

## Draft Bill proposes raising abortion upper limit to 24 weeks

Contraceptive-failure provision to end pregnancy to cover unmarried women

**HARIKISHAN SHARMA**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

MOVING TO ease abortion laws in the country, the Union Cabinet is set to consider a host of changes to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971 to increase the upper limit for termination of a pregnancy from 20 weeks to 24 weeks, and extending the contraceptive-failure clause for termination to include "any woman or her partner" from the present provision for "only married woman or her husband".

Sources said the draft MTP Bill has been circulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Cabinet has to take a decision on its approval.

The present abortion law, which is about five decades old, permits abortion up to a maximum foetal gestation period of 20 weeks. Section 3 (2) of the MTP Act, 1971 states "a pregnancy may be terminated by a registered medical practitioner, (a) where the length of the pregnancy does not exceed twelve weeks, if such medical practitioner is, or (b) where the length

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## SC grants bail to 14 Gujarat riot convicts: Do spiritual work

**ANANTHAKRISHNAN & PARIMAL DABHI**  
NEW DELHI, AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 28

GRANTING CONDITIONAL bail to 14 men convicted in a 2002 Gujarat riots case in which 23 people were burnt alive in Ode in Anand district, the Supreme Court Tuesday ordered their relocation to Madhya Pradesh with the direction that they do social, spiritual and community work till a final decision is taken on their appeal against the conviction. The men were told not to enter Gujarat.

The Ode massacre was one of

the nine most gruesome cases of the post-Godhra riots investigated by the Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team. Among the 23 dead were eight children and six women.

On learning of the Supreme Court direction to relocate the convicts on conditional bail, Malek Mohammed Miyan Kasam Miyan (48), one of the witnesses in the case who lost 22 relatives in the Ode massacre, said he was disappointed and this was a "bad precedent".

"They should not be released on bail. Those who have committed a crime must get punishment. Only then there can be

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## Kamra heckles Arnab on board IndiGo, put on no-fly list; A-I follows suit

**PRANAV MUKUL & TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA**  
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, JANUARY 28

STAND-UP COMEDIAN Kunal Kamra was banned from flying for six months by India's largest airline IndiGo for heckling television news anchor Arnab Goswami on the airline's flight from Mumbai to Lucknow. State-owned Air India said it has also suspended

Kamra from flying on any of its flights until further notice.

Other airlines are expected to follow suit after Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the government would advise them to impose similar restrictions on Kamra.

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WILL BE DONE OVER NEXT 18-24 MONTHS: GEN NARAVANE

## Plan to cut Army from internal security duties in N-E: Chief

'LoC incidents have increased as (Pak) under pressure, they have lost Kashmir'

**SUSHANT SINGH**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

THE ARMY plans to draw down all its regular forces deployed in counter-insurgency, counter-terrorism and internal security duties from the North-East in the next 18-24 months, to focus on conventional warfare, said Army Chief General M M Naravane.

He said that two battalions have already been taken off from such duties and the next draw-



Army Chief General M M Naravane

down will happen after the Bodoland elections in Assam are completed in June-July this year.

"The North-East is going through a very transitional phase, for the good. The security situation is improving as shown by the

recent surrender of 600 members of National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) and other groups. We are working on a plan for the next 18-24 months on how to draw down regular forces from CI/CT/ internal security duties there," General Naravane told *The Indian Express*.

"Two battalions have already been taken off. Once Bodoland elections are done in June-July and situation stabilises, we will release more troops," he said.

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"The Indian armed forces won't take more than a week-10 days to defeat Pakistan."

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER  
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BAIL FOR TWO IN ANTI-CAA VIOLENCE CASE

## Judge shreds Bijnor police claims: No proof of protesters firing or bullet injuries to cops

**KAUNAIN SHERIFF M**  
BIJNOR, JANUARY 28

GRANTING BAIL to two persons accused of rioting and attempt to murder during the anti-CAA protests last month, a sessions court in Bijnor, one of the worst affected districts in Uttar Pradesh, has torn into police claims, saying they produced no evidence to show that the accused indulged in firing and arson, that weapons were seized from the accused, or that police personnel sustained any bullet injury.

Court records accessed by

The Indian Express show that Additional Sessions Judge Sanjiv Pandey, in the bail order on January 24, pointed out these glaring discrepancies in the police version. "Without making any observation on the merits of the case, in my view, looking at the circumstances and the natures of offences, bail has to be granted to the accused," he said. The observations made in the bail order are significant. Bijnor police arrested over 100 people and lodged multiple FIRs, claiming they indulged in violence at Nahtaur, Najibabad

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## INDIA PLANS WUHAN AIRLIFT

A central team at a special isolation ward in Hyderabad on Tuesday. India has asked China to allow the evacuation of its nationals from Wuhan, the coronavirus epicentre. **PTI** **P 3, 9, 15**

## Sedition charge against Karnataka school for anti-CAA play by kids

**JOHNSON T A**  
BENGALURU, JANUARY 28

A SCHOOL in Karnataka's Bidar, and the management of an education group that runs it, have been booked in a case of sedition and breach of peace based on a complaint, which alleged that the image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was tarnished in

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**SHARJEEL IMAM HELD IN BIHAR** **PAGE 8**

a play staged by children against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

The New Town police station registered the case under IPC sections 124A and 504 against Shaheen School and its management on January 26 following a complaint filed by local social activist Neelesh Rakshyal. No arrest has been made so far.

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## Pawar kin's firm at centre of police probe into sugar factory purchase

**KHUSHBOO NARAYAN**  
MUMBAI, JANUARY 28

AN INVESTIGATION by Mumbai Police into loans sanctioned by Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSC Bank) to sugar factories and subsequent auction of sick factories, has found irregularities in the auction and sale of one such sugar factory to Baramati Agro Ltd, a company



**NCP MLA Rohit Pawar is CEO of Baramati Agro**

owned by NCP MLA Rohit Pawar, a nephew of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

Ajit Pawar was a director in MSC Bank from 2007 till the

board was dissolved by the Reserve Bank of India in May 2011. Both the Economic Offences Wing of Mumbai Police and the Enforcement Directorate have named Ajit Pawar as an accused in cases registered in August and November last year, respectively, in connection with loan irregularities in MSC Bank.

According to sources, Kannad Sahakari Shakar Kharkhana Ltd

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BY SUVIR KAUL  
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## Govt ringfences 'prudent commercial decisions' of top public sector bankers

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, JANUARY 28

CITING THE need to protect prudent commercial decisions of bankers, the Finance Ministry said Tuesday it has "done away with" holding MDs and CEOs of public sector banks personally responsible for compliance in dealing with large-value frauds committed by bank officials.

In a statement, the Ministry said that it has delegated powers to the boards of state-owned lenders to put in place a "suitable mechanism" for ensuring "compliance with the various timelines laid down in RBI (Reserve Bank of India) and CVC (Central Vigilance Commission)

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**EXPLAINED**  
**E** Moving to calm fears

THE MOVE is aimed at placating fears among public sector bankers, who face the threat of investigative scrutiny, sometimes even for loans granted after appropriate appraisal and assessment that turn out to be non-performing. The move is important given that bankers are going slow on granting credit even when it may make business sense.

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# Pak must take demonstrable steps against terror groups: Rajnath Singh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh on Tuesday lashed out at Pakistan for using "terrorism as a state policy" towards India rather than peacefully settling disputes through dialogue, and said it must take "demonstrable steps" against terror groups responsible for launching various attacks on India from its soil.

Addressing a conference here, Singh also targeted Pakistan over the SAARC impasse, saying the full potential of the bloc has not been realised due to the "behaviour and policies of a single country".

He said it is essential that terrorists and their ideological and financial networks are cut off and do not receive state support.

"We have made it clear that talks and terror cannot go together and that Pakistan must take demonstrable steps against terror groups responsible for launching various attacks on India from its soil," he said at the 12th South Asia Conference on 'India's Neighbourhood First Policy: Regional Perceptions'.

Mumbai, Pathankot, Uri and Pulwama attacks are "grim reminders of state-sponsored terrorism by a neighbouring country", Singh said, while asserting that the South Asia region must unite in its efforts to defeat terrorism.

# Corrupt govt, ashamed to be part of it: JJP MLA

VARINDER BHATIA  
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 28

CALLING THE ruling dispensation in Haryana as "the most corrupt", a Jannayak Janta Party MLA Tuesday said he was "ashamed" at being part of this government where "nobody is bothered about people" and under which the police officers are nothing but "vardi vaale gunde (hooligans in uniform)".

The outburst from Tohana MLA Devender Babli, a close aide of Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, is latest in a series of rebellious acts being witnessed in the JJP and the BJP, the two parties that forged a post poll alliance to rule Haryana.

"The situation is not good at all. People are not satisfied. How can they be satisfied when even I [an elected representative] am not satisfied. There might have been corruption in previous governments, but I have never seen such levels of corruption ever," Babli told *The Indian Express*.

"I am ashamed that I am part of this government. Nobody is bothered about people. A syndicate is functional... There are no police officers (in Haryana). They are vardi vaale gunde," Babli said.

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

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THE REPORT: 'Nothing more urgent than a death row convict's plea: SC', erroneously stated that a Delhi court has dismissed a review petition filed by the father of December 2012 gangrape convict Mukesh. The review petition had been filed by father of convict Pawan.

The error is regretted.

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## Abortion

of the pregnancy exceeds twelve weeks but does not exceed twenty weeks, if not less than two registered medical practitioners are, of opinion, the continuance of the pregnancy would involve a risk to the life of the pregnant woman or of grave injury to her physical or mental health; or there is a substantial risk that if the child were born, it would suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities to be seriously handicapped."

In recent years, there have been strong demands to raise the foetal gestation period for abortion beyond 20 weeks.

Sources said the draft Bill proposes requirement of opinion of one registered medical practitioner (RMP) for termination of pregnancy up to 20 weeks of gestation. Similarly, it also provides for the requirement of opinion of two RMPs for termination of pregnancy of 20 to 24 weeks.

The Bill also seeks to increase the upper gestation limit from 20 to 24 weeks for survivors of rape, victims of incest and other vulnerable women. "It will also include minor girls," sources said.

For unmarried women, the Bill seeks to relax the contraceptive-failure condition for "any woman or her partner" from the present provision for "only married woman or her husband", allowing them to medically terminate the pregnancy.

Sources said the changes in law were proposed after an extensive consultation process with experts representing a range of stakeholders from central and state governments, NGOs, academic institutions, professional bodies and associations like Indian Medical Association, Indian Nursing Council and legal professionals.

The move to amend the MTP Act, 1971, sources said, is a progressive step towards empowerment of women. It will provide greater reproductive rights to women as abortion is considered an important aspect of the reproductive health of women. Deaths and injuries from unsafe abortions are largely preventable provided services are performed legally by trained practitioners.

## Sedition charge

School authorities said the play was staged by Class 4 students and depicted the "present situation in the country". They accused the police of harassing the students, and their parents and teachers.

In his complaint, the activist alleged that the students were made to enact a play promoting the premise that Muslims would be forced to leave India if the CAA is implemented along with the proposed National Register of Citizens (NRC).

According to the complaint, Rakshyal saw a video of the play on social media in which students were allegedly used to promote an "anti-national" act and enact a scene which involved hitting a picture of the Prime Minister to depict opposition to the CAA.

"The play... was posted on social media with the intention of promoting enmity between communities. The director and management of the Shaheen School have committed an act that is anti-national in nature by using the students," the complaint alleged.

It claimed that the video clip was posted on the Facebook account of Mohammed Yousuf Raheem, a journalist in Bidar, on January 21.

The school is run by the Shaheen Group of Institutions, a prominent Muslim education group with origins in Bidar, which runs establishments all over India. The police have registered the case against the school's head and management, and Raheem.

"We have registered a case and are investigating. A play was

# Plan to cut Army duties in N-E: Chief

"We will be committed fully on our long-term objective to focus on conventional warfare."

Asked if a similar drawdown was the plan for the Kashmir Valley as well, the Army Chief said: "As I have said even earlier, the primary task is conventional warfare and that is our long-term goal. CI/CT is a short-term and immediate goal. We have not lost sight of long-term goal while focusing on short-term goals."

He said that the number of ceasefire violations on the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan have spiked post August 5 when Article 370 was abrogated by the Centre and the state was split.

"Attempts are being made for terror activities (by Pakistan). Incidents on the LoC have increased as they are under pressure that they have lost Kashmir. It is desperation on their part as situation is better in Kashmir. Stone pelting, ambushes, IEDs. All the incidents have come down."

General Naravane said that the XVII Corps (Panagarh in West Bengal) and IX Corps (Yol, near Dharamsala) have been selected as the one where Integrated Battle Group (IBG) model of restructuring is being first employed. It will, thereafter, be implemented in other corps, as it "lends itself to wars of the future" and also "lends itself to theatrisation".

The Army Chief said the Army has sent its budgetary requirements and "the government will look into all aspects in light of the prevailing security situation and we are quite confident that we will get what we need to keep the nation safe and secure."

"...Whatever the Budget, we will continue to be modernised and be operationally prepared," General Naravane stressed.

He said that rebalancing of the Army towards the China border should be seen in the larger perspective, "and not merely in terms of numbers."

"Quality is the focus and there is a lot of capacity building that we are doing. It is not that it wasn't happening earlier, it was always happening. Different priorities are given in LTIPPP (Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan), we are modifying our operational plans, and for plans to be successful, backend is being put in place."

Citing the example of better infrastructure, including more roads towards the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, he said that the closer these roads are to the LAC, the more can be the frequency of patrolling as time for each patrol will reduce. This will "allow us to dominate the area in a more effective manner."

The Army Chief said that the need for rebalancing towards China border was done "to ensure peace, we have to be prepared for war. We have to be ready to take certain actions when time comes. We have to be prepared."

He also said that the repeat order for six Apache attack helicopters for the Army is being discussed and these negotiations are likely to be completed by mid-year.

# Dec 20 violence: Judge shreds Bijnor police claims

and Nagina in Bijnor. Police also admitted that a 20-year-old, Mohammad Suleman, died after he was shot by a constable, Mohit Kumar, in "self-defence". The family has filed an FIR against six police personnel.

The January 24 bail order relates to the FIR lodged at the Najibabad police station against Shafique Ahmed and Imran, accused of rioting and attempt to murder. The FIR stated "we received information that 100-150 people from Jalalabad had created jam at the NH-74 while protesting against CAA-NRC... the crowd was led by Shafique Ahmed and Imran. The police explained to the crowd. However, the crowd threatened to kill and sat on the the National Highway. Imran was arrested on the spot and the other accused person fled".

Court records show that police claimed they used "minimum force" to control protesters on December 20. "The prosecution, opposing the bail, has argued that the accused have been named in the FIR. There was firing and stone-pelting from the crowd due to which police officials were injured. The police used minimum force to control the crowd. The police also seized .315 bullets from the spot. The accused is facing serious charges and that the bail plea has to be rejected," the court said while recording the prosecution argument.

The order then records the discrepancies: "I have heard arguments from both sides and have also perused the case diary... only Imran, named in the FIR, has been arrested from the spot. No other accused have been arrested from the spot. The prosecution has also argued that the police official was injured during stone-pelting."

On the evidence produced by police, it said: "However, no

Rohit Pawar, wife Pratibha Pawar and daughter Supriya Sule among others as shareholders.

Financial records of Hitech Engineering, the firm that allegedly received money from Baramati Agro, show that in 2012-13, the firm reported profits of Rs 7 crore. However, in 2016-17, Hitech Engineering declared bankruptcy and has been liquidated since, according to the records. While it owes Rs 41 crore to creditors, its assets have been valued only at Rs 15 crore.

The case pertaining to the alleged fraud at MSC Bank originates from a criminal public interest litigation (PIL) filed on January 28, 2019, before the Bombay High Court. The PIL has alleged that the then top executives i.e. Chairman, MDs, Directors, CEOs, managerial staff of MSC Bank and office-bearers and directors of Sakhar Karkhanas, Soot Girms and other processing units were provided loans in a fraudulent manner by MSC Bank. The size of the scam is allegedly estimated at around Rs 25,000 crore, sources said.

The loans, according to sources, were provided to cooperative sugar factories by officials of the MSC Bank who were linked to owners of the cooperative sugar factories despite weak financials and negative net worth. Also, no collateral was taken in many cases. It is also alleged that these CSFs became sick due to alleged mismanagement and were subsequently sold by a decision taken by the MSC Bank board at a price much below the reserve price, accruing wrong gains to the acquirers.

**Bankers**

circulars relating to fraud monitoring and reporting".

The Finance Ministry said that distinction would be made between "genuine commercial failures and culpability".

The move comes at a time when a number of bank chiefs are facing investigative action. These include Usha Ananthasubramanian, former MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB); Arun Kaul, former UCO Bank CMD; Archana Bhargava, former CMD at United Bank of India; Yogesh Agarwal, former Chairman, IDBI Bank; and, R K Dubey, ex-CMD of Canara Bank.

As per a 2015 framework on "large fraud reporting", MD and CEOs of banks must focus on fraud prevention to enable effective investigation of fraud cases, and prompt and accurate reporting to appropriate regulatory and law enforcement authorities. Bank heads are also required to monitor and report early warning signals relating to potential stress accounts.

To reduce delays in internal vigilance cases that affect morale of bank employees, the Ministry said it has now directed banks to set up a committee of senior officers to monitor progress of pending disciplinary and internal vigilance cases. The proposed committee will frame timelines to reduce delays in deciding such cases, it said.

Such procedural delays adversely affect morale of employees and breed inefficiencies in the system, the Ministry said.

Last month, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had suggested that such vigilance cases have to be pursued or closed so that they do not remain pending forever.

Among the top public sector banks who have faced or facing investigation include, PNB's Ananthasubramanian, and K V Brahmaji Rao and Sanjiv Sharan, both former Executive Directors at PNB — in the Nirav Modi loan scam.

In April 2018, the CBI had booked former UCO Bank CMD Kaul and others for allegedly cheating the bank to the tune of Rs 621 crore in the Era Engineering Infra India Ltd case.

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## BRIEFLY

**SC to decide on Dec 16 convict's plea today**

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court Wednesday will decide on a plea by December 16, 2012, gangrape-murder death row convict Muktish Singh challenging the rejection of his mercy plea by President Kovind. **ENS**

## Shahberi builder held

**Noida:** A builder was arrested Tuesday for allegedly constructing around 50 flats illegally in Greater Noida's Shahberi area, police said. **PTI**

## STUDENT, 2 BUSINESSMEN PLACED IN ISOLATION WARD

# Back from China, 3 admitted to RML with suspected coronavirus

ASTHA SAXENA

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

THREE PEOPLE who travelled to China in the past month have been admitted to the isolation ward of Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital for suspected exposure to coronavirus, which has killed 106 people in China. RML is the nodal hospital to provide treatment to suspected patients.

Among the three patients, one is a 24-year-old student who was studying in Guangzhou while the other two, aged 34 and 48, were on a business trip to Shanghai and Beijing. All three are from Delhi-NCR.

Medical superintendent Dr Minakshi Bharadwaj said the three came to the hospital on their own with



RML is the nodal hospital to provide treatment to suspected patients

upper respiratory tract infection, cold and fever. Their blood samples have been sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune, via the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). The report is expected in three-four days. "All three of them are admitted to

the isolation ward and are being monitored continuously. At present, we have dedicated eight beds in the ward; but it can be expanded depending on the need. Doctors and other medical staff have been informed about precautions to be taken while dealing with the patients," said Dr Bharadwaj.

According to the hospital administration, one of the patients had returned from China a week ago, the second a month ago and the third came back four days ago.

"They all went home. After a few days, they developed mild cold, cough and fever. So they reached out to the hospital. All three of them are suspected cases. Once the report is out, we will decide the further course of action," added Dr Bharadwaj.

As per the World Health

Organisation's (WHO's) latest situation report, as of January 27, there are roughly 2,800 confirmed cases of the coronavirus infection globally, at least 2,741 of which are in China.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). The novel coronavirus (nCoV) is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans.

Common signs of the infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, the infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure, and even death.

# Commotion in Shaheen Bagh as man brandishes pistol, is chased out

ANAND MOHAN J &amp; SOMYA LAKHANI

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

THE PROTEST site at Shaheen Bagh witnessed commotion Tuesday, when a group of men attempted to enter and remove barricades. They were chased out by protesters after one of the men allegedly whipped out a pistol, police said. The incident took place around 2.50 pm, when 60-70 men tried to open the barricades, police said. "The men were from the locality. They were aggrieved by the lockdown at Shaheen Bagh and got into an argument with protesters," police said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South East) Chinmoy Biswal told *The Indian Express*, "A group of 60-70 men were at the site. They were residents of the area and have no political links as alleged by



Police said they are probing the matter based on a video. Armond Feffer

the protesters. Some men from the group tried entering the stage and an argument ensued. No complaint has been filed."

A senior police officer said that the licensed pistol "belongs to one Mohd Luqman, but was brandished by someone else". Biswal said that while police have not received a complaint, they are probing the matter based on a video.

While police claimed the protesters did not wish to speak to the men, who demanded the opening of the carriageway, protesters claimed they invited the men for a dialogue, but they refused and demanded an immediate stop to the protests.

Eyewitnesses claimed that around 2.50 pm, they heard the group arguing with protesters. "Two men came up to the stage and started arguing with us. They said we are causing them huge inconvenience. I asked them to sit with us and talk. Instead, they hurled abuses at us and one man whipped out a pistol. The women chased them out," said Sakina, an eyewitness.

As the men were chased out, the male protesters formed a human chain, while the women stayed inside the makeshift tent. Police said they are not planning on bolstering security in the area as there was no "perceivable threat to the protest site as outsiders barely ventured into the area".

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were informed that a white Honda city had crashed at Jewar. Prima facie, the car was driving at a high speed when they spotted a nilgai on the road. To avoid a collision, the car rammied into a tree and dived into an adjacent farm. The driver and front seat passenger survived as air bags were deployed. The two boys sitting in the rear received fatal injuries. A case has been filed against the driver," an officer said. **ENS**

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	<b>₹13.30 Cr</b>
Assets	
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	<b>₹16.43 Cr</b>
MOVEABLE ASSETS	
	<b>₹4.69 Cr</b>
IMMOVABLE ASSETS	
	<b>₹11.74 Cr</b>
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:	
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JEWELLERY: 88.20 L (approx)	
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	<b>₹6.62 Cr</b>
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	<b>₹7.16 Cr</b>
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## Fadnavis hits out at Kejriwal

**New Delhi:** Former Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis Tuesday slammed CM Arvind Kejriwal for refusing to implement Central schemes. The Maharashtra BJP unit has sent a team of 20 members to help the Delhi unit with its poll campaign, with Fadnavis among the star campaigners. Starting his campaign from Kalkaji's Shrinivaspuri, Fadnavis said, "Kejriwal has neither implemented Ayushman Bharat nor PMAY. Does he not think such schemes will help poor avail medical benefits and get decent homes?"

# BJP MP says Shaheen Bagh protesters will enter homes, rape sisters, EC takes note

**ABHINAV RAJPUT**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

WEST DELHI MP Parvesh Sahib Singh Tuesday said that if the anti-CAA and NRC protests at Shaheen Bagh continue, Delhi will face a "Kashmir-like situation" wherein protesters might "enter homes and rape sisters and daughters". Singh's remarks, made in an interview to *ANI*, come a day after he said at a public event that within an hour of BJP coming to power on February 11, Shaheen Bagh protesters will be removed.

"The CM and Deputy CM say they are with Shaheen Bagh. People of Delhi know the fire that burnt in Kashmir years ago; daughters and sisters of Kashmiri Pandits were raped. That fire spread to Uttar Pradesh, Hyderabad, Kerala. Today, that fire has spread to a place in Delhi (Shaheen Bagh). Lakhs of people gather there. That fire can reach our homes. People of Delhi will have to think and make a decision. These people can enter your houses, rape your sisters and daughters and kill them. There is time today; Modi ji and Amit Shah won't come to save you tomorrow... People will feel safe until Narendra Modi is the Prime Minister. If someone else takes charge, nobody will feel safe here," he said.

When contacted, Singh insisted what he said wasn't meant to polarise voters. He said that it was, in fact, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia who was trying to polarise voters by saying he stood with the people of Shaheen Bagh.



**Singh said he stands by comment; Chidambaram lashed out at Thakur**



At an event a day earlier, Singh had said: "If our government is formed, just give me one month after February. I will remove all mosques built on government land in my constituency."

The Election Commission (EC) is expected to send a notice to Singh on Wednesday for his remarks to *ANI*. This comes after Delhi's Chief Election Officer flagged Singh's interview to the EC.

The EC also sent a notice to BJP MP and MoS Finance Anurag Thakur on Tuesday for his address a day earlier: "The Commission has received a report from Chief Electoral Office, NCT of Delhi, that you have made the following statements after chanting '*Desh ke gaddaro ko*' and followed by response of the crowd '*Goli maro saalo ko*' many times. You also made certain other objectionable statement in the meeting," the EC notice read.

