40,554

**RUPEE**
₹70.94

**OIL**
\$66.34

**SILVER**
₹47,695

*Indian basket as on January 9, 2020

*International market data till 1900 IST

RECORDS EXPANSION OF 1.8%, AFTER THREE MONTHS OF CONTRACTION Nov factory output sees growth on higher manufacturing, favourable base effect

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

AFTER THREE months of contraction, factory output grew 1.8 per cent in November 2019, primarily driven by improvement in manufacturing output and a favourable base effect, data from the National Statistical Offices showed.

Manufacturing sector — which carries a weight of 77.63 per cent in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) — grew 2.7 per cent in November 2019 as against 2.3 per cent contraction in the preceding month and 0.7 per cent contraction in the corresponding period in 2018, the data showed.

IIP growth was at 0.2 per cent in November 2018, while for October 2019, the output was further revised down to (-)4 per cent from (-)3.8 per cent estimated earlier. Cumulatively, the industrial output for April-November

EXPLAINED E. Encouraging signs, but too early to be labelled recovery

AFTER THREE months of contraction, industrial output has recovered in November. The rise has been mainly due to a favourable base effect and manufacturing growth, even as investment demand and consumer non-durables posted a contraction.

Though IIP has risen, experts are cautious to term it as a recovery even though a low base effect is likely to support the growth going ahead but key use-based sectors such as capital goods, consumer durables, infrastructure goods are still showing contraction.

grew at a meagre 0.6 per cent as against 5.0 per cent in the same period a year ago.

Industrial output growth in November was supported by a rise in intermediate goods output

and consumer non-durables. Intermediate goods output recorded a growth of 17.1 per cent in November as against a 4.1 per cent contraction last year, while consumer non-durables — con-

sisting of mainly the fast-moving consumer goods — posted a 2.0 per cent growth as against 0.3 per cent contraction last year, reflecting pickup due to festival demand.

However, capital goods output — a measure of investment demand — contracted for the eleventh straight month, declining 8.6 per cent in November 2019 as against a 4.1 per cent contraction in the corresponding month in 2018 but improved from 22.0 per cent contraction in October 2019, the data showed. Consumer durables output stayed in the negative territory for the sixth consecutive month by contracting 1.5 per cent in November as against a contraction of 3.0 per cent last year and 18.8 per cent contraction in the previous month.

Electricity output stayed in the negative territory for the fourth consecutive month, contracting 5 per cent as against a growth of 5.1 per cent in November 2018.

Mining sector output decelerated to 1.7 per cent from 2.7 per cent in the year ago month.

Analysts said though industrial output has turned positive, it may be too early to term it as a recovery since a low base is going to support IIP growth in the coming months till March.

"India Ratings and Research believes turnaround in factory output growth from de-growth to growth though is a welcome sign, it still cannot be interpreted as some kind of a green shoot on the industrial front as a number of key use based sectors, like consumer durables, capital goods, basic goods and infrastructure goods are still showing de-growth. Unless and until majority of the use based sectors show positive growth on a sustained basis, it would be difficult to believe that Indian industrial sector has come out of the woods," Sunil Kumar Sinha, principal economist, India Ratings said.

Slowdown takes toll: 2019 auto sales 'worst-ever' in two decades

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

THE AUTOMOBILE industry recorded its worst-ever sales decline in two decades in 2019, with an unprecedented slowdown hampering vehicle offtake across segments, according to industry body SIAM.

As per data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) on Friday, all vehicle segments reported de-growth last year as low consumer sentiments, weak rural demand and economic slowdown took toll on demand.

Overall wholesale of vehicles during the year across categories, including passenger vehicles, two-wheelers and commercial vehicles, saw a decline of 13.77 per cent in 2019 at 2,30,73,438 units as against 2,67,58,787 units in 2018. This is the worst fall in sales since the industry body started recording monthly and yearly sales data in 1997. The previous lowest was recorded in 2007 when overall

WORST FALL IN PV SALES SINCE 2013

■ Overall wholesale of vehicles during the year across categories saw a 13.77% fall in 2019 at 2,30,73,438 units as against 2,67,58,787 units in 2018, as per SIAM data

■ Total passenger vehicle (PV) sales in 2019 fell 12.75%; the worst performance since 2013

sales had declined by 1.44 per cent.

Similarly, total passenger vehicle sales during 2019 declined by 12.75 per cent to 29,62,052 units as compared with 33,94,790 units a year ago. This is the worst performance in the segment since 2013 when sales witnessed a dip of 7.49 per cent.

Two-wheeler sales also saw a dip of 14.19 per cent last year to 1,85,68,280 units as compared

with 2,16,40,033 units in 2018. Likewise, total commercial vehicles saw a dip of 14.99 per cent to 8,54,759 units as against 10,05,502 units in 2018.

"Challenges remain for the auto industry despite the government bringing in several growth enablers. GDP growth rate remains an area of worry as commercial vehicle segment is clearly linked to it. Besides, low demand from rural areas continues to be a matter of concern," SIAM president Rajan Wadhwa said.

In passenger vehicles, utility vehicles are driving sales as other segments are not performing that well, he added. When asked about the 2020 outlook, Wadhwa said the situation is going to remain tough due to impending changeover to the BS-VI emission regime.

"We expect prices of commercial vehicles to go up by 8-10 per cent due to BS-VI norms and it is going to impact demand. But, if economic growth is there, this factor would not be such a sore point," Wadhwa said.

'India's oil demand growth to overtake China by mid-2020s'

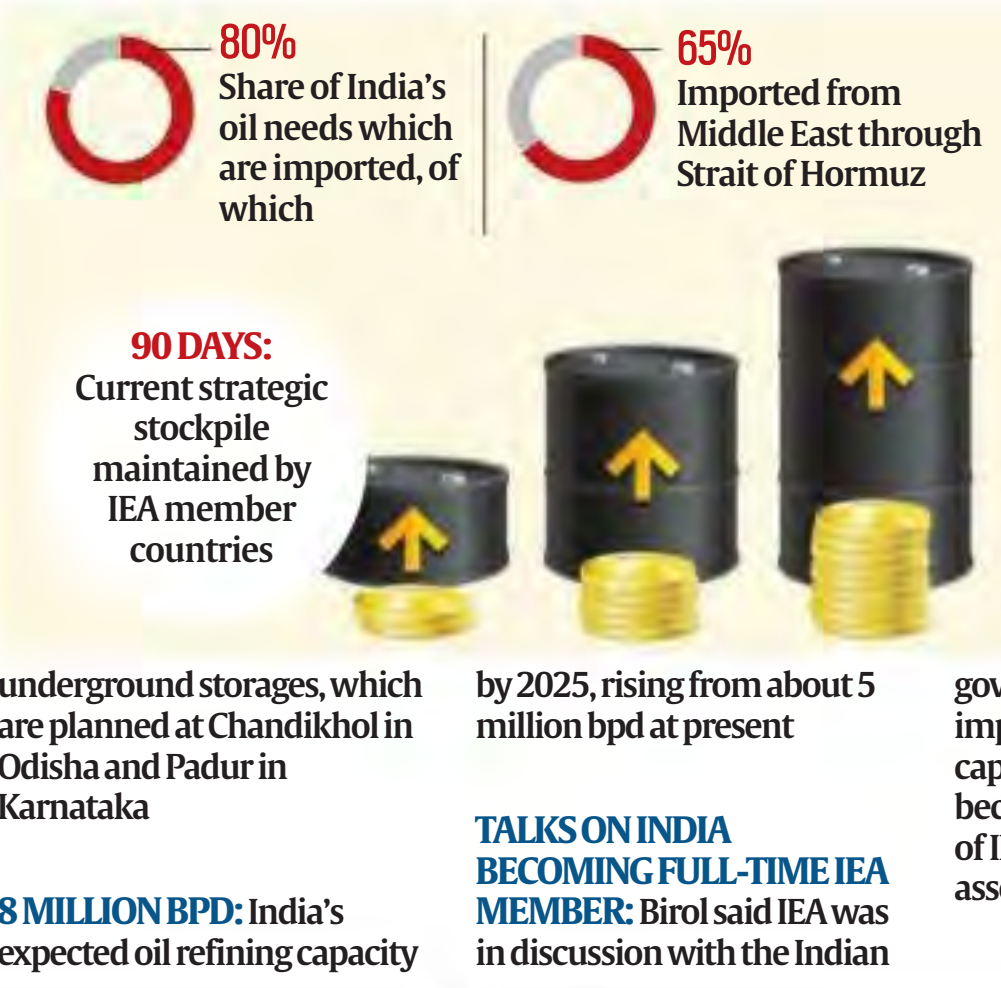
India's oil demand growth will overtake China by mid-2020s, the 'India 2020 Energy Policy Review' by International Energy Agency (IEA) said Friday, asking India to raise the capacity of strategic oil storages

10 DAYS OF IMPORTS: India's current strategic oil storage capacity, which IEA executive director Fatih Birol said is not enough to protect it in "rainy days"

6 MILLION BPD: India's projected oil demand by 2024, from 4.4 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2017

5.33 MILLION TONNES: Capacity of crude oil that can be stored in underground storages built at at Padur and Vishakapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and Mangalore and Padur in Karnataka

6.5 MILLION TONNES: Planned capacity of similar



INDIA'S OIL CONSUMPTION TO SURPASS THAT OF CHINA IN MID-2020S, AS IT IS:

- Third-largest consumer of oil, behind US and China
- Fourth-largest oil refiner
- Net exporter of refined (petroleum) products

'Money laundering' case: ED attaches assets worth ₹78 crore belonging to Chanda Kochhar, others

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth over Rs 78 crore belonging to former ICICI Bank CMD Chanda Kochhar and her husband Deepak and companies associated with him. The attachments have been made in connection with ED's money laundering probe into loans disbursed by the bank to Videocon Group for alleged pecuniary considerations.

The assets include residential flats, land, cash and plant and machinery in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra "totalling to Rs 78.15 crore in possession of accused Chanda Kochhar, Deepak Kochhar and the companies owned/controlled by Deepak Kochhar".

Along with the couple, the ED is also investigating Videocon Group promoter VN Dhoot over



The CBI FIR said that Chanda Kochhar had "dishonestly" granted loans. Express file photo

loans — which later turned NPAs — disbursed to it by the private bank. Videocon Group had allegedly made investments into companies held by Deepak Kochhar after disbursement of loans cleared by ICICI Bank.

The ED probe has revealed that loans were refinanced and new loan aggregating to Rs 1,730 crore was sanctioned to M/s Vide-

ocon Industries Limited (VIL) and its group firms. These loans turned non-performing assets (NPAs) for ICICI Bank on June 30, 2017.

"Investigation further revealed that amount of Rs 64 crore, out of the loan of Rs 300 crore sanctioned by a committee headed by Chanda Kochhar to M/s Videocon International Electronics Limited, was transferred to M/s Nupower Renewables Pvt. Ltd. (NRPL, earlier known as M/s NuPower Renewables Limited, a company of Deepak Kochhar) by VIL on 08.09.2009, just one day after disbursement of loan by ICICI Bank. Further, net revenue of Rs 10.65 crore was generated by NRPL from these tainted funds. Therefore, proceeds of crime amounting to Rs 74.65 crore were transferred to/generated in NRPL," an ED statement said Friday. The ED claimed its probe had also revealed that Chanda Kochhar and her family acquired an apartment

in Mumbai owned by one of the Videocon Group firms, by way of acquiring that company through her family trust at a nominal price by creating book entries.

"Accordingly, assets amounting to Rs 74.54 crore held in the name of M/s Nupower Renewables Pvt. Ltd and its subsidiaries; flat located at Mumbai (book value of Rs 3.5 crore; and amount of Rs 10.5 lakh already seized by ED from company of Deepak Kochhar, totalling to Rs 78.15 crore being proceeds of crime have been provisionally attached by ED under PMIA," it added.

The agency had registered an enforcement case information report in the matter based on a CBI FIR of January 22 last. In its FIR, the CBI alleged that Chanda Kochhar had "dishonestly" granted loans to the tune of hundreds of crores of rupees to Videocon Group "in contravention of rules and policy ... by abusing her official position".

Infosys Q3 net up to ₹4,457 cr; FY20 revenue guidance raised

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
BENGALURU, JANUARY 10

INFOSYS ON Friday posted a 2.04 per cent sequential increase in revenue to Rs 23,092 crore for the third quarter of the current fiscal. The net profit stood at Rs 4,457 crore, up 1.08 per cent on a sequential basis. The operating margin rose 20 basis points to 21.9 per cent from 21.7 per cent in Q2FY20, meeting Street expectations.

The company maintained FY20 operating margin guidance range of 21-23 per cent and increased its revenue guidance range for the fiscal to 10-15 per cent in constant currency terms.

Digital continues to drive the revenue growth for the firm and

now contributes 40.8 per cent of the overall revenue. North America remains the major contributor at 61.3 per cent despite uncertainties from macroeconomic factors prevailing in the region.

Commenting on the strong performance, CEO and MD Salil Parekh said, "Q3 was turbulent, but we remained client relevant and deepened our engagement with them. This translated into a double-digit growth." Infosys closed \$1.8-billion worth of large deals in the December quarter.

In dollar terms, the company recorded a 1 per cent growth sequentially, from \$3,210 million in Q2 to \$3,243 million in Q3. The net profit stood at \$626 million, a 24.6 per cent Y-o-Y increase from \$502 million in the year-ago period.

The company continues to invest in its work force and the consolidated attrition rate reduced 19.6 per cent in Q3 from 21.7 per cent in the previous quarter.

"We have recognized managers and added 7,000 freshers from campuses, globally," said COO Pravin Rao. "Milestone-based incentives were also given for freshers."

Infosys has been adopting local hiring strategy to deal with visa regulations in the US. Contrary to some reports, the company clarified that there is no plan to flatten title holders in the company to boost performance.

The company faced headwinds in the retail segment owing to fluctuations in consumer spend globally. **FE**

Whistleblower complaint: 'Probe finds no evidence of misconduct'

Bengaluru: Infosys Ltd said it has found no evidence of financial misconduct by its executives after a probe into whistleblower complaints.

The Bengaluru-based IT firm, which earlier on Friday raised its revenue forecasts due to upbeat demand from Western clients, said an audit committee report exonerated CEO Salil Parekh and CFO Nilanjan Roy of all allegations, including accusations that the two men prevented employees from presenting data on large deals.

