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CELEBRATING REPUBLIC DAY
President Ram Nath Kovind, Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Republic Day parade, in New Delhi on Sunday. Prem Nath Pandey
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK IN CHINA

New Delhi on alert, looks at 'travel options' for Indians in virus zone

NIV-Pune director says eight of 13 samples tested so far, all negative

ABANTIKA GHOSH & ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
NEW DELHI, PUNE, JANUARY 26

INDIA ON Sunday said it is "examining all options, including through consultations with the Chinese authorities, to provide relief" to Indians, mostly students, stranded in Wuhan, the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak in central China's Hubei province.

was in "close touch" with Indian citizens "to extend assistance, including on possible travel options out of Hubei Province". The ministry said that as of now, no Indian in China has been affected by the outbreak. "Our Embassy in Beijing is constantly checking on the health and well-being of the Indians in China," tweeted External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

Indian students watch and wait in Wuhan: 'Not a soul in sight'

SOWMIYA ASHOK
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 26

WITH 4 kg potatoes, 2.5 kg onions, 1 kg carrots, rice, instant noodles and surgical masks, Srikanth (41), a scientist, is currently on "house arrest" in Wuhan. While the death toll has risen to 56 across China, 2,008 confirmed cases, including 23 from abroad, have been reported so far, Chinese health authorities said on Sunday.



At a subway station in Beijing on Sunday. AP REPORT, PAGE 12

ing many like Srikanth to remain within the four walls of their homes for the last five days. It was in late December that Srikanth first saw murmurs of the virus on WeChat. "My Chinese colleagues were

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Five resolutions in EU Parliament slam CAA: 'Dangerous & divisive'

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 26

FROM CENTRE-RIGHT to far-left, five key groupings in the European Parliament (MEPs), has moved a sixth resolution that supports the Act but calls for an impartial probe into "excessive use of force by security forces" against anti-CAA protesters.

European Parliament. A separate grouping, which represents 66 Members of European Parliament (MEPs), has moved a sixth resolution that supports the Act but calls for an impartial probe into "excessive use of force by security forces" against anti-CAA protesters.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to travel to Brussels for the India-EU summit on March 13. Reacting to the resolutions, sources in Delhi told *The Indian Express* that the CAA is a matter "entirely internal" to India. "We hope the sponsors and supporters of the draft will engage with us to get a full and accurate assessment of the facts before they proceed further. As fellow democracies, the EU Parliament should not take actions that call into question the rights and authority of democratically elected

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After Assam & UP, three more states charge JNU student with sedition

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, GUWAHATI, PATNA, JANUARY 26

A DAY after sedition cases were filed in Assam and UP against Sharjeel Imam, a PhD student in JNU, for an anti-CAA speech he made at Aligarh Muslim University on January 16, charges under the same offence were slapped against him in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Delhi.



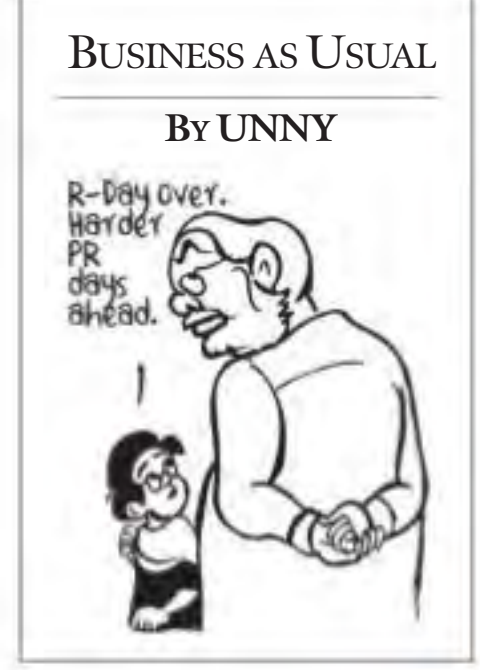
him soon," said Kulhary. Delhi Police have sent a team to Bihar to look for Imam. Jehanabad SP Maneesh said local police assisted a team from Delhi in conducting searches Sunday morning at Iman's village Kako. Imam's three relatives were detained for about four hours and released, said sources. Delhi Police's DCP (Crime) Rajesh Deo said that "it was noticed that one Sharjeel Imam, a