The EC further said it is, prima facie, of the

view that Thakur violated provisions of the Model Code of Conduct as his statements have the "potential of disturbing communal harmony and aggravating the existing difference between social and religious communities".

Reacting to Thakur's remarks, former finance minister and Congress leader P Chidambaram tweeted: "As every day passes, the rhetoric of the BJP reminds one of Germany in the 1930s."

"Ministers exhort people to respond with '*goli maaro*'. Will it not amount to inciting and encouraging violence against a section of the people?," he said in another tweet.

### A two-time MP, son of former Delhi CM

In December, Home Minister Amit Shah invited CM Arvind Kejriwal to debate with Parvesh Sahib Singh. Within a few hours, BJP insiders started discussing the possibility of Singh being made the BJP's CM face. While that did not happen, the move put him in the spotlight, where he has remained since.

Singh is a second-time MP from West Delhi. He won the 2014 and 2019 elections with the highest margin among all Delhi MPs. Son of former Delhi CM and Union Minister Sahib Singh Verma, Parvesh was elected to the Delhi Assembly in 2013 from Mehrauli.

During his election campaigns since 2013, his father's legacy and his hold in the Jat-dominated areas of the city have featured prominently.



## ALL THE RIGHT NOTES

**Singer Vishal Dadlani at a roadshow in support of AAP's Madipur candidate Girish Soni in West Delhi's Ramesh Nagar, Tuesday. Gajendra Yadav**

# As BJP pulls in ministers and CMs, Kejriwal makes it clear: It's everyone vs Delhi's son



**Kejriwal at a rally in Delhi Cantt, Tuesday. Abhinav Saha**

"I have heard that all of them have come together against me. This is happening for the first time in Delhi's politics that BJP, Congress, JD(U), RJD, LJP, and don't know from where all, in fact parties from across the nation, have come together to defeat

Kejriwal, your son," the CM said, addressing a rally at Sadar Bazaar in Delhi Cantonment amid a steady drizzle.

PM Narendra Modi had, during the 2019 Lok Sabha poll campaign, similarly accused the Opposition of "ganging up" against him.

# Rajnath allays CAA fears, invokes Anna Hazare

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh Tuesday accused opposition parties of misleading people on the Citizenship Amendment Act, National Population Register and the National Register of Citizens.

Addressing an election rally in Kondli, he said no one's citizenship rights will be taken away under the CAA. "Some people are playing politics over CAA to get votes but we will not allow them to succeed. Our PM has said there has been no discussion over NRC but rumours are being made that NRC will be done and Muslims will be evicted," he said.

Singh added that not a single person will



**Rajnath, Gautam Gambhir at a rally in Kalyanpuri. Gajendra Yadav**

be able to raise questions over the identity of Indian Muslims.

He also sought to link the free schemes announced by the AAP-led Delhi government ahead of the Assembly polls to the "integrity" of Delhiites, saying nobody can buy "self-respecting" people of this country by offering "a few coins".

"They are saying they have given free water and electricity. But nobody can buy our integrity (*imaan*) with a few coins. People of India have self-respect," said the senior BJP leader.

Hitting out at AAP at another rally in Trilokpuri, Singh said Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has "failed miserably" to serve the people of Delhi in providing clean drinking water, sufficient number of buses for a smooth commute and free WiFi services to the youth.

Singh also accused Kejriwal of deceiving social activist Anna Hazare — with whom he participated in the 2011 anti-corruption movement — asking if "the man who deceived Hazare will not deceive the people of Delhi".

"Someone should make promises which can be fulfilled... The BJP is the only party which fulfills its promises," said the union minister.

Singh urged voters to decide carefully on who to vote for in the February 8 election.

On the NPR, he said: "I want to ask you if there should be a National Population Register or not. When it will be done, you will be asked where you live, what your address is, what your father's name is... whatever you will say will be accepted."

## Will Shah get fence sitters on party's side? BJP hopes so

**ABHINAV RAJPUT**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah has held public meetings or road shows at 14 places in the past five days, and the frequency is only going to go up as February 8, the date of polling, approaches. This, leaders said, is because the party believes Shah's outreach is helping them "strengthen the voter base" and get "fence sitters" on its side.

"There are many demands by karyakartas who want him to come to their area. BJP, being a party of cadres, we first see ourselves as party workers and then as ministers," said BJP Delhi co-in-charge Tarun Chugh.

The in-charge, Shyam Jaju, confirmed that the Home Minister's schedule will be even busier in the coming days, and he will be travelling across the capital in support of party candidates.

Sources in the party said the reason behind Shah being at the forefront of the campaign is because internal surveys suggest nearly 30% of Delhi's voters are still "undecided" and have taken a "wait and watch" approach until the polls.

The party feels Shah reaching out to them could help give it the edge BJP needs. "The reason why several exit polls got things wrong in the last two elections was because Delhi voters make up their mind in the last week, so the top leadership wants to take the campaign to the next level as voting day approaches," said a source.

Sources said Shah is likely to visit Assam on Tuesday, and when he comes back, roadshows and public gatherings have been scheduled in New Delhi, Rajinder Nagar and parts of Outer Delhi.

On an average, the BJP is holding sabhas of around 200 leaders every day, including former chief ministers, MPs and MLAs from other states.

Bihar minister Giriraj Singh and Union Minister Anurag Thakur are among those who have started holding such meetings. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath and Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar are also expected to land in Delhi in the coming days. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani also campaigned on Tuesday.

In the last three days, the BJP has organised over 1,000 small public meetings.

In their speeches, Shah and BJP president J P Nadda have been regularly mentioning the new citizenship law, and blaming AAP and Congress for creating confusion over it. A senior BJP leader said that since Delhi is the epicentre of anti-CAA protests, the party is giving it everything in the run-up to the polls.

Another leader said the party's survey has shown that voters react differently when they hear the same things being said by Shah or PM Narendra Modi versus a local leader.

"Even if we share his video through mobile phones, it will not have the same impact. That is the reason you will see a lot of repetition in the speeches, because we want those things to be said by him directly," said the leader, adding that visits by top leaders keep the cadre motivated.

### CM URGES BJP To STOP TARGETING THE POOR

# 'I love Kejriwal' costs auto driver Rs 10,000, he moves court

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday issued notice to the Delhi government, Delhi Police and Election Commission, seeking their stance on an autorickshaw driver's plea challenging a challan of Rs 10,000 issued to him by traffic police for displaying an "I Love Kejriwal" message on his three-wheeler.

The driver alleged that the act of fining him stemmed from "political malice" and "violates his fundamental right to free speech". Two logos — "I love Kejriwal" and "Sirf Kejriwal" — were stuck to the rear of his vehicle.

Justice Navin Chawla directed the authorities concerned to file their replies by March 3, the next date of hearing.

Subsequent to court proceedings, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal urged the BJP to stop targeting the poor. "The BJP, through its police, is targeting poor auto drivers, who are being burdened with false challans. His (the driver's) only mistake is that he has written 'I love Kejriwal'. Such maliciousness against the poor is not right. I appeal to the BJP to stop taking revenge on the poor," he tweeted.

On the High Court's order, the counsel for the Delhi government and police submitted that authorities needed time to examine why the challan was issued, and said a status re-



**The man was challaned Rs 10,000 over an 'I love Kejriwal' sticker on his vehicle**



AT NOIDA'S SECTOR 62

52-year-old man dead after inhaling toxic gas inside company washroom

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NOIDA, JANUARY 28

A 52-YEAR-OLD staffer died allegedly after inhaling toxic fumes inside a private company's washroom in Noida Monday evening. According to police, the man, Satish Kumar, worked as a maintenance staff in Sector 62's R Systems Company. Police said the urinal was being declogged using a

chemical when the incident took place. Police said two men were injured trying to rescue Satish and were admitted to Fortis Hospital. They were discharged the same day.

"We have received a complaint from the victim's family and a case has been filed against the company officials. The family has alleged that the man died due to leakage of sewage gas. We are questioning the office staff and

trying to ascertain the sequence of events leading to his death. Two others who also inhaled the gas while saving the victim received minor injuries. Satish died during treatment," said Shawez Khan, SHO, Sector 58.

According to company officials, the cafeteria washroom on the third floor clogged on Monday afternoon, following which cleaning staff was assigned to fix the issue.

As per officials, the staff al-

legedly poured several pouches of a chemical used as a cleanser in the urinal and put up a "work in progress" sign.

"Satish entered the washroom when the chemical was unclogging the pipeline and toxic fumes were being emitted. Satish inhaled the gases and fainted. When he did not come out for some time, other staff members went to check on him. They, too, became dizzy. They were later rescued by other people," said a

company official.

Satish had been working for a food contracting company for the past 12 years and R Systems, an IT solutions company, was one of their clients.

"We don't understand the point of using chemicals inside a closed space. It seems there was negligence on someone's part. There needs to be an investigation which will provide clarity on what happened," said Sachin, Satish's son.

Traffic to be regulated for Beating Retreat ceremony

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS and diversions will be in place on Wednesday for the Beating Retreat ceremony at Vijay Chowk and the illumination of the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Vijay Chowk will remain closed for traffic from 2 pm-9.30 pm, as per a Delhi Police advisory. Parking will be available for those coming to view the illumination at Vijay Chowk behind the water channels between Rafi Marg and 'C' Hexagon.

The advisory stated that traffic will not be allowed on Rafi Marg between Sunehri Masjid and Krishi Bhawan roundabouts, Raisina Road from Krishi Bhawan roundabout towards Vijay Chowk, beyond Dara Shikoh Road, Krishna Menon Marg and Sunehri Masjid roundabouts towards Vijay Chowk.

Rajpath will also be closed for traffic between Vijay Chowk and 'C' Hexagon, which would be open only for pedestrians. The advisory asked people to take alternate routes, including Ring Road, Ridge Road, Aurobindo Marg, Madarsa T-Point, Safdarjung Road, Kamal Ataturk Marg, Rani Jhansi Road, Minto Road.

Entry and exit gates at Delhi Metro's Udyog Bhawan and Central Secretariat stations will remain closed from 2 pm to 6.30



Rehearsals underway at Vijay Chowk for the Beating Retreat ceremony, that will be held on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

pm. The stations fall on the Yellow Line, which connects HUDA City Centre with Samaypur Badli.

The DTC and other city buses will be diverted from their normal routes from 2 pm to 9.30 pm to avoid traffic congestion near the India Gate and on roads around the venue of the ceremony.

The advisory stated that buses coming from Shantipath and bound for Central Secretariat and Connaught Place will take the

Panchsheel Marg-Simon Boliver Marg-Vande Matram Marg-roundabout Shankar Road - Park Street route. It added that buses bound for Central Secretariat will terminate at Udyan Marg and return via the Kali Bari Marg - Mandir Marg - Shankar Road route, the advisory said.

In the event of an unidentified object or suspicious person being found, the advisory asked people to report the matter to the nearest policeman on duty.

Man beaten at Shah's rally gets MLC from Safdarjung

ASTHA SAXENA  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

TWO DAYS after Harjit Singh (20) was beaten up at Home Minister Amit Shah's rally at Babarpur for raising anti-CAA slogans, he got his MLC done at Safdarjung Hospital Tuesday evening. Singh went to the hospital with his sister complaining of bruises and body pain.

As per the MLC report, Singh sustained injuries on his neck. Doctors also suggested a CT scan of his head. "There is no internal

injury. As the patient said he was also hit with chairs, we wanted to see if there were any internal injuries," said a senior doctor.

In the MLC, doctors also mentioned that he was kept in the police station for 14-20 hours. On Monday, Singh had claimed police did not take him to the hospital for an MLC and had locked him up instead. Police denied the claims.

"I've done the MLC; the doctor asked us to meet the police officer in New Welcome. My sister and I will file the complaint now," said Singh.

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d) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).  
3. Capacity of the generating station: 500 MW (2x250 MW)  
4. Approved capital cost of the project: ₹278364.77 Lakhs  
5. Authority which has approved the Capital Cost: Central Electricity Regulatory Commission  
6. Scheduled date of commercial operation: Not Applicable  
7. Actual date of commercial operation: 21.10.2009  
8. Capital cost claimed on the date of Commercial Operation: Not Applicable  
9. Details of Tariff:  

Particulars	Tariff for the previous year	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1 Capacity Charges (₹ Lakhs/Year)	60212.10	58519.63	58274.23	58207.13	50168.47	50705.16
2 Energy Charges (Paise/Kwh)#	184.6	234.7	234.7	234.7	234.7	234.7

  
\*As per the petition filed with CERC for tuning up of Tariff for 2014-19 for Bhilai Expansion Power Plant (2x250 MW)  
# The Energy Charge Rate for the month shall be based on fuel cost(s) (both coal and fuel oil) and GCV(s) for the month as per Regulation 43 (2)(a) of CERC (Terms & Conditions of Tariff) Regulations 2019.  
10. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of NSPCL, namely [www.nspcl.co.in](http://www.nspcl.co.in) under the tab "Commercial".  
11. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th Floor, Chandrolak Building, 36, Janpath, New Delhi - 110005, with a copy to the applicant within 30 days of publication of this notice.  
**Place: New Delhi**  
**Date: 23.01.2020**  
**(Tridib Dab)**  
**GM (OS & Commercial)**

**Form No. INC-19**  
**Notice**  
(Pursuant to rule 22 the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014)  
1) Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (4)(i) of section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made by M/s Teamwork Education Foundation to the Registrar of companies Delhi & Haryana at Delhi for revocation of the license issued to it U/S 25 (1)(a) of the Companies Act, 1956 (Now section 8(5) of the Companies Act, 2013). After the cancellation of license the company will be required to add the word "Private Limited" to its name in place of Foundation.  
2) Principal objects of the company after the revocation of license as per the provisions u/s 8(4)(i) of the Companies Act, 2013 shall be as follows:  
1. To manage, establish, run, acquire in India and/or abroad, educational institutions, libraries, training centers, examination and testing centers, online/distance education programmes of all types of education to the students, general public, or organizations, orally, through post, online through internet, audio/video cassettes or any other media/forms available.  
2. To provide educational consulting and services including web/internet based education services and to conduct in India and/or abroad, orientation courses, classes, seminars, conferences, workshops, lectures, debates, contests, research, studies developing computer software, in various fields of education concerning students and all section of society and other issues of national, economic, and common interest and to arrange for imparting education, training to students and the general public and to get published all types of study material relating to such seminar, orientation courses, research studies, educational courses and training programmes, through post, through internet, audio/video cassettes or any other media/forms available.  
3. To provide students with the information on the educational opportunities in India and overseas in different streams of education and assisting students in getting admission in Indian and overseas educational institutions and to conduct and organize educational programmes in the Republic of India and abroad.  
4. To establish maintain and conduct language classes, educational institutions and such other institution for imparting training to students in the field of interaction in different languages, symbols and codes and to take affiliation from the universities in India and abroad for the technical and traditional fields like Science/Arts/Commerce/Computer education and other courses.  
5. To provide educational services in the nature of short courses and vocational programmes, to foster industry partnerships including executive training and development workshops/programmes and to forge new partnerships and funding for enabling the required growth.  
3) A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of the proposed company may be seen at 15-A, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110024  
4) Notice is hereby given that any person, firm, company, corporation or body corporate, objecting to this application may communicate such objection to the Registrar at Delhi within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice by a letter addressed to The Registrar of Companies Delhi & Haryana, 4th Floor, IFCI Tower, 61-Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Applicant at 15-A Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110024.  
Name(s) of Applicant  
For Teamwork Education Foundation  
sd/-  
(JITINDER SINGH CHADHA)  
Director  
Dated this 28th day of January 2020

**BRAITHWAITE & CO. LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
5, Hide Road, Kolkata - 700 043  
Braithwaite & Co. Ltd., A Govt. of India Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways invites applications from Indian Nationals for filling up the post of (i) **Dy. General Manager (Design & Drawing) - One (UR)**, (ii) **Dy. Manager (Purchase & Contract) - Two (One-UR, One-OBC (NCL))**, (iii) **Asst. Manager (Personnel) - One (UR)**.  
The details of Post, qualification and experience required etc. are displayed in Company's website [www.braithwaiteindia.com](http://www.braithwaiteindia.com)  
Closing Date: The last date of receipt of application will be **28th February 2020**.  
**No. Rectt./2019/4.**  
**General Manager (HR, A, S)**

**IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
Regd. Off.: C-4, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110017, INDIA  
Tel. No.: +91-11-29565666 Fax: +91-11-26854000, Website: [www.ircon.org](http://www.ircon.org)  
E-mail: [info@ircon.org](mailto:info@ircon.org), CIN-L45203DL1976GOI008171  
**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47 read with Regulation 29 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020**, to inter-alia consider and approve:  
1. The Un-audited Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) for the quarter and nine-months ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.  
2. Declaration and payment of Interim Dividend, if any, and fixation of the record date for the purpose of payment of Interim Dividend; and  
3. The proposal of sub-division of Face Value of Company's Equity Shares and matters related thereto, subject to shareholders approval.  
This information is also available on the website of the Company viz., [www.ircon.org](http://www.ircon.org) and on the websites of the Stock Exchanges viz., [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)  
**For Ircon International Limited**  
sd/-  
**Ritu Arora**  
**Company Secretary & Compliance Officer**  
**Place: New Delhi**  
**Date: 28.01.2020**

**GAIL (India) Limited**  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
**NOTICE OF RECORD DATE FOR PAYMENT OF INTEREST: BOND SERIES -I - 8.30%**  
GAIL had issued 8.30% Secured, Taxable, Redeemable, Non-Convertible Bonds bearing a total face value of ₹40,00,000/- comprising of 4 detachable and Separately Transferable Redeemable Principal Parts (STRPPs), each of a face value of ₹10,00,000/-. These separate principal part(s) would be redeemable at the end of 7<sup>th</sup> year onwards from the deemed date of allotment i.e. 23.02.2015.  
This is to inform that **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020** has been fixed as 'RECORD DATE' for the purpose of payment of interest on the aforesaid Bond series.  
As per the terms of Information Memorandum (if any) Coupon Payment Date falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the payment shall be made by the Issuer on the immediately succeeding Business Day along with interest for such additional period. Further, interest for such additional period so paid, shall be deducted out of the interest payable on the next Coupon Payment Date. Last year, the interest payment was made for 367 days (for the period from 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018 to 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019). For current year, the interest payment date is falling on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020, being a Sunday, payment cannot be processed due to bank holiday. Accordingly, Payment of interest will be made on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020** for the period from **25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 to 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020** for 364 days. The next succeeding interest period will correspondingly be adjusted.  
In respect of bonds held in electronic mode, the interest of aforesaid series of bond(s) will be paid on the basis of beneficial ownership details, furnished by NSDL and CDSL as on the Record Date.  
**Place: New-Delhi**  
**Date: 29.01.2020**  
**E-mail: [shareholders@gail.co.in](mailto:shareholders@gail.co.in)**  
**Website: [www.gailonline.com](http://www.gailonline.com)**  
**For GAIL (India) Limited**  
sd/-  
(A.K.Jha)  
**Company Secretary**  
Regd. Office: GAIL Bhawan, 16, Bhikaji Cama Place  
R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066  
**Corporate Identification Number : L40200DL1984GOI018976**  
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**Govt. dues is hereby published regarding contesting candidates of AC-55, (TrilokपुरI-SC) for information of General Public**

S. No	Name of Candidate	Party affiliation if any	Govt. dues to Departments dealing with					Other Govt. dues if any
			Govt. Accommodation	Supply of Water	Supply of Electricity	Telephone	Govt. Transport (including aircrafts and helicopters)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	KIRAN	BHARTIYA JANATA PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	RAGHU RAJ SINGH	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
3	ROHIT KUMAR	AAM AADMI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	VUJAY KUMAR	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	AJAY CHAUHAN	BHARTIYA SAMAJIK NYAY PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
6	AKSHITZ BIRMANI	RASHTRIYA SAMAJ PAKSHA PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
7	MAYANK KUMAR	SABSE BADI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	RAJESH KUMAR	AAM JANTA PARTY (INDIA)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
9	VIKRAM	JANSHAKTI PARTY (RASHTRIYA)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	KAVITA RANI SINGH	INDEPENDENT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Sd/-  
(SANJEEV KUMAR)  
RETURNING OFFICER  
C-55 (TRILOKपुरI-SC)

**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY-56 (KONDLI-SC)**  
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**Govt. dues is hereby published regarding contesting candidates of AC-56, (Kondli-SC) for information of General Public**

S. No	Name of Candidate	Party affiliation if any	Govt. dues to Departments dealing with					Other Govt. dues if any
			Govt. Accommodation	Supply of Water	Supply of Electricity	Telephone	Govt. Transport (including aircrafts and helicopters)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	AMRISH SINGH GAUTAM	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	KARMYIR	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
3	KULDEEP KUMAR	AAM AADMI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	RAJ KUMAR	BHARTIYA JANATA PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	DINESH KUMAR KASHYAP	SABSE BADI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
6	AMAR SINGH	INDEPENDENT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
7	AKSHAY KUMAR	INDEPENDENT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Sd/-  
RAJIV KUMAR TYAGI  
RETURNING OFFICER  
C-56 (KONDLI-SC)

**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY-57 (PATPARGANJ)**  
**ROOM NO.6, OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE (EAST), L.M. BUNDH, SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110031**  
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**Govt. dues is hereby published regarding contesting candidates of AC-57, (Patparganj) for Information of General Public**

S. No	Name of Candidate	Party affiliation if any	Govt. dues to Departments dealing with					Other Govt. dues if any
			Govt. Accommodation	Supply of Water	Supply of Electricity	Telephone	Govt. Transport (including aircrafts and helicopters)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	MANISH SISODIA	AAM AADMI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	RAVINDER SINGH NEGI	BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
3	RAKESH	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	LAXMAN RAWAT	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	PRATAP CHANDRA	RASHTRIYA RASHTRAWADI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
6	RAKESH SURI	RIGHT TO RECALL PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
7	VINAY KUMAR SINGH	JANSHAKTI PARTY (RASHTRIYA)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	SHATRUGHAN KUMAR SINGH	HINDUSTANI AWAM MORCHA (SECULAR)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
9	SANJEEV BHATI	HINDUSTHAN NIRMAN DAL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
10	SURENDER GUPTA	JANMAT PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
11	GOPAL PRASAD	INDEPENDENT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
12	MANOJ KUMAR	INDEPENDENT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
13	SURJEET SINGH	INDEPENDENT	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Sd/-  
(YOGESH PARTAP)  
RETURNING OFFICER  
AC-57 (PATPARGANJ)

**Office of the Returning Officer, Assembly Constituency-58 (Laxmi Nagar) Room No. 9, I & FC New Building, I & FC Complex, L.M. Bundh, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110031 Tel. No. 011-22446409; E-mail [ac58aro@gmail.com](mailto:ac58aro@gmail.com)**  
**Govt. dues is hereby published regarding contesting candidates of AC-58, Laxminagar for Information of General Public**

S. No.	Name of Candidate	Party affiliation if any	Government dues to Departments dealing with					Other Govt. dues if any
			Govt. Accommodation	Supply of Water	Supply of electricity	Telephone	Govt. transport (including aircrafts and helicopter)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	ABHAY VERMA	BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
2	JAI RAM LAL	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
3	NITIN TYAGI	AAM AADMI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	HARI DUTT SHARMA	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	ANIMA OJHA	RIGHT TO RECALL PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
6	R D TIWARI	LOK SHAKTI PARTY (LOKANTRIK)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
7	DEEP KUMAR	LIBERAL PARTY OF INDIA	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
8	NAMAHA	LOK JAN SHAKTI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Sd/-  
VIVEK AGARWAL  
Returning Officer  
Assembly Constituency 58 - Laxmi Nagar

**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY-60 (KRISHNA NAGAR)**  
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S. No	Name of Candidate	Party affiliation if any	Govt. dues to Departments dealing with					Other Govt. dues if any
			Govt. Accommodation	Supply of Water	Supply of Electricity	Telephone	Govt. Transport (including aircrafts and helicopters)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	DR. ANIL GOYAL	BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	GST dues of Rs. 37,280/- (Thirty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Rupees only) for the month of December, 2019 in the name of spouse Dr. Nirupama Goyal
2	DR. ASHOK KUMAR	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	Income Tax demand of Rs. 5,31,480/- (Five Lakh Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Rupees Only) is disputed and objection has been filed which is pending.
3	S.K. BAGGA (ADVOCATE)	AAM AADMI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
4	ADVOCATE MANJEET SINGH	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	CHARANJEET	AAPKI APNI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
6	MUNISH BAGGA	RASHTRIYA RASHTRAWADI PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
7	SURESH KUMAR	BAIJARAJA PARTY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Sd/-  
(RAJEEV KUMAR)  
RETURNING OFFICER  
AC-60 (KRISHNA NAGAR)

**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY-61 (GANDHI NAGAR)**  
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S. No	Name of Candidate	Party affiliation if any	Govt. dues to Departments dealing with					Other Govt. dues if any
			Govt. Accommodation					







# 7 GOVT & POLITICS



## DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



### YOUNG AT HEART

BJP VETERAN L K Advani may have retired from electoral politics but the 92-year-old still leads an active life. Party leaders say Advani was particular that he would attend the Republic Day parade, and returning home from the parade, hoisted the Tricolour at his Prithviraj Road residence. A movie buff, he also doesn't want to miss good films. 'The Sky is Pink' was the last film he went to a theatre to watch, and the former Deputy Prime Minister is apparently keen on going to a hall again to catch another one.