"I'm very happy that CEO Salil Parekh and CFO Nilanjan Roy have emerged from this stronger," Infosys Chairman Nandan Nilekani told reporters. "The last two years since Salil has been here the company has changed dramatically for the better."

Parekh took over as Infosys CEO in January 2018, after his predecessor Vishal Sikka quit following a public row with the company's founder executives amid whistleblower allegations of wrongdoing. **REUTERS**

INTERVIEW WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR, KERALA RAIL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

'Fare on Kerala semi high-speed rail will be comparable to third-AC tariff'

LAST MONTH, the Ministry of Railways gave in-principle approval for a semi high-speed railway corridor between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasaragod in Kerala that will enable trains to travel at the speed of 200 kmph. Titled 'Silver Line', the project, high on the agenda of the ruling Left government, will cut down travel time between the state's northern and southern ends to just four hours from the existing 12 hours.

The 'Silver Line' project is conceived as a solution to easing pressure on the existing network as well as on the state's major highways which are equally dense. The corridor, 532-km long, will be financed at a cost of Rs 56,443 crore.

The Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (K-Rail), a joint vehicle between Railways and the Kerala government to execute projects on a cost-sharing basis, will be the nodal agency for the project. On Thursday, THE INDIAN EXPRESS caught up with V AJITH KUMAR, managing director, K-Rail, on the sidelines of the ASCEND Summit in Kochi to understand the nitty-gritties of the project. Edited excerpts:

The idea for a high-speed rail corridor in Kerala was first mooted by AK Antony when he was chief minister. Why has it taken so long for this project to take off?

The one (mooted by AK Antony) was a high-speed project and a separate company was formed which did not have the backing of the Ministry of Railways. It was only an idea. Because Railways is a central subject, these projects have to be done in consultation with the Centre. We're (KRDCIL) a joint vehicle company between the Ministry and the government of Kerala. It has been formed with the initiative of the Railway Ministry. We have identified a basket of projects, of which the semi high-speed rail project between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasaragod is one of them. This was taken up only in 2018. We conducted feasibility studies and a detailed project report (DPR) is in the final stages of completion.

Is this project going to be affordable for the common man in Kerala?
We already have a railway line



V Ajith Kumar

in the state on which the common man can travel. We're looking at decongesting roads and how to bring people using their personal cars to this system. We're looking at a faster mode of transport where the fare will be a little higher because investment is more. We also thought about investing for a high-speed rail project. That option was also there. But there, the investment was almost double and the ticket fare was around Rs 5-6 per km. That was unaffordable even for a person

SHSR DISTANCE-TIME CHART FROM THIRUVANANTHAPURAM		
	Distance from TVM (km)	Running time from TVM
KOL	55	24 M
CHN	108.7	48 M
KOT	142.2	1H 3M
KOC	194.9	1H 26M
THR	259	1H 54M
TRR	316.45	2H 19M
CLT	357.4	2H 37M
KNR	448.173	3H 16M
KGD	530.29	3H 52M

travelling by his own car. In the semi high-speed rail, the technology is conventional and we don't have to think about importing except the rolling stock. The fares here are going to be Rs 2.75/km, comparable to existing third-AC fare.

How are you looking to fund such a big project?

There are multilateral lending agencies who are willing to fund government projects which are all green. KfW is pushing for green

projects. We have already discussed, they are willing and they want our DPR to be in place. We have had 2-3 rounds of discussions with JICA. They're also keen. We are talking to the World Bank and ADB. So 50 per cent of the funding would be in the form of debt from multilateral lending agencies and the balance as equity from state government, Railways.

We can also have equity from other organisations and the public. For example, there's a lot of investment from NRIs in projects

like Cochin and Kannur international airports. We're talking to PSUs like IRCON, RVNL and RailTel.

How much of the corridor will be elevated?

Around 40 per cent of the track will be parallel to the existing railway lines and the rest on a new alignment. Around 11 per cent of the track will be elevated at multiple places. We are going for elevated alignment especially at majority of the city centre where the cost of land is very high. Otherwise, in the villages, we will go on the ground to control the costs.

Will you be getting the rolling stock from Indian manufacturers?

No, that's not possible. Indian rolling stock is currently from ICF (Integral Coach Factory). In India, only those with up to 160 kmph are available. Proven technology for 200 kmph is only available in international market. Also, at 200 kmph, we have to incorporate a lot of safety features into the rolling stock. The equipment are going to be very costly. Rolling stock is the only component which will

be imported. Otherwise, everything else is made in India.

Is the KRDCIL open to private companies operating semi-high-speed trains?

Yes. In the first set of rolling stock coaches, we have that option yet. We're asking experts to deliberate. Delhi Metro had tried it but they found it to be costly. If we're getting loans at lower interest rates, we will buy the rolling stock and ask someone else to maintain and operate it. But fare structures will be the same.

Can you talk about the train specifics. Number of coaches? Fully electrified route?

The mainline fast trains initially would have around nine coaches with a capacity of 675 people. It will be only sitting. By 2051, we will have 14-car trains. Based on the traffic requirement, we will take the call on the length of the train.

We will also have feeder trains between small stations with 300-pax capacity. Less seats and more space for people to stand. Initially,

we will have around 40 trips in a day in each direction. The routes will be fully-electrified. The stations would be powered by solar power.

The air surveys have been completed. What do they say?

We have captured the data, but before we start using it, it has to be vetted by the Ministry of Defence. So the data has been sent to Delhi. They may blank some strategic locations and give us back. It might take about 10 days.

The project is set to be commissioned in 2024. Is that a realistic target?

It's possible. Right now, we have in-principle approval. Our DPR will be ready in two months. The next 6-12 months will be spent in getting approvals for the DPR from state government, Railways, NITI Aayog, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs and finally the Cabinet Committee. By December 2020, the project should get final approval. We're beginning land acquisition right now. Three years is a good time period for the construction.



Softening crude prices help rupee gain for fourth session in a row

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, JANUARY 10

THE RUPEE continued its winning run for fourth session in a row, soaring 27 paise to settle at 70.94 to the dollar as softening crude prices lifted forex market sentiments.

After opening marginally lower, the rupee staged a significant recovery and went on to hit a high of 70.86 against the American unit. It, however, settled at 70.94, showing a gain of 27 paise. In the last four trading sessions, the domestic currency has gained 99 paise against the US dollar.

On a weekly basis, the rupee gained 86 paise or 1.19 per cent. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.12 per cent to 97.57.

Meanwhile, foreign investors bought equities worth Rs 578.28 crore on a net basis on Friday, provisional data showed.

The Sensex ended 147.37 points, or 0.36 per cent, higher at 41,599.72. The NSE Nifty scaled a fresh intra-day record of 12,311.20, before ending 40.90 points, or 0.33 per cent, up at 12,256.80.

Gainers included Infosys, Ultratech Cement, Maruti, Kotak Bank, Asian Paints and HUL. ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank, Titan and Bharti Airtel were among the losers, shedding up to 1.11 per cent.

Would you put your family on a MAX? Boeing employee says no

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 10

BOEING HAS released hundreds of internal messages that contained harshly critical comments about the development of the 737 MAX, including one that said the plane was "designed by clowns who in turn are supervised by monkeys".

The messages, disclosed on Thursday, show attempts to duck regulatory scrutiny with employees disparaging the plane, the company, the Federal Aviation Administration and foreign aviation regulators.

In an instant messaging exchange on Feb. 8, 2018 - when the plane was in the air and eight months before the first of two fatal crashes, an employee asks another: "Would you put your family on a MAX simulator trained aircraft? I wouldn't".

The second employee responds: "No".

The 737 MAX has been grounded since March after an Ethiopian Airlines flight nosedived, just five months after similar Lion Air crash. The two disasters killed 346.

In particular, some of the communications reveal efforts by Boeing to avoid making pilot simulator training - an expensive and time-consuming process - a requirement for the 737 MAX.

The plane maker just this week changed tack, saying it



A 737 MAX at Boeing's 737 MAX production facility in Renton, Washington, on December 16, 2019. Reuters

Boeing officials called DGCA 'even stupider' during approval process

New Delhi: During the approval process for 737 MAX planes in India in 2017, Boeing executives used terms such as "fools" and "stupid" for the DGCA, according to internal documents released by the company.

The ordered grounding of these planes in March last year.

In one of the conversations, a Boeing executive is recorded as stating, "The DGCA in India is apparently even stupider; if that's a word. I am drinking obviously."

In another conversation, a Boeing executive says the following about the DGCA: "I just Jedi mind tricked this (these) fools." PTI

would recommend pilots do simulator training before they resume flying the 737 MAX - a major shift from its longheld position that computer-based training was sufficient as the plane was similar to its predecessor, the 737 NG.

The release of the messages, which highlight an aggressive cost-cutting culture and disrespect towards the FAA, is set to deepen the crisis at Boeing which is struggling to get its best-selling plane back in the air.

FOLLOWING US COMPLAINT AT WORLD BODY

India duty hike on US goods: WTO sets up dispute panel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

THE WORLD Trade Organization's (WTO's) dispute settlement body has set up a panel to examine the US complaint against India which had increased customs duties on 28 American goods last year.

The US in July had dragged India to the WTO by filing a complaint against New Delhi's move to increase customs duties, alleging the decision as inconsistent with the global trade norms.

According to a communication of the Geneva-based WTO, the dispute settlement body has established a panel "to examine the matter referred by the US".

The US had alleged that the additional duties imposed by India "appears to nullify or impair the benefits accruing to the US directly or indirectly" under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) is a WTO pact, signed by all member countries of the multi-lateral body, aims to promote trade by reducing or eliminating trade barriers like customs duties.

The US had also alleged that the duties imposed by India appears to be inconsistent with two norms of GATT.

It had stated that India does

INCONSISTENT WITH GATT NORMS: US

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not impose these duties on products originating in the territory of any other WTO member nation.

As per the WTO's dispute settlement process, the request for consultations is the first step in a dispute.

Consultations give the parties an opportunity to discuss the matter and find a satisfactory solution without proceeding further with litigation.

After 60 days, if consultations fail to resolve the dispute, the complainant may request adjudication by a panel.

The US has rolled back export incentives from India under its GSP programme and New Delhi has imposed higher customs du-

ties on 28 American products including almond, pulses, walnut, chickpeas, boric acid and binders for foundry moulds.

The other products on which duties were hiked include certain kind of nuts, iron and steel products, apples, pears, flat rolled products of stainless steel, other alloy steel, tube and pipe fittings, and screws, bolts and rivets. The duties were hiked as retaliation to the US move to impose the highest customs duties on certain steel and aluminium goods.

India's exports to the US in 2017-18 stood at \$47.9 billion, while imports were at \$26.7 billion. The trade balance is in favour of India.

Zomato raises \$150 mn from Ant Financial

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

ONLINE RESTAURANT guide and food ordering platform Zomato on Friday said it has raised \$150 million (over Rs 1,065 crore) from existing investor Ant Financial as part of a larger funding round.

As per a filing by Info Edge India, which is also an existing shareholder in Zomato, this transaction is at a pre-money valuation of \$3 billion.

The investment is part of a larger funding round of up to \$600 million, announced by Zomato Founder and CEO Deepinder Goyal in December. "We have raised \$150 million from Ant Financial as a part of a larger round. Ant Financial has been a steadfast partner in our journey towards achieving market leadership in on-demand food delivery in India, and dining out globally," a Zomato spokesperson said in a statement.

The filing by Info Edge India said Zomato Media has signed a definitive agreement to undertake a primary fund raising of up to \$150 million from Antfin Singapore Holding Pte Ltd. and/or any of its affiliates. "...upon closing as a consequence of this fund raise, our shareholding in Zomato shall stand reduced to about 25.13 per cent on fully converted & diluted basis," it added.

Yes Bank independent director resigns; stock price plunges over 5%

Lender: He was under 'fit & proper' review

SHRITAMA BOSE, MALINI BHUPTA & ANKUR MISHRA
MUMBAI, JANUARY 10

YES BANK on Friday faced corporate governance-related charges from independent director and head of audit committee Uttam Prakash Agarwal and responded saying it was reviewing Agarwal's 'fit and proper' status following a directive from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The bank said it had obtained legal opinions from eminent jurists, which were to be considered by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) of the Board and the bank's board on Friday. "However, prior to the commencement of the proceedings of these meetings, the Bank received the resignation of Mr Agarwal. The NRC and the Board have taken on record Mr Agarwal's resignation," Yes Bank said in a statement.

In a letter to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) and marked to the RBI, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and exchanges, Agarwal cited compliance failures and pressed multiple charges of mismanagement in capital-raising exercises by Yes Bank CEO Ravneet Gill.

Yes Bank has been making ef-

Canadian investor Erwin Singh Braich's \$1.2 billion offer will not be pursued further, the lender said

forts to raise capital and informed the exchanges on Friday it had decided to drop the \$1.2-billion investment offer of Erwin Singh Braich, backed by the Hong Kong-based SPGP Holdings. The bank said the bid by Citax Holdings and Citax Investment Group was still under consideration and would be taken up at its next board meeting.

On November 24, 2019, media reports said the RBI had asked Yes Bank to re-examine the fit and proper status of the lender's audit committee chairman Agarwal after it was found that he had failed to disclose details of criminal cases filed against him, according to people familiar with the matter.

In the letter to Sebi, seen by FE, Agarwal has said Gill was unable to present before the board binding term sheets from most of the nine investors whose names were "verbally" shared with the board. The bank's shares ended 5.29 per cent lower than the previous day's close at Rs 44.80 on the BSE. FE

ComMin looking at ways to revamp SEZ policy

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

IN ORDER to meet challenges faced by Indian exporters and facilitate ease of doing business in the present global market scenario, the Commerce Ministry earlier this week examined the revamp of the country's existing SEZ policy.

Discussions were held to understand how to implement the remaining recommendations of an expert committee led by Bharat Forge chairman Baba Kalyani that was formed in 2018

The Centre has reviewed specific exclusions proposed in net foreign exchange computation in light of the 'Make in India' initiative

to review the policy.

"If India is on the path to become a \$5 trillion economy by 2025, then the present environment of manufacturing competitiveness and services have to undergo a basic paradigm shift. The

success seen in services sector like IT and ITes have to be promoted in other services sectors like health care, financial services, legal, repair and design services," stated the Commerce Ministry in a release Friday.