PM appeal: Violence not the answer, solidarity key to resolving issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 26

UNDERLINING THAT citizens should "foil every separatist attempt to divide", Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday appealed to those seeking solutions through violence to "return to the mainstream" and have faith that issues can be resolved peacefully.

At the first Mann Ki Baat programme this year, Modi said: "On the solemn occasion of Republic Day, I would appeal to anyone in any part of the country, who is still seeking solutions to problems through violence and weapons, to return to the mainstream. They should have



faith in their own capabilities and the capabilities of this country to resolve issues peacefully."

Green shoots: Mid-caps, small-caps rally in new year, bring hope of revival in economy

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SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 26

AFTER A lacklustre performance over the last two calendar years, the mid-cap and small-cap indices are showing some promise in 2020, with both the indices on the Bombay Stock Exchange surging by 5.7 per cent and 8.4 per cent respectively in January till date. This growth has come

even as the benchmark Sensex (index of 30 bluechip stocks) has grown by only 0.7 per cent in this period, amid festering concerns over economic revival. In 2018, while Sensex rose 5.9 per cent, the mid-cap and small-cap indices fell about 13 and 23 per cent respectively. Similarly, in 2019, while Sensex jumped over 14 per cent during the calendar year, the mid- and small-cap indices fell about 3 and 7 per cent respectively.

CHANGING FORTUNES

	JANUARY 2020	CALENDAR YEAR 2019	CALENDAR YEAR 2018
Sensex	0.7%	14.5%	5.9%
Mid-Cap	5.7%	-3.1%	-13.4%
Small-Cap	8.4%	-6.8%	-23.5%

Change in respective indices in that period

both domestic and foreign investors park their funds with them over the last two years. However, since many bluechip companies are richly valued, experts say that any uptick in the economy could now see a rally in mid-caps and small-caps first.

"It is tough to say for the short-term, but over the next two to three years, we believe that mid- and small-caps will play catch-up as growth rate in the economy picks up," said Mittul Kalawadia, fund manager, ICICI Prudential Midcap Fund. While it is early to say that this could be the year of revival for mid- and small-caps, there is a view that a Budget aimed at providing a thrust to the investment and consumption engines of the economy and an uptick in revenue growth for companies

HRD flags graft in key scheme: Handwritten cab bills for Rs 1.2 cr

PMO informed of Rs 2-cr claims by RUSA coordinator; Rs 23 lakh for trips by ex-joint secretary & her family

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 26

THE HRD Ministry has approached the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to flag alleged corruption by an ex-joint secretary and a professor of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in the implementation of the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), a central higher education scheme for states. An audit by TISS last year uncovered that Rs 23 lakh was allegedly spent out of RUSA funds on the personal trips of Ishita Roy and her children within India and abroad. Roy, a 1991-batch IAS officer of the Kerala cadre, was RUSA's national mission director during her stint as joint secretary at the HRD Ministry. She left the Ministry seven months ago and is currently posted as Principal Secretary, Fisheries, in Kerala. The audit also discovered that RUSA's national coordinator B Venkatesh Kumar allegedly misappropriated Rs 2.02 crore of

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Undermines govt efforts
THE ALLEGED corruption undermines the Centre's efforts to streamline functioning of higher educational institutions in states. RUSA aims to improve the quality of such institutions by ensuring conformity to prescribed norms and standards.

the funds. He had submitted handwritten taxi bills of Rs 1.26 crore to justify some of the expenditure. Kumar, who is Chairperson of Centre for Public Policy and Governance, School of

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