### NEW POSTER MAN

AFTER THE change at the helm of affairs in BJP, the order of seating was changed, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and party president J P Nadda taking seats at the head of the table. Now, everyone is watching whether such a change would be reflected on the party's posters. While Amit Shah's picture was ubiquitous in party literature and on banners across the country, will they now include Nadda's image as well? Party leaders point out that when M Venkaiah Naidu took over as BJP president, most party posters and banners had photos of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L K Advani along with Naidu.

### GOING DC

ON A day Foreign Secretary Vijay Keshav Gokhale retired, the government announced that India's envoy to Sri Lanka, Taranjit Singh, will be the next ambassador to the US. He replaces Harsh Vardhan Shringla, former Indian envoy to the US, who will take charge as the next Foreign Secretary on Wednesday.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the PM's NCC rally in New Delhi on Tuesday. Anil Sharma

# India won't take more than 10 days to make Pak bite dust: PM

By opposing CAA, Oppn speaking against persecuted minorities in Pak, says Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

MAINTAINING THAT Pakistan has lost three wars but continues to wage proxy wars against India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the country's armed forces will "not take more than a week to 10 days to make Pakistan bite the dust".

Targeting "inaction" of previous governments, Modi said they treated the proxy war by Pakistan as a law and order problem, but "even when our forces asked for action they would not go ahead".

Addressing the annual PM's National Cadet Corps rally, Modi said some parties are opposing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act [CAA] for vote-bank politics, and indicated that by opposing the new law, these parties are opposing Dalits and other marginalised sections, who are persecuted in

Pakistan. "Some of these people (political leaders opposing CAA) are pretending to be the voice of the downtrodden. But they can't see the downtrodden in Pakistan — most of those who have come from Pakistan are from such communities."

He said the Pakistan army had published an advertisement in that country's newspapers to announce vacancies for safai karmacharis. "You know what the advertisement said? It said only non-Muslims could apply for the job. Who are these people? They are these exploited people. That's how they are treated in Pakistan," he said.

"We brought CAA to correct this historical wrong but some political parties are competing for their vote-bank in this. Whose benefit are they working for? Can't they see the atrocities being heaped on minorities in Pakistan," the Prime Minister asked.

Attacking the Congress, Modi said if that opposition party's leaders read the "right kind of books" written by "unbiased historians", they would know the truth about Partition. "When the country attained Independence, whose advice led to its Partition? Whose self-interest was behind it? How did those who took the reins of the country agree to Partition? If you read the right books — books written by historians without prejudice — you will come to know the truth," he said.

Modi said a lot of misinformation is being spread about CAA but the truth is that Mahatma Gandhi wanted this. "After Independence, India had promised Hindus, Sikhs and other minorities that if they came to India it would shelter them and stand by them. This is what Mahatma Gandhi wanted, and that was the spirit of the 1950 Nehru-Liaquat agreement. It was India's duty to shelter people in

these countries who faced religious persecution. But people (an ostensible reference to previous Congress governments) turned their head away from these thousands of (persecuted) people."

He maintained that India could have taken over Kartarpur — in Pakistan, where Guru Nanak spent the last years of his life — but did not. "...Pakistan's 90,000 soldiers were in our custody. Why were they not exchanged for Kartarpur," Modi asked.

On some of the critical media coverage the government is getting in foreign media, Modi said, "These people (opposition leaders) are spreading all kinds of propaganda. Through like-minded people in foreign media these people are spreading that decisions of our government have tarnished Modi's image. Modi was born for all this. These people are unable to understand a changing India..."

### MP BJP MLA on CAA: Country being divided on religious lines

MILIND GHATAI  
BHOPAL, JANUARY 28

TAKING ON the BJP leadership yet again, the saffron party's MLA from Maihar, Narayan Trapathi, on Tuesday described the amended citizenship law and the proposed NRC as dangerous for the country and said the country was being divided on religious lines.

In comments posted in a video on Twitter, Tripathi said, "Either you follow the Constitution, or tear it up. Because, it lays emphasis on secularism. The country can't be divided along religious lines. Yet, it is being divided thus." He added that Muslims in the state's villages are suspicious and avoiding interactions with others.

"When getting an Aadhaar card is difficult for people in rural areas and the poor in urban areas, where will the people get the documents to prove their citizenship?" he asked in the video.

The BJP leader, who was previously with the Congress and the Samajwadi Party, said an atmosphere of domestic strife was prevailing in the country. "No village, mohalla (locality), or country can enjoy peace if such an atmosphere prevails," he said.

Tripathi had voted with the Congress in the Assembly on a criminal law amendment bill in July 2019. The saffron party had boycotted Assembly proceedings when the voting took place but it had not issued any whip. The episode however, had left the BJP red-faced because it happened within hours of Leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargava claiming on the floor of the House that it can bring down the Congress government "the moment the no 1 and no 2 — an apparent reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah — give the signal".

Reacting to Tripathi's comments, the Congress said he was still with the BJP and added that the party would try and hold talks with him. It added that the BJP leadership should at listen to its legislator if it was not ready to listen to the public.

## In joint resolution, 5 groups of EU MPs slam CAA, NRC

SHUBHAJIT ROY  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

STRESSING THAT a process like the NRC exacerbates a "climate of xenophobia" while fuelling religious intolerance and discrimination, a joint resolution by five political groups in European Parliament said that the Citizenship (Amendment) Act is "discriminatory in nature and dangerously divisive" and it appears to undermine India's commitment to equality before law.

The strongly worded joint resolution has been drafted by five political groups from the Centre-Right to far-Left, and will replace five separate resolutions by these groups. The sixth resolution, which backs India on CAA but condemns the use of excessive violence, stays. These two resolutions will now be debated on Wednesday in European Parliament, and will be put to vote on Thursday.

The joint resolution also mentioned the issue of freedom of expression in India and named some of the arrested activists, including Akhil Gogoi and Sadaf Jafar. It warned against "increasing nationalism which has resulted, inter alia, in fuelling of religious intolerance and discrimination against Muslims". The joint resolution said several Indian states have announced they will not implement the law and Kerala government, in its petition to the Supreme Court,

### EXPLAINED Not binding but builds pressure on EU

ALTHOUGH THE final resolution — even if passed by the European Parliament — is "not binding" on India, it does create "political pressure" on the European Union to take up the matter with New Delhi in its next engagements. This issue may, in that case, figure in official engagements between India and the EU, especially the summit to be held on March 13.

"called CAA 'a violation of the secular nature of the Indian constitution' and accused the Indian Government of dividing the nation on religious lines". It also made strong mention of "protests that broke out around India, particularly on university campuses, in response to the adoption of CAA were met with a brutal crackdown by security forces..."

Mentioning UP, it said, "Indian authorities have used internet shutdowns and placed limits on public transportation to prevent peaceful protests; whereas reports have emerged of hundreds of protesters being beaten, shot at or tortured, in particular in Uttar Pradesh; whereas the Indian authorities have also restricted internet access in many areas of the North East and of Uttar Pradesh, where a large proportion of Indian Muslims reside; whereas shutting down internet communications is a violation of the fundamental right to access information".

## 7 new ministers in Jharkhand

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RANCHI, JANUARY 28

THE JHARKHAND government on Tuesday expanded its one-month-old ministry and inducted seven more ministers in the Cabinet.

The addition came after Chief Minister Hemant Soren was sworn-in last month along with three other ministers - Rameshwar Oraon and Alamgir Alam from Congress and Satyanand Bhogta from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). Governor Draupadi Murmu

on Tuesday administered the oath of office to the newly-inducted ministers at the Raj Bhavan here. Five of the new ministers are from the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and two are from the Congress.

The JMM-Congress-RJD coalition formed the government last month winning 46 seats in the 81 member Assembly.

While Mahato and Thakur are first-time ministers, Manjhi was a minister in the previous NDA government, before she joined the JMM. The remaining four were ministers in the previous UPA government.

With five of the new ministers from the JMM, the senior ruling party has six members in the Council of Ministers, including the Chief Minister, while the Congress has four and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) one.

There is space in the Council for one more minister, according to Constitutional provisions.

#### STRATEGY FOR BUDGET SESSION

## Divided on CAA or economy as key issue, Cong calls for balance

MANOJ CG  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

A MEETING of the top leadership of the Congress on Monday to decide the party's strategy for the Budget Session of Parliament saw divergent views emerging.

While a section of leaders argued that the party should aggressively raise the CAA-NPR-NRC issue — by even boycotting the President's Address or protesting during his speech on the opening day on Friday — most leaders disapproved.

The overwhelming view was that the party should not focus only on CAA-NRC protests during debates after the President's Address and on the Union Budget, and should instead try to put the government on the mat on other issues, including the economic slowdown, ballooning unemployment, and price-rise.

In the end, it was decided party MPs will hold a protest in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue in the Parliament complex in the morning and observe a silent protest during the President's Address, probably wearing black armbands.

The Budget Session begins on Friday, with the President addressing a joint session of Parliament.

The divergent views reflect the dilemma in the party over the continuing CAA-NRC protests. Sensing that too much focus on "divisive issues" such as CAA and NRC could end up helping the BJP, the party has been trying desperately to bring back the narrative to livelihood issues, or strike a balance. Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, for instance, made no direct reference to the protests during his speech at a rally in Jaipur on Tuesday and made only a passing mention of the new citizenship law, NRC and NPR. Rahul said Prime Minister Narendra Modi talks of these issues but is silent on "real issues"



(From left) Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot at a rally in Jaipur on Tuesday. Rohit Jain Paras

## Modi destroyed image of India, says Rahul

HAMZA KHAN  
JAIPUR, JANUARY 28

CONGRESS LEADER Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has destroyed the image of India as nation of love and brotherhood.

Addressing a Yuva Aakrosh rally in Jaipur, the Wayanad MP said the work PM Modi has done has hurt India's "reputation" and "image" before the rest of the world as a nation of "brotherhood and love."

He said that earlier, people across the world used to say that Pakistan has an environment of violence, and it was in contrast to India; Pakistan, a "divided" nation, was in contrast to a united India, he said.

"This image has been destroyed by Narendra Modi," Rahul said adding, "And when the youth asks the PM why did you destroy India's reputation across the world. Tell us why there is unemployment in the country, and what you have done in five years for youths. Then you are shot at and trampled."

Rahul appealed to the large number of youngsters in the rally "to restore the reputation of India as a nation of brotherhood and

such as unemployment.

At the Congress meeting, sources said, party's chief whip in Lok Sabha Kodikunni Suresh and AICC general secretary in charge of organisation K C Venugopal were of the view that the party should think about steps such as boycotting the President's Address or raising the issue during the speech to reflect the mood outside. But senior leaders such as Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma and party's Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury — and even former Prime Minister Mahmohan Singh and party chief Sonia Gandhi — were not comfortable with the idea.

"There was a strong view that something has to be done. But others argued that a responsible party like the Congress cannot disrupt the President's Address, as he is the Constitutional head and it will not send a right message," a senior Congress leader said. "We can make these points regarding NPR and NRC and attack the government during the debate on motion of thanks to the President's Address, and thereafter during the discussion on the Budget on economic issues."

Former Union minister Manish Tewari, it is learnt, argued that the party's attack on the government should be comprehensive. He is learnt to have said the party should nuance or balance its attack in a manner so that issues such as joblessness, collapse of the economy, and farmers' issues are also brought to the fore along with the CAA-NRC protests and police action on the protesters.

Sharma is learnt to have argued that the Congress should raise its voice against the assault on the Constitution and fundamental rights of the citizens. But he is also learnt to have pointed out that the party should adopt a wider embrace of issues so that the BJP is not given an "opportunity to polarise."

unity. The ideology of Mahatma Gandhi should be our identity. When someone looks at India, they should say 'Yes, India can show the way to the world' — in manufacturing, services and also in character and morality. Every generation has its responsibility. This is yours."

"Every nation has an asset. America has big weapons, the world's largest army, navy and air force, and army and Saudi Arabia has oil. India has you, crores of youth. When I say assets, I am also talking about your dreams... People from across the world used to come to India to invest in youth, because they believed in you..." Rahul said.

"But today, I say with much sadness that 21st century India is wasting its asset. The government and our Prime Minister are stopping you from what you can and want to do for the country," he said.

"Last year, India lost one crore jobs. Narendra Modi had talked about providing employment to two crore youths. And wherever our PM goes, he gives long speeches on NRC, CAA, NPR but doesn't say a word on unemployment," Rahul said.

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Raipur: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said issues related to pending forest clearances and banking in the vicinity of villages, particularly in Maoist-hit areas, will be resolved. He was speaking at the Central Zonal Council meeting in Raipur, attended by CMs of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

"The Home Minister exhorted the members to resolve the issues relating to forest clearance and provide brick-and-mortar banking facilities within 5-km radius in each village, particularly in Naxal areas," a PIB release said.

In the meeting, Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel requested

that the state be grouped differently in the council. The state is currently grouped with Uttarakhand and UP, and Baghel demanded that the state be grouped with Jharkhand, Odisha and Maharashtra, as they have similar problems.

Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat sought financial assistance from the Centre for development of char dhams, organising Kumbh Mela and modernisation of police forces, the release said. MP CM Kamal Nath discussed the peculiar nature of his state having the largest tribal area and requested that it not be compared with other states, the release said. **ENS&PTI**



PROTEST WATCH

GUJARAT



A protest against CAA, NRC and NPR in Ahmedabad on Tuesday. Javed Raja

ASSAM

## 3 ministers, BJP MP shown black flags

*Guwahati:* Assam ministers Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chandra Mohan Patowary and Siddhartha Bhattacharya faced black flags raised by activists of All Assam Students' Union (AASU) during anti-CAA protests at different places on Tuesday. While travelling to Darrang district for an official function to distribute land pattas to landless indigenous people, Sarma's convoy was shown black flags on National Highway 15 at Mangaldoi. Sarma is also convener of the North East Democratic Alliance. AASU activists also shouted slogans

against the finance minister and the CAA. In Tezpur, Patowary was shown black flags by AASU members while the Parliamentary Affairs Minister was on his way to the district library auditorium to distribute land pattas as part of a state-wide programme. BJP Lok Sabha member Topon Kumar Gogoi too was shown black flags by AASU activists at Charaideo district. Protests against the CAA continued across the state at Nagaon, Golaghat, Barpeta, Goalpara, Doom Dooma and other places.

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MADHYA PRADESH



A protest against CAA, NRC and NPR in Khargone on Tuesday. PTI

## Dalit, tribal organisations join demonstration

*Bhopal:* Hundreds of people representing Dalit and tribal organisations, students' unions and progressive organisations took part in a huge protest against the new citizenship law, proposed National Register of Citizens and the National Population Register, at Khargone in Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday. Organised under the banner of Samvidhan Jan Bachao Andolan, the rally demanded that the Madhya Pradesh gov-

ernment should pass a resolution in the Legislative Assembly not to implement the NPR and effectively stop the NRC process in the state. Social activists Yogendra Yadav and Harsh Mander addressed the protesters at Anaj Mandi in Khargone. The protesters described the new citizenship law as unconstitutional and anti-people. A similar protest was held at Badwani on Monday.

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UTTAR PRADESH



The sit-in by women at Ghanta Ghar entered Day 12, in Lucknow on Tuesday. Express

**MANISH SAHU**  
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 28

THE VARANASI police have obtained non-bailable warrants (NBW) against 12 protesters, who were earlier booked for agitating without permission and violating prohibitory orders, on charges of allegedly attacking policemen during a demonstration against the new citizenship law and NRC at Beniyabagh Ground on January 23. Police had used force to disperse the gathered crowd. After lodging the case and arresting six persons, the police had also released pictures of 19 protesters announcing a reward of Rs

5,000 each for information leading to their arrest. Police had then claimed that the protesters gathered for the agitation without permission and violated prohibitory orders under CrPC section 144. Meanwhile, a group of women began a protest against the CAA and NRC at Deoband in Saharanpur district Monday night even as government sources said officials in all the districts have been put on alert to ensure that people do not gather for such protests and to initiate stern action those found organising such agitations. SHOs of all the police stations have been directed to stay alert and to not allow gatherings for protest,

# JNU student facing sedition charge arrested from Bihar

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, PATNA, JANUARY 28

DAYS AFTER sedition cases were filed against him in several states for an anti-CAA speech he made at Aligarh Muslim University on January 16, Sharjeel Imam, a PhD student in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), was arrested from his village — Kako in Jehanabad district of Bihar — on Tuesday.

A joint team of Bihar and Delhi Police had conducted raids in Patna and Jehanabad after Imam's last cellphone location was traced to Patna.

While the Delhi Police said they had arrested Imam "from his house", Imam — through his advocate Mishika Singh — said, "I have surrendered to the Delhi Police on January 28... I am ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation. I have full faith in the due process of law. My safety and security are now in the hands of Delhi Police. Let peace prevail."

According to sources, Imam was arrested when he was going to court to surrender, accompanied by his mother, Afshan Raheem, and lawyer. He was produced before a Jehanabad



Several states have filed cases against Sharjeel Imam. ANI

court before being taken on transit remand to Delhi.

V N Jha, Inspector, Delhi Police Crime Branch said, "We found him near his ancestral home in Kako... We caught him and produced him in court."

Apart from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have slapped sedition charges against Imam, an IIT-Bombay graduate who is pursuing PhD in Modern Indian History from JNU.

At least five teams of the Delhi Police Crime Branch were sent to Mumbai, Patna and Delhi to look for Imam. "The day the FIR was filed, a team was sent to Bihar, where he hails from. The team was in touch with Patna and Jehanabad police and was

continuously conducting raids," said Delhi Police DCP (Crime) Rajesh Deo.

Deo said that Imam's brother, Muzammil, was interrogated on Monday, and on the basis of his interrogation "vital clues regarding Sharjeel were obtained". "Based on the leads, the team was successful in apprehending him on Tuesday, at 2 pm. He has been arrested," said Deo.

Imam was an active volunteer at the Shaheen Bagh protest in Delhi till January 2.

According to a purported video of his speech at AMU, Imam said: "If we have 5 lakh people with us, we can cut off the Northeast from India. If not permanently, for one or two months. Put rubble on tracks and roads... *Assam aur India katke alag ho jaaye, tabhi ye humari baat sunenge* (Once Assam is cut off, then only they will listen to us). We can do that because the Chicken's Neck corridor (connecting Northeast to rest of India) is dominated by Muslims."

He also called for more road-blocks in Delhi, like at Shaheen Bagh, to put pressure on the government.

Imam had earlier told *The*



West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee during a protest against CAA and NRC in Kolkata. Express

# Bengal Governor leaves CU convocation after protests

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, JANUARY 28

WEST BENGAL Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday faced protests from a section of students of Calcutta University and was stopped from attending the university's annual convocation ceremony at Nazrul Mancha. The Governor had to leave the premises.

Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee was conferred a DLitt (honoris causa) by Vice-Chancellor (V-C) Sonali Chakravarty Banerjee in the absence of Dhankhar.

The protest began after the Governor arrived at Nazrul Mancha around 12.30 pm. Three students held 'No CAA' and 'No NRC' posters, waved black flags at Dhankhar, and raised 'go back' slogans. Escorted by security guards, Dhankhar made it to the green room of Nazrul Mancha where he met Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee.

As the Governor was set to head towards the stage, another group of students raised slogans against him.



Jagdeep Dhankhar in Kolkata. Express

The students said they would not allow the convocation to begin unless the Governor leaves the venue. Succumbing to pressure, university authorities told students that the Governor would neither hand over the DLitt to the Nobel laureate nor lead the ceremonial academic procession of scholars and the Senate members.

V-C Sonali Chakravarty Banerjee said, "Abhijit Banerjee has come a long way to receive the DLitt... Only if you calm down can we honour him, otherwise it is not possible for me to conduct the programme. The Governor will not lead the procession."

Protesting students alleged that the Governor was working as "an agent of the BJP" and they cannot let him preside over the function. "The Governor is a representative of the BJP-led Centre. He doesn't deserve to be on the dais for the convocation ceremony," a student said.

The Governor then left the venue around 1.30 pm. He tweeted, "Convocation of Calcutta University was at Nazrul Mancha auditorium and not on the campus of Calcutta University. There was total failure of the State Machinery to maintain law and order. The obstruction was stage managed. This happens to constitutional head. Where are we heading!"

The Governor, who is the chancellor of all state universities, had last month faced protests at Jadavpur University and could not enter the campus to attend the special convocation.

Education minister Partha Chatterjee said, "If the Governor tries to understand why such protests are taking place, he will be on the right track... He should see that the constitutional post he holds is not tarnished."

to disperse the crowd.

On the same day, police released photographs of 19 persons, who were found to be present at the site, and sought information about their whereabouts, offering a reward of Rs 5,000.

"On the basis of evidence, which includes WhatsApp messages shared by people asking to reach the protest venue, we identified 12 persons involved in the violence. We also scrutinised photographs and videos of the protest. Among the 12 persons, a few are those whose photographs were released earlier by the police. We have obtained NBW against 12 persons and raids are on to trace them," said

*Indian Express*, "I was saying we should try to peacefully block roads wherever possible. In that context, I said you have to block roads going to Assam. It was basically a call for chakka jam."

Reacting to his arrest, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said, "No one should try to work or speak against the nation's interest. There are a handful of people who speak this kind of language. Having a different opinion is one thing, but speaking against the country is another thing."

Imam's late father, Akbar Imam, was a JD(U) leader. His uncle, Arshad Imam, is also a local JD(U) leader.

JNUTA president D K Lobiya said Imam's remarks "don't warrant a charge of sedition and there are other reasons behind the sedition law being invoked".

Meanwhile, IIT-Bombay confirmed that Imam was a student at the institute between 2006 and 2011. "He pursued a dual degree in Computer Science and Engineering and graduated in 2011," said an IIT-Bombay spokesperson. The institute, however, said Imam was not employed as a teaching assistant.

## Ready for talks on CAA but PM must withdraw it first: Mamata

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, JANUARY 28

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said she is ready to hold talks with Prime Minister Modi regarding the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, but that he should first withdraw the contentious law.

"It is good that the Prime Minister is ready for talks. But first, take back the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). They (Centre) did not call an all-party meet before taking a decision on Kashmir (scrapping the state's special status and bifurcating it into Union territories) and CAA. NRC (National Register of Citizens), NPR (National Population Register), and CAA; these three are bad for the country. We are ready for talks but first withdraw NRC," Banerjee said at an event organised to protest against the amended citizenship law through paintings.

Banerjee further said that protesting against the Centre's decisions does not make opposition parties anti-national and reiterated that her government will not implement CAA, NRC or NPR in the state. "We want a united India. We want a united Bengal. We are not accepting CAA, NRC and NPR," she reiterated.

Banerjee also made a painting at the venue. Several noted artistes also took part in the event and made paintings which will later be shown to the public at an exhibition.

The West Bengal Assembly on Monday passed a resolution against CAA. After Kerala, Punjab and Rajasthan, West Bengal became the fourth state to pass such a resolution against the new citizenship law.

Circle Officer, Dashashwamedh Ghat (Varanasi), Preeti Tripathi. She said that the 12 persons include local resident Srishti Kashyap, who was "found to be one of the organisers".

According to the police, a group of people, including women, gathered at the Beniyabagh Ground to stage protest. Senior police officers reached the spot after receiving information. On seeing the police force, a large number of people reached the ground and allegedly started pelting stones. The police then used mild force to disperse the crowd.

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# Nitish: Will urge Govt to drop NPR questions on parents' birth

**SANTOSH SINGH**  
PATNA, JANUARY 28

CITING "CONFUSION, apprehension and bitterness" over the new National Population Register (NPR) form, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday said his party, an ally of the BJP-led government at the Centre, would urge the government to drop the columns pertaining to the date and place of birth of parents of respondents.

While the government said last week that these questions "will be considered dropped" if the respondent does not provide the details as they are supposed to be optional, Nitish said people would not want to leave these columns blank as they fear that it may be misinterpreted "if the NRC (National Register of Citizens) is implemented some day".

Speaking to reporters after a party meeting, Nitish said JD(U) MPs would take up the matter at the next NDA meeting.

"I think there is no need for a new NPR format as the columns seeking information on the place and date of birth of parents are not necessary. I too don't remember my mother's date of birth. Most of us may not know, or remember, these details. I think we should stick to the 2011 NPR format, as the new one has led to an atmosphere of confusion, apprehension and bitterness. JD(U) leaders in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha will take up this matter," he said.