"Commerce and Industry & Railways Minister Piyush Goyal chaired a meeting yesterday in New Delhi to review the remaining recommendations of the Baba Kalyani report on Special Economic Zone (SEZ) policy of India," it stated.

The government has so far reviewed specific exclusions proposed in net foreign exchange

BRIEFLY

Outstanding loans of govt from RBI

New Delhi: The government had Rs 1.3 trillion (\$18.32 billion) outstanding loans with the central bank under ways and means advances in the week ended Jan. 3, according to the Reserve Bank of India's weekly statistical supplement released on Friday. The central government had no outstanding loans last week. REUTERS

JLR global sales dip 5.9% in 2019

New Delhi: Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) on Friday reported a 5.9 per cent decline in total retail sales at 5,57,706 units last year as compared with 2018.

Regulations for payment system operators

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday tweaked the norms for imposing penalties on payment system operators for not complying with regulatory requirements, with a view to ensure safety and security to various stakeholders, including customers.

CCI okays ROC stake buy in Star Health

New Delhi: Fair trade regulator CCI said it has approved the acquisition of up to 2.39 per cent stake in Star Health and Allied Insurance Company by ROC Star Investment Trust under the green channel route.

Bansal-led firm to buy DHFL Gen Insurance

New Delhi: Sachin Bansal-led Navi Technologies will acquire DHFL General Insurance Ltd for an undisclosed amount. PTI

US job growth slows in December

Washington: US job growth slowed more than expected in December, but the pace of hiring likely remains sufficient to keep the longest economic expansion in history on track despite a deepening downturn in a manufacturing sector stung by trade disputes. REUTERS

'Cabinet okayed divestment of stake in NINL, not NMDC'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

NMDC CHAIRMAN and Managing Director N Brijendra Kumar on Friday said that the Union Cabinet has approved disinvestment of stake of six public sector units in Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd, and not that of NMDC.

Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd (NINL) is a joint venture company, in which four central PSUs -- MMTC, National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) and MECON -- and two Odisha

government companies, IPICOL and Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC), are shareholders.

The government on Wednesday gave in-principle approval for strategic sale of NINL by allowing six PSU shareholders to sell their stake in the steel company.

"Still confusion is being created by some ppl regarding disinvestment in #NINL, a joint venture company of central and state PSUs in the State of Odisha. The present decision is not for the disinvestment of @nmdclimited. I repeat No Disinvestment of #NMDC by the present decision," Kumar said in a tweet.

GLOBAL INVESTORS' MEET ASCEND 2020

Kerala CM announces measures to attract businesses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KOCHI, JANUARY 10

TO WOO big-ticket investments to Kerala, the CPM-led state government is mulling a slew of path-breaking steps.

Addressing ASCEND 2020, a global investors' meet, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said on Thursday that a proposal to subsidise a part of the wage commitment of newly-set up industries for the first five years is under consideration.

He said workers in the newly-established institutions would get a monthly wage sub-

sidy for first five years.

"This is a scheme under consideration. I don't want to go into its details. This benefit will be available only to those units which provide ESI and PF benefits to workers.

"I also want to say at this stage that women employees will get at least Rs 2,000 more than their men counterparts under the proposed scheme," he said.

Besides, the bar on women factory workers being put on night shift would be lifted. It will be the responsibility of the employer to ensure their safe transport and stay during the night, he said.

STEPS ANNOUNCED

■ Workers in the newly-established institutions will get a monthly wage subsidy for first five years, said Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan

■ The bar on women factory workers being put on night shift would be lifted, he said, adding the women's safety will be the employer's responsibility

Observing that the govern-

Dressed up and Nowhere to Go

LIKE A BOSS

★★
Director: Miguel Arteta
Cast: Rose Byrne, Tiffany Haddish, Salma Hayek, Billy Porter, Jennifer Coolidge, Karan Soni



SHALINI LANGER

WOMEN AND makeup. It's tricky territory, with arguments on either side likely to feel more like an apology than anything else. How do you fit that into a film about friendship, feminism, running a successful business and picking career over children, etc etc.

Director Miguel Arteta is certainly taking on more than he can hide under layers of pretty faces and foul language here. Despite the talent of Rose Byrne, Tiffany Haddish and Salma Hayek, each of whom hardly needs any embellishing, this film runs like watery mascara, even if no one really does, through the ups and downs and ups again.

And all this without the whiff of a surprise. Byrne's Mel and Haddish's Mia have been friends since middle school, and have come far enough to develop their garage startup into a decent store. They even have a bestseller line of make-up called one-night stand. But debts do pile up, secrets do get kept when Mel is the no-risk financial type and Mia the hot-headed artistic one. That leaves enough cracks for Hayek's Claire to come striding in on her 7-inch heels, muddy-brown bouffant, and skin tanned ugly. She matches this with ensembles that range between shades of bright pinks, oranges and reds, with her breasts getting particular attention.

That is all okay. A woman running a cosmetics empire has damned well earned her right to dress as she wants to. If nothing, Hayek lights up the room when she walks in, as much with her "fierce (the word delivered in an accent that the film can't have enough of)" attitude, as much as her decision to play this role to the hilt. You can't take your eyes off Hayek, and yet the film has her there only to mock her in every possible way, with her intentions as obvious as looking glass — except to Mel and Mia. How does a person like that build a million-dollar empire and yet ride down to get into every little scrap with the two nobodies, is something far too subtle for the film to consider.

Of course, Mel is a sucker for her not-so-courteous wooing, and of course Claire sets to widen the gaps between her and Mia. But of course, in this Barbie world — the film owns up this description too — the only red that is spilled is on lips.

Whats even worse about this unimaginative reimagining of women and their friendships is the cuss words that are meant to pass them off as being the It-girls. The jokes don't get grosser than a cake topped with a baby head coming out of a bleeding vagina, served at a baby shower.

No, any amount of grease paint can't put a pretty face on that one.

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CHHAPAAK ★★★★★

Director: Meghna Gulzar **Cast:** Deepika Padukone, Vikrant Massey, Madhurjeet Sarghi, Vaibhavi Upadhyaya, Payal Nair, Vishal Dahiya, Ankit Bisht, Geeta Agarwal, Manohar Teli, Sharvari Deshpande

Face Of Courage

SHUBHRA GUPTA

CHHAPAAK IS a happy-making word, associated with splashy puddles, burbling rain songs: it is so very Gulzar. In using it for her film on an acid attack survivor, Meghna imparts it with a decided sting: I will never be able to hear it in the same way again.

The story of pretty teenager Laxmi Agarwal, whose face was ruined by acid flung by a much older spurned suitor, made headlines. What made her different from so many others was that she refused to let it ruin her life. Instead of cowering in fear and shame, something victims of any kind of violence tend to veer towards, she fought back. It was a long, hard fight, in hospitals and court-rooms, punctuated by a series of painful face-reconstructing surgeries. She refused to stay hidden, building herself back bit by bit while speaking up for herself, and others in the same circumstances.

It is that inspiring story that Meghna recreates, with some embellishments, of course, through Deepika Padukone's Malti. If the star had played it like a vanity project, there would have been no film. But *Chhapaak* scores because she comes through with a solid, realised performance. It is not just putting the focus on the ravaged-skin- with a missing ear-and-nostril, but reflecting a mix of pain, anger, resignation, and finally, arriv-

ing at some kind of resolution.

What also saves the film from becoming a preachy, let's-stand-up-for-these-poor-girls cause-mongering, which could it well have sunk into, is its determinedly grounded air. Acid ravaged faces are not pretty: when Malti sees herself in the mirror the first time after she's back from hospital, she screams. You and I would, too. We are shown that face up-front, unflinchingly. That takes a certain kind of courage, and Padukone shows she's up for it, without, thankfully, any showiness. And that's what makes up for a few faltering steps, which also include the superfluous songs: I guess a studio film minus all songs is still some way off.

Padukone, who grows into her role as she goes along, is given an interesting supporting cast. Massey as the ornery, impatient NGO-type, whom we know will develop a soft corner for Malti, is pleasing, even though in some bits, him snapping her head off appears a tad exaggerated. Madhurjeet Sarghi who plays her doughty, ever-supportive lawyer Archana Bajaj, is wonderful: Anand Tiwari in a walk-on part, is spot-on, as her supportive spouse. So are the others on Team Malti, especially Shiraz aunty (Payal Nair), a wealthy woman who doubles up as guardian angel. The two other women, a lawyer (Upadhyay), and a journalist (Deshpande) both leave an impression: they are there as professionals, not just pretty faces.



Rise and Shine

WAKE N BAKE (Stand-up Special)

★★★

Created by: Rohan Joshi

EKTAA MALIK

ROHAN JOSHI seems to be handling life post AIB (All India Bakchod) quite well. He is slightly upset about his age — well he is a ripe old 36 — and has apparently made his peace with being called 'uncle', but all in all he retains the edginess and the laughs that were a trademark of one of India's finest comedy collectives. His first special, which is currently streaming on Amazon Prime, called *Wake n Bake*, has him flying solo. For someone who did wonders with a team, a lot was at stake for Joshi, and he has made quite an earnest attempt.

The one-hour special was supposed to be about him ageing, societal expectations of marriage and his love for *maal*, as the trailer revealed. But Joshi played smart. He starts off soft, with jokes about low-energy levels, his derision for road trips and why clubbing is a young man's game. He also makes fun of his

SSC education, which resonated with many in the packed hall. The audience are almost lulled into a sense of familiar comfort, with expected punchlines and premise. "*I am 36 now, so that ten years patriarchy period that men get, that is also over,*" he states, much to the chuckles of the crowd.

After his bit about how he is an expert at passive-aggressive texting, he jolts the crowd with his stand on privilege and goes for the kill. He hops across the stage to "check his privilege". "*Check the hair*". "*I am South Bombay born, wealthy, English-educated* — utters Joshi, as he takes a step with each point — "*but SSC*" — he takes half a step back and continues — "*fair-skinned, CIS gender, heterosexual, Hindu, brahmin, man*", and Joshi had covered the entire expanse of the stage. "*Nobody should get to have that many good adjectives in front of their name*," says Joshi. He elaborates that if there was a rap song to be made about the struggles of his life, it would be extremely short.

AIB was known for its sharp political and social satire, which was blended with punchlines that went viral. Its absence has left quiet a void in the comic/satire space, which the ilk of Kunal Kamra and Varun Grover are filling brilliantly. Joshi is a chip off the old block. After his bit about privilege and cast discrimination, when there is uncomfortable silence in the auditorium, Joshi did what he does best — calls you out. "I'm seeing the lack of funny on your faces right now".

Then he moves on to *ganja*, the bake bit of the stand up, where he endorses the legalisation for marijuana. "*Ab ki baar chill the F#@%k out yaar. I think this is the platform I am going to run for in 2024.*" What follows is the next act, which is a dig at Sardar Patel's Statue of Unity in Gujarat. He comments how we don't really need to construct the statue, just hand out weed, and people riding the high would see anything they want to see.

For this, Joshi deserves to be lauded. Especially in today's time, when political satire is a rarity. Earlier in the act, he also made a joke at Aditya Thackeray. We wonder if the special was shot before the current Maharashtra government came to power. The special does lack in pace, and at some bits are quite predictable. Age as a comic gag has been done to death and beyond. But in such times, we will take Joshi in all his SSC glory.

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History Repeats

TANHAJI

★★★

Director: Om Raut
Cast: Ajay Devgn, Saif Ali Khan, Kajol, Sharad Kelkar, Luke Kenny

SOMEWHERE IN central India in the mid-17th century, the only force that is holding up the advancing soldiers of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, are the mighty Marathas. Maratha valour has always been in vogue, but suddenly it seems unstoppable. Last month, Ashutosh Gowariker's *Panipat* had the rousing battle cry of *har har Mahadev* ringing across the screen; *Tanhaji* treads the same paths, more or less, only with a heavier-weight trio in the lead : Devgn as the all-good, valiant Tanhaji Malusare, Kajol as his dutiful, beautiful wife Savitribai, and Khan as the all-bad, utterly villainous Udaybhan Rathod.

There's a lot of thunderous speechifying combined with thundering hooves, as befits an epic which topline's a historical figure who was chiefly a warrior. The opening credits tell us that eminent historians were consultants for this resurrection of the hitherto 'unsung' Tanhaji, to give him his rightful place in the pantheon of Maratha braves.

With this caveat out of the way, the film is free to pile up the songs and dances and non-stop action sequences, always circling back to heavy dialogues about the sanctity of the *bhagwaadhwaj* and *desh prem*, just in case we are in danger of forgetting the kind of film we are watching.

By now, we are so steeped in Bollywood's patriots re-creating paeans to our glorious past, that to even bring up the fact that the bad guys are your Muslim 'outsiders', seems to belabour the point. For this film, it's simple; either you are on our side, or theirs.

Things start hotting up when the ambitious Aurangzeb (Kenny, adorned in heavy brocade) appoints the *wafadar* Udaybhan as his man in the Deccan. Shivaji (Kelkar, nailing the look) counters with his main man Tanhaji, and we are set. Except we never know just who Udaybhan is, where he



comes from. We don't know why his loyalties lie with the Mughals. None of these niceties bother Udaybhan, as he goes about vamping it up with great zest, cleaving through body parts, slaving over an imprisoned young woman (who is she? Where does she come from?), and chomping into braised crocodile meat. Yes, that's right.

Given the times we are in, as long as we get an array of costumery, and our noble ancestors rattling their sabres, flag-waving period films will get audiences. Or will they? Whatever happened to provenance? I enjoyed Saif's maniacal bad guy, which comes off as yet another variant (Ranveer Singh, Sanjay Dutt) of the flesh-devouring, diabolical, ruthless enemy that Bollywood currently delights in. Devgn and Kajol have a couple of soft moments.

And then there's the kinetic climax, all strategy and battle and CGI. Scores of soldiers are shown scaling impossibly steep cliff-sides, and running into a rain of bows-and-arrows; Tanhaji himself races towards certain doom, but also victory, and the *maukaparast darinda* is handed out an end with a bang.

Just the film for those who long for a simplistic, dressed-up slice of the past.

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Star Power

DARBAR

★★★

Director: A R Murugadoss
Cast: Rajinikanth, Suniel Shetty, Nayanthara, Nivetha Thomas, Prateik Babbar, Jatin Sarna

DARBAR MAY be Superstar Rajini's first film with hit director A R Murugadoss, but it remains a Rajini film which bows at each step to the continuing myth of the one and only Thailavar.