He said the poor would face problems in filling these columns. "They cannot leave it blank either as they fear that if the NRC is implemented some day, the blank columns will be misinterpreted. Since there is growing bitterness about the issue, we will put in a request for retaining the old format," he said.

Last week, responding to reports that Ram Vilas Paswan, Union Minister and leader of BJP ally Lok Janshakti Party, had said the government may consider the demand to remove these questions, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar had said: "No, it is not like that. The question will be considered dropped as only those who want to respond will do so... There are many questions that are optional. If you remember the place and date of birth of your father and mother, then give it; if you don't remember, then don't give it."

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Paswan had said nobody could be deprived of citizenship just be-



'Retain old NPR format'

cause he/she does not know his/her parents' date and place of birth. "If you don't know your parents' date of birth, that column will be left blank. Whatever information you give regarding the date of birth, it will be considered as document. No documentary proof will be required for this," Paswan had said.

On the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), Nitish said the protests against the law were not good for "social cohesion". "Now that the CAA is up for scrutiny by the Supreme Court, we should leave it to the court to decide its legality," he said.

He said that since Prime Minister Narendra Modi had clarified that there would be no pan-India NRC, there was no reason to create any confusion about it. Nitish also said the Census should include details on caste, as it would give an idea on the number of beneficiaries of welfare schemes.

### 'Kishor free to quit'

Breaking his silence on party national vice-president Prashant Kishor's diatribe against the BJP on CAA, NPR, NRC, Nitish said he was free to quit the party. "I have already said that we inducted him (Kishor) into the JD(U) at the instance of Amit Shah. Whether he wants to stay with us or leave the party is up to him. He may as well have something else in mind. He is free to go... But if he chooses to stay back, he should adopt and conform to the basic norms of the party," he said.

Kishor, when contacted, said in a text message: "You should wait for the answer. Will come to Bihar to answer him." Both Kishor and senior party leader Pavan Varma skipped the meeting on Tuesday.

Kishor later tweeted, "@NitishKumar what a fall for you to lie about how and why you made me join JDUI! Poor attempt on your part to try and make my colour same as yours! And if you are telling the truth who would believe that you still have courage not to listen to someone recommended by @AmitShah?"

# Question on birthplace of parents won't be asked in Odisha: BJD

**SAMPAD PATNAIK**  
BHUBANESWAR, JANUARY 28

THE BJD Tuesday said that the Odisha government will not seek information about the place of birth of parents in the National Population Register as part of its earlier decision to oppose a National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Party president Naveen Patnaik had earlier stated that the Odisha government supported the CAA but is opposed to the NRC. BJD leaders had said that the party "sees NPR as the first step to NRC".

"In NPR, we have two objections. In 13(2) of the NPR (questionnaire), respondent is supposed to be asked about where parents were born. The Centre has said it is optional. So it will not be asked in Odisha," BJD's parliamentary party leader in Lok Sabha Pinaki Misra told journalists on Tuesday.

"In this Census, enumerate SC, ST and OBC. They are a very important constituent who are being left out and their numbers need to be known," Misra said. "The CM has emphasised that in caste category, OBC should be added along with ST and SC. This



Pinaki Misra

is very unfortunate that the OBC enumeration has either not been done or not declared in Census 2011. It has not been done likely because the column was not present in the last Census."

Hours after Misra's statement, senior BJP leader and Union Minister Pratap Sarangi said it is essential for everyone to provide information on his or her forefathers' origin during the update of the NPR as it is linked to national security.

"I think the information on the forefathers of individuals is essential during NPR update. People may take benefits here after coming from Pakistan or Bangladesh by keeping their origin a secret... This may create problems in future. As it is linked to national security, there should be no compromise in this front. This is my opinion," the Union minister of state for animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries and MSME told reporters.



Join peace talks: Assam govt urges ULFA-I

ABHISHEK SAHA  
GUWAHATI, JANUARY 28

A DAY after signing the peace accord with the Bodos, the Assam government on Tuesday appealed to insurgents in Assam and Manipur, including the United Liberation Front of Assam - Independent (ULFA-I), to come onboard for talks, saying it would usher peace and progress in the two states.

"In the context of the historic Bodo accord, for permanent peace in the state, I request ULFA-I chief Paresh Baruah to come forward for talks. Even yesterday, Home Minister Amit Shah clearly told us that if ULFA-I wants to find a path for talks or if they are interested in talks, then the government of India is equally prepared to come forward," state cabinet minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told the press on Tuesday.

Paresh Baruah told Assamese news channel News Live on Tuesday evening that if the government of India sends a one line communication that they are ready to talk on all issues including the core issue of "sovereignty of Assam", then the outfit has no hesitation to sit for talks.

Thampi in judicial custody till February 7

ANAND MOHAN J  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

A DELHI court on Tuesday refused to grant further custody of NRI businessman C C Thampi to the Enforcement Directorate and sent him to judicial custody till February 7. Special Judge Arvind Kumar will pass an order on Thampi's bail plea on Wednesday after brief arguments were addressed Tuesday.

Thampi, who will be sent to Tihar Jail until he is granted bail, was arrested by the ED in connection with a case of alleged money laundering in which the agency is probing the role of Robert Vadra, son-in-law of Congress president Sonia Gandhi, and arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari.

Thampi is said to be a close aide of Vadra and is alleged to have helped him invest in real estate assets in London, including the Bryanston Square property in London which the agency had earlier alleged was acquired by Bhandari for Vadra.

The ED was represented by Amit Mahajan and NK Matta who sought a four-day custody saying that only two witnesses have answered summons so far. The ED told the court that eight summons were issued in the last five days. Only one person joined the investigation on the last date of hearing and only one witness turned up for questioning, the ED submitted.

"These are people directly or indirectly connected with the accused. There are various logistic problems if he is sent to judicial custody. Summons have been sent, the officer went, one witness locked his house and ran away. I am not sure they will come in the next four days also," Mahajan told the court.

"I do not find any sufficient ground for extending the PC remand of accused. The accused has already been in the custody of ED for 10 days and prior to that he had joined the investigation on 15 occasions," the judge said.

Coronavirus outbreak: Delhi begins talks with Beijing on evacuation

AI flight to Wuhan awaits China nod; China Ambassador's tweet calls for calm

PRANAV MUKUL,  
SHUBHAJIT ROY &  
ABANTIKA GHOSH  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

AN AIR INDIA jumbo jet has been placed on standby in Mumbai, as the government firmed up arrangements Tuesday to evacuate Indian nationals from Wuhan and other parts of China's Hubei province where a coronavirus outbreak has led to over 4,500 confirmed cases and 106 deaths.

Official sources told *The Indian Express* that the national carrier has received the go-ahead from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and kept a Boeing 747-400 aircraft, with 423 seats, ready for the evacuation. Officials are awaiting the green signal from China for the flight, which will return from Wuhan to Delhi.

Officials said the government "has made a formal request to China for facilitating" the process and that "on evacuation, these individuals will be kept in quarantine for 14 days".

Sources said India's Ambassador in China Vikram Misri and his team are "working overtime" to get Chinese authorities to facilitate local transport for Indian nationals in Hubei to reach the airport. They said that the Embassy's consular team is also trying to obtain the passports of some Indian nationals who are in the local government's custody for routine formalities such as visa extension.

Hours after the government announced its evacuation move, China's Ambassador to India Sun Weidong sought to dispel fears with a tweet linking a report from Xinhua, the Chinese state-run news agency. "The WHO does not recommend the evacuation of nationals, and called on the international community to remain calm and not overreact. The WHO is confident in China's epidemic prevention and control ability," the tweet said.

In India, officials said of the 20 samples sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune, none have tested positive so far. However, more suspected cases have been reported, including five from Haryana, two from Bhopal and a Serbian tourist in Goa.

The government, meanwhile has extended thermal screening to 20 airports from the seven listed earlier for passengers arriving from China. "Till yesterday, 155 flights have been screened (total cumulative passengers 33,552)," the government said in a statement. On Tuesday, 2,461 people from 15 flights were screened.

The Health Ministry, which issued an advisory warning against non-essential travel to China, is moving to procure more scanners. The Ministry of



The staff of Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital in Chennai seen on Tuesday outside the Special Isolation Ward set up to provide treatment to suspected cases of coronavirus. PTI

HEALTH ADVISORY

FOR PEOPLE PLANNING A CHINA VISIT

- All non-essential travel to China to be avoided
- Travelers to China should observe good personal hygiene
- Wash hands frequently with soap
- Follow respiratory etiquette – cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell or showing symptoms of cough, runny nose, etc
- Avoid contact with live animals and consumption of raw/undercooked meats
- Avoid travel to farms, live animal markets or where animals are slaughtered
- Wear a mask if you have respiratory symptoms such as cough or runny nose

■ Don't plan any further travel, if sick

■ Seek medical attention promptly

■ Report to Indian Embassy in China (+8618610952903, +8618612083629, +8618612083617)

IF YOU FEEL SICK ON FLIGHT WHILE TRAVELING BACK TO INDIA:

- Inform airline crew about illness
- Seek mask and self-reporting format from airline crew
- Avoid close contact with family members or fellow travelers
- Follow directions of airline crew while disembarking
- Immediately report facts to airport health office/immigration office

and helpline number (011-23978046)

■ Follow direction of the airport health officer or as issued by the helpline

IF YOU FEEL SICK WITHIN A MONTH AFTER RETURN FROM CHINA:

- Immediately call helpline number (011-23978046) and follow the direction issued
- Maintain effective self-isolation at home and with others
- Observe good personal hygiene
- Practice frequent hand washing with soap
- Follow respiratory etiquette
- Report illness to nearest health facility and inform the treating doctor regarding your travel history

Shipping has also initiated screening at all major ports.

Other than NIV, officials said, four laboratories of the Viral Research and Diagnostics Lab Network in Alappuzha, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Mumbai have been tasked with testing samples.

Speaking to reporters in Vadodara, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who is a Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat, said: "All parents must be assured that the government is planning to send a plane to China to bring back Indian students from the affected province. No Indian student has tested positive and the Indian Embassy is in constant touch with the government in China to ensure speedy evacuation of the students and other citizens. It will take a few days' time."

About 700 Indian students are reported to be enrolled in several universities in Wuhan

city and surrounding areas. A majority of them, mostly in medical colleges, are said to have left a few weeks ago for the Chinese New Year holidays, leaving 250-300 still in the city.

In Delhi, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said: "We have begun the process to prepare for evacuation of Indian nationals... Our Embassy in Beijing is working out the logistics and is in touch with the Chinese government authorities and our nationals on this matter."

Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan issued a video appeal asking those with "a travel history or history of contact with anyone with travel history to China" and who "feel symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat, breathing difficulty etc," to contact the government helpline.

Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba held a meeting to review

preparedness across the country. The participants included secretaries in the Ministries of Health, External Affairs, Civil Aviation, Shipping, Defence and I&B, and Member Secretary and head of the National Disaster Management Authority.

Officials said the Health Ministry is reviewing preparedness and screening in all states daily through video-conferencing with Chief Secretaries and Health Secretaries.

PTI adds: Wuhan and 12 other cities in Hubei province have been completely sealed off since January 23 to stop the virus from spreading. Confirmed cases have been reported in Thailand (7), Japan (3), South Korea (3), the US (3), Vietnam (2), Singapore (4), Malaysia (3), Nepal (1), France (3), Australia (4), and Sri Lanka (1).

(WITH ENDS IN VADODARA, CHANDIGARH & GOA)

SC nod to get African cheetah to India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday cleared a pilot project to introduce the African cheetah from Namibia into India and appointed a three-member committee to oversee it.

A bench of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and Justices B R Gavi and Surya Kant allowed the plea by the National Tiger Conservation Authority and said the animal will be introduced at a site identified after due survey.

The NTCA had approached the court seeking permission saying the Indian cheetah is almost extinct in the country.

The committee will comprise of former Director of Wildlife Ranjitsinh, Director of Wildlife Institute of India Dhananjai Mohan and DIG, Wildlife, Ministry of Environment and Forests. It will work with the NTCA in carrying out the project.

The court asked the committee to monitor the project and also submit a report to it every four months. If it is found that there are problems with the site where the African cheetah is first introduced, it may be shifted to a more habitable site, the court said.

In 2013, the SC had rejected the government's plans to introduce the animal to the Kunho National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

CBI ex-acting chief in RSS journal: Ban foreign funding of Indian NGOs

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

THERE SHOULD be a complete ban on foreign funding of NGOs in India, and only overseas Indians should be allowed to donate for the limited purposes of preservation of ancient Indian texts and culture, former CBI acting director M Nageswara Rao has written in an article for the latest issue of RSS mouthpiece 'Organiser'.

Rao is currently Director-General of Home Guards, Fire Services and Civil Defence.

It is rare for a serving IPS officer to write for a publication clearly identified with the ruling dispensation. Service rules for IPS officers state that they can write articles in publications only for scientific, cultural and literary purposes, and such articles must carry a disclaimer stating that opinions expressed are their personal views.

Rao was appointed the CBI acting director on October 23, 2018, when, in the wake of a turf war between then CBI director Alok Verma and his deputy Rakesh Ashana, the government had to send them on forced leave.

Rao was given his current posting in July 2019.

In the article, titled "The Dangers of Foreign Funding", Rao wrote: "It is heartening to note that the present Central Government has been very sincere and proactive in enforcing the FCRA [Foreign Contribution Act]. Yet, it hardly has any impact on the quantum of remittances for the simple reason that the problem is FCRA itself. Therefore, no amount of tweaking of the law can mitigate the danger. Hence, the only way to save the country from this serious menace, which is endangering its unity and integrity by causing civilisational osteoporosis, is by banning all sorts of foreign 'donations', whatever may be their purpose."

He, however, sought an exception for Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs). "Donations made



Nageswara Rao

by overseas citizens of India in their individual capacity from their personal funds, and not acting as agents or conduits for others, that too for the limited purpose of preservation, study, promotion and propagation of ancient Indian texts and traditional Indian knowledge, may be allowed," he wrote.

Quoting figures that more than Rs 2 lakh crore has been received by various Indian NGOs over the last two decades from abroad, Rao questioned why foreign organisations are funding Indian NGOs instead of spending money back in their own country. He indicated sinister plans behind these donations.

He has written that besides influencing the executive, the legislature, and judicial, political, religious and economic processes of our country, "foreign funds have been the prime mover for changing the religious demography, interference in our indigenous religious traditions and practices, creating hurdles in our socio-economic progress, creating and aggravating various fault-lines and the consequent unrest, colonising our minds and subverting our national discourse to suit certain sinister purposes."

Rao wrote that Indian NGOs are least funded by the Indian society, which shows these NGOs have no connect with "civilisationally-rooted common Indians". "Therefore, no self-respecting sovereign country much less a civilisational nation with aspirations of super power, can afford such blatant meddling in its domestic affairs," he wrote.

Nageswara Rao is 1986-batch IPS officer of Odisha cadre. To accommodate him as D-G, Home Guards, the government had to downgrade the post to ADG level.

Sabarimala reference: SC says finish arguments in 10 days

New Delhi: The Supreme Court said on Tuesday that parties to the Sabarimala reference will have to complete their arguments in ten days.

"It cannot take more than 10 days. Even if someone wants more time, it cannot be given," a bench of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and Justices B R Gavi and Surya Kant observed as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta mentioned the matter before the Bench.

A five-judge bench of the SC, while dealing with review petitions against its judgment lifting age restrictions on the entry of women to Sabarimala temple, had decided to keep them pending saying it raised some important questions which needed to be answered first. It said that these questions should be referred to a larger bench. Subsequently, the Supreme Court decided to refer the matter to a nine-judge bench. **END**

EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME (ECHS) EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

- ECHS invites applications to engage following staff on contractual basis in ECHS Polyclinics noted against each for a period of 11 Months, renewal for additional period.  
**Officer-in-Charge.** Dharuhera-01, Kosli-01. **Med Spl.** Narnaul-01. **Gynecologist.** Narnaul-01. **Med Officer.** Kosli-01. **Peon.** Rewari-01 & Narnaul-01. **Chowkidar.** Dharuhera-01, Hindaun City-01.
  - Specialist desirous to be employed part time for 2/3 hrs may also apply
  - There may be increase or decrease of vacancies
- For terms & conditions, Qualitative Requirements, application forms & remunerations kindly see the web site **www.echs.gov.in**. For details please contact/approach **Station HQ (ECHS Cell) Military Station, Alwar Itarana (Raj)-301023** at tele No **0144-2980316 (1100h to 1300h)**. Last date of receipt of application alongwith photographs, contact tele/mob number/e-mail and photocopy of testimonials/experience is **10\_Feb 2020**. Date of Interview of eligible applicants/verification of documents will be intimated later. Candidate will bring original certificate/degree, PAN & Adhar Card, photocopy of education/experience as applicable at the time of interview.

Director Mines, Directorate of Mines Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand Nepal House (Yojna Bhavan), Doranda, Ranchi - 834002, Email jhr\_mines@yahoo.in

Notice Inviting Tender

"Invitation of Bid for grant of Mining Lease"  
In exercise of the power conferred by Section 10B/11 of the Mines and Minerals (Development And Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 (amended till date) notified thereunder, Government of Jharkhand has identified a Bauxite block for the purpose of grant of mining lease in Gumla District, Jharkhand, through electronic auction and hereby invites bids in digital format only, from eligible bidders.

Terms and conditions, deadlines etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. The Model Tender Document for the Mineral Block and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from website of MSTC <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mmb/jharkhand/index.jsp> for the purpose of information only. Timelines, notifications, updates and other details of the e-auction process are available on the website of MSTC and from the website of Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Jharkhand <http://jharkhandminerals.gov.in/>

The details of the mineral block are summarized below

Block	Concession Area	Resource (Metric Tonnes)	Tender Document No. & Fwd. Auction No.	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	Date of opening of Tender
Lodhapat, Jobhipat & Hethlodha Bauxite Block	75.193 Ha.	88,35,586		Feb 12, 2020	Mar 13, 2020	Mar 16, 2020

Those interested and eligible for bidding can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the tender fee of INR 4,95,600 (Indian Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred only) which is inclusive of GST@18%, from the website of e-auction platform provider. After purchase of the Tender Document, eligible bidders can register themselves on the above mentioned website. On successful registration, eligible bidder will obtain Login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process

Sd/-Director Mines Department of Mines & Geology Govt. of Jharkhand  
P.R. 224530 Mines and Geology (19-20)-D

RALPH ALEX ARAKAL  
BANDIPUR, BENGALURU,  
JANUARY 28

A GROUP of wildlife activists have questioned the timing of the filming of a new episode of Man vs Wild — featuring Rajinikanth with British adventurer Bear Grylls — in Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka, alleging that it may divert the attention of forest staff engaged in burning of firelines ahead of summer.

"At this critical time, when the forest force is working towards burning firelines ahead of summer when forest fires are expected, resources tend to be



Rajinikanth

redirected towards providing security to these visiting VIPs," said Joseph Hoover, conservationist and former member of the Karnataka Wildlife Board.

A fireline or firebreak is a gap in vegetation or other combustible material that acts as a barrier to prevent the progress of a bushfire.

The crew was in the forest for a duration of six hours on Monday and Tuesday as most

shots were taken in Kalkere and Moolehole ranges.

However, forest officials denied there was any disturbance to the ongoing work.

According to BTP Director T Balachandra, the department only allowed use of cameras and a few other pieces of equipment, clarifying that no heavy vehicles, including those used for carrying a generator, were allowed for the shoot.

Another top official, on condition of anonymity, said that only five people from the special tiger force were allowed for the shooting. "The agreement, which was signed earlier in 2019 between the Karnataka Forest Department and Banijay Group,

Sevntaurus Entertainment Studio Private Ltd, Mumbai mentioned various points which were met by the team, including permit given to the usage of certain equipment and to shoot for only six hours per day," the official said.

Fires in the area accounted for nearly 8,000 hectares of forest area lost to blazes since 2013, activists said.

Meanwhile, Rajinikanth reportedly twisted his ankle while shooting for the show at the Tiger Reserve on Tuesday, forest officials said. "He lost his balance, twisted his ankle and suffered minor bruises to his hand below the elbow. The actor is okay now," a forest official said.



## Bijapur: Maoists kill husband of sarpanch candidate

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
RAIPUR, JANUARY 28

THE HUSBAND of a sarpanch candidate in the ongoing panchayat election in Chhattisgarh was abducted and murdered allegedly by Maoists in Bijapur. The man's body was found on Tuesday

morning, when the first round of the panchayat elections was held in the state.

According to Bijapur police, the deceased, identified as Baldev Tati, was abducted from his village Kadenar on Monday night. "He was found with his throat slit on Kadenar-Padmur road under the Gangaloor police jurisdiction

on Tuesday," police said.

"Tati was an assistant constable who was earlier discharged from service due to absenteeism from duty," IG (Bastar range) P Sundarraj said.

Tati was abducted allegedly while he was campaigning for his wife Sundari Tati, who is a candidate for the Kadenar village sarpanch.

# Govt releases guidelines to monitor, check illegal sand mining

**ESHAROY**

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

FOLLOWING A series of orders by the National Green Tribunal in 2018, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has for the first time released guidelines to monitor and check illegal sand mining in the country.

The Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining 2020 released by the Ministry this month include directions to states to carry out river audits, put detailed survey reports of all mining areas online and in the public domain, conduct replenishment studies of river beds, constantly monitor mining with drones, aerial surveys, ground surveys and set up dedicated task forces at district levels.

The guidelines also push for online sales and purchase of sand and other riverbed materials to make the process transparent. They propose night surveillance of mining activity through night-vision drones.

While the MoEF has already put in place the Sustainable Sand Management Guidelines 2016, which focus on the management of sand mining in India, officials say that there

EXPLAINED

## Detailed procedure for comprehensive DSRs

WHILE THE Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines, 2016, require the preparation of District Survey Reports (DSR), which is an important initial step before grant of mining lease, the government has found that the DSRs carried out by state and district administrations are often not comprehensive enough, allowing space for illegal mining. The new guidelines, therefore, list a detailed procedure of how the DSRs are to be made, including the development of an inventory, for the first time, of river bed material and other sand sources in the district.

is an urgent need to have guidelines for effective enforcement of regulatory provisions and their monitoring.

The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 has empowered state governments to make rules to prevent illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals. "But in the recent past, it has been observed that there was a large number of illegal mining cases in the country and in some cases, many of the officers lost their lives while executing their duties to curb illegal mining. Illegal and uncontrolled illegal mining leads to loss of revenue to the State and degradation of the environment," said ministry officials.

The enforcement guidelines focus on the "effective monitoring of sand mining from the identification of sand mineral sources to its dispatch and end-use by consumers and the general public and looks at a uniform protocol for the whole country". The 2020 guidelines are to be enforced simultaneously with the Sustainable Sand Management Guidelines, 2016, but in instances where the two sets of guidelines may seem to be in conflict, the new set will hold legal precedence.

The need for replenishment study for river bed sand is also required in order to "nullify the adverse impacts arising due to excessive sand

extraction". No riverbed mining will be allowed during the monsoon.

In cases where rivers become district boundaries or state boundaries, the districts or states sharing the boundary shall constitute the combined task force for monitoring of mined materials, mining activity and participate in the preparation of District Survey Reports (DSR) by providing appropriate inputs.

The guidelines say the detailed survey needs to be carried out for quantification of minerals and the demand and supply of the riverbed material through market survey, including the future demand for the next five years.

The guidelines also push for the sale and purchase of sand and river bed material (RBM) online to make the process more transparent. "In order to curb illegal mining, it is very necessary that the general public is aware of the legal source of sand and RBM suppliers... It is suggested that the state government should develop an online portal for sale and purchase of sand and RBM," state the guidelines. The state government will also decide the model of sale and the price of RBM. "It is suggested that the controlled price model is more effective in controlling illegal sand mining," the guidelines state.

# 10 more wetlands added to Ramsar sites: Javadekar

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

UNION MINISTER for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar on Tuesday announced that the Ramsar Convention has declared 10 more wetlands from India as sites of "international importance", taking the total number of Ramsar sites in India to 37.

The Ramsar Convention, signed on February 2, 1971, is one of the oldest inter-governmental accords signed to preserve the ecological character of wetlands of international importance in the signatory countries. The aim of the Ramsar list is to develop and sustain a network of wetlands by maintaining components of their ecosystem and processes. The wetlands declared as Ramsar sites are protected under strict guidelines of the convention.



**Prakash Javadekar**

"Happy to inform that Ramsar has declared 10 more wetland sites from India as sites of international importance for conservation of global biological diversity. It is an acknowledgement of India's commitment towards conservation and sustainable use of its wetland," Javadekar tweeted.

The minister said the conservation of wetlands would also go a long way in boosting the recently launched 'Nal se Jal' scheme, which aims to provide a piped water connection to every household by 2024. With the addition of the 10 sites, the total protected wetland area in the

country covers a surface area of 1,067,939 hectares.

The new sites added are: Nandur Madhameshwar in Maharashtra, Keshopur-Miani, Beas Conservation Reserve and Nangal in Punjab, Nawabganj, Parvati Agra, Saman, Samaspur, Sandi and Sarsai Nawar in Uttar Pradesh.

Wetlands provide a wide range of important resources and ecosystem benefits such as food, water, fibre, groundwater recharging, water purification, flood moderation, erosion control and climate regulation. They are also one of the major supplies of fresh water.

In the past six months, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has prepared a four-pronged strategy for the restoration of wetlands which includes preparing baseline data, wetland health cards, enlisting wetland mitras and preparing targeted integrated management plans.

## Woman held for acid attackon man: UP Police

**Lucknow:** A 20-year-old woman was on Tuesday arrested for allegedly throwing acid at a 25-year-old man, her neighbour, because he stopped answering her phone calls. The incident took place in a village in Unnao district.

The man, identified as Rohit Yadav, suffered 20 per cent burns, and his condition was stated to be stable. The woman was identified as Taiba Ahmad.

Circle Officer (East area) MP Sharma said, "They were having an affair for the past few months. A few days ago, Rohit stopped taking her calls. Upset, Ahmad threw acid at him around 2.30 am on Tuesday. After we got a call from the man's family,

we reached the spot. His family took him to a private hospital for treatment."

"We arrested her this morning," said Sharma. The incident took place when

Rohit was cleaning the dairy, owned by his family, at Gaunmau village, said his brother Mohit. His house is opposite Ahmad's.

"She came with a bottle of acid. My brother asked her what was she doing there so early. She asked him to switch off the light, but he refused. She then threw acid at him," said Mohit.

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SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

ROC No. SSSU/13256/2016

INVTATIONS FOR BIDS

Date : 27.01.2020

1

Restoration of Damaged Roads due to Implementation of optimizing and Revamping of the existing Distribution Network including House Service Connection with SCADA Water Supply System (24/7) - Phase II by Providing Paver Block in ABD area in Division No. 32,33,34, 39,40,43,44,28,29,30,45,46 & 47 for 4 Packages Total Estimate Cost Rs. 5051.00 Lakhs.

2

Restoration to the roads by Providing Paver Block & Construction of Retaining wall with Culvert for roads Damaged by UGSS Laying Works in ABD area in Division No. 32,33,34, 41,42,43,44,45,46 & 47 for 2 Packages Total Estimate Cost Rs. 2240.00 Lakhs.

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Bid document and other information available at [www.tntenders.gov.in](http://www.tntenders.gov.in), [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in), [www.salemcorporation.gov.in](http://www.salemcorporation.gov.in)

Tender document can be downloaded from the above website.

Date, Time and Venue for Tender Procedures.

Submission of bids – 04.03.2020 upto 3.00 P.M

Opening of bids – 04.03.2020 at 3.30 P.M

DIPR/576/TENDER/2020

Commissioner, Salem Corporation



TAMIL NADU LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

IV Floor, Integrated Office Complex For Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department, 571, Anna Salai, Saidapet Veterinary Polyclinic Campus, Nandanam PO, Chennai - 600 035. e-mail: tnlda@tn.nic.in ; tnlda2016@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited for the following items under two cover system.

Sl. No	Name of the Item	Quantity (in Nos.)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	Ear tags	62,08,455	4,97,000/-
2.	Ear tag applicator	3706	18,000/-

Pre-Bid meeting on 04.02.2020 – 11.00 AM

Individual tender documents with full details can be downloaded free of cost from [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in) upto 13.02.2020, 5.00 pm

Last date for submission of tenders: 14.02.2020, 11.00 am

Corrigendum/Addendum to this publication, if any,would appear only on the above website

DIPR/545/TENDER/2020

Chief Executive Officer

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PHE MECH. DIVISION NORTH JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 103 of 2019-20

For and on behalf of President of India, Executive Engineer, PHE Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms for the below mentioned work:-

Sr. No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest money	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1	Providing, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 6000 GPH X 91 Mtr. Head Sub Pump Set at Newly Proposed 03 nos T/ Wells at Bagh-e-Bahu under languishing project.	PHE Mech. Division North Jammu	500/-	02% of quoted rates	180 days	180 days

Position of funds: Demanded

Date of Publishing : 24-01-2020 04.00 pm.

1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://ktenders.gov.in> from 24-01-2020 (04.00 pm).

2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://ktenders.gov.in> from 24-01-2020 (04.00 pm) to 07-02-2020 (04.00 Pm).

Ph:01912582235

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Sd/- Executive Engineer PHE Mech. Division North Jammu

PHMM/4380-82

Dated 24-01-2020

DIPU-12906

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Department of Fisheries

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E-tender Notice No. 04 Dated: 23.01.2020

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders affixed with Revenue stamp worth Rs. 5/- are invited from original manufacturers having past experience and successful installation certificates from the concerned agencies, for supply and installation of Cages required for cage culture at Ranjit Sagar Reservoir in Kathua and Kishan Gangra in Bandipora Districts of J&K, on annual rate contract basis for the year 2020-21.

The tender document containing detailed specification/size, terms & conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded against tender document fee of Rs. 3000/- only in shape of DD pledged to Accounts officer Fisheries Department from the official government website [www.kjtenders.gov.in](http://www.kjtenders.gov.in) from:-

1.	Download date start	29.01.2020
2.	Bid Submission date start	30.01.2020
3.	Bid Submission date ends	19.02.2020
4.	Submission of Hard copies	20.02.2020
5.	Bid opening Date	24.02.2020

The hard copy of the tender shall be addressed to Director Fisheries, J&K Canal Road Nawabad Jammu-180016 accompanied with earnest money of Rs. 30000/- (Rupees three lakhs only) in the shape of CDR/PDR from a scheduled bank pledged to Accounts Officer, Member Secretary, State Level Purchase Committee. The tenders shall be opened on 24.02.2020 at 11.00 AM or any other date convenient to tender opening authority in presence of tenderers who may like to be present. The other specification/terms and conditions are mentioned in detailed tender document.

No.-Accts/NIT/2019-20/538-47

Dated: 23.01.2020

DIPJ-12919

Sd/- Member Secretary (SLPC) Department of Fisheries

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Sealed bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

S. No.	Details of the Tender
1.	Shifting of water and sewer mains beneath the Grade Separator at the junction of Inner Ring Road and N.S.K Road in Vadapalani in Depot-130, Area X - CNT/WSS/SEW/NCB/DEP/2894C/2019-20 - Bid security Rs.2.91 Lakhs.
2.	Balance works under the work of laying of pumping main from North Mylapore Pumping Station to Adyar Pumping Station in Division 126, Area IX under Plugging of sewage outfalls in Chennai city water ways in Phase-I, Package-VI - CNT/SEW/NCB/8A/3228B /2019-20 - Bid security Rs.2.83 Lakhs.
3.	CRRT – Phase I – Package 40 – Supplying and laying of 1000 mm dia CI pumping main from Tondiarpet “F” (new) pumping station upto Elaya Street in Area IV – CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/Phase I/074/2019-20 - Bid Security – Rs.3.44 Lakhs.
4.	CRRT – Phase I – Package 41 – Supplying and laying of 1000 mm dia CI pumping main from Tondiarpet “F” (new) pumping station to Kodungaiyur STP via Ennore High Road in Area IV - CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/Phase I/075/2019-20 - Bid Security – Rs.12.05 Lakhs.
5.	CRRT – Phase I – Package 42 – Supplying and laying of 1000 mm dia CI pumping main from Elaya Street to Kodungaiyur STP via Tondiarpet High Road in Area IV - CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/Phase I/076/2019-20 - Bid Security – Rs.8.36 Lakhs.
6.	Availability and Cost of Bid document in the form of CD (in person) : Sl.No. (1) 30.01.2020 to 02.03.2020, Sl.No. (2) 30.01.2020 to 10.02.2020, Sl.Nos. (3 to 5) 03.02.2020 to 04.03.2020 - Grievances Redressal & Facilitation Officer, CMWSSB Board, (Telephone: 044-28451300 Extn. 217) for Rs.5,250/- (including GST) - Through Website: <a href="http://www.chennaimetrowater.tn.nic.in">www.chennaimetrowater.tn.nic.in</a> & <a href="http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in">www.tenders.tn.gov.in</a>
7.	Date of Pre-Bid meeting : Sl.No. (1) 06.02.2020 at 11.30 A.M. Sl.Nos. (3 to 5) – 14.02.2020 at 11.30 A.M.
8.	Bids will be received upto 03.00 PM and opened after 3.30 P.M on Sl.No. (1) 03.03.2020 Sl.No. (2) 11.02.2020 & Sl.Nos. (3 to 5) 05.03.2020.

DIPR/563/Tender/2020

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CONTRACTS & MONITORING)

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD - SALEM CIRCLE @ COIMBATORE

TENDER NOTICE No : 18 /2019-2020

Dated : 27.01.2020

Sealed tenders with name of work, reference No., due date and the name of tenderer duly superintended on the cover (under Pre-qualification system) are invited for the following work, as at is read the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Salem Circle, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, R.S.Puram, Coimbatore-2 upto 3.00 P.M, (except office/Day) on the date mentioned below. The tenders will be opened, the undersigned at his office on 13.15 P.M on the same day in the presence of the tenderers or their agent, who choose to be present.

Sl. No.	Description of Work	Approximate value (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD in Rupees	Cost of Tender Schedule (in Rs. (Non-refundable)	Period during which the tender schedule for sale	Last date of receipt and opening of tender
1	Construction of 48 HPG Flats (SRI + 4 Floors) in Block No.1 to IV of Ganapathy NHS in SFPA w/2 pan.87 part of Ganapathy Village, (Tucker-3) Coimbatore Town & District Under Self Finance Scheme. SCC/287/2017	1220.00 lakhs	8,70,000/-	15,000/- + 5% GST	21.02.2020 to 27.02.2020	28.02.2020
2	Construction of Commercial and office building (2 steps in SRI + Type A) floors in Ganapathy NHS Block IV to IV in SFPA -3 part of Ganapathy Village. Coimbatore District. SCC/200/2019	724.00 lakhs	3,72,000/-	15,000/- + 5% GST	21.02.2020 to 27.02.2020	28.02.2020
3	Construction of 52 HPG flats (SRI + 4 Floors) at Singanaila NHS (Ganga Main Land) in SFPA No.722, at Singanaila Village, Coimbatore District under Self Finance scheme. SCC/052/2015	754.00 lakhs	3,02,250/-	15,000/- + 5% GST	21.02.2020 to 27.02.2020	28.02.2020
4	Construction of 19 Residential flats (48 HPG & 30 MD ) (SRI + 5 Floors) in SFPA No.750/1A, 1B, 3& 76/11A at Phase XIX, Nataraj Village, Nataraj Taluk, Kanyakumari District under Self Financing Scheme) SCC/202/2013	1913.00 lakhs	9,67,000/-	15,000/- + 5% GST	21.02.2020 to 27.02.2020	28.02.2020
5	Construction of 01 Individual House (Unit of 77 Houses) per S.D.No.4117 & S.D.No.4217 in SFPA No.3671 & 2 in the 18th developed plot at Chithamburam Taluk, Viluppur District, Viluppur District. SCC/46/2017	568.00 lakhs	3,08,000/-	15,000/- + 5% GST	21.02.2020 to 27.02.2020	28.02.2020

CONDITIONS FOR ISSUE OF TENDER SCHEDULES:-

1. The contractors registered (the registration certificate should be mandatory) and renewed upto date/under contract in TNHB, P.W.D., TN.P.W.C., T.N.S.C. & others Govt. / Outaid Govt. Departments with appropriate monetary limits are eligible to participate in the tender. 2. The tenderers should have adequate works or comparable costing more than 50% of the value of the work up to tender in a single tender within the last 3 years period. Further particulars and tender documents can be had from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Salem Circle, Coimbatore District, R.S.Puram, Coimbatore-2 on requisition in writing on payment of the prescribed cost (in the form of Demand Draft in favour of the Sae. Eng. & Adm. Officer, Coimbatore Housing Unit (inwards No. 1) to Sae. Eng. & Adm. Officer, Housing Housing Unit (inwards No. 4) and Sae. Eng. & Adm. Officer, Estate Housing Unit (inwards No. 5) on any working days between 11.00 A.M. to 04.00 P.M. on the date mentioned on the advertisement & on the following:-

NOTE: 1. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons therefor. 2. The tender documents will be issued only after writing tender and not by the intending tenderer regarding their registration, previous performance, nature and value of the work done. 3. The tender schedule can also be downloaded from the website [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in) at the office of Sae.

Coimbatore Road

R.S.Puram, Coimbatore-2

Phone : 0422 - 2458606.

DIPR/563/TENDER/2020

Superintending Engineer, (I/c) Salem Circle, Coimbatore.

PARADIP PORT TRUST

SHORT E-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Name of the work: "Allotment of 03(Three) nos. of Mechanical Iron Ore/ Iron Ore Pellet Plots".

License Fees : Rs.2,64,01,320/-

Wharfage Fees : Rs.14,92,110/-

Last Date & time of submission of bid : 02.02.2020 upto 15:00 Hrs.

Date and time of opening (technical bid): 03.02.2020 upto16:00 hrs.

Refer our website for details

<http://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>

Traffic Manager

PPT/PR/631/19-20, Dt.28.01.2020

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SUB TRANSMISSION DIVISION, DODA

(E-mail: [xenstdoda@gmail.com](mailto:xenstdoda@gmail.com), Tel. Fax: 01996-233076)

EXTENSION NOTICE

Due to poor response to e-NIT No. 03 of 2020 dated 11.01.2020 for the work of construction of 3.15 MVA, 33/11 KV Receiving Station at Jawalapur Bounjwah (Kishtwar), the last date of submission of bid is extended upto 30.01.2020 and date of opening is 31.01.2020.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

No. STD/Doda/2607-10 Dated: 25.01.2020

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Sub Transmission Division, Doda.

DIPJ-12954

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

निविदा सूचना

लघु अकाई ई – निविदा सूचना सं. 16 – 17 / 2020 / वाणिज्य / बीकानेर दिनांक 27 01 2020

महान रेल प्रबंधक (वाणिज्य), उत्तर एशिया में रेलवे बीकानेर भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से अनुमोदी विकास प्रणालियों से बीकानेर महान के 08 रेलवे स्टेशनों पर स्टेशन एरिया में रेलवे द्वारा स्वीकृत आकार एवं स्थानों पर स्लोसाईड बोर्ड एवं साईन बोर्ड के लिए वाणिज्य प्रचार प्रचारिका में लीज पर देने की निविदा से लीज वॉ 1. कार्य का नाम एवं स्थान : बीकानेर महान के 08 रेलवे स्टेशनों पर स्टेशन एरिया में रेलवे द्वारा स्वीकृत आकार एवं स्थानों पर स्लोसाईड बोर्ड एवं साईन बोर्ड इत्यादि के लिए वाणिज्य प्रचार प्रचारिका में लीज पर देने की निविदा 2. कार्य की अनुमानित लागत : INRPE की वेबसाइट पर दर्शाये गये विस्तृत विवरण के अनुसार 3. बयाना राशि : INRPE की वेबसाइट पर दर्शाये गये विस्तृत विवरण के अनुसार 4. ई – टेंडर खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : ई – टेंडर दिनांक 11.02.2020 को 15:30 बजे खोला जायेगा। 5. INRPE की वेबसाइट : [www.iरेps.gov.in](http://www.iरेps.gov.in) 126-AJ/20

Contact Help line no. 139 for general complaints

Office of The Director General, Medical Health & F.W., Danda Lakhound, Sahastradhara Road, P.O. Gajra, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

e-mail: [dgheathuttarakhand@gmail.com](mailto:dgheathuttarakhand@gmail.com), Phone no, 0135-2608736, Fax no. 0135-260874

Bid Identification no.15P/Store/4/2019/1339

15P/Store/4/2019/1338

Dated :24 -01-2020

Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement e- tender Notice

1. Name of the Work: (i)- Supply of Tab, IFA Blue Colored, For school Adolescent (age 10-19 Year) Under Kishor Swasthya Karyakram of N.H.M. (ii) Supply of Sanitary Napkin, Under Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram of N.H.M Uttarakhand, as per details given in tender notice on <https://ukntenders.gov.in> portal.

2. Date & time of availability of bid documents in the portal: 27-01-2020 at 2:00 PM.

3. Date & time of Pre-bid meeting: 03-02-2020 at 2:30 PM. (For Sanitary napkin Only) At The Office of Director General, MH & FW, Uttarakhand, Dehradun

4. Last Date and Time for receipt of bids in the portal: 17-02-2020 at 3:00 PM.

5. Name and Address of the Office Inviting the Bid: Director General, MH & FW Uttarakhand, Dehradun.

6. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website <https://ukntenders.gov.in>

7. Portal Registration: The contractor/bidder intending to participate in the bid is required to register in the portal using higher active personal/ official email id as higher Login id and attach higher valid digital signature certificate (DSC) to the tender unique login id.

For any other queries the bidders are asked to contact through e-mail [cmud.ug@uknig.com](mailto:cmud.ug@uknig.com)

Sd/- Director General Medical Health & FW Uttarakhand, Dehradun

DIPR RO.NO. 10706

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER (EAST)

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

L.M. BUNDH, SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110031

TEL. No. 22050888; Email: [sdmelectioneast@gmail.com](mailto:sdmelectioneast@gmail.com)

PUBLIC NOTICE

### REGARDING AFFIDAVIT OF CONTESTING CANDIDATES IN GENERAL ELECTION TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NCT OF DELHI-2020

All electors of Assembly Constituencies namely AC-55 (Trilokpuri-SC), AC-56 (Kondli-SC), AC-57 (Patparganj), AC-58 (Laxmi Nagar), AC-60 (Krishna Nagar) and AC-61 (Gandhi Nagar) functioning under the control of District East, Delhi are hereby informed that the Affidavits in the Form-26, filed by the candidates contesting election for General Election to Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi-2020, have been uploaded on the website <https://affidavit.eci.gov.in>

The affidavits inter-alia contain information about the candidates, educational qualification, movable and immovable assets, court cases including conviction & sentence, Government dues and other liabilities.

All electors are advised and encouraged to visit the CEO website to gather the information about their candidates.

Sd/-

(ARUN KUMAR MISHRA)

DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICE

DISTRICT EAST, DELHI

DIP/Shabdarth/1314/19-20

GURU GHASIDAS VISHWAVIDIYALAYA,

( A Central University established by the Central Universities Act, 2009 No.25 of 2009)

KONI, BILASPUR (C.G.)-495009, Tel.-07752-260017, Fax-07752-260154 web [www.ggu.ac.in](http://www.ggu.ac.in)

S.No.2198 /Rec/Admn/2020

Bilaspur, Dated :27-01-2020

Advertisement for filling up of various Statutory Non-Teaching Positions

Applications from eligible candidates in prescribed format are invited For appointment on Statutory Positions of Registrar (01 UR) (On 3 years term basis), Finance Officer (01 UR) (On 3 years term basis).

1. Duly filled in Applications should reach, to the Registrar, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Koni, Bilaspur, through Registered or Speed Post only, on or before 20-02-2020

2. Candidate must enclose non-refundable application fee of Rs. 500 (Exempted for SC/ST/PH candidates) in the form of a Online fee payment available at University Website or Demand Draft drawn on any nationalized bank in favor of **The Registrar, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (C.G.) payable at Bilaspur (C.G.)**.

3. Reservation and Relaxations will be given as per GOI/UGC Rules to all the persons belong to SC/ST/OBC/PH/EWS category.

4. The University reserves the right not to fill any post and also to alter the nature and number of vacancies/appointments if the circumstances so warrant.

5. For details of minimum eligibility, general instructions and other information please visit the university website [www.ggu.ac.in](http://www.ggu.ac.in).

6. Any change or amendment in this advertisement shall be displayed on the University website only, therefore the aspiring candidates are advised to visit University website regularly and remain updated.

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# Shifting car shed out of Aarey unviable, says Uddhav-appointed committee

**NEERAJ TIWARI & SANDEEP ASHAR**  
MUMBAI, JANUARY 28

A FOUR-MAN committee, appointed by Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray last month, has recommended lifting of the stay on the construction work of the Metro Rail car shed in Mumbai's Aarey Milk Colony.

The committee, headed by Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) Manoj Saunik, submitted its recommendations to the Chief Minister's Office on Tuesday. Asked to explore and suggest

whether alternative locations were available to shift the car shed for the 33.5-km long underground Colaba-Bandra-Seezp corridor out of the green zone, the panel has found no viable alternative, sources said.

But just as it has cited logistical hurdles, cost escalations, and a further delay in the underground rail's commissioning to justify that the car shed be allowed to remain in Aarey, the committee has found merit in the argument that increased construction activity inside the Aarey Milk Colony — one of the last vestiges of green spaces in

Mumbai — was impacting the rich flora and fauna in the region. It has thus recommended that the state government notify the unbuilt green areas inside the colony as a no-construction belt, preserving it like a protected forest.

The car shed project has been a battleground between environmentalists and the Mumbai Metro Rail authorities, ever since the plans were first drawn up in 2015. The battle lines were firmed up further when the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL), the project's nodal agency, in an overnight operation

on October 4, 2019, felled 2,141 trees at the proposed 33-hectare site, following a Bombay High Court verdict.

The Shiv Sena, then a partner in a BJP-led state government, had lent a political voice to those protesting the felling of the trees, with Uddhav's son Aaditya, now the state environment minister, coming out in strong opposition to the move.

On November 29, last year, a day after being sworn in as the Chief Minister, Uddhav had stayed the car shed construction work, and dropped cases filed by the police against 29 protesters.

## Nashik: 20 killed, over 30 injured as bus hits auto

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
MUMBAI, JANUARY 28

AT LEAST 20 people were killed and more than 30 others injured when a speeding state transport bus collided with an autorickshaw on Deola-Malegaon Road in Nashik district Tuesday evening, police said.

The impact of the collision was so severe that the bus dragged the autorickshaw along with it and both the vehicles fell into a 35-foot-deep roadside well, police said.

The accident, police said, took place around 4 pm at Methi Phata when the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation-run (MSRTC) bus was on its way to Kalwan town in Nashik from the adjoining Dhule district, while the autorickshaw was coming from the

opposite direction. The bus, packed with passengers, reportedly collided head-on with the autorickshaw after the driver lost control, police added.

Aarti Singh, Superintendent of Police, Nashik Rural, said there were nine passengers in the autorickshaw and 46 in the bus. "All nine people travelling in the autorickshaw were killed. By late evening, we pulled out 20 bodies from the well. At least 33 others are injured in the accident," she said, adding that two bus passengers could not be traced till late in the evening.

Transport Minister and MSRTC chairman Anil Parab termed the accident as unfortunate and announced Rs 10 lakh compensation each to the kin of the deceased. He said the MSRTC will bear the full cost of treatment of those injured.

-WITHPTIINPUTS

## India summons Pak High Commission official, protests abduction of Hindu woman

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

AT A time when the government is defending the Citizenship (Amendment) Act by citing persecution of religious minorities in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, New Delhi summoned a senior official from the Pakistan High Commission on Tuesday to register its protest against the alleged abduction of a Pakistani Hindu woman mid-way through her wedding in Sindh province two days ago, sources said.

The 24-year-old was allegedly abducted by residents with the help of local police personnel on Saturday. According to sources, she was married off to a Pakistani man by the time her family members managed to lodge a complaint.

The All Pakistan Hindu Council said that the woman, Bharti Bai, was abducted from her wedding by a gang of armed men and married off to one Shahrul Gul after being forcibly converted to Islam. However, Shahrul has posted documents on social media saying that Bharti had changed her faith in December and adopted the name "Bushra".

The Indian government asked the Pakistan government to expedite the probe and bring the perpetrators to justice. It also said that the Imran Khan government was duty bound to ensure that the country's minorities, which includes Hindus, are protected and provided for.

Hindus, who comprise approximately 2 per cent of Pakistan's population, are mainly concentrated in Sindh province.

Earlier this month, a 15-year-old Hindu girl was allegedly abducted from Jacobabad district in Sindh province and forcibly converted to Islam before being married off to a Muslim man. Two other abductions were reported from a village in the same region on January 14.

India had also lodged a separate protest with the diplomat regarding the desecration of the Mata Rani Bhatiyani temple in Sindh province's Tharparkar district on Sunday.

According to police, four suspects entered the temple located in Chachro area early in the morning and vandalised idols and religious texts kept inside. The local station house officer called it a "unique incident", claiming that Hindus and Muslims in the area have co-existed in harmony for decades.

# EXPRESS NETWORK

**PDPM**  
Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design & Manufacturing Jabalpur  
(An Institute of National Importance, established by an Act of Parliament)  
Duma Airport Road, Jabalpur (M.P.)-482005  
**Short Employment Notice**  
Institute invites application from eligible candidates for JRF/SRF/SRF(extended)/RA (One Position only) of the ongoing Sponsored Project CSIR-EMR-II. The last date of submission for application is 19th February 2020. For further details please visit our website [www.iitdm.ac.in](http://www.iitdm.ac.in).