Set in Mumbai, it is about brave police commissioner Adithya Arunsalam (Rajini) who single-handedly sets out to clean the city of its criminals. The plot is old-hat, the situations are older, but that's okay. We know what we are in for: a two hour forty minutes Rajini-thon, in which he allows the script to give him set-pieces in which he is the fighter, the romancer, the jokester, the dancer, and everything else that you can think of, all rolled into one.

I have managed to enjoy his films even without subs, because so much of the fun is to watch it with fervent Rajini fans, who hoot and whistle and clap so loudly that most dialogues are drowned in any case. And because they all work to an ultra-familiar pattern, masala moments piled

upon masala moments. But this one has subs, so we get a classic interval point in which Rajini does his slo-mo walk towards the camera, drawling, *I am a baaaaaad cop*. No one can do it like Rajini can, I tell you.

Also, it's interesting to see many familiar faces from Hindi cinema pop up here: Jatin Sarna as a dispensable hood, Prateik Babbar as a buffed-up drug supplier, Suniel Shetty as the chief crime lord. Nayanthara as the 'louuuu interest', provides Rajini his awkward, much-older lover moments, and Thomas as his young daughter, allows him to be fun-loving and tender.

Shetty's floral shirts are eye-catching. Nayanthara delivers some nice *thumkas*, and young female cop amongst the male battalion is given a fairly large speaking part. But they know, and we know, that it is all Rajini's game, in which he will get the best lines.

In a sequence, in which he does something not-so-nice, he goes, with a knowing twinkle : I used to be villain, remember? It is perfect Rajini moment, a hat-tip to his beginnings, and an acknowledgement to his legendary status now, which *Darbar* never allows us to forget. A song in which Rajini shuffles his feet, while lifting his collar, is nothing but a whole compendium of descriptors, in which Rajini has a 'lion's panache', and is the 'godfather of machismo'.

What can you do other than to smile and clap, while asking for something new?

SG

BREAKING DOWN NEWS

Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Making sense of Iran-US tensions and the dissent on Indian streets and in universities



BY PRATIK KANJILAL

"ALL IS well!" tweeted Donald Trump after taking stock of the damage at two military bases in Iraq, which were hit by Iranian missiles. He was right in more ways than one. First, the damage was negligible. But second, it was so very negligible that the missiles were clearly intended to be signals rather than munitions. Far too many hit the base, but in unused land, for this to be put down to human error. A diplomatic signal

from Tehran followed, clarifying that Iran would not follow up with more attacks. What more was needed to demonstrate that Tehran had chosen to be mature about this, demonstrating its strike capability without causing much harm, and allowing a reckless US president to back off with dignity intact from a situation teeming with hard rocks and hard places? The man was proposing Talibanic measures against culturally important sites, and it would have been a disaster if he had followed through.

Things must have been pretty hairy if even Fox News talked of the threat of war. And the videos of missiles in flight in the darkened skies, broadcast by Iran's state television and picked up by channels like Al Jazeera, were indeed reminiscent of Desert Storm. For a few hours, talk of war affecting the whole region was all over the international channels, though a moment's reflec-

tion would have shown that few nations have the stomach to broaden conflicts any more. And since the Iranians were kind enough to give US pride a dignified exit route, there was nothing to worry about.

In India, coverage of the strike on Monday was like watching the History Channel. Particularly interesting were images from West Bengal, which saw violence, and Kerala, where normally busy roads were completely without traffic. It was as if the last 20 years had never happened, and we were still in the last century. When we are being rushed off our feet by the daily

news, it's perversely comforting to see that some things never change.

But all eyes were on the longest-running show on the political landscape — the attack in JNU and the ongoing agitation against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the NRC. In the JNU story, perhaps the most interesting revelation came from Anima Sonkar, state joint secretary of the ABVP, on Times Now. She identified masked figures in videos of the attack as ABVP members, and clarified that they were carrying weapons for self-defence, following scare stories on WhatsApp groups. Usually, such breaks go to print re-

Anti-CAA protests have picked up a certain rhythm. Every day, lists of must-attend protests circulate on WhatsApp and Instagram, like the TV and radio listings that used to appear in newspapers

porters, who don't have to stay at the wave-front of the story and have the time to rummage around in the ground clutter. It's interesting to see that Times Now, which has been seen to be identifying with the ruling dispensation, got this damning admission first.

The anti-CAA protests have picked up a certain rhythm. Every day, lists of must-attend protests circulate on WhatsApp and Instagram, like the TV and radio listings that used to appear in newspapers in times now forgotten. And every time, the police oblige the calls for an encore by roughing up a student or three, on camera. At the same time, a Delhi University student who participated in the violence was identified by WhatsApp messages requesting that she should not be identified. Matters have taken an interesting turn if social media, which has been the power plant of the BJP's electoral machine, has now been weaponised by opponents of its government's policies. In fact, the attempt to paint Deepika Padukone as an attention-seeker, in search of publicity before a big release, was completely deflated on the very social platforms where the initiative began.

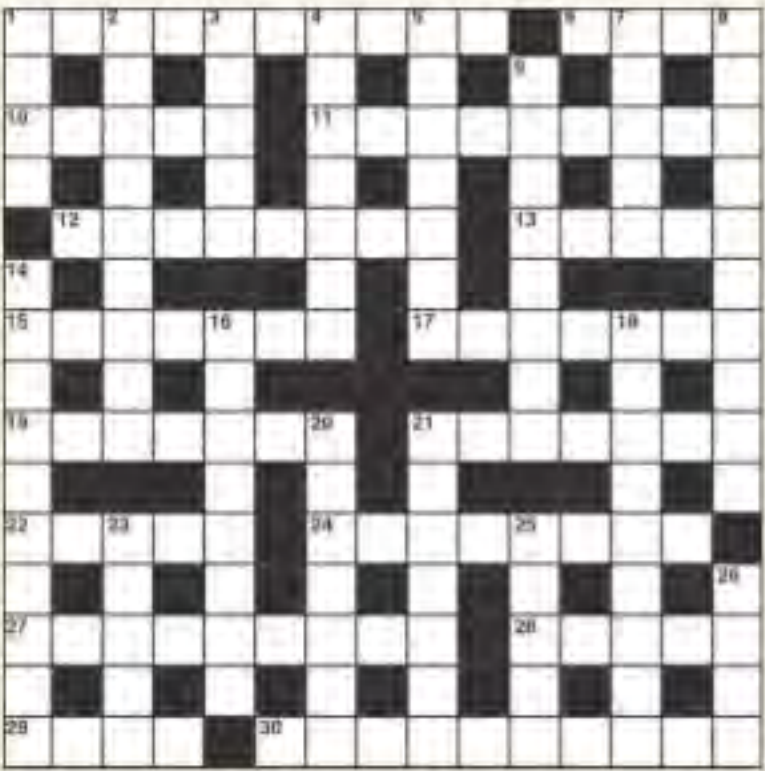
Finally, there's a news app that I've stum-

bled on that really helps to clarify the foggy mind. UnFound is a news curation service — which is a little more than an aggregator app — which claims to be AI-powered. Now, that claim could mean anything at all, in an AI landscape where claims fly fast and thick. But whether it owes to machine intelligence or human industry, it definitely does its job, reducing bias by providing context to breaking stories. For every story, it has the latest news, a background, which is usually a Wikipedia link, a timeline of events and an opinion section where "supporting", "neutral or mixed" and "opposing" views, (which link to opinion sections of newspapers and TV websites) appear side by side. It's like good music apps for the PC, which pull in all sorts of relevant material while playing a song.

The app's presentation of views for and against the motion does produce a fairly rounded picture. It's a restorative from the action of social media, which bubbles us with people who think like us, reinforcing our preferences or prejudices, while also exposing us to atrocious vilification by the opposing side.

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CROSSWORD 4012



- ACROSS**
- Uninspired footman (10)
 - Count in German (4)
 - Mature, or mature to a point (5)
 - With us details can produce weariness (9)
 - Taking someone on and winning (8)
 - Moral principle held by the thick-skinned (5)
 - Refreshed as sleep passes away (7)
 - An inch out perhaps, but maintaining contact (2,5)
 - A girl after a bit of butter for her kneecap (7)
 - Not a straight musician? (7)
 - Perform aerobatics in an advertising display (5)
 - In the main perhaps he's all at sea (8)
 - Make sure as sure can be (9)
 - Not an all-American name for a girl (5)
 - Girl right at all times (4)
 - Have one nightcap too many? (5,5)
- DOWN**
- Leave the car where one can take a stroll (4)
 - One kept - in suspense? (9)
 - Ian's confused with love for a girl (5)
 - A king with supporters stages a recovery (7)
 - A ship, for example, with first-rate missile (7)
 - Being coarse on the golf course (5)
 - Is it instrumental in warning Paris pedestrians? (6,4)
 - Governed, having been shown the way (8)
 - Main part of a book taken by travellers (3,7)
 - Distressed Royalist living the life of a hermit (8)
 - Taking bullets from an old gun I dismantled (9)
 - Not a sunny greeting? (3,4)
 - Cafe and inn combine somehow to make money (7)
 - Dad's brother Sam is in the U.S. (5)
 - Exhausted after a day's shopping? (5)
 - Found on stage (4)

Solutions Crossword 4011: Across: 1 Condore, 5 Scrub, 8 Isoceles, 9 Ate, 10 Lien, 12 Asterisk, 14 Litter, 15 Editor, 17 Armrests, 18 Acme, 21 Act, 22 Bartender, 24 Elder, 25 Younger. Down: 1 Chill, 2 NCO, 3 Once, 4 Enlist, 5 Suspend, 6 Realistic, 7 Breaker, 11 Estimated, 13 Remember, 14 Leakage, 16 Stormy, 19 Error, 20 Beau, 23 Dig.

JUMBLLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Pick battles big enough to __, small enough to __ - Jonathan Kozol (6,...,3)

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SOLUTION: AREAL, THINE, PRONTO, MALLOW
Answer: Pick battles big enough to **matter**, small enough to **win** - Jonathan Kozol

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Mujahid**, S/o Sabbir, R/o Village-Mehmdabad, P.S. Sherkot, Distt. Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 014541/17 u/s 379/411, IPC, P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Mujahid**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Mujahid**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mujahid**, FIR No. 014541/17 u/s 379/411, IPC, P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi is required to appear before the court on or before **14.02.2020**.

By order
Sh. Anubhav Jain,
Metropolitan Magistrate-05, Room No. 316
Shahdra District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/1339/SHD/19

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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR
Nunar Campus, Ganderbal-191201 (J&K)

REVISED SCHEDULE OF SKILL TEST FOR VARIOUS NON-TEACHING POSTS

Central University of Kashmir is going to conduct skill test for various non-teaching positions as per below mentioned revised schedule. The said positions were advertised by the University vide Employment Notification No.s 02 of 2019 dated 28.02.2019, 06 of 2018 dated 04.10.2018, 01 of 2018 dated 07.02.2018, 08 of 2017 dated 20.12.2017, 12 of 2016 dated 28.12.2016, 15 of 2015 dated 07.10.2015 & 08 of 2014 dated 08.08.2014:

S. No.	Post	Schedule of Skill Test
01.	Statistical Assistant: 01 – UR	Date: 13.01.2020 Venue: Central University of Kashmir, Green Campus, Ganderbal- 191201 (J&K).
02.	Upper Division Clerk: 01- OBC	Date: 14.01.2020 Venue: Central University of Kashmir, Green Campus, Ganderbal- 191201 (J&K).
03.	Lower Division Clerk (01-UR)	
04.	MTS/Peon/Office Attendant: 02-UR	
05.	Pharmacist : 01-UR	
06.	Section Officer (01-UR)	Date: 15.01.2020 Venue: Central University of Kashmir, Green Campus, Ganderbal- 191201 (J&K).
07.	Personal Assistant (02-UR)	
08.	Professional Assistant (01-UR)	
09.	Semi Professional Assistant: 01-UR, 01-OBC	
10.	Library Assistant (01-UR, 01-OBC)	

All the candidates who have qualified the written test as per the prescribed scheme of the University are requested to attend the Skill test along with all relevant certificates/documents etc in original for verification. The candidates in their own interest are advised to be in regular touch with the University website/daily newspapers for further updates. The list of eligible candidates is also available on the University website: www.cukashmir.ac.in.

Sd/- Officer In-Charge (Recruitment)

Dated: 10.01.2020

CUK-1195

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Akash Aggarwal**, S/o Maheshwari Prasad Aggarwal R/o H.No. WZ-333, Basai Darapur, 3rd floor, Moti Nagar, New Delhi has been missing since 05/12/2019 at 10:00 a.m. from his house. In this regard a **D.D. No. 46-A, dated 06/12/2019 has been registered at P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under:

Name: Akash Aggarwal, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 24 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** White colour shirt and black colour jeans, pink colour jacket and black colour shoes in his feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing Man, kindly inform SHO/Moti Nagar, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639

SHO
P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-25101150

DP/8570/WD/20

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NOTICE INVITING GeM E-TENDER

Tenders are invited by IIT Indore for the following items.

Sl.	Name of Items (GeM Bid Number: GeM/2019/B/480362 dt. 08/01/2020)
1.	Layer-2 Access Switch (120 Pieces)
2.	Layer-3 Access Switch (20 Pieces)
3.	Layer 2 Access Switch (50 Pieces)

For complete details, including last date of submission of tenders, please visit IIT Indore website: http://iit.ac.in/tenders/tender_nms & <http://https://gem.gov.in/>

Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE KASHMIR

Sub:- Extension of cut-off date for submission of bids under PMFBY/RWBCIS issued vide this office communication No. Agri/Dev-185/2019-20/4977-5004 and 5005-5033 dated 19.12.2019.

Ref: Approval conveyed by Administrative Secretary, APD, J&K over phone today on 10.01.2020 at 12.13. PM.

Keeping in view the importance of implementation of PMFBY/RWBCIS in J&K vis-a-vis participation of empanelled insurance companies in the bidding process it has been decided to extend the date for submission of bids from 11.01.2020 to 20.02.2020 for notified crops viz. Paddy, Maize, Wheat, Oilseed under PMFBY and Apple, Saffron, Mango and Litchi under RWBCIS.

The revised time line for submission, opening and evaluation of bids is given as under:

S.No	Activity	Time line	Venue
1.	Availability of Tender Document	20.12.2019	
2.	Submission of Final Bid Document	20th Feb, 2020 upto 11.00 am	Directorate of Agriculture Lalmandi Kashmir/ Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu
3.	*Technical Bid Opening (in presence of bidders)	20th Feb, at 12.00 noon by the Bid opening & evaluation committee	
4.	*Financial Bid Opening (in presence of bidders)	22th Feb, 2020 at 02.00 PM by the Bid opening & evaluation committee	
5.	*Finalization of Bid (in presence of bidders)	22th Feb, 2020 at 11.00 a.m. by the Bid opening & evaluation committee and recommendation to UL/State Govt. for holding of SLCCCI	Directorate of Agriculture, Lalmandi, Srinagar, Kashmir
6.	*Submission of consent for contract of work	29th Feb, 2020 as approved by SLCCCI.	

Sd/-
(Altaf Aijaz Andrabi)
Director Agriculture, Kashmir,
Mission Director, PMFBY/RWBCIS, J&K.

DIPK/NB-1953/M

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

HSCC/PMSSY-Brahmapur/Office & Hospit-Fur2020/2nd call Dated: 10.01.2020

Online item rate bids are invited by HSCC (India) Limited as executing agency of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, through e-tendering from eligible applicants who fulfil qualification criteria as stipulated in Vol-I (NIT/PO document) for the work "Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of office and Hospital Furniture and other associated works for Super Specialty Block at Brahmapur under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY-III) 2nd call" Estimated project cost is Rs. 2.93 Crore and Completion period is 03 Months for each Packages and other details available on detailed NIT. Tender available online from 14.01.2020 and Last Date of submission of Bids: 26.01.2020 at 15:00 hrs. The detailed NIT will be available on websites: www.tendersindia.com/HSCC, <http://www.hsccltd.co.in> and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published.

Sr. Mgr. (C), HSCC (I) Ltd

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P.H. CIRCLE, CUTTACK
No./58/ DT. 10/01/20

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Bids (IFB) No. SEPHCTC-07/2019-20 Dtd. 06.01.2020

- Name of the Work** : Laying of pipe line including storage and ancillary work for water supply to uncovered area of Kumorad and adjoining area of Bhuban NAC under State Plan for the year 2019-20.
- Tender Ref. No.** : SEPHCTC-07/2019-20 dt. 06.01.2020.
- Corrigendum Details** : Revised estimated cost put to tender. The estimated cost may be read as Rs. 114.64 lakhs instead of Rs. 186.56 lakh.

Further details can be seen from the web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer,
Public Health Circle, Cuttack.

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DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The air seems to be thick with volatile feelings, so please understand that personal situations are still subject to sudden changes. Within a few days, events may come to an unexpected halt. When this happens, please don't let your confidence suffer.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Taureans who are travelling can afford to thank their foresight, mainly because the best possibilities seem to lie far from home. All intimate and romantic plans will be subject to sudden change, unless each and every detail has been worked out.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Once again it's your financial situation which is at issue. Given that major questions have been answered, today is the ideal moment for an outrageous shopping spree. There's nothing to do but spend, spend, spend. Hopefully you've got sufficient credit.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The current strident planetary positions will have a considerable impact on your personal affairs over the months to come. You are about to be thrust into the limelight, mainly because other people will be appealing for your help. Go ahead and do what you know to be right.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

There's a cosmic drama taking place involving a whole set of planets, one which reflects an inner dilemma in your own existence. Beneath all the flotsam and jetsam of daily life lies a whole level of hope, certainty and determination to succeed in a major ambition.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Financial costs are a minor consideration. Much more important is your social life, including relations with lovers, children and completely new friends. Not everyone has been kind to you, but perhaps they were under pressures of their own. Take your pleasures gladly and try something new.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You have learned to turn the spotlight on to areas of your life which have been ignored for far too long. The best way to achieve the contentment you deserve is to diversify your activities and broaden your interests. You have assets and talents which other people could benefit from as well.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You have various methods by which you can achieve your personal goals. You are still using finances as a lever, both to push yourself forward and to assist others. Today, though, generous gestures may conflict with the basic feeling that your interests must come first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

You need to take a little time to protect yourself and ensure that others are in no position to undermine your self-confidence. If they should try, see that they don't succeed. Aside from such questions, your social stars are certainly promising.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

I'd like to say that all the uncertainty and confusion of the past is at an end, but I can't - not just yet. However, if only you could alter your attitudes you would see just how well off you really are. It's quite possible that change is for the good, and that a small loss now paves the way for a big gain later on.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

The Moon is in a friendly sector of your chart, indicating that yours is one of that group of signs sharing welcome emotional influences. Yet you may have to take second place just for a while, as partners hog the limelight. Why not make the most of it and put your feet up?

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Even though financial stars are now less significant than before, you must try and look ahead because innovative schemes could well prove to be money-spinners. In finance, as in love, long-term bets are best. You should also take apparently wonderful promises with a pinch of salt.

भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण
AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

NOTICE INVITING GLOBAL E-TENDER (ID : 2020_AAI_39694_1)

Global e-Tenders (online tenders) are hereby invited by Jt. G. M. (MM), on behalf of the Chairman, Airports Authority of India, AAI Office Complex, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi under two envelope system for "Supply of Disabled Aircraft Recovery Kits with CAMC upto Code-C Aircrafts-2 Nos. at Chennai, RHQ-NER and upto Code-E Aircrafts-1 No. at Kolkata Airport of AAI in India." Total Estimated Cost: ₹ 1059.00 million or US\$ 14.69 million or Euro €13.11 million. Last date for submission of Tender: 25th February, 2020 upto 1800 hrs. IST. For detailed information log on to CPP e-procurement portal: <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Further clarifications/corrigendum, if any, will be notified through CPP Portal. Telefax: +91 11 24635799/24632978. (N-88/2019-20)

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE JAMMU
Office No. (0191-2584247) Fax No. (0191-2584234)
Email: pmcjammu@gmail.com

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Engagement of Posts of Professor/Associate Professor/ Assistant Professor/Lecturer on academic arrangement basis under SRO-24 dated 10.01.2019 in Govt. Medical College, Jammu.

Ref:- MC-Gaz-156/2019 dated 19.12.2019.

Ref:- Advertisement Notice No. GMC/Estt/GD/SRO-384/1513 dated:- 21.12.2019.

The interviews for the posts of Professor/Associate Professor/ Assistant Professor/Lecturer on academic arrangement basis under SRO-24 dated 10.01.2019 in Govt. Medical College, Jammu shall be held on 15.01.2020 at 11.00 a.m. onwards in the office chamber of the undersigned by the committee constituted by the competent authority.

Sd/-
Dr. Sunanda Raina
Principal
Govt. Medical College, Jammu.

No.: GMC/Es-1/2020/1608
Dated: 06.01.2020
DIPJ-12028

SECTION-1
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
(ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT)
E-TENDER NOTICE

Percentage rates e-tenders are hereby invited in the 3 Bid on behalf of President of India for execution of following work from Experienced Firms/Original Manufacturer/Supplier/Electrical Contractor/Agencies registered with Chandigarh Administration/Railways/MES/BSNL/CPPWD/State PWD/Municipal Corporation/Other Govt. Organization/State Electricity Board/Public Sector Undertaking. The intending bidder should have valid HT Electrical License & meeting with specified eligibility criteria. All the intending bidder are required to be registered with state portal and must possess compatible digital signature certificate of Class-II or III for E-Tendering. The website for online bidding is <https://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app>.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Brief Scope of Work	Tentative Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Time Limit
1.	DNIT for the replacement of obsolete and old 11 KV VCB and allied items at 66 Grid Sub Stn. Industrial Area, Ph-I & II and 33 KV Grid Sub Stn. Industrial Area, Ph-I, Chandigarh.	1) 11 KV VCB Panel SCADA Compatible, Income= 07 Nos. 2) 11 KV VCB Panel SCADA Compatible= 63 Nos. (7 Nos. B/C, 3 Nos. S/SN T/T, 7 Nos. CB, 46 Nos. O/G)	Rs. 2,96,18,072/-	Rs. 5,92,370/-	90 Days

Milestone dates of Electronic Tendering

1. Cost of Tender Document	Free of Cost
2. Earnest Money to be Opened First	Rs. 5,92,370 Original EMD Shall be submitted one day prior of Opening of Bid and also Scanned copy of EMD should be uploaded Start Date 08.01.2020 at 10.00 A.M. End Date 03.02.2020 upto 01.00 P.M. 90 Days
3. Time Limit	Start Date 08.01.2020 at 10.00 A.M. End Date 03.02.2020 upto 02.00 P.M.
4. Downloading of E-Tender Documents	Start Date 08.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M. End Date 03.02.2020 upto 02.00 P.M.
5. Date of Submission of E-Tender	Start Date 08.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M. End Date 03.02.2020 upto 02.00 P.M.
6. Date of Pre-Bid Meeting/Conference	20.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M.
7. Opening of Eligibility Criteria/Technical Bid (Online) whose earnest money will be found in order	On Date 04.02.2020 upto 03.00 P.M.
8. Date of Opening of Financial Bid will be intimated separately to those contractors whose Eligibility/ Technical Bid found in order.	

CONDITIONS:

1. Bid documents consisting of specifications, the schedule of quantities and the set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents can be seen/downloaded/uploaded at the website www.etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app free of cost.

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21 BODY & MIND

Let’s smash the myth of work-life balance for working mothers

No man is ever asked how he manages to balance work and home. That is usually a question reserved for women



IMAGINE
BY SHELJA SEN

I AM asked very often how I manage my work-life balance as I work, write and also have a family with two children. People get taken aback when I tell them that there is not much balance in my life and that I have no idea what it looks like. As the writer-philosopher Alain de Botton put it, “There is no such thing as work-life balance. Everything worth fighting for unbalances your life.”

My family is my priority but there have been times when I have been pulled away from it as I was preoccupied with some exciting project at work or immersed in writing a particular book. As a young mother, I carried a huge amount of guilt about my struggle with my work-life balance till the time I realised that my family had no problem with my way of working. They accepted and were fine with my tendency to give my all to what-

ever I was working on. It was the internalised “gaze” of what a “good mother” should be like that had haunted me for so long. Now I have come to accept and have fun with this crazy, messy life of a working mother. I am not perfect, and I will end up in some sticky situations, but that is all right.

I also do not subscribe to this concept as it makes work out to be some kind of sentence where only when you have clocked in your 9 to 5 are you allowed to have access to your life. Work is very much part of our life, isn't it, especially counting the number of hours we invest in it every day? I also feel it does not serve women well. There is always that expectation of “doing it all” with a very high bar of expectations and huge guilt if she does not reach it. And she can't – no human being can, and it is just a myth which takes a toll on so many working mothers. No man is ever asked how he manages to keep his work-life balance; it is something that's expected only of women. I visualise it as a mother, precariously balanced on a tight rope between work and life, juggling several balls, being watched closely by judgmental eyes. One wrong step and she is doomed.

So having first unspooled the concept of work-life balance and “doing it all”, let's also put it out very clearly that the working mother's life can be a big, fat struggle. A friend had once, in exasperation, likened it to a mix

of a dog trying to catch its tail and a headless chicken, and she was so right! When my children were little, I used to work part-time which meant that I actually ended up putting in a full week's work for half the salary. And on top of that, making sure I was packing in every moment possible with my kids – morning rush for the bus and returning from work for a blitzkrieg of playtime, homework, reading, dinner, bath, bedtime with all the laughter, noise, squealing, squabbles, screeches, messes that the little human beings carry around with them to catching up with some work, before finally crashing exhausted to start the next day again. Then there is snatching time from work for PTMs, annual days, not to mention when they are sick and you are trying to tend to them and catching up on some deadlines. Though I had a husband who was equally involved in childcare, there was not much of a balance and a whole lot of disorderly muddle. This can become more of a battle when you happen to be a single mum, with not much of a support or have a child with disability or if you are dealing with strained finances on top of all this.

The biggest downside of this issue is that we locate the problem and the solution of it in the mothers rather than coming together as a society to deal with it. Our organisations have to work out humane and just maternity



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

policies, flexibility and wherever possible, child-care services. We know from research that happy, healthy workers are an asset rather than the ones who are exhausted, isolated and burnt out.

If I had to share a few ideas with all the working mothers out there, it would be these:
■ Avoid the perfectionist virus as much as possible. Clutter, chaos noise comes with the territory, so let it be.
■ Try to stay away from the addictive stuff as it will just suck away all your precious

time that you need to keep for yourself and the kids – like social media, Netflix etc. For me, it was fiction as once I picked up a book, I would not resurface for the day – ignored the kids, shrugged off deadlines and growled every time I was asked a question.

■ Have a voice and do not let the guilt and shame define you. Nobody is doing you any favours so speak up if you need a certain level of flexibility at work. Share as much of housework, childcare with your partner/husband as possible. Don't try to

take everything on yourself.

■ Plan, plan, plan your week and your days as much as possible – your children's routine, your work projects, shopping, meals, child care and on the days when nothing seems to be working out, just smile, go with the flow and let it be.

■ Safeguard times for things that revives you – fun times with friends, laughter, music, yoga, books, movies, holidays, good food, anything that keeps you going.

■ Hold on to the bigger picture in mind – an outbreak of lice, homework not completed, missed baths etc. might seem like a disaster at that time, but they really do not matter so much in the long run.

■ Keep the best of yourself for your kids. It is so easy to get wrapped up in work, especially since the recognition and immediate reward from it can be so much more rewarding than the daily grind of childcare which does not get us much appreciation and no financial gains. We might be engaged, full of creative ideas and enthusiasm at work but if, after our return home, we are just exhausted, grouchy and snapping at the little people who matter most to us, then, a possible rebalancing is in order. You work, or you don't work is your choice, but giving your better part of yourself to your kids is non-negotiable.

(Dr Shelja Sen is therapist, writer and co-founder of Children First, a child & adolescent mental health institute) write to shelja.sen@childrenfirstindia.com

DIET DIARY

Eliminating dairy, wheat, sugar from diet? Choose food alternatives wisely



BY ISHI KHOSLA

FOOD SENSITIVITIES and allergies are growing steeply, and more and more people are giving up either dairy or wheat or both. In fact, the number of people eliminating dairy from their diets for health reasons (lactose or dairy intolerance) or adopting a vegan way of living are growing exponentially. According to reports, the trend has caught up to an extent that a study by the USDA (US Department of Agriculture) in 2011 reported dairy milk sales had halved since the 1980s.