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
4th Floor, Chandierlok Building, 36 Janpath, New Delhi-110001, Phone 23353503, FAX: 23753923

Petition No. 442/TL/2019 Dated: 24.1.2020  
**NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003**  
An application under sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by Lakadia Banaskantha Transco Limited, C-105, Anand Niketan, New Delhi-110021 to establish "Transmission System associated with RE Generators at Bhujli, Dwarka & Lakadia" on Build, Own, Operate and Maintain basis comprising the following elements:

S. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Completion Target
1.	Lakadia PS- Banaskantha PS 765 kV D/C line	
2.	765 kV bays at Lakadia and Banaskantha substations for Lakadia PS- Banaskantha PS 765 kV D/C line	21 months (June, 21)
3.	2X240 MVAR switchable line reactor along with bays at Banaskantha end of Lakadia PS- Banaskantha PS 765 kV D/C line and 1X80 MVAR, 765 kV, 1 ph switchable line reactor (Spare unit) at Banaskantha end.	

2. The applicant has been selected as the Transmission Service Provider with the lowest levelized transmission charges of Rs. 834.62 million per annum on the basis of the competitive bidding carried out by REC Transmission Projects Company Limited in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Central Govt. under Section 63 of the Act.  
3. The Central Transmission Utility has recommended for grant of transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.  
4. Based on material available on record, the Commission vide order dated 23.1.2020 in Petition No. 442/TL/2019, has proposed to issue transmission licence to the applicant for establishing the transmission system as noted in para 1 above.  
5. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for grant of inter-State transmission licence to Lakadia Banaskantha Transco Limited before the Commission can be accessed at the website [www.adanitransmission.com](http://www.adanitransmission.com) or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.  
6. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by 10.2.2020 at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.  
7. The application shall be taken up for further hearing by the Commission in due course. Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

(Sanoj Kumar Jha)  
Secretary

**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN**  
Government of India, Ministry of Finance, (Department of Financial Services)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Paras Tower, Mazra, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun, UK. 248171  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
(IN O.A. No. 57 of 2019)  
Summons Under Sub-section (4) Of Section 19 Of The Recovery Of Debts And Bankruptcy Act, 1993, Read Withsub-rule (2a) Of Rule 5 Of The Debt Recovery Tribunal (procedure) Rules, 1993 As Amended From Time To Time)

**Dy. No. 22 Dated : 25.01.2020**

**Punjab National Bank Vs. M/s Sunrise Castle & Ors.**  
1. M/s Sunrise Castle, through its Proprietor Anurag Srivastava, S/o Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Village Dhukuli, Ramnagar, District Nainital, UK.  
2. Anurag Srivastava, S/o Vinay Kumar Srivastava, R/o Plot No. 21, Anurab Enclave, Near Kukulri Picnic Spot, Check Post, Faridnagar, Lucknow, UP.  
3. Kirati Kumar Srivastava, S/o Hem Chandra Srivastava, R/o G-102, Halbasiya Enclave, Indira Nagar, Faizabad Road, Lucknow, UP.

Whereas, the above named Applicant bank has instituted O.A. No. 57 of 2019 against you for recovery of debts of **Rs. 75,47,607.62** in which Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue Summons/Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 23.01.2020.

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 way of this publication directing you to appear in person or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner before the Tribunal on **06.03.2020 at 10.30 A.M.**

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

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **25th day of January, 2020.**

**By order of Tribunal**  
Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun

**F. No. 19/8/2019 PR**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Finance**  
**Department of Finance Services**  
2nd Floor, Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001

**Inviting applications for the post of Whole-time Member (Finance) in Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), New Delhi**

Applications are invited for the post of Whole-time Member (Finance), Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), New Delhi, which has a tenure of period 5 (five) years or up to 62 years of age, whichever is earlier.

The pay and allowances of the Whole-time Member (Finance), shall be Rs. 4.00 lakh consolidated par month without facility of house and car or any other allowance. The particulars of the post and eligibility conditions are given on the Ministry's website <http://financialservices.gov.in> as well as on PFRDA's website <http://www.pfrda.org.in>. The last date and time for receiving the completed applications is 07.02.2020 till 5.30 P.M. Applications clearly demonstrating eligibility may be submitted at the address indicated below.

**Shri Anshuman Sharma,**  
**Deputy Secretary of the Government of India**  
**Department of Financial Services**  
**Room No. 7, 2nd Floor Jeevan Deep Building,**  
**Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001**  
**Tele No. 011-23748772**  
dapp 15102/11/0028/1920

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

## GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 17/02/2020 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-

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## WORDLY WISE

THOSE WHO WILL NOT REASON, ARE BIGOTS, THOSE WHO CANNOT, ARE FOOLS, AND THOSE WHO DARE NOT, ARE SLAVES. — LORD BYRON

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

## THAKUR & COMPANY

They incite violence and peddle hate knowing they will get away — the onus is on the EC to draw the red line

WITH LESS THAN a fortnight left for Delhi elections, the BJP leadership seems to have got a sudden gleam in its electoral eye: A little corner in this sprawling city-state, Shaheen Bagh. The party’s campaigners, from Union Home Minister Amit Shah to local rabble-rousers like Kapil Mishra, frame the protests in this Muslim-dominated neighbourhood against the new citizenship law — that excludes Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh — as challenging not only the party and the government but also the sovereignty of the state. Last week, Mishra called Shaheen Bagh “a mini-Pakistan” and compared the election to an India-Pakistan contest, prompting the Election Commission (EC) to ban him from campaigning for two days. Shah picked up from where Mishra left and exhorted a rally to “press the button with such anger that the current is felt at Shaheen Bagh”.

So, when Anurag Thakur, a junior minister in the Narendra Modi government, hollers, “*desh ke gaddaron ko*”, and gets the crowd to howl, “*goli maaro saalon ko*”, he is, clearly, reading from a script that was first flaunted by Mishra. In doing so, Thakur, who has earlier packaged himself as the players’ voice in the cricket board, is now being a minion who echoes his masters, says what he thinks they want to hear. At the rally, later attended by Shah and senior BJP minister Giriraj Singh, Thakur clearly knew what the chorus was. Speaking to this newspaper, he was being too clever by half when he said he didn’t know what the mob would say. And a mob it clearly was, its frenzy revealing how exactly lynch mobs are created. A day later, on Tuesday, BJP MP from Delhi, Parvez Verma, invoked the violence that forced Pandits to flee the Kashmir Valley in the 1990s while referring to Shaheen Bagh. “Today, a similar situation has arisen at a place in Delhi. Lakhs of people gather there... They can enter your houses, rape your sisters and daughters and kill them,” he said. In the raucous marketplace of ideas that is an election campaign, politicians push the limits of free speech and poll rhetoric is given a wide berth, as it should. But Thakur and Verma incite violence and peddle hate. They reveal a contempt for the voters of Delhi — the belief that such hate and trash talk will translate into votes. The fact that they can get away without even a slap on the wrist shows who holds their hands.

The Election Commission, the institution with the remit to draw the red lines during an election campaign, needs to step in. Azam Khan and Pragya Thakur have been banned from campaigning for violating the Model Code of Conduct in the past. The institutional credibility of the EC to ensure a fair campaign, no matter how high the office of the violator, is on test. Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora and his colleagues should ensure due process and let Thakur & Co. know that they can get cheers, even votes, but they can’t get away with incitement to violence.

## TAMING THE FLU

Coronavirus outbreak calls for global efforts to check diseases that jump from animals to humans

INA LITTLE more than a week, deaths due to coronavirus have multiplied by more than 20 times. Over a hundred people have succumbed to the mystery virus that originated in China’s Wuhan province and it has been confirmed in at least 10 other countries. The Chinese authorities have acknowledged that the virus has affected 4,500 people. But modeling by researchers at Imperial College London suggests that 70,000 to 100,000 people could be affected. The WHO, which last week desisted from describing the situation as a public health emergency, has asked countries in Southeast Asia to remain vigilant. The Indian government is reportedly considering steps to prepare for evacuating the country’s nationals from Wuhan.

The outbreak has evoked memories of the SARS epidemic of 2002-2003, which killed nearly 800 and affected more than 8,000 people worldwide. It was also ascribed to a coronavirus and manifested similar symptoms — fever, cough and shortness of breath. Antibiotics do not work against such viral pneumonia and there are no vaccines against them. However, there are reassuring differences between the situation in 2002-3 and the one today. For one, China’s response to the current outbreak is markedly different from the way it dealt with SARS. In contrast to its secretive ways 17 years ago, Beijing informed the WHO, shared the virus’s gene sequence with the world, imposed travel restrictions and quarantined 50 million people. Moreover, experts suggest that the current coronavirus outbreak is not as virulent as the one in 2002-3 — it has a mortality rate of less than 3 per cent as compared to SARS’s death rate of nearly 10 per cent. But we are still looking at preliminary data, and scientists are likely to know the exact magnitude of the problem in the coming weeks.

The coronavirus is a zoonotic virus — one that jumps from humans to animals. The WHO estimates that three out of four new diseases that have infected humans in the past decade have been transmitted by animals. Bats are known to be the carriers of virus such as Ebola, SARS and even the current coronavirus. How such viruses spills over to humans is still not clear. But we do know that bushmeat markets — in China, Southeast Asia, Africa and other parts of the world — provide conditions for such pathogens to proliferate. The recent virus is reported to have originated in a wet market in Wuhan. In a globalised world, chances of the flu spreading fast are high. But global cooperation to check such virus has, at best, been episodic. Viruses are a global challenge and it’s time they are seen as such.

## THE MUMMY SPEAKS

A priest of Karnak is heard from across the gulf of time, and sounds very much like the horn of Noddy’s car

IN LIFE, ABOUT 1100 BC, the priest Nesyamun was a scribe and incense-bearer in the Karnak temple complex in Egypt, one of the highest beings in a highly stratified society. He was brought low in death, succumbing to what could be an insect-bite on his tongue, which caused it to balloon out. But death is a bad moment which is soon over, and once his sarcophagus had been discovered and brought to the museum of Leeds, UK, Nesyamun got lucky again. His mummy escaped a direct hit by a Luftwaffe bomb which wiped out many exhibits, including two other mummies, during the Blitz in 1941.

But now, ill luck favours him yet again, and his voice is in danger of being commodified. Being well-preserved, Nesyamun is one of the most studied mummies ever, and a CT scan of his larynx has been replicated by a 3D printer. And the mummy has spoken. In an ideal world, this would have opened a franchise on Nesyamun voice-overs. Hollywood has already press-ganged dead actors using CGI. Oliver Reed’s role in *Gladiator*, for instance, was finished posthumously by a computer. But imagine the impact of a real voice, speaking to audiences from across the centuries. Imagine it singing “As Time Goes By”. There would be serious dollars in exploiting such talents.

But Nesyamun has declined to co-operate. First, he can’t articulate words in the absence of the rest of his vocal tract. And the sound he has made through a machine after three millennia is suspiciously like the horn of Noddy’s car: “Paaaarp!” Or, to recall P G Wodehouse, perhaps it is the sound of ducks that die in thunderstorms. It is certainly not the voice of a priest accustomed to addressing Ra and Isis. Or maybe the old man is having us on.



SUVIR KAUL

IN AUGUST 2010, at a time when Indian security forces systematically shot down stone-throwing protestors all over Kashmir (112 were killed), various relatives living elsewhere phoned my mother to ask when she was planning to leave Srinagar. Her answer was simple: We aren’t planning to leave; this is home, and the weather is lovely. Some years later, at another moment when violence rippled through Srinagar, I called to speak to her, and because our home adjoins Maisuma, a neighbourhood known for its protests, I could hear shots being fired. Are you fearful, I asked? Why, she said in response, do you never have bullets being fired on the streets of America?

I mention these two instances (I could recount others) because my mother taught us a quiet lesson each time. If you are Kashmiri, and a Pandit, you need to go home and to make it yours, regardless of the privations you suffer. And Kashmiris have suffered, and continue to suffer, all manner of deprivation. But if Kashmir is home, you need to be there, to insist, even in your declining years, that you will suffer the inconveniences and the fears that are a staple of life, because it is home. (Yes, she and my sister were marooned in our attic during the floods in 2014, and had to be rescued, after a harrowing 10 days, by a group of our local friends. Do I need to say that the friends were Muslim?). There had been a decade and more when my parents were not able to spend time in our ancestral home in Srinagar, but once they returned in 2003, they made it a point to be there for the long summer months. My father passed away in his favourite chair in the home his father built. My mother died in Delhi, too frail in her last year of life to go to the Srinagar she longed for. But they returned us to Kashmir, and taught us what it means to be Kashmiri in a time when Kashmiris have been denied basic dignities and rights.

Of course, my parents’ example cannot be generalised. They had an apartment in Delhi, and so they did not suffer as most Pandits did who left in 1990 and after. Our home in Srinagar is in a neighbourhood



K P NAYAR

HARSH VARDHAN SHRINGLA, who assumes charge as India’s foreign secretary today, faced his first real life challenge involving foreign affairs when he was a little boy. And he overcame that challenge diplomatically, with pragmatism.

Born in Mumbai to T Tshering La, his name was to have been Harsh Vardhan Tshering La, a mix of his father’s Buddhist ancestry and his mother’s Hindu faith. Both his parents are Sikkimese from Darjeeling and spoke Nepali at home. Harsh Vardhan’s birth and school documents, made in Mumbai, where the name Tshering La is not well known, recorded his surname as Shringla. Tshering La and Shringla are phonetically identical. This was in the 1960s when Sikkim was not a part of India. Implicit in this conundrum was an element of foreign affairs. Harsh Vardhan settled for the change in his surname and became a Shringla.

As a diplomat abroad, his surname has sparked curiosity about his ethnicity. Five months ago when Shringla accepted an honorary doctorate from the ICAFI University in Sikkim, his acceptance speech was made partly in Nepali: “My native language... also a language of Sikkim.”

Shringla’s rise to the top of the Foreign Office brings closure to one of India’s foreign policy challenges for three decades: The merger of Sikkim with the Indian Union in 1975. Chokila Iyer was the first Sikkimese to briefly become foreign secretary. Shringla’s full tenure will be an important message to lingering critics abroad that there is no glass

What lies ahead, now that Pandits are pledging to return home (#HumWapasAayenge)? I hope large numbers of us do just that but we should know that we cannot expect any government to provide more than token financial help. It is absurd to think of life in armed encampments, or in protected enclaves, that will be forcibly planted in Srinagar and elsewhere. If there is to be a rapprochement between Kashmiri communities, Pandits must live as we did before, sharing our lives with our Muslim neighbours. Will this be easy? Not at all, for it will take years and years for mutual suspicion to wear away.

## A DIPLOMAT FORETOLD

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla has overcome challenges pragmatically

ceiling for ethnic Sikkimese in India.

That Shringla would become foreign secretary one day was accepted by the Indian foreign service as a *fait accompli* in August 1984 when he joined the IFS. Shringla topped the entire civil service examination that year. Only a grave misstep in his 35-year service would have cost him the top job.

The biggest challenge any diplomat can face is when he comes across information that can end the career of his own foreign minister. That was the dilemma Shringla faced in 2005 when he was a minister at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations. Because of his extensive contacts in New York, Shringla was one of the first diplomats at the UN to get hold of the report of the Independent Inquiry Committee that looked into huge bribery in Iraq’s ‘Oil for Food’ programme before the 1,000-word report was presented to the Security Council.

Shringla did not duck, he did not shrink. He told his boss, Nirupam Sen, Permanent Representative to the UN, that K Natwar Singh, the powerful external affairs minister, was named in the report. No one other than these two men at the large diplomatic mission had a whiff of what was coming. When this writer met Shringla that day at the UN, he was so cool, calm and collected that there was no indication that this diplomat had information which was to inflame India’s politics in a day or two. Sen managed to convey the damaging information by-passing the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), directly to Prime Minister

Manmohan Singh. Natwar Singh resigned after a futile resistance.

The MEA is not one of those ministries where corruption scandals erupt periodically. An exception was in 2011 when India was contracted to build 50,000 houses in civil war-ravaged Tamil areas through a line of credit to Sri Lanka. A civil war erupted inside the MEA with the joint secretary in charge of Sri Lanka, accusing on files, then External Affairs Minister S M Krishna’s office of corruption in the contract.

It was an unequal battle between the middle-level IFS officer and the minister’s office, but the joint secretary dug his heels in, so much as refusing an ambassadorial assignment to stay on and fight alleged political corruption.

For then Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao, this situation could not be sustained. The compromise was to draft Shringla as joint secretary for Sri Lanka, who firmly, but diplomatically ended the civil war within the MEA and successfully oversaw completion of the housing projects sans any corruption. This experience stood him in good stead later in delivering critical assistance to Bangladesh, as high commissioner, making relations with Dhaka one of the recent success stories of the Narendra Modi government’s neighbourhood diplomacy.

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## JANUARY 29, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

### INDO-FRENCH TALKS

THE FOUR-DAY INDO-FRENCH talks have ended with the two countries agreeing to their cooperation in the fields of industry, agriculture, commerce and science and technology. The two countries signed a series of documents to this end. One important document says a massive aluminium complex will be developed in Orissa costing as much as Rs 1,000 crore for utilisation of bauxite reserves with French technical know-how. It also involves credits on preferential terms as well as loans by a consortium of banks. France also wants to buy coal from India. The two countries have set up a working group for industrial cooperation.

### NO GLOBAL FUND

THE RICH NATIONS have more or less rejected the idea of a global fund for the industrial development of the Third World. They spelt out their stand in a document presented to the third general conference of the UN Industrial Development Organisation. Questioning the need for setting up new institutions or funds, the document argues that there already exists an established and flexible framework to provide more financial resources. It says that the advanced countries are nonetheless prepared to continue to participate in efforts in the appropriate fora to improve the operation of channels for providing external finance.

### ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

FOREIGN MINISTERS AT the special Islamic conference in Islamabad devoted the second day’s sessions to a study of drafts submitted by delegations for resolutions on the Afghan and Palestinian question. A number of resolutions have been tabled — some directly speaking out against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and others demanding that any pressure on Muslim countries be condemned at the source. Tunisia’s foreign minister Habib Chatty, also secretary-general of Organisation of Islamic Countries, said the conference resolutions would condemn the Soviet Union by name for its action in Afghanistan.



# Peaceful development is China's strategic choice

Positive growth is inevitable, but the Chinese people are committed to shun hegemony as well



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HISTORY HAS JUST started on the third decade of the 21st century. There is a mixture of anticipation and confusion about the future.

We live in an era full of opportunities and challenges. The dawn of the fourth industrial revolution illuminates the way forward for human progress, with the collective rise of emerging countries improving the lives of billions of people. At the same time, however, the international order and system on which all countries depend for their survival and development have been undermined. Unilateralism, hegemonism and power politics still haunt us. Some countries still take military risks in international relations, and the Sword of Damocles of war still hangs high. Open or closed? Cooperation or confrontation? Multilateralism or unilateralism? Justice or "law of the jungle"? Once again, mankind stands at a crossroads, facing the historical choice of where to go.

The Chinese people have given their answer to the questions facing the world and the perplexity of the times: We will always stick to the path of peaceful development, build a community of a shared future for mankind, and achieve win-win sharing.

China's choice for peaceful development is based on our cultural genes. The Chinese nation is a peace-loving nation. For more than 5,000 years, the pursuit of peace and harmony has been deeply rooted in the spiritual world of the Chinese nation. The extensive and profound schools of thought that ancient Chinese philosophers established covered many important ideas, such as the emphasis on kindness towards fellow human beings and the belief that people should be in harmony with each other, and seeking harmony without uniformity. These values and teachings still carry a profound impact on the Chinese people's way of thinking and system of values. For several thousand years before the industrial revolution, China had been among the top in national strength. However, China has never had a record of colonisation and expansion.

China's choice for peaceful development is based on our experiences of vicissitudes. After the onset of modern times, China found itself left behind in terms of development. As a result of incessant foreign invasions thereafter, Chinese people had to lead a life of extreme destitution. The ancient eastern country was subdued to a semi-colonial and semi-feudal society. After a hundred years of persistent and unyielding struggle, the Chinese people, sacrificing tens of millions of lives, ultimately took their destiny back into their own hands. Nevertheless, the memory of foreign invasion and bullying has never been erased from the minds of the Chinese people. Confucius once said, do not impose on others what you do not desire upon yourself. We would never impose the pain we have suffered on other countries.

China's choice for peaceful development is based on our internal needs. Development is the top priority, and this principle applies to all countries. Over the past 70 years, China has made historic achievements in development, and its economic aggregate has become the second largest in the world. But at the same time, China is still the largest developing country in the world. China's population is 1.4 billion and its per capita GDP is still ranked around 70th in the world. More



CR Sasikumar

than 15 million people need to get employment in China every year. There is no doubt that it will take a long and arduous effort to make such a large population prosperous. China must concentrate on development, which requires us to have a peaceful external environment.

China's choice for peaceful development is based on our commitment to world peace and development. China's development benefits from a peaceful international environment. China is also willing to promote world peace through its own development. China is one of the founding members of the UN, and the second-largest contributor to the UN and UN peacekeeping operations. Over the past 70 years, China has provided over 400 billion RMB in foreign aid. Since the international financial crisis, China's contribution to world economic growth has averaged over 30 per cent annually. At present, the Chinese government is taking firm, effective and scientific measures to prevent and control the pneumonia caused by the coronavirus. Acting with a high sense of responsibility for global health security, China has maintained close cooperation with the World Health Organisation and other international partners and will continue to share information on the virus and epidemic in a timely manner.

China provides an opportunity for world development. However, there are always some people with biases who look at China with a Cold War mentality. They choose to believe that when China becomes strong, then we will seek to expand and dominate. These people's perception of China is seriously skewed.

In the 21st century, when human beings share a common destiny and civilisation is highly developed, these people look at international relations through the prism of the law of the jungle. These kinds of stereotypical ideas, at the end of the day, stem from an obsession with maintaining a hegemonic position and the Cold War mentality, and go against the trend of history.

China will become strong and this is something that is bound to happen. But it is not necessary that a stronger country is bound to follow the beaten path of seeking

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hegemony, posing a so-called threat to other countries. Albert Einstein once said that we can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them. In this era, the revitalisation of a country can be achieved through international communication and cooperation on an equal, orderly, mutually beneficial basis. As history and reality have repeatedly proven, as long as countries treat each other as equals and with mutual understanding and accommodation, there is no problem that cannot be solved through negotiation. Power politics goes against the will of the people and the use of force in international relations is simply not feasible. China is confident and capable of blazing a new trail of win-win cooperation and peaceful development.

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China has written into its constitution the principle of adhering to the path of peaceful development and the win-win strategy of opening up. No matter which stage of development we reach, we will never seek hegemony, expansion or spheres of influence. This is not China's expediency, but our strategic choice and solemn commitment.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"To say that the Pakistani media is going through a grave crisis would be an understatement. The drop in revenues and stagnant state of the national economy overall has had a devastating effect on the country's media organisations."

— DAWN

# Law takes whose course

UPCM's offensive statements against Muslims, particularly women, must not go unchallenged



KARAN THAPAR

NORMALLY I DON'T take Yogi Adityanath seriously. He's certainly not the fount of political wisdom. Worse, he's made a habit of saying risible, though foolish things. But what he asserted at a BJP rally in support of the Citizenship Amendment Act in Kanpur last week deserves to be countered. Unlike his earlier follies, it simply cannot go unchallenged.

First, he said that protesters who shout azadi slogans would be charged with sedition. "In the name of dhama and demonstration, if you raise slogans of azadi that were once raised in Kashmir, it will come under sedition and the government will take the harshest action." This statement is wrong on several counts.

Let's start with the Constitution and the law. Article 19 (1) of the Constitution states: "All citizens shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression." Article 19 (2) states: "Nothing (can)... prevent the state from making any law... (to) impose reasonable restrictions... in the interests of the sovereignty and integrity of India." Two things follow. Article 19 (2) does permit a restriction on freedom of speech on grounds of sovereignty, but it's an enabling provision. It is not the law itself. A law along these lines needs to be promulgated by Parliament to put Article 19 (2) into effect.

Now, does such a law exist? Until 1962, the penal code provision for sedition (Section 124A) was such a law. However, in the Kedar Nath Singh judgment, the Supreme Court read it down. It now only applies if there is an actual incitement to violence. In 1995, in the Balwant Singh case, when the Supreme Court ruled that "Khalistan Zindabad" is not seditious, it upheld the 1962 ruling. More recently, in September 2016, the Supreme Court explicitly reaffirmed this judgment: "We are of the considered opinion that the authorities while dealing with offences under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code shall be guided by the principles laid down by the constitution bench in *Kedar Nath Singh versus State of Bihar*."

So the situation that prevails today is simple. The Constitution permits the government to make a law to restrict freedom of speech in the interest of the sovereignty and integrity of India. But the law that does that only applies if there is incitement to violence. If the government wishes to criminalise peaceful non-violent calls for azadi, it needs to pass a specific law to do so. Article 19 (2) is not sufficient.

This means that every Indian citizen has the right to peacefully and non-violently call for azadi. It also suggests that Sharjeel Imam's call to peacefully block roads connecting Assam to the rest of the country is not sedition. This sort of protest has happened earlier, most notably in Manipur. And Imam was not advocating or inciting violence.

Yogi Adityanath is clearly unaware of the law. Unfortunately, so too are many

other BJP leaders. In fact, almost each time the police moves charges of sedition, it's almost certain they are equally ignorant. What the police claims is sedition is rarely, if ever, the case.

Now, should the BJP pass such a law? I have two reasons for saying no. Perhaps, in the immediate years after independence, India was a fragile nation whose future was uncertain and so even peaceful calls advocating for separation or division were a threat that could not be permitted. That's not the case any longer. Today we're resilient enough to withstand the rhetoric of college students. Indeed, their liberty to say what they want should be proof of our strength.

Second, as far back as 1962, in his maiden Rajya Sabha speech, C N Annadurai said: "Davidians demand the right of self-determination... we want a separate country for southern India." If his words were laughed off rather than seen as a threat 58 years ago, then surely similar calls should be treated similarly today.

Now, I don't mean to suggest that calls for azadi are not offensive and distasteful. But, free speech includes the right to offend. A law to protect against that would diminish us. It would also suggest that instead of maturing as a democracy we're regressing. We would end up shaming ourselves without any meaningful gain.

The second foolish claim made by Adityanath was, arguably, worse. It was a direct attack on Muslim women who have been protesting. He claimed that they were forced by their husbands and brothers because Muslim men are scared to protest themselves.

With these words, Adityanath made several things clear. He doesn't believe that Muslim women have a mind of their own and a right to act of their own volition. He doesn't view them as individuals. He sees them as possessions of their brothers, husbands and fathers. They will only do what they are told to do. He refuses to accept that they actually want to do it themselves. But, perhaps, this is not surprising from a man who believes "women do not deserve independence".

He also undermines the BJP's vaunted claim that with last year's Triple Talaq Act, the party had empowered Muslim women. This was the great boast during the 2019 election and the reason why many BJP leaders believe that large numbers of Muslim women voted for them. With one thoughtless rhetorical swipe, Adityanath has shattered that presumption. Indeed, if some Muslim women did praise the Triple Talaq Act, they are even more likely to be offended by Adityanath's male chauvinism.

Finally, Adityanath has also revealed what he thinks of Muslim men. He doesn't believe they are fearless or resilient. Instead, they hide behind their women's skirts. So whilst the government sends ministers to the Valley to reach out to Kashmiris, Adityanath, single-handedly, is taunting and ridiculing Muslims in Uttar Pradesh. Yet Amit Shah and Narendra Modi are silent. I would have thought that they might want to distance themselves from his intemperate remarks. Their failure to do so raises the question: Has he revealed the BJP's real feelings about Muslims?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MINISTER AND MOB

THIS REFERS TO report, 'Minister Thakur chants desh ke gaddaron ko, poll rally crowd completes goli maaro...' (IE, January 28). The chant is a chilling sign of the times. It was out of line for a politician of Anurag Thakur's stature to further goad and embolden his multitude of trigger-happy supporters. No leader, irrespective of his political persuasion, should foment violence.

Varun Das, Zirakpur

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Thakur chants desh ke gaddaron ko, crowd completes goli maaro...' (IE, January 28). Instead of engaging in a dialogue with the protesters, the BJP is using various methods to delegitimise the public's dissent. Thakur's chants attempt to legitimise mob violence.

Manjul Chaudhary, Kangra

### FRAGILE FRINGE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The fringe that isn't' (IE, January 28). Right-thinking and scientific-minded rejected religion or community-based functions, festival and rituals consciously because they were anathema to a modern society. It is another matter that they did not remain alert to prevent hide-bound organisations like the RSS from dining out on fictions to win over the downtrodden and marginalised. However, as the benighted Brahminical fringe is pathologically averse to equality and fairness, these sec-

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tions of society will return to the fold of their real well-wishers sooner than later.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

### BELIEF AND LAW

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The language of belief' (IE, January 27). Any comment on someone's belief should be made in good spirit and with an understanding of its essence. However, this leads to the question of to what extent can the law interfere in matters of reforming religion. If the Sabarimala verdict is a legal encroachment, how do we justify the law on bigamy and other Hindu Code laws?

Vasu Jain, via email

## VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

### ANTI-HINDU PROTEST

THE LATEST ISSUE of RSS mouthpiece *Organiser* has once again focused on the anti-CAA/NRC protests. In a signed editorial by Prafulla Ketkar, compares the protests to the Khilafat movement and paints it as anti-Hindu. "Whatever the TV studio analysts and intellectuals want to imagine about the nature of anti-CAA protests, whitewashed through the singing of national anthem and flag, the actual picture on the ground is scary and a vivid reminder of what was happening a hundred years ago. The fear-mongering created by the Communists and the Congress and cleverly manipulated by the radical Islamic organisations like Popular Front of India (PFI) is turning out to be undemocratic, violent and divisive, as happened with the case of Khilafat movement," the editorial has said.

Ketkar has argued that Muslims have no real reason to oppose the CAA and that the

opposition to it is largely to perpetrate violence against Hindus. "What we are witnessing in the name of protests against the Government is violence against Hindus. At the level of optics, national flag and anthem are cleverly used; interestingly, the display of such nationalist sentiments was opposed by the same elements supported by liberals till recently... One should not forget that the seeds of Partition were sown in the Khilafat, which is again reminded by the fundamentalists directly or indirectly," Ketkar has said.

### KHILAFAT REDUX

IN ANOTHER ARTICLE titled, "Khilafat 2.0 — Deja Vu", *Organiser* has called the Hindu support to CAA protests as "naivety". The article says: "The entire movement will be hijacked by the jihadi forces (sic). And under the garb of protecting Muslim interests, social justice will be sabotaged as reservation benefits available to the Hindu Scheduled Castes will slowly be shifted to accommodate Muslims... efforts will be unleashed to perpetrate violence akin to the ones that followed the Khilafat and national's unity and integrity will be damaged from within."

It has, however, said that the ordinary Indian has seen through the farce. "Common Bharatiya has now clearly understood that constitutionalism, secularism and equity

were all smokescreens to hide a violent and vulgar polarisation of Islamist forces," it says.

### SLOWDOWN CURE

IN AN ARTICLE focused on the economic slowdown, *Organiser* has suggested many ideas for recovery despite the global recession. These include universal basic income (UBI) and heavy investments in education, health and the judiciary to help improve the quality of manpower and create jobs.

The article, written by Sudip Kar Purkayastha, acknowledges the slowdown and the government's less-than-satisfactory approach towards its correction: "India has a huge internal market. That should have largely insulated the economy. If the business confidence is still low, the government needs to look at the management of the 'aggregate demand' and its components," it said.

Arguing for UBI, the article says, "A section of economists argues that large numbers of Indians do not have adequate purchasing power and the government must place some money in their hands to stimulate consumption. They advocate inter alia a scheme of Universal Basic Income (UBI) which will raise demand & consumption, and therefore lead to utilisation of idle production capacity and rise in employment."

It has further argued for "urgent reforms

to improve the quality of human infrastructure" through investments in education, health and the judiciary. It proposes fixed income salaried government jobs for the short term for unemployed youth belonging to weaker sections.

"The acute scarcity of standard education in villages and small towns is a stark fact. Its impact has been particularly severe on socially backward classes. As a matter of fact, considerable vacancies in the government for reserved categories today remain vacant for want of educationally competent candidates," the article says.

It has also indicated that the paucity of schools is pushing children towards "faith-based schools" which is the root of "social evils". "A serious introspection would reveal that such dependence has been at the root of many social evils, social inequalities, alienation from India's civilisational ethos and radicalisation of mindsets that afflict the country today," the article said.

Arguing for the health sector, it has highlighted huge vacancies and the consequent need for more doctors and paramedics. "Educational and training infrastructure need to be organised to build the army of health service providers," the article asserts, asking the government to act in mission mode.

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## TELLING NUMBERS

### Nearly 2,800 coronavirus cases, including 37 outside China

THERE HAVE been 2,798 confirmed cases of novel coronavirus until January 27, with 2,761 of these cases occurring in China, according to the latest update on the outbreak from the World Health Organization.

The 37 cases outside of China have been reported from 11 different countries. Three of these 37 cases were detected without the onset of symptoms. Among the remaining 34 patients, there are 27 cases for whom there is detailed information on date of symptom onset and travel date from China – 8 cases had symptom onset in China, 5 had onset on the same day as travel, and 14 developed symptoms after leaving China.

Of the 37 cases, 36 had travel history to China, of whom 34 had travel history in Wuhan city, or had an epidemiological link to a confirmed case with travel history to Wuhan. For the remaining two, investigations into their travel histories are ongoing, WHO said. One additional case was the result of human-to-human transmission among close family contacts in Viet Nam.

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and colleagues are in Beijing to meet with government and health experts.

#### CHINA AND ELSEWHERE

##### IN CHINA

Confirmed	2,761
Suspected	5,794
Severe	461
Deaths	80

##### OUTSIDE CHINA

Country	Confirmed cases
Japan	4
S Korea	4
Viet Nam	2
Singapore	4
Australia	4
Malaysia	4
Thailand	5
Nepal	1
United States	5
Canada	1
France	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,798</b>

Source: WHO

Current estimates of the incubation period of the virus range from 2-10 days, and these estimates will be refined as more data become available, WHO said.

## THIS WORD MEANS

### SPITZER SPACE TELESCOPE

Mission set to end; what did it achieve?

ON THURSDAY, NASA's Spitzer Mission, which studied the universe in infrared light for more than 16 years, will come to an end since it is low on fuel and has been drifting away from Earth for a few years now. Engineers will decommission the Spitzer aircraft, after which it will cease to conduct science operations.

The Spitzer Space Telescope is a space-borne observatory, one of the elements of NASA's Great Observatories that include the Hubble Space Telescope and the Chandra X-Ray. Using different infrared wavelengths, Spitzer was able to see and reveal features of the universe including objects that were too cold to emit visible light. Apart from enabling researchers to see distant cold objects, Spitzer could also see through large amounts of gas using infrared wavelengths to find objects that may otherwise have been invisible to human beings. These included exoplanets, brown dwarfs and cold matter found in the space between stars.

Spitzer also studied some of the most distant galaxies ever detected. The light from these galaxies reached us after traveling for billions of years, enabling scientists "to see those objects as they were long, long ago". Hubble and Spitzer in 2016 identified and studied the most distant galaxy ever observed. Using these two telescopes, scientists were able to see a bright infant galaxy as it was over 13.4



Spitzer Space Telescope readied for launch in 2003. NASA

billion years ago, roughly 400 million years after the Big Bang, when the universe was less than 5% of its current age.

Spitzer was originally built to last for a minimum of 2.5 years, but it lasted in the "cold" phase for over 5.5 years. On May 15, 2009 the coolant was finally depleted and the "warm mission" began.

## SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# Takeaways from Bodo Accord

Monday's agreement is the third signed by the government with Bodo groups in Assam. What has been agreed, how is it different from previous accords, and why is it significant amid protests against CAA?

#### ABHISHEK SAHA

GUWAHATI, JANUARY 28

ON MONDAY, the Centre, the Assam government and Bodo groups – including all factions of the militant National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) – signed an agreement for peace and development. Home Minister Amit Shah described it as the "final and comprehensive solution" of the long-standing Bodo issue.

#### What is the Bodo issue?

Bodos are the single largest community among the notified Scheduled Tribes in Assam. Part of the larger umbrella of Bodo-Kachari, the Bodos constitute about 5-6% of Assam's population.

The first organised demand for a Bodo state came in 1967-68 under the banner of the political party Plains Tribals Council of Assam. In 1985, when the Assam Movement culminated in the Assam Accord, many Bodos saw it as essentially focusing on the interests of the Assamese-speaking community. In 1987, the All Bodo Students Union (ABSU) led by Upendra Nath Brahma revived the Bodo statehood demand. The armed group Bodo Security Force arose, under the leadership of Ranjan Daimary, in October 1986. It subsequently renamed itself NDFB, and later split into factions.

"All NDFB factions under SoO [Suspension of Operations] shall abjure path of violence, surrender their weapons and disband their armed organisations within one month of signing this MoS," the Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) said.

#### Amid protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act, what is the political takeaway from the Accord?

At a time when the ruling BJP is under fire from the large Assamese-speaking community, the Accord underlines its effort to cement its hold among Bodo voters. The Assamese-speaking community had voted overwhelmingly for the BJP in 2016. Now Assamese student leaders, activists, popular singers and actors, and eminent citizens have addressed large, anti-BJP protest gatherings across the state. These have been prominent in Upper Assam in the east, where the Assamese-speaking community is dominant. The Bodoland region is in western Assam, and large sections of the Bodos are already seen as supportive of the BJP. Hagrama Mohilary, who heads BJP ally Bodoland People's Front (BPF), is the chief executive member of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC).



ABSU president Promod Boro in Guwahati on Tuesday. Dasarath Deka

#### BTAD NOW, BTR TOMORROW



#### What is the BTC?

It is an autonomous body under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. There have been two Bodo Accords earlier, and the second one led to the formation of BTC. The ABSU-led movement from 1987 culminated in a 1993 Bodo Accord, which paved the way for a Bodoland Autonomous Council (BAC), but ABSU withdrew its agreement and renewed its demand for a separate state. In 2003, the second Bodo Accord was signed by the extremist group Bodo Liberation Tiger Force (BLTF), the Centre and the state. This led to the BTC.

#### What has been settled now?

Primarily, a truce with four factions of the NDFB after decades of armed movement that, according to Shah, claimed over 4,000 lives. "The most significant point is this Accord marks the end of the armed movement. The coming of all factions of the armed groups together to sign the Accord is a very

big thing," ABSU president Promod Boro said.

Asked about the statehood demand, Boro said the ABSU will decide in its next special convention. Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the demand for statehood came to end with the Accord. An ABSU leader, however, said: "It is not mentioned anywhere in the settlement that the ABSU will give up the statehood demand."

The agreement says: "Negotiations were held with Bodo organisations for a comprehensive and final solution to their demands while keeping intact the territorial integrity of the State of Assam."

#### What was agreed on territory?

The area under the jurisdiction of BTC, formed under the 2003 Accord, was called the Bodo Territorial Autonomous District (BTAD). On Monday, the BTAD was renamed Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR).

BTAD comprises Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa and Udalguri districts, accounting for 11% of Assam's area and 10% of its population. Estimates for the Bodo population in BTAD vary. A 2015 report in *The Assam Tribune* quoted the then state government as telling the Assembly that "it does not have any information of the break-up of population of Bodo and non-Bodo communities in BTAD". Also in 2015, an article in *Economic and Political Weekly* said only 27% of the BTAD population is Bodo. The four districts in BTAD constitute Kokrajhar Lok Sabha constituency, whose MP Naba Kumar Saraniya is a non-Bodo.

The new Accord provides for "alteration of

area of BTAD" and "provisions for Bodos outside BTAD". A commission appointed by the state government will examine and recommend if villages contiguous to BTAD and with a majority tribal population can be included into the BTR while those now in BTAD and with a majority non-tribal population can opt out of the BTR. This, minister Sarma explained, will lead to an increase in the Bodo population in BTR and decrease in non-tribal population, leading to mitigation of inter-community clashes wherever it was happening.

The government will set up a Bodo-Kachari Welfare Council for focused development of Bodo villages outside BTAD – which opens up a way to potentially address the needs of Bodos outside BTAD.

Several of the provisions agreed upon on Monday were an extension of what was already in effect. For instance, it provides for more legislative, executive, administrative and financial powers to BTC; and amendments to the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution to "improve the financial resources and administrative powers of BTC". The 2020 agreement says the Government of Assam "will notify Bodo language in Devanagiri script as the associate official language in the state".

#### What happens to the cases that were filed during the armed movement?

Among the signatories was Ranjan Daimary whose faction is called NDFB(RD). Other factions include NDFB(Progressive) and NDFB(S). Ranjan Daimary and nine others were sentenced to life last year for the killing of around 90 people in serial blasts in Assam in October 2008. The settlement says criminal cases for "non-heinous" crimes shall be withdrawn and those in connection with heinous crimes "shall be reviewed case by case according to the existing policy on the subject".

In 2014, in Khagrabari in Baksa district, Bodo extremists and others had allegedly gunned down nearly 40 Bengali Muslims. Advocate Aman Wadud, who is representing the victims at the special NIA court in Guwahati, said, "No 'understanding' can absolve those accused of heinous mass murders. The MoS says cases of heinous crimes will be 'reviewed'. Justice should not be throttled in the name of 'peace'."

On January 30, 1,500 cadres of NDFB factions will lay down arms before the state government. The MoS states New Delhi and Dispur will take all necessary steps to rehabilitate the cadres, such as *ex-gratia*, funding economic activities, vocational training and recruitment in appropriate government jobs.

## FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY

# Poha, the flattened rice dish beloved of India

#### KAUSHIK DAS GUPTA

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

SENIOR BJP leader Kailash Vijayvargiya said last week that he was able to identify construction workers at his home as Bangladeshi because "strangely", they were "eating only *poha*". Dishes of flattened rice – *poha* – are, however, ubiquitous in states across India.

#### The pahas of India

In Vijayvargiya's own Indore, *poha* is the signature breakfast dish and a popular item of street food. The recipe uses chopped onion and chillies, mustard seeds, pomegranate, coriander, and jeeraan masala – the mix of spices that is said to give the Indori *poha* its distinctive taste. There is cumin, bay leaf, nut-

meg, mace, asafoetida, black salt, ginger powder, mango powder, cloves, cinnamon and cardamom – all dry roasted – in the spice mix.

The Indori *poha* has a characteristic sweet-sour taste, and is often enjoyed with *jalebi*.

Elsewhere, different flavours and spice mixes go into the *poha*.

In Maharashtra, the onions are lightly sautéed; and the *kanda batata poha* of both Maharashtra and Gujarat derives its texture, taste, and name from potato. In Madhya Pradesh, the onions are chopped and sprinkled on top. There is a crunch of peanuts and coconut shavings, along with curry leaves and a garnish of coriander leaves.

The *poha* in Odisha is made from the shortgrained, fragrant Achamati rice – the autumn crop with which Odias also make *khichdi*, *pulao*, and *kheer*. The Odia *poha* or

*chuda santula* is distinctive for its use of vegetables like carrots, and of ginger.

In the *aval upma* of South India, the aroma of curry leaves and the heat of green chillies mix with mustard tempering and the crunch of roasted peanuts to make for a breakfast dish that is also tempting as a snack at any time.

For Bengalis, the *poha* is *chire'r pulao*, to which is added, apart from a variety of vegetables, often raisins. Goans make *doodanche fov*: *poha* cooked with milk, sugary, with a hint of cardamom – this is the Goan Diwali sweet dish. A variant of this pudding is the *nalla rosanche fov*, or *poha* cooked in coconut milk.

#### The main ingredient

In *The Illustrated Foods of India*, KT Achaya, the doyen of Indian food history, wrote that one of the names in Sanskrit for beaten and

parched rice is *chipita* or *chidva*, also pronounced *chidva*, *chevda*. Rice is par boiled, rolled, and flattened to produce flakes. These bland flakes can absorb moisture and imbibe a variety of flavours. They can be toasted or fried. They can be thick, medium, thin, "nylon", or extra thin.

Across India, *chidva* as *poha* is a breakfast staple. In Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal, the flattened rice is washed and mixed with yogurt. *Doi chira/chire* is a breakfast dish in West Bengal and Assam. With palm jaggery added to it, flattened rice rings in the harvesting season all over eastern and northeastern India. In Bihar, *dahi chura* is a Makar Sankranti special.

And of course, with roasted peanuts, coconut shavings, raisins, and sev, the *chidva*, roasted or fried, makes for a crunchy savoury.

# India's imports of palm oil: dynamics of the trade with Malaysia

#### NUSHAIBA IQBAL

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

INDIA HAS cut import duty on crude palm oil (CPO) and refined, bleached and deodorised (RBD) palm oil, and also moved RBD oil from the "free" to the "restricted" list of imports.

While curbing oil imports has been under discussion since the Budget presented in July 2019, the move has been construed as retaliation against Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad, who has criticised India's internal policy decisions such as the revocation of the special status for Jammu and Kashmir and the new citizenship Act. Malaysia has also been sheltering since 2017 the Islamic preacher Zakir Naik, who is wanted by India on charges of money laundering, hate speech, and links to terror.

#### Has India banned import of Malaysian palm oil because of political reasons?

Not really. The import of RBD palm oil has been restricted, not banned – and this is from all countries, not just Malaysia. Also, CPO can still be imported freely.

Under the trade classification system

that India follows, except for goods that can be imported only by state trading enterprises (such as Food Corporation of India), all goods whose import is not restricted or prohibited are traded freely.

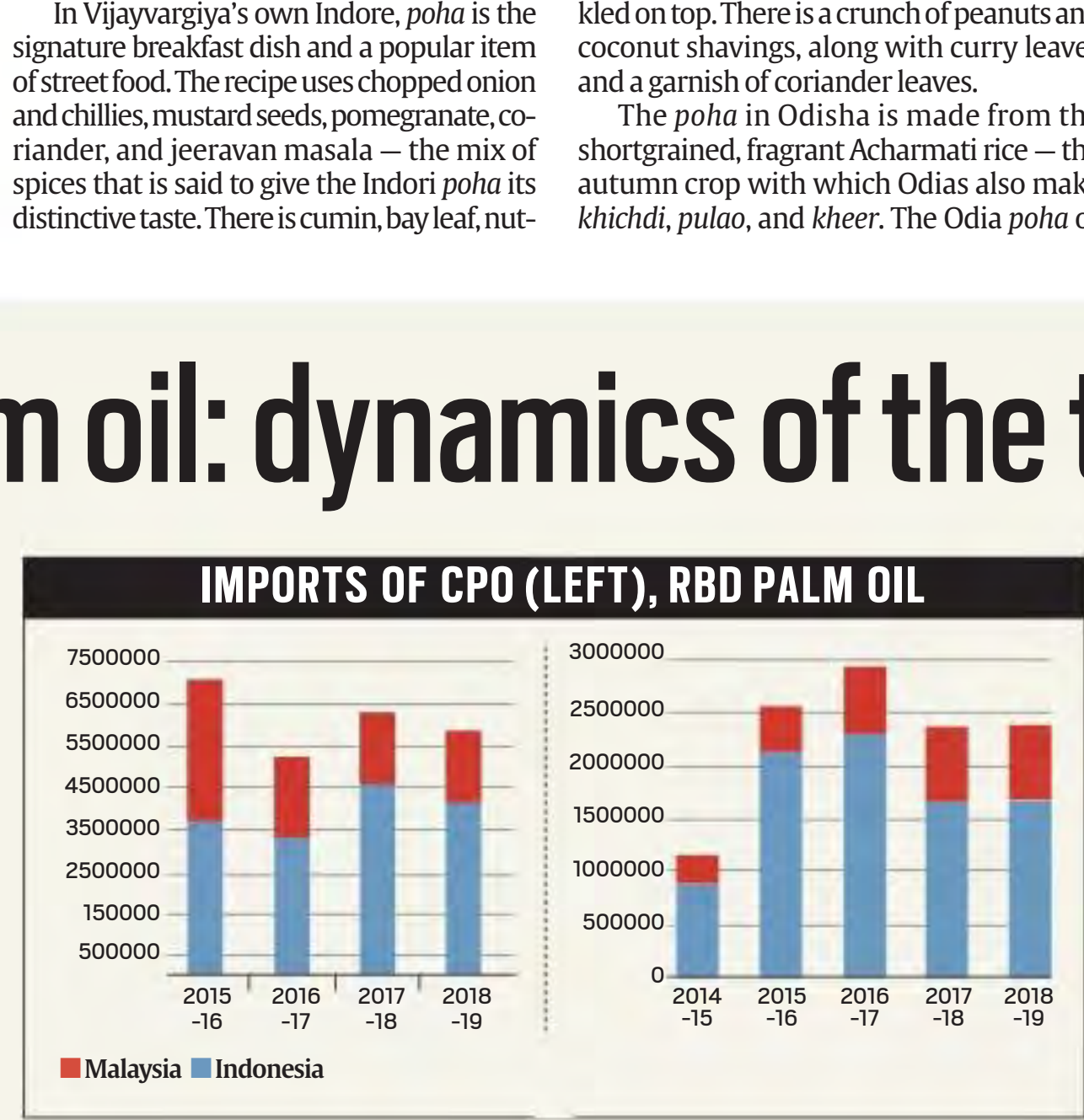
Normally, a special licence is required to import a restricted good. The government has neither specified what the restrictions entail nor issued any licences. However, it has been reported that vessels carrying RBD palm oil are stuck at several ports because buyers have been asked to shun the product.