Other reports suggest that veganism has become extremely popular in Great Britain over the last decade. But the important question here is: Are the alternatives really healthy?

For example, dairy alternatives are soy milk, almond milk and other nut milks and even grain milks like rice and oat milk. A convenient choice for teas and coffees are non-dairy creamers. But the 'non-dairy and healthier' options are questionable. The use of sodium caseinate and hydrogenated soyabean oil seems to defeat the very reason for this choice. Casein is a milk protein. Even though it may be tolerated by people who have dairy intolerance as it is highly hydrolysed, the term 'dairy free' is inappropriate.

Hydrogenated oils used to make non-dairy creamers are sources of toxic trans fats which are unquestionably unhealthy fats in our food supply. Research has proved the direct connection of trans fatty acids with cardiovascular diseases, breast cancer, risks of preclampsia, disorders of nervous system, colon cancer, diabetes, obesity and allergy. In light of these new findings, trans fatty intake should be zero.

Strict regulations are in place to monitor trans fats by regulatory bodies.

Even though the serving size of creamers is usually small, the cumulative amounts through several servings adds up. Another common component of non-dairy creamers is sugar, such as the high-fructose corn syrup present in a dried form. They are a common ingredient of sweetened carbonated drinks and several processed foods. They are associated with increased obesity, insulin resistance and diabetes. High-fructose corn syrup is derived by enzymes that break down the starch from corn into first sugar (glucose) and then another enzyme that converts glucose to fructose. Fructose kicks the liver into fat storage and is associated with fatty liver disease. In some ways, it is worse than simple sugar as it prevents sugar going to the muscle tissue to be used as a fuel.

Good health is achieved not simply by avoiding harmful substances but by addition of beneficial ones. Simply eliminating foods you are sensitive to will not make you feel better. What you substitute in place of these is critical. Addition of processed and toxic ingredients can worsen your health. Just by avoiding non-vegetarian food and replacing it with starchy, sugary or processed vegetarian food is counter-productive.

The same is true for those giving up gluten. Only a healthy gluten-free diet is beneficial. A poorly-chosen diet loaded with processed gluten-free ingredients and starches can swing towards being unhealthy. So choose your food wisely.

A healthy diet should be around minimal processed foods, fresh vegetables and fruits, seasonal, local and organic, and higher in plant protein, healthy fats. Whole grains, cereals and dairy need to be as per individual needs. Remember to read ingredients on labels of foods. If you can't pronounce most of them, the item is obviously loaded with components that you don't need!

Author is a clinical nutritionist and founder of www.theweightmonitor.com and Whole Foods India



JANE EBRODY

IF YOU live with or work with someone who suffers from migraine, there's something very important you should know: A migraine is not “just a headache,” as many seem to think. Nor is it something most sufferers can simply ignore and get on with their lives.

And if you are a migraine sufferer, there's something potentially life-changing that you should know: There are now a number of medications available that can either prevent or alleviate many attacks.

Migraine is a neurological disorder characterised by recurrent attacks of severe, often incapacitating headache and dysfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which controls the body's myriad automatic activities like digestion and breathing. The throbbing or pulsating pain of migraine is often accompanied by nausea and vomiting.

Translation: Migraine is a headache, all right, but with body-wide effects because the brain converses with the rest of the body. It is often severe enough to exact a devastating toll on someone's ability to work, interact with others, perform the tasks of daily life, or even be in a normal living environment. When in the throes of a migraine attack, sufferers may be unable to tolerate light, noise, smells or even touch.

Dr Stephen Silberstein, a neurologist at Thomas Jefferson University and director of the Jefferson Headache Centre, told me “There are 47 million people in this country with migraine, and for six million, the condition is chronic, which means they have more than 15 headache days a month,” he said.

“It's time to destigmatise migraine and provide sufferers with effective treatment,” said Dr David W Dodick, neurologist at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. “They are not fakers, weak individuals who are trying to get out of work.”

In addition to the price paid by individuals with migraine, the cost to employers can be exorbitant. For example, in a recent survey by the Japanese Headache Society of more than 2,400 workers at Fujitsu, an information technology company based in Tokyo, the productivity of one employee in five was impaired by migraine, at an estimated cost to the company of nearly 150,000 employees of \$350 million a year.

For the United States as a whole, the economic burden exacted by migraine is staggering – at least \$11 billion in direct medical and related costs and at least another \$11 billion in indirect costs from the disability it causes, according to Dr. Wayne N. Burton of



Gracia Lam/NYT

Chicago, former global corporate medical director at American Express.

Not only does migraine result in absenteeism, but also what specialists call “presenteeism” – people who are at work but unable to function effectively. A former editor of mine with migraine had to go home as soon as he sensed an impending migraine or he would be unable to get home until it resolved.

Though that was decades ago, today there still several reasons migraine is poorly controlled for so many people. One is a lack of appreciation by both doctors and the public for what it entails, which can discourage patients from seeking treatment. Another is a tendency for migraine sufferers to assume they can or should be able to deal with the problem on their own, either with over-the-counter or prescription drugs.

Resulting from that assumption, Dr Silberstein said, is yet another stumbling block – an abuse of medication, which can actually make the condition worse. “Half the patients with chronic migraine overuse the treatment based on surveys we've done,” he said. On the other hand,

he added, when an attack is imminent, many people wait too long to initiate treatment “because they're in denial and hope the headache will go away on its own. But the longer you wait, the harder it is to get relief.”

But perhaps the main problem is a paucity of medical experts – 580 specialists, or one doctor for every 80,000 people with migraine, who are conversant with the condition and available therapies, Dr Dodick said. Even if patients can find an expert, a lot of insurance plans don't cover certified headache specialists.

Thus, too often, patients with an excruciating migraine end up in a hospital's emergency room, which Dr Silberstein called “the worst place to go when you have a migraine, with all the lights, noise, activity and the wait.”

As Dr Dodick explained, “The brain amplifies the signals coming in, intensifying the pain and symptoms throughout the body.”

There are four oral drugs in two different classes that have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the prevention of migraine: two anti-seizure drugs



In addition to the price paid by individuals with migraine, the cost to employers can be exorbitant

[0-20 YEARS]

Kids see you when you are drinking

CHILDREN MAY learn from an early age when it's appropriate to drink and how many drinks are okay from watching all the adults in their lives, a Dutch study suggests. Researchers asked 75 fathers and 83 mothers how common it would be for adults to drink in a range of situations like during a party, at work, while watching television or while driving. Then, they asked 359 unrelated children, ages 4 to 8, in which situations they thought it was common or appropriate for adults to drink. As children got older, they became increasingly aware

of social norms surrounding alcohol consumption, researchers report in the journal *Alcohol and Alcoholism*. Familiarity with alcohol might make children more likely to start drinking earlier in life or lead to more frequent drinking, the study team notes. “Kids model parental behaviour,” said a researcher. “Parents who drink in front of youngsters make drinking a norm”. Fathers drank more than mothers, the study found. Men consumed about 8.6 standardised alcohol units a week, compared with 4.4 for women.

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[20-50 YEARS]

Commuters may get less sleep, exercise

PEOPLE WITH full-time jobs who endure long commutes may be more likely to have sleep problems and sedentary lifestyles than counterparts who work closer to home, a Swedish study suggests. Among individuals working more than 40 hours a week, commuting more than a half hour each way to work on a typical day was associated with a 25 per cent higher risk of having an inactive lifestyle and a 16 per cent higher risk of sleep problems, the study found. “Sleep problems may arise from lack of time for stress-releasing activities and relaxation,”

said a researcher. “People may also be too tired to be physically active after a long working day and commute”. Among people who normally worked less than 40 hours a week, commuting time didn't appear to influence health behaviours like drinking, smoking or exercising, the study found. People with longer work hours and long commutes appeared more likely to be overweight than those who worked or traveled less, but this difference was too small to rule out the possibility that it was due to chance.

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[50+ YEARS]

Green tea linked to longer, healthier life

DRINKING GREEN tea at least three times a week is associated with a longer and healthier life, according to a study published on Thursday. The analysis included 100,902 participants in China with no history of heart attack, stroke, or cancer. “Habitual tea consumption is associated with lower risks of cardiovascular disease and all-cause death,” said a researcher. “The favourable health effects are the most robust for green tea and for long-term habitual tea drinkers”. The participants were classified into two groups: habitual tea

drinkers (three or more times a week) and never or non-habitual tea drinkers (less than three times a week) and followed-up for a median of 7.3 years. The analyses estimated that 50-year-old habitual tea drinkers would develop coronary heart disease and stroke 1.41 years later and live 1.26 years longer than those who never or seldom drank tea, the researchers said. In a sub-analysis by type of tea, drinking green tea was linked with about 25 per cent lower risks for incidents of heart disease and stroke, the researchers said.

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BRIEFLY

Veer to replace Joshi in U-19 WC squad

New Delhi: India U-19 all-rounder Divyansh Joshi has been ruled out of the upcoming World Cup following an injury sustained in the first match of the bilateral one-day series against host South Africa. Divyansh dislocated his right shoulder after suffering a fall while India U19 were fielding. The All-India Junior Selection Committee has named Siddhesh Veer from Maharashtra as Divyansh's replacement.

India U-19 squad: Priyam Garg (Captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma, Divyaansh Saxena, Dhruv Chand Jurel (vice-captain & wicket-keeper), Shashwat Rawat, Siddhesh Veer, Shubhang Hegde, Ravi Bishnoi, Akash Singh, Kartik Tyagi, Atharva Ankolekar, Kumar Kushagra (wicket-keeper), Sushant Mishra, Vidyadhar Patil.

Cottrell six seals 1-wicket win for WI

Bridgetown: Sheldon Cottrell blasted a six off the penultimate ball to give the West Indies a thrilling one-wicket victory over Ireland in the second one-day international at Kensington Oval on Thursday. Cottrell, best known for his fast bowling where wickets are celebrated with a flamboyant military salute, carted Mark Adair over cover for the winning runs as the home side lived on their nerves to finish on 242-9. Victory gave the West Indies a 2-0 lead in the three-game series after winning the opener at the same ground on Tuesday by five wickets. Brief scores: Ireland 237-9 in 50 overs (P Stirling 63, S Singh 34; A Joseph 4-32) lost to West Indies 242-9 in 49.5 overs (N Pooran 52, H Walsh 46*; S Singh 3/48) by 1 wicket

Paterson in line for debut for SA

Johannesburg: Fast bowler Dane Paterson is in line to make his Test debut against England in the third Test at Port Elizabeth after South Africa's selectors on Friday named an unchanged squad for the final two Tests. Of the six squad players who did not feature in the first two Tests, only Paterson will stay with the team which lost the second Test in Cape Town by 189 runs as they head to St George's Park. The four-match World Test Championship series is tied at 1-1.

Test squad: Faf du Plessis (capt), Dean Elgar, Pieter Malan, Zubayr Hamza, Rassie van der Dussen, Quinton de Kock, Vernon Philander, Dwaine Pretorius, Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, Dane Paterson.

Pakistan one of the safest places: Gayle

Dhaka: Big-hitting West Indies batsman Chris Gayle has endorsed Pakistan as "one of the safest places" in the world, weeks after Test cricket returned to the country after a decade. No Test-playing nation had visited Pakistan since the 2009 terrorist attack on the Sri Lankan team bus near Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium. Last month, it was the Sri Lankan national team only, albeit a weakened one, that became the first elite side team to tour the country since that attack almost a decade ago.

AGENCIES

Matchless India seal series

Wide gulf between the two sides ensures the hosts win the third & final T20I with plenty to spare



Navdeep Saini drives the final nail in the coffin by removing Sri Lankan captain Lasith Malinga in Pune on Friday. AP

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IN A 40-over game – reduced to 35.5 overs because Sri Lanka failed to go the distance – India were in a spot of bother for two overs, when they lost four wickets. But the gulf between the two sides seemed wider than the Palk Strait as the hosts won the third T20I, also the three-match series, on a canter.

Against Jasprit Bumrah and company, the Sri Lankan batting needed to punch way above their weight to score 202, their victory target. But when the islanders' lost their first four wickets inside the Powerplay, the chase was effectively over. Dhananjaya de Silva's half-century came in a losing cause as India won by 78 runs.

The highlight of the Indian batting in Pune was its top order and the bottom half. If a 97-run opening partnership between Shikhar Dhawan and KL Rahul laid the foundation for a 200-plus total, Shardul Thakur's blitz at the death, along with Manish Pandey's cultured hitting – the two added 37 runs for the seventh wicket off just 15 balls – ensured that a formidable score was reached. After a match-winning cameo in an ODI against the West Indies at Cuttack, Thakur scored 22 not out in eight balls on Friday, further attesting his value as a lower-order batsman apart from his medium-pace bowling that accounted for two wickets later in the evening.

From India's perspective though, Dhawan's half-century was more important. It wasn't a fluent knock by any stretch. He was dropped on one by Dasun Shanaka



Shardul Thakur took two wickets after his 8-ball-22 cameo.

at deep square leg off Angelo Mathews. A couple of dot balls had worn down the left-hander's patience but Shanaka misjudged the skier. Then, on 12, wicketkeeper Kusal Perera didn't react to a thick edge off Lasith Malinga, allowing it to go past him to the boundary. And yet, Dhawan's effort deserved a big round of applause, for it oozed character.

With his form dipping, strike rate slipping and his place on the line, a 36-ball 52,

including seven fours and a six, will give the left-hander some breathing space. Once he got into the groove, he played some gorgeous shots. A cover drive for four against fast bowler Lahiru Kumara and a slog-sweep for six off leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga were vintage Dhawan. He reached his half-century – his first in this format since November 21, 2018 – keeping a strike rate of 144-plus. Of late, it had been hovering around 110.

Dhawan-Rahul show

Dhawan was growing in confidence. He even brought out a David Warner-like switch-hit from his repertoire, although a top-edge and a couple ensued. He eventually got out trying to sweep chinaman bowler Lakshan Sandakan over the deep mid-wicket boundary, finding Danushka Gunathilaka instead.

Rahul's selflessness played a part in Dhawan's resurgence. When Rohit Sharma will return, the two will compete for the second opener's slot. Rahul is the in-form batsman at the moment, with two half-centuries and a 32-ball 45 in his last four T20Is coming into this game, and a century and a half-century in his last three ODIs. On Friday too, he set the tempo of India's batting with a cracking four off Malinga in the first over, after the hosts were sent in. The back-to-back fours against Angelo Mathews in the next over were exquisite. Then, he went on one knee and whipped de Silva over the long leg fence. But as Dhawan started to regain his touch, Rahul decided to take a backseat, allowing his partner to flourish. He didn't mind being outscored.

Rahul scored 54 off 36 balls before Sandakan deceived him with a beauty. A tossed-up delivery bowled wide dragged the batsman forward to drive. The ball spun past the bat and Perera took the bails off in a flash.

Sanju Samson finally got a game and came in at No. 3. This game was an opportunity for the Indian team management to rotate and Rishabh Pant, Shivam Dube and Kuldeep Yadav made way for Samson, Pandey and Yuzvendra Chahal respectively. Samson started off with a six first ball. His timing wowed Virat Kohli. But the way he got out to Hasaranga might not augur well for India's reserve 'keeper in white-ball cricket. Samson failed to read the googly, played down the wrong line and was caught plumb in front. Shreyas Iyer picked a wrong'un from Sandakan and unleashed a stinging square cut. But the left-arm spinner foxed him next ball, holding it back and forcing Iyer to play early for a return catch.

Kohli batted at No. 6. India had lost four wickets inside 13 deliveries and they ran the risk of surrendering the advantage. Kohli and Pandey, at No. 4, didn't let that happen as they added 42 runs for the fifth wicket. Then the skipper and Washington Sundar departed off successive balls. India needed fireworks at the back end to reach 200. Pandey and Thakur hammered 59 runs in the last four overs.

When Sri Lanka batted, Bumrah struck in the very first over. Navdeep Saini came and cleaned up Perera with a yorker. A young fast bowler steaming in and bowling yorkers early in his spell spelt supreme confidence. Saini returned with three wickets, as Sri Lanka folded for 123.

SCORECARD » India vs Sri Lanka

3rd T20I | Pune | Toss: Sri Lanka

INDIA	201/6 IN 20 OVS
KL Rahul st †Perera b Sandakan	54 (36b, 5x4, 1x6)
S Dhawan c Gunathilaka b Sandakan	52 (36b, 7x4, 1x6)
S Samson †lbw b W Hasaranga	6 (2b,1x6)
M Pandey not out	31 (18b, 4x4)
S Iyer c & b Sandakan	4 (2b, 1x4)
V Kohli (c) run out	26 (17b, 2x4, 1x6)
W Sundar c Sandakan b Kumara	0 (1b)
S Thakur not out	22 (8b, 1x4, 2x6)
■ Extras: (lb 2, w 4)	6
Fall of wickets: 1-97 (Shikhar Dhawan, 10.5 ov), 2-106 (Sanju Samson, 11.3 ov), 3-118 (KL Rahul, 12.3 ov), 4-122 (Shreyas Iyer, 12.5 ov), 5-164 (Virat Kohli, 17.3 ov), 6-164 (Washington Sundar, 17.4 ov)	
■ Bowling:	
S Malinga	4-0-40-0
A Mathews	3-0-38-0
D de Silva	1-0-13-0
L Kumara	4-0-46-1
W Hasaranga	4-0-27-1
L Sandakan	4-0-35-3
SRI LANKA	123 IN 15.5 OVS
D Gunathilaka c Sundar b Bumrah	1 (2b)
A Fernando c Iyer b Thakur	9 (7b, 1x6)
K Perera † b Saini	7 (10b,1x4)
O Fernando run out	2 (5b)
A Mathews c Pandey b Sundar	31 (20b, 1x4, 3x6)
D de Silva c Bumrah b Saini	57 (36b,8x4, 1x6)
D Shanaka c & b Thakur	9 (9b,1x6)
W Hasaranga run out	0 (2b)
L Sandakan st †Samson b Sundar	1 (2b)
L Malinga (c) c Kohli b Saini	0 (1b)
L Kumara not out	1 (1b)
■ Extras: (b 1, w4)	5
Fall of wickets: 1-57 (Danushka Gunathilaka, 0.6 ov), 2-11 (Avishka Fernando, 1.3 ov), 3-15 (Oshada Fernando, 3.1 ov), 4-26 (Kusal Perera, 5.1 ov), 5-94 (Angelo Mathews, 11.2 ov), 6-110 (Dasun Shanaka, 13.3 ov), 7-110 (Wanindu Hasaranga, 13.5 ov), 8-118 (Lakshan Sandakan, 14.6 ov), 9-122 (Dhananjaya de Silva, 15.3 ov), 10-123 (Lasith Malinga, 15.5 ov)	
■ Bowling:	
J Bumrah	2-1-5-1
S Thakur	3-0-19-2
N Saini	3.5-0-28-3
W Sundar	4-0-37-2
Y Chahal	3-0-33-0
■ Ind won by 78 runs	



Dhananjaya de Silva top-scored for Sri Lanka with 57 off 36 balls.

INDIA-AUSTRALIA ODI SERIES

Aussies look to forget World Cup thrashing in familiar territory

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THE LAST time Australia played an ODI was probably one of their worst ever outings in the format. England shellacked them in a lop-sided semifinal in Birmingham, the Aussie bowlers hammered like never before in a big game and their batsmen embarrassed.

Since then, though, Australia have regrouped at home, and not only are David Warner and Steve Smith in great form, they have also found a new hero in Marnus Labuschagne. For the India tour, they have dispensed with seaming all-rounder in Marcus Stoinis and have got Ashton Agar back. If the World Cup was played this year, Australia would be the team to beat.

The last time they were in India for an ODI series, in March, they showed spine, bouncing back from a 0-2 deficit to win the last three games and take the series. It was the turnaround moment for that particular team, and they battled through the World Cup to reach the semifinals. Though they were indeed humiliated by England, the fact that they reached the semifinals with that team and strung together some impressive wins says much about their character. Now, the changes in personnel

In India, you have to be really disciplined with the basics. A lot of time you can get caught up in worrying about things that aren't all that relevant. When you perform consistently, it's about your top three or four batters going out there and getting big scores. The pleasing thing from the last tour is how we were able to come back from 0-2 down to win 3-2."

AARON FINCH AUSTRALIA CAPTAIN

have made the team even stronger.

Unlike some other teams, Australia don't travel with doubts in India. They come with a clear plan – the batting revolves around the top order, their seamers bowl a lot of cutters, leg-spinner Adam Zampa is trusted to deliver.

"In India, you have to be really disciplined with the basics. A lot of time you can get caught up in worrying about things that aren't all that relevant," skipper Aaron Finch said on arrival in Mumbai. "When you perform consistently, it's about your top three or four batters going out there and getting big scores. The pleasing thing from the last tour is how we were able to come



Aaron Finch with stand-in coach Andrew McDonald. Nirmal Harindran

A big part of playing in India is how you play spin, so for me being clear with my plans about how I play spin and then just trusting the processes I have. Batting in the middle order it's about running really hard between wickets and trying to get those runs through the middle, then when you get the opportunity towards the back end to open the shoulders a bit."

MARNUS LABUSCHAGNE AUSTRALIA BATSMAN

back from 0-2 down to win 3-2. That made a really big statement. Once you get behind in the series, you don't give up, you keep chipping in one game at a time and try to get back into the series bit by bit."

The Indian fans would look forward to watching Jasprit Bumrah, who has just returned to international cricket after a three-month layoff, going against the men from Down Under.

"I think, more and more guys face him, the more exposure you get, the more you start to understand how he bowls. So it is important that we don't overplay that too much," Finch

said. "He is obviously a fantastic bowler and someone who, when you are not playing against him, you love watching him bowl. He is fast and aggressive and his execution is pretty spot on. It is more about focusing on what we are as a batting unit against that and each player has different strengths and weaknesses. So (we are doing) what we have to do for mentally being prepared for that challenge," Finch said.

Glenn Maxwell, who performed well in the last ODI series in India, hasn't been selected this time around with Australia going with Labuschagne. Finch was all praise for the new star, and said he was looked forward to his contest with Bumrah. "Yes that (contest) is going to be exciting. The improvement we have seen in Marnus's game over the last 12 months has been huge and that has been reflected in his scores and the impact that he is having in Test matches. If you look at his domestic ODI record, it is very good. He has batted in the top four for Queensland and the way that our ODI competition is being structured for the last few years.there can be similar wickets to sub-continent type of wickets, where they are slower and spin a bit and for him to be averaging 40 in domestic cricket is brilliant and hopefully he can bring that from the Test series. He is an exciting player who just keeps getting the job done all the time."



Sindhu and Saina press exit button at Malaysia Open

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OLYMPIC MEDAL-WINNING Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal crashed out of the Malaysia Masters after being outplayed by familiar foes in the quarterfinals, ending the country's campaign here on Friday. Reigning world champion Sindhu, who took the court first on Friday, was knocked out of the Super 500 badminton tournament by top seed Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei, while Saina was shown the door by Olympic champion Spaniard Carolina Marin.

Saina was no match for Marin, who took exactly half-an-hour to dispose off the Indian's challenge 8-21 7-21. Saina was woefully out of touch, and got herself into tangles. She utterly failed to read her opponent's game. It was as much as a case of Marin bringing her A game as Saini digressing progressively. In the end, it was relief that the torment ended fast.

The defeat means that Saina's rankings wouldn't improve and she has to be at her best in the remaining tournaments to qualify for the Olympics in Tokyo next year.

Tzu Ying, ranked second in the world, defeated Rio Olympics silver-medallist Sindhu 21-16 21-16 in the quarterfinal, extending her head-to-head record to 12-5.

This was Sindhu's second consecutive loss to Tzu Ying. She had lost to her in the French Open quarterfinals in October last year. Sindhu was erratic in the start, failing to capitalise on her leads and eventually lost the first game 16-21 to hand a 1-0 advantage to Tzu Ying. In the second game, Sindhu could do little as Tzu Ying completely dominated the proceedings from start to finish.

Trailing 11-20, Sindhu saved six match points but it came too late as Tzu Ying sealed the game 21-16. Later in the day, Saina was outplayed by Marin. Saina and Marin were 6-6 in head-to-head before Friday's match.

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Saina Nehwal lost 8-21 7-21 to Carolina Marin of Spain. *File*

out to be the same as Saina committed a lot of unforced errors allowing Marin to easily run away with the match and a place in the semifinals.

Last leg of PBL shifted

The last leg of the upcoming Premier Badminton League (PBL) was on Friday shifted to Hyderabad from here after Bengaluru Raptors expressed its inability to host the matches including the semifinals and final due to unavailability of venue.

The 2020 edition of the PBL will have 24 ties which will be played in 21 days across four different cities starting on January 20. Bengaluru Raptors was scheduled to host the last leg from February 5 to 9. However, on Thursday, in a series of tweets Bengaluru Raptors made it clear that due to the unavailability of the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium.

"The last leg of Premier Badminton League (PBL) season 5, which was scheduled from February 5-9, has been shifted from Bengaluru to Hyderabad due to unavailability of the stadium," the organisers said in a media release.

The matches will now be played in Hyderabad, which will also host the penultimate leg from January 29 to February 4. "Hyderabad was supposed to host the matches from January 29 to February 4 as per the original schedule. Now 15 matches including three double headers will be hosted by Hyderabad as per the updated schedule which will start from January 29," the release stated.

"The semi-finals and finals will also be hosted in Hyderabad. The other two venues for the season 5 are Chennai (January 20-24) and Lucknow (Jan 25-28)," After the first leg in Chennai, the league will move to Lucknow on January 25, and then to Hyderabad on January 29

MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

WHILE DUES to the pugilists, totalling several lakh, from last year's edition remain outstanding, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) on Friday scrapped this year's India Open International Tournament. The BFI, it is learnt, was forced into the decision owing to financial constraints. However, the federation's spokesperson claimed the move was precipitated with the boxers likely to be out of the country for a training camp during the period when the event was originally planned.

The tournament was scheduled for March-April and, according to sources, was to double up as selection trials for the World Olympic qualifying tournament to be held in May. However, separate trials are now likely to be organised for the categories in which India does not win a quota at the continental qualifiers next month.

Curiously, the 2020 edition of the India Open has been called off at a time when a number of boxers have complained to the federation – in writing and orally as well – regarding the unpaid prize money from the 2019 edition, which was held in Guwahati in May. The BFI, sources said, is yet to disburse total cash prize of approximately Rs 34 lakh to the gold and silver medal-winning Indian boxers.

The gold medallists were entitled to get \$2,500 (Rs 1,77,000 approximately) while the runners-up were assured of \$1,000 (roughly Rs 70,900). Indian men and women boxers returned with a rich haul from the championship, winning 12 gold medals, 18 silver and 27 bronze – although the losing semifinalists were not slated to receive any cash prize.

The six foreigners who medalled (all gold) were rewarded immediately after the tournament concluded. The Indian boxers, however, are yet to receive a dime. "The priority was to pay the foreign boxers first because the Indian players are within the system so their dues would eventually be cleared," the BFI spokesperson said.

Waiting for seven months

After nearly seven months of waiting, though, a boxer shot off a letter to the federation last week, seeking clarity on the issue. It was followed up by several other pugilists approaching BFI officials, demanding that their prize money be paid. "Many of us have been waiting patiently since May and have followed up with the federation several times. However, they have not given us a concrete reply. We are yet to receive the prize money for winning a medal seven months ago. I do not know what is the reason for this delay," said a boxer who won a gold medal at the tournament.

According to the BFI, the delay has been because they did not receive the sponsor-



The medal winners of the 2019 India Open are yet to get their prize-money. *File*

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AN INDIAN BOXER
WHO WON GOLD AT THE INDIA OPEN BUT HAVEN'T YET RECEIVED THE PRIZE MONEY

ship money from the Assam government. "We have recently received the sponsorship money from the Government of Assam so the Indian boxers will shortly be given their prize money," the spokesperson added.

Not just the boxers, it is learnt that a few members of the coaching staff, referee-judges, and a couple of state units who hosted domestic championships, too, have not been paid their dues. Some pugilists even claimed the federation owes them money from previous international tournaments as well. The prize money for the 2018 India Open, too, was delayed by more than a month.

Injured gymnast recovering, but ruled out of Khelo India

Guwahati: A 14-year-old gymnast from Bengal suffered neck and spinal injuries during a practice session on the eve of the Khelo India Youth Games here, leading to her pulling out from the event. Adita Mandal, however, was discharged from the hospital after MRI reports revealed the injuries were not serious in nature.

The young gymnast from Sports Authority of India (SAI), Kolkata, was attempting double sault backward, but had an awkward landing and hurt her neck and spine area during practice on Thursday. "Scans including MRI and X-rays did not reveal any serious injury and she was released from the hospital," SAI coach Dilip Das told PTI.

The athlete from Kankinara in West Bengal, however, could not take part in her competitions on Friday and will be sent back at the earliest.

Injury due to negligence

Shivangini Gohain, the 12-year-old Assam archer who was impaled by an arrow shot accidentally at the SAI centre in

Dibrugarh, was training unsupervised and the mishap was a result of negligence by the local coach and officials, the state's archery association has said.

The child was training at the Dakha Devi Rasiwasia College at Chabua, which serves as an extension centre under the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Regional Centre in Guwahati when the incident took place on Wednesday.

She was airlifted to Delhi on Thursday night and admitted to the AIIMS Trauma Centre. Pulin Das, a joint secretary of Assam Archery Association and executive member of the state Olympic association said the injury to the school girl from the Deodhai village, which is 3km from Chabua, happened as the trainees were practising without any coach and other officials. There is a SAI contractual coach Marcy and he has left for the Khelo India Games in Guwahati. He didn't instruct the trainees to stop the camp for some time nor did the college principal, who acted as administrator of the extension centre, looked after the practice," Das said. **PTI**

RANJIFIFTHROUND

Avesh Khan's resolution of the year: From the fringe to the forefront

VISHAL MENON
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 10

AVESH KHAN bowled for barely 20 minutes at the Kamail Singh Stadium on Friday. On the eve of Madhya Pradesh's Ranji Trophy encounter against the Railways, he decided to take it easy. He participated in the routine fielding drills, before going to inspect the greenish-beige-coloured fresh strip. For the remainder of the practice session, Khan cooled his heels, and watched his team-mates sweat it out on the crisp winter morning.

Madhya Pradesh's strike bowler wanted to make sure that he remained fresh for the next four days. In many ways, Khan seems to be following in the footsteps of Team India fast bowlers who, in recent times, have preferred to give pre-match training sessions a miss. Even on the rare instances they turn up, they hardly bowl at the nets.

Khan is in spectacular form this season – accounting for 19 scalps from three matches – with his zip and nip being the solitary crumb of comfort in the Madhya Pradesh dressing room. The 23-year-old knows what is expected of him. He doesn't need to try out a new variation or perfect his outswinger on match-eve. He insists it's all stored in his muscle memory.

Another compelling reason for the breaks between matches is obviously to manage his workload. Of late, the BCCI, while working in tandem with state associations, has created a database of bowlers that provides information on the number of overs they have clocked and details about their injury management. "I have been playing so much cricket now that it's important to keep a tab on the body and managing the workload. I rarely bowl in the nets in between matches now. I know what my form is," Khan told *The Indian Express*.

A robust young fast bowler, with the propensity to hurl 145kmph thunderbolts with ease, Khan is no stranger to injuries. Following his debut season in 2012-13, he was sidelined for a considerable time with an ankle injury. Since then, he has chalked out a detailed plan that has reduced the risk of a breakdown, as it provided him ample rest time and recovery.

The Indore lad knows fully well that he cannot afford another breakdown at this juncture, especially with the India A tour to



Avesh Khan has snared 19 wickets at 19.47 from six innings. *Amit Mehra*

New Zealand just around the corner. Having been selected for the two unofficial Tests, Khan will have to replicate the form and rhythm which he has displayed in the Ranji season so far, if he harbours hopes of remaining in contention among India's pace riches.

"Whenever I play, my job is to pick wickets for my team. On a given day, if I bowl around 15 overs and end up with 40 runs and go wicket-less, I will not be happy with my performance. On the other hand, even if I concede around 60 runs, but pick up five wickets, I will walk away satisfied," Khan gave a peek into his mindset. He understands that just one bad season will push him out of the reckoning. Khan was lethal last season as well, finishing with 35 scalps from seven matches. Even as he gears up for the upcoming Ranji Trophy encounter, his focus is squarely on the New Zealand sojourn.

Khan can draw inspiration from Navdeep Saini's stupendous initiation into international cricket. An injury to Bhuvneshwar Kumar and the team management's decision to rest Mohammed Shami handed Saini the opportunity to don the India jersey. He responded by harassing the Sri Lankans with brute pace.

Khan does not see the surfeit of fast bowling talent as an impediment. "Playing along-

side so many world-class fast bowlers gives me the opportunity to improve my game. On one hand, you always remain prepared and know that you cannot afford to have one bad performance. As a youngster, one can gain a lot of experience by talking to these guys. So, I take this as a blessing," Khan opined. He cited the example of his IPL stint with Delhi Capitals, where he got a chance to rub shoulders with Ishant Sharma and Kagiso Rabada. "The IPL gives you such a great opportunity. Last year, I spent a lot of time with Rabada, and spoke to him about bowling with the red ball. He advised me to pitch it up and get the ball to swing as much as possible. He said that with my physique, it's easy to pitch it short and turn into a hit-the-deck bowler. But with the red ball, sab length ka khel hota hain (all lengths are in play)," he explained.

Against Railways, Madhya Pradesh will bank on Khan to make inroads. The morning dew and nippy conditions will keep pacers from both teams interested. If Khan hits the perfect red-ball length and garners sustained pace and zip that he is known for, the Railways batsmen could be in for a hard time. It could also just pave the way for Madhya Pradesh's first win of the season – they went down to Baroda by one wicket and drew against Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh.

A bout of sustenance and survival

It's nearly halfway through a season that has seen some of the powerhouses underwhelm, making the fifth round a last-chance saloon for some. Prominent among them are Mumbai and Tamil Nadu, who encounter each other. Defending champions Vidarbha too have endured an indifferent start, thus making the round a defining one

STARS RETURN FOR TN TO FACE DEPLETED MUMBAI

TAMIL NADU VS MUMBAI, CHENNAI
ONCE A top-bill pairing—having confronted each other in four finals and several knockout games—both have set off terribly this season. Tamil Nadu are languishing at 17, losing two games and conceding the first-innings lead in the remaining games. Mumbai are 13th, having meekly lost their last two games. However, Tamil Nadu are shored up by the return of Ravichandran Ashwin, Dinesh Karthik and Abhinav Mukund, making them look quite formidable on paper, though Murali Vijay is still nursing an injury. However, Mumbai are shuddered by the absence of Prithvi Shaw, who is nursing a left shoulder injury, and skipper Suryakumar Yadav, who is touring New Zealand with the A team. Meanwhile, Shardul Thakur, Shivam Dube and Shreyas Iyer are on national duty, making their comeback hopes leaner. But the most prolific side in domestic cricket has the knack of striking back when they're least expected to. Moreover, Tamil Nadu has historically frozen in crucial games against Mumbai. In isolation, it could be a terrific match between two sides desperate to salvage their season.

ALL EYES ON PADIKKAL

SAURASHTRA VS KARNATAKA, RAJKOT



Devdutt Padikkal, the left-handed opening batsman, has made heads turn this season with his composed demeanour and attractive stroke-play. However, he has yet to make a first-class hundred this season, despite registering four half-centuries in seven innings. In fact, none of Karnataka's batsmen, including big names like Karun Nair, Mayank Agarwal and Manish Pandey, have scored a hundred. It has been more of a collective batting effort and incisive bowling that has seen Karnataka climb to the second spot on the table. But there wouldn't be a better bat-



Ravichandran Ashwin would hope he can inspire Tamil Nadu. *File*

ting surface in the country to stack up big runs than the one in Rajkot, often compared to the Jamnagar-Ahmedabad Highway. Saurashtra's batsmen, too, haven't been among the runs, barring the gritty Arpit Vasava. And with their talisman Cheteshwar Pujara returning to India A duties, the task is on the likes of Sheldon Jackson and Snell Patel to pile on the skyscraper totals the venue is accustomed to.

CAN JAFFER DUST UP HIS TOUCH?

VIDARBHA VS BENGAL, NAGPUR

Before the group stages end, Wasim Jaffer would turn 42, that age when the retirement whispers gather decibel. Jaffer might have been hearing it for a good part of his last five years on the circuit. Only that the evergreen man of Indian cricket has blunted the talks and defied his age with mountains of runs, year after year. In the last couple of seasons, he has stroked nearly 2,000 runs at a shade over of 70. This time, though, he has looked every bit his age, bereft of his tabled timing,

his three knocks yielding merely 64 runs. But it's still preposterous (heck at the age of 41) to write him off. Jaffer's revival is vital to Vidarbha's hat-trick of titles ambition. The defending champions, too, have yet to hit the top gear, stuttering to 11 points in three games, placed eighth on the table. They're generally slow starters, but it's about time they started throwing their weight around.

LOOK OUT FOR LUKMAN

UP VS BARODA, KANPUR

Left-arm seamer Lukman Meriwala is 28, not quite a youngster, to force his entry into the selectors' notebook. But this season, he has easily been the most incisive fast bowler of the season. He had added a couple of yards of pace, has developed an inswinger to match his natural away-swing and has been staggeringly accurate, helping him reap a rich harvest of 16 wickets in four innings at an average of 10. He has been instrumental in Baroda's unprecedented emergence as a knockout contender this season. It would give him further confidence that Uttar Pradesh batsmen have struggled against seamers, especially left-armers like Tamil Nadu's T Natarajan and Jaydev Unadkat.

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER MAYANK

KERALA VS PUNJAB, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



If last season was Mayank Agarwal's, this could be Mayank Markande's. The 22-year-old leg-spinner, who made waves in the last Indian Premier League, on the back of which he made his T20I debut for the country last year, has this year demonstrated his adeptness in the longer version too, picking 14 wickets in six innings, mostly on seamer-friendly wickets in Punjab. His comeuppance has been one of the reasons behind Punjab's spectacular start to the season—they've won three of their four games. The fixture against the devastated Kerala is another opportunity to push his case for re-entering the national side.

Nadal makes amends

Wins doubles with Busta to help Spain book semis berth after losing singles

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SYDNEY, JANUARY 11

WORLD NO.1 Rafael Nadal recovered from an upset loss against Belgium's David Goffin to win the deciding doubles match and send Spain into the semifinal of the ATP Cup teams event in Sydney in the early hours of Saturday.

Nadal partnered with Pablo Carreno Busta to win the high stakes decider 6-7(7), 7-5, 10-7 against doubles specialists Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen after Spain and Belgium split the singles results earlier in the evening. Spain will now play host nation Australia in the inaugural event, while Serbia, led by world number two Novak Djokovic, take on Russia.

Nadal said it had been a difficult day playing in humid conditions in Sydney after an onerous tournament schedule meant the Spanish team had played its early matches on the other side of the continent in Perth.

"For me I was suffering a lot physically today," Nadal said shortly after winning the extended tiebreak that is used in place of a deciding third set at doubles matches at the ATP Cup. "I was sweating a lot and lost my energy."

While mainly known for his singles success, which includes 19 Grand Slams, Nadal is a capable doubles player, having won the doubles Olympic Games gold at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro event. He only had minutes to prepare for the decider after losing his singles match against Goffin 6-4, 7-6(3).

Goffin's impressive victory was built on the Belgian's attacking baseline game, where he proved to be one of the few players who can stand up to Nadal's heavy spin. The pair have now played six times and despite trailing Nadal in their head-to-head 4-2, Goffin has won both times they have played on hard courts.



Nadal and Pablo Carreno Busta beat Belgium's Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen 6-7(7), 7-5, 10-7. *Reuters*

"I have to take the ball early to use the power of Rafa to play fast and make him run a lot," Goffin said after the match, played on the Sydney arena's blue plexicushion hard court. Nadal appeared distressed during the match, which he later explained was due to a difficult schedule and hot Sydney day where temperatures reached 35 Celsius (95 Fahrenheit).

Serbia advance

IN THE day session, Djokovic battled through a stirring challenge from rising Canadian star Denis Shapovalov to propel Serbia into the semi-finals with a 4-66-1 7-6(4) victory.

It was Djokovic's fifth victory over the 20-year-old Canadian in as many clashes but by far the toughest, after Shapovalov controlled significant portions of the match. The victory was set up earlier by Serbia's Dusan

Lajovic's upset win over Canadian teenager Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4 6-2.

The vocal crowds appear to be playing a pivotal role in the latter stages of the team event, after lifting host nation Australia on Thursday and then Serbia on Friday. Djokovic said after the match he understood Shapovalov's frustration as the noise level kept threatening to interrupt play.

"They were so loud, they were engaged, sometimes a little bit too much," said Djokovic.

"It was a Davis Cup-like atmosphere," he said, referring to the traditional men's team tennis event to which the ATP Cup is being compared. The heavy-swinging Canadian looked likely to pull off an upset against the more tentative Djokovic, but Shapovalov's error count climbed too high during the critical third set tiebreaker. **ENS**

COURT QUOTE

REFEREE READS THE RIOT ACT

Sometimes the 'please' and 'thank you' doesn't quite work. It certainly didn't when a large crowd of Serbian supporters flocked down to the Ken Roswell Arena in Sydney to watch Novak Djokovic take on Denis Shapovalov. All of a sudden, the cheers for a Djokovic winner and jeers for Shapovalov increased to the point that the 20-year-old Canadian swore at the crowd and earned a code violation. Chair umpire Carlos Bernardes too had had enough of the rowdy crowd.

So instead of the 'please be quiet during the point,' the Brazilian opted for a sterner approach. "Ladies and gentlemen, please. One moment, please. This is a tennis game. The most important thing between all of us is respect," he began. "If you guys will do this against Canadians or Serbians, this is not what we want. Please. Respect both players. Thank you. If you don't want to watch tennis, just go home. Rather than disturb the people who are here to watch."

The remark drew applause from the crowd, seemingly from those who did want to watch tennis. And it ended up being a good, yet feisty, watch, with Djokovic edging out 7-4 in the third set tiebreaker. **ENS**

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