#### How much palm oil does India import?

India imported 64.15 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of CPO and 23.9 lakh MT of RBD in 2018-19, the bulk of which was from Indonesia. (*Charts 1 and 2 right*) Commerce Ministry data show India imported \$10 billion worth of vegetable oil in 2019-20, making it the country's fifth most valuable import after mineral oil (\$141 bn), gold (\$32 bn), coal (\$26 bn), and telecom instruments such as cell phones (\$17 bn).

#### Why does India need so much palm oil?

It is the cheapest edible oil available naturally. Its inert taste makes it suitable for use



in foods ranging from baked goods to fried snacks. It stays relatively stable at high temperatures, and is therefore suitable for reuse and deep frying. It is the main ingredient in *vanaspathi* (hydrogenated vegetable oil).

However, palm oil is not used in Indian homes. That, and the fact that CPO continues to be imported, makes it unlikely that the decision to restrict refined palm oil imports will impact food inflation immediately.

#### Who will be impacted by the decision?

Indonesia and Malaysia together produce 85% of the world's palm oil, and India is among the biggest buyers. Both Indonesia and Malaysia produce refined palm oil; however, Malaysia's refining capacity equals its production capacity – this is why Malaysia is keen on exporting refined oil. Indonesia, on the other hand, can supply CPO, which would allow India to utilise its full refining capacity.

#### Will restricting imports of RBD palm oil help farmers?

Restricting refined oil imports will not help farmers directly, as they are not involved in the process of refining. However, the restrictions have caused refined palm oil prices to increase. If prices continue to hold, farmers will get a better realisation for their crop.

#### How will Malaysia be affected?

Malaysia has said that it cannot retaliate against India because it is "too small". With imports to its largest market restricted (India bought over 23% of all CPO produced by Malaysia in 2019), Malaysian palm oil futures fell by almost 10% between January 10 and January 17, although it has recovered since then.

India and Malaysia signed a free trade agreement – Malaysia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement – in February 2011. Under the agreement, India was required to reduce import duty on CPO to 37.5% (from 40%) by December 2019, and on RBD to 45% (from 54%) by December 31, 2018. In 2018, Malaysia exported 25.8% of its palm oil to India. If India does not issue licenses for importing refined oil, Malaysia will have to find new buyers for its product.



TOPOF THE WORLD



Prince Andrew

UK  
'No cooperation' by Prince Andrew in Epstein case

*London:* Lawyers representing alleged victims of sex offender Jeffrey Epstein on Tuesday urged Britain's Prince Andrew to help US investigators, after a prosecutor said he had given "zero cooperation". US lawyer Gloria Allred, who represents five women allegedly assaulted by Epstein, said the Duke of York has "a moral obligation" to meet the FBI. "It's long overdue for him to do it, or to explain why he will not do it, and he's done neither," she said. "If he's done nothing wrong, which appears to be what he has claimed, then why won't he talk to law enforcement?"

PAKISTAN  
Two terrorists killed in Khyber province

*Peshawar:* Two terrorists were killed and as many others arrested in separate incidents on Tuesday in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, police said. Police shot dead two terrorists, who happened to be a brother-duo, in northwest Pakistan. Acting on a tip-off, police intercepted two bikers on Tator road in Tank district, following which the two started firing at the security personnel. In the retaliatory firing, the two terrorists — identified as Awal Khan Bhattani and Jahanzeb Khna Bhattani — were killed, police said.

AFGHANISTAN  
Taliban attack police base, 11 killed

*Kabul:* Taliban militants attacked a police base in northern Afghanistan, killing 11, possibly with help from at least one of the policemen inside, local government officials said Tuesday. The insurgents first overran a checkpoint near the base late Monday, and were apparently able to breach the compound with ease because a sympathetic policeman opened a door for them. These details were provided by Mabobullah Ghafari, a provincial councilman in Baghlan province where the attack took place. A local police official also gave the same account.

DUBAI  
Indian expat gets jail term for groping woman

*Dubai:* A 33-year-old Indian man in Dubai was sentenced to three months of imprisonment for groping a woman in a mall, according to a media report. The incident took place on August 2 last year when the complainant, a 35-year-old Syrian woman, was shopping with her children at the mall, the Khaleej Times reported on Tuesday. The woman said she spotted the accused looking at her in a provocative way. "I got real scared of how he kept staring at my body," she was quoted as saying by the report.

WHO ADMITS ERROR IN ASSESSMENT, SAYS RISK LEVEL HIGH

# Virus outbreak: Hong Kong restricts travel from mainland, toll hits 106

AGENCIES  
BEIJING, JANUARY 28

CHINA SAID on Tuesday that 106 people had died from the coronavirus that is believed to have originated in the central city of Wuhan and is spreading across the country. The previous death toll, on Monday, was 81.

The number of confirmed cases increased from 2,835 on Monday to 4,515 on Tuesday, according to the National Health Commission. Meanwhile, Hong Kong on Tuesday implemented a broad series of restrictions aimed at controlling the spread of the coronavirus by limiting the number of mainland Chinese travelers entering the territory, one of Asia's busiest travel and financial hubs.

The restrictions, which included the suspension of high-speed and other train services between Hong Kong and the mainland, a 50 percent reduction in the number of flights, and a ban on tourism visas for many travelers, were announced by Carrie Lam, the city's chief executive.

The regulations, which apply to some plane, rail, bus and ferry arrivals, will begin on Thursday. They follow days of rising pressure from health care workers, epidemiologists and even pro-Beijing politicians who have traditionally supported Lam's government.



A Transmission Electron Microscopy image of the first isolated virus case; Chinese Premier Li Keqiang in Wuhan Tuesday. Reuters

Hong Kong has so far recorded eight confirmed cases of the virus. Barring Tibet, all Chinese provinces have reported the virus cases, posing a major challenge for health authorities.

Overseas confirmed cases have been reported in Thailand (7), Japan (3), South Korea (3), the United States (3), Vietnam (2), Singapore (4), Malaysia (3), Nepal (1), France (3), Australia (4) and Sri Lanka (1).

The World Health Organisation on Monday admitted an error in its assessment of the global risk of a deadly virus



2,000 PAK STUDENTS PLEAD FOR EVACUATION

- Over 2,000 Pakistani students stuck in Wuhan have appealed to the Imran Khan government to rescue them, as per reports
- There is a shortage of essentials and if this situation persists, we will run out of food very soon," Tayab said in a video uploaded on social media
- Hafsa Tayab, one of the students stuck in Wuhan, said other countries are planning to get their citizens out of the city through special flights
- The Foreign Office in Islamabad has confirmed efforts are being made to help the students. Officials are in constant touch with Chinese authorities, it said.

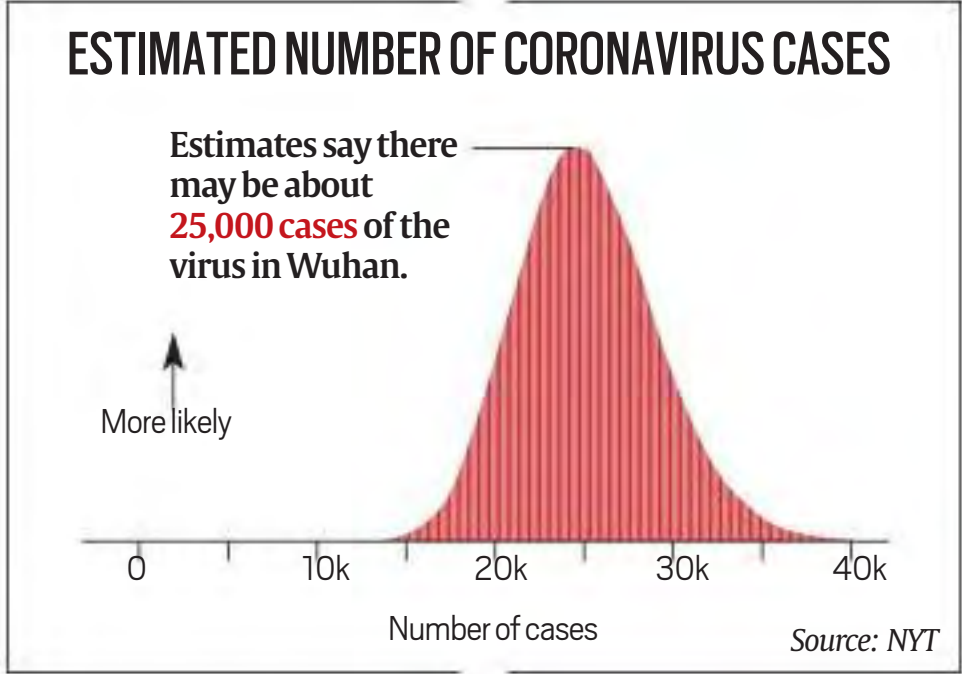
## Confident of slaying devil virus: Xi

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BEIJING, JANUARY 28

CHINESE PRESIDENT Xi Jinping told the visiting chief of the World Health Organisation on Tuesday that he was confident of winning the battle against a "devil" coronavirus that has killed 106 people and spread across the world.

A growing number of countries are planning to evacuate their citizens from Wuhan, a central city of 11 million people and epicentre of the outbreak. A chartered plane taking out U.S. consulate staff was set to leave Wuhan on Wednesday, a spokeswoman at the US embassy in Beijing said.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom



Ghebreyesus and Xi discussed ways to protect Chinese and foreigners in areas affected by the coronavirus and "possible alternatives" to evacuations, a WHO

spokesman said. "The virus is a devil and we cannot let the devil hide," state television quoted Xi as saying. "China will strengthen inter-

national cooperation and welcomes the WHO participation in virus prevention ... We believe that the WHO and international community will give a calm, objective and rational assessment of the virus and China is confident of winning the battle against the virus."

A WHO panel of 16 independent experts twice last week declined to declare an international emergency over the outbreak. The spokesman said an increase in cases and deaths in China would not necessarily trigger the emergency status.

Traditionally, the WHO seeks to promote cooperation and avoid antagonising countries it is helping, or it risks a reaction that could undermine its humanitarian work. REUTERS

LANKA SUSPENDS VISA ON ARRIVAL FOR CHINESE CITIZENS

*Colombo:* Sri Lanka on Tuesday suspended its visa on arrival facility for travellers from China, its third largest tourism source market, a day after authorities here detected the country's first coronavirus infection.

Sudath Suraweera, the chief epidemiologist of the country's health ministry, said on Monday that a 40-year-old Chinese woman was found positive for the virus. Following this, Sri Lankan health authorities ordered travellers from China must apply for visa via the online portal. PTI

WILL MISS PLAYING THE VILLAIN: FARAGE

As Nigel Farage packed a few belongings into a box at his office in the European Union's parliament in Brussels on Tuesday, he reflected that he will miss the very institution on which - as its bluntest critic - he built his political career. "I'll miss some of the fun, some of the theatre," he told Reuters. "I'll miss being the pantomime villain, which I've been many times. This has been a massive chapter of my life."

## Trump unveils Mideast peace plan that strongly favours Israel

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WASHINGTON, JANUARY 28

PRESIDENT TRUMP unveiled his long-awaited Middle East peace plan on Monday, outlining a proposal that would give Israel most of what it has sought over decades of conflict while creating what he called a Palestinian state with limited sovereignty.

Trump's plan would guarantee that Israel would control a unified Jerusalem as its capital and not require it to uproot any of the settlements in the West Bank that have provoked Palestinian outrage and alienated much of the outside world. He promised to provide \$50 billion in international financing to build the new Palestinian entity and open an embassy in its new state.

"My vision presents a win-win opportunity for both sides, a realistic two-state solution that resolves the risk of Palestinian statehood into security," he said at a ceremony that demonstrated the one-sided state of affairs as he was flanked by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel but no counterpart from the Palestinian leadership.

Trump insisted his plan would be good for the Palestinians and in his speech reached out to President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority. "President Abbas," he said, "I want you to know if you choose the path to peace, America and many other countries, we will be there, we will be there to help you in so many

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Palestine nod unlikely

PALESTINIAN LEADERS are unlikely to respond positively to Trump's plan, with thousands having protested in Gaza City before details of the plan even emerged. They have refused to deal with the Trump administration, alleging bias towards Israel in earlier policies such as the shifting of the US embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. While experts said that the proposal had indeed made more concessions to Palestinians than predicted, they said it is nevertheless not likely to be seen as the "win-win" situation that Trump presents it to be.

different ways."

The proposal imagines new Israeli borders that cut far into the West Bank, and, at least in the short term, calls for what Netanyahu has described as a Palestinian "state-minus," lacking an army or air force.

Netanyahu called it "a realistic path to a durable peace" that "strikes the right balance where others have failed." NYT



US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington on Tuesday. Reuters

AFGHANISTAN

## Remains of two US men found at plane crash site

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A US defence official says the United States has recovered the remains of two American service members killed in the crash of an Air Force plane in Afghanistan.

They were the only two people aboard the Air Force E-11A electronic surveillance aircraft when it went down on Monday in Ghazni province, the official said, speaking Tuesday on the condition of anonymity ahead of an official announcement of the recovery. The identities of the two have not been publicly announced, pending notification of their relatives.

The official said the American recovery team met no Taliban re-



The wreckage. AP

sistance in reaching the crash site and said there is no indication that the plane was downed by hostile action.

A journalist in the area, Tariq Ghazniwal, said Monday that he saw the burning aircraft. He told *The Associated Press* that he saw two bodies and that the front of the aircraft was badly burned but its body and tail were hardly damaged.

THE 85-YEAR-OLD HAD INITIALLY REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH COURT-ORDERED DNA TESTS

## Ex-king of Belgium acknowledges long-dismissed daughter

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NEW YORK, JANUARY 28

KING ALBERT II, the former Belgian monarch, conceded this week that DNA tests showed he was the biological father of Delphine Boël, an artist who claimed to be his daughter from an extramarital affair, an extraordinary admission after years of lawsuits that exposed the royal family to unusual levels of scrutiny.

King Albert's lawyers said in a statement on Monday that the 85-year-old former monarch,



King Albert II had ceded the throne in 2013. Reuters/File

who initially refused to comply with court-ordered DNA tests before finally submitting last year, had "taken note" of the results.

The lawyers added that there were "legal arguments and objections" establishing that "a legal paternity is not necessarily the reflection of a biological paternity," but that the king had decided "not to raise them and to put an end to this difficult procedure, in honour and dignity."

Boël, 51, is a Belgian visual artist who has claimed for years that she was conceived during an affair in the 1960s between

her mother, Baroness Sybille de Selys Longchamps, and Albert, who was then a prince and married to Paola Ruffo di Calabria, an Italian princess. Prince Albert and his wife already had three children.

Rumours of an illegitimate child were first alluded to in a 1999 book about Queen Paola by a journalist, Mario Danneels, and Boël made her first public claim that King Albert was her father in a 2005 interview.

While King Albert has never explicitly denied Boël's claim, he refused to acknowledge it, and

Boël filed a lawsuit seeking recognition as his biological daughter in 2013. King Albert ceded the throne to his eldest son that year, ending his immunity from prosecution.

Marc Uyttendaele, Boël's lawyer, said on Tuesday that she was "relieved" to be "considered as a legitimate child" because it would "put an end to the social exclusion that she was subjected to and will prevent her children from having to bear this burden."

But Uyttendaele added that she had been "hurt" by the "cold-

ness" of the king's statement.

In it, the king's lawyers said that he had "never been involved with any family, social or educative decision whatsoever regarding Madame Delphine Boël" and that it was Boël who, "40 years later," had decided to "change families" through a "long" and "painful" lawsuit.

"The attitude taken by Albert II yesterday does not foretell the opening of a dialogue between his daughter and him," Uyttendaele said. "For her part, she is open to this dialogue, but without much hope." NYT



RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION

# Memory wipe

Vladimir Putin wants to rehabilitate Stalin’s pact with Hitler



Over the past month Russia’s president Vladimir Putin has fanned the flames by launching one of the biggest propaganda offensives of his 20-year hold on power, comparable to the anti-NATO speech he delivered in Munich in 2007. *Reuters*

MORE THAN a million people, 90% of them Jews, had been murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau by the time the Soviet army liberated it on January 27th, 1945. The biggest German death camp in Poland is a universally acknowledged symbol of Nazi evil. Yet the 75th anniversary of its liberation has become a political battleground.

One ceremony to commemorate it will be hosted by Poland on January 27th at the site of the camp. Vladimir Putin, Russia’s president, will boycott it. Another took place four days earlier at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem. Andrzej Duda, Poland’s president, boycotted that one because Mr Putin was asked to give a speech and he was not. (Yad Vashem said only liberating countries’ leaders could speak — though they included Germany.)

Antipathy between Poland and

Russia is ancient. But over the past month Mr Putin has fanned the flames by launching one of the biggest propaganda offensives of his 20-year hold on power, comparable to the anti-NATO speech he delivered in Munich in 2007. This time he tried to upend the entire history of Soviet aggression towards eastern Europe. A key moment in that story is August 1939, when Hitler and Stalin signed a non-aggression pact and agreed to carve up eastern Europe. The next month, the Nazis and the Soviets invaded Poland and the second world war began.

Yet on December 20th, at a summit of leaders of former Soviet republics, Mr Putin delivered an hour-long presentation blaming Poland and its western allies for the outbreak of the war. He noted Poland had previously formed an anti-Soviet alliance with Germany and

took part in the division of Czechoslovakia in 1938, implying it had no right to pose as a victim. The Soviets, he told the stunned leaders, had no choice but to make a deal with Hitler, as Western powers would not ally with them against the Nazis. “The Soviet Union never took anything from Poland,” he added. (He did not mention that Soviet troops massacred 20,000 Poles in Katyn Forest in 1940 and, after the war, imposed a communist dicta-

torship on the country for decades.)

A few days later, speaking to Russian generals and MPs, Mr Putin cited a dispatch by Poland’s ambassador to Nazi Germany in 1938 applauding Hitler’s plan to deport Jews to Africa. “A bastard, an anti-Semitic pig,” Mr Putin commented. Polish Jewish leaders pointed out that the ambassador, Jozef Lipski, had helped Jews flee from Germany to Poland before the war. They warned that distorting the war’s history threatens

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“the foundation of modern European identity”.

This may be Mr Putin’s goal. He sees it as self-defence. Russia’s regime exploits celebrations of the Soviet victory over the Nazis, hoping that Russians will associate the current Kremlin with historical triumphs. In September the European Parliament passed a resolution blaming Stalin’s pact with Hitler for the war. It denounced “fascist, Stalinist, and other totalitarian and authoritarian regimes” and called for “resilience against modern threats to democracy” — a veiled jab at the Kremlin.

To hit back, propagandists advised the Kremlin to exploit divisions between Poland and the EU created by Poland’s attacks on the independence of its judiciary. Poland had hurt its credibility in 2018 with a bill that would have made it a crime to say that Poles collaborated in

the Holocaust (which some did). In a discussion among historians, reported in the Russian press, Fyodor Gaida of Moscow State University laid out the strategy: “If we and the European bureaucrats need a common enemy, I guess Poland will be the first candidate ... Our main ally is, yes, Israel. These topics must be developed: Jews in the Red Army and so on.”

Israel has its own reasons to be nice to Russia, which has become a dominant player in Syria. Mr Putin is popular with the country’s Russian immigrants; Binyamin Netanyahu, the prime minister, used pictures of the two of them together during his recent election campaign. None of this has much to do with history, which is always a victim of political battles in the present.

## LESOTHO

# Murder in the mountains

One first lady is dead in Lesotho. Another has fled

ON JUNE 14th 2017 Lipolelo Thabane was killed by gunmen outside her home near Maseru, the capital of Lesotho. Two days later Thomas Thabane, her estranged husband, was sworn in as prime minister of the mountainous kingdom. By his side was his new partner, the future Maesaiah Thabane, whom he married less than three months later. In his inaugural address Mr Thabane called the death of Lipolelo “senseless”. Yet in recent weeks belated efforts to get to the bottom of the killing have plunged one of the world’s smallest countries into chaos.

Rumours of violent chicanery have long haunted the first family. Mr Thabane’s daughter from his first marriage has alleged that Maesaiah, wife number three, had a hand in the death of Lipolelo, wife number two. The supposed motive: Maesaiah wanted to be the official first lady but was being blocked by the high court, which in 2015 ruled that Lipolelo would retain that role until she divorced Mr Thabane, a process she was drawing out in order to keep the perks of office. Mr Thabane has accused his daughter of trying to topple him so as to help her husband, another politician.

In December the case moved from speculation to allegations. The police issued an arrest warrant for Maesaiah after she went on the run to escape questioning by investigators. They want her and her 80-year-old husband to explain, among other things,

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why there had been a phone call from the crime scene to a number linked to Mr Thabane. In response, the prime minister tried to suspend the police chief but was blocked by the courts on January 9th. Maesaiah, 42, is still missing. The police have interviewed her husband.

On January 16th an envoy from South Africa, the country that encircles Lesotho and upon which the kingdom is economically reliant, paid Mr Thabane a visit. The next day the prime minister seemed to accept that having a wife on the lam was a distraction from his day job. He said he would resign, though he has yet to give a date. Rivals are already jockeying to replace him.

Part soap opera, part Shakespeare, the case is not the only drama to have befallen Lesotho in its modern history. For most of the century before 1966 the kingdom was a

British colony, rather than part of South Africa. After independence that year Chief Leabua Jonathan began two decades of autocratic rule, suppressing opposition and briefly expelling the king (before allowing the monarch to return in a symbolic role). In 1986 the armed forces took over, backed by the neighbouring apartheid regime. Democracy returned in 1993, and with it unseemly squabbles for power among an ever-growing number of parties, which are encouraged to split by a system of partial proportional representation.

These parties have no real ideological differences, says John Aerni-Flessner of Michigan State University. But since there is not much of a domestic economy — most of Lesotho’s income comes from supplying water to South Africa, fees from the regional customs union and remittances — politics is the way to get rich. Lipolelo’s murder is not the first with political consequences in recent years. In 2014 there was also a coup that toppled Mr Thabane, who fled to South Africa fearing for his life, only to regain power in 2017, when his supplanters’ coalition fell apart.

It is unclear why the actions against Mr Thabane and his third wife came when they did. It may have been the eventual product of hard work by dogged detectives. Alternatively, it may reflect how dimly the Basotho elite view the first lady. She is often compared to Grace Mugabe, another



Thomas Thabane, Prime Minister of Lesotho, during the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York last year. *Reuters*

relatively young woman who married a veteran African leader and became the apparent power behind the throne.

Whatever the truth, the country can ill afford chaos. Its official unemployment rate

is 23.5%, one of the highest in the world. Just 20% of people in rural areas have access to electricity. A legacy of high rates of HIV/AIDS means that life expectancy is 53, compared with 60 in the late 1980s. The im-

mediate victim of this saga was of course Lipolelo Thabane. But the people of Lesotho are victims, too.



## IRDAI ISSUES GUIDELINES ON GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES

# Merger of PSBs, insurers to set the stage for reshuffle in health insurance portfolio

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MUMBAI, JANUARY 28

THE HEALTH insurance segment is set to witness a major reshuffle in the way business is handled following the merger of several public sector banks and the impending merger of three public sector insurance companies.

The insurance regulator, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai), on Tuesday laid down the guidelines on group health insurance policies following the merger of public sector banks (PSBs). The boards of the three insurance companies — National Insurance Company, Oriental Insurance Company and United India Insurance Company — approved the merger process last week, setting the stage for the formation of a big insurance entity.

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### SAFEGUARDING CONSUMER INTEREST

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panies and an indication to this effect is likely to be announced in the Budget. Though former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had announced their merger in Budget 2018-19, there was hardly any momentum in its implementation. “When the merger takes shape, various insurance products handled by the three companies will

come under one company,” said an insurance sector official. The health insurance sector reported a premium collection of over Rs 37,000 crore for 2017-18.

Meanwhile, the regulator said a bank in its capacity as a group organiser may have group insurance arrangements with any number of insurance companies for the in-

surance needs of its customers. At the end of the current policy period of the group insurance policy of the merged bank, the acquiring bank at its option may continue with the same group insurance policy with the same insurance company, for the customers of the merged bank. “The acquiring bank may simultaneously continue to have insurance coverage for its existing customers with its existing insurance company. The acquiring bank can also offer this insurance coverage to the customers of the merged bank with the consent of its insurer,” Irdai said.

The arrangements of the merged banks can be continued with the respective insurance companies for a period of twelve months from the date of merger, subject to willingness of the acquiring bank to function as the corporate agent for the respective insurance companies.

In August 2019, the government announced the government’s decision to merge 10 state-

owned banks to create four large entities or lenders. Under the plan, Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India will be merged with Punjab National Bank; Canara Bank with Syndicate Bank; Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank with Mumbai-based Union Bank of India; and Allahabad Bank with Indian Bank. That will mean a consolidation of banks in India from 27 before 2017, to 12 after the merger goes through. In 2018, the government had announced merger of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda, aiming to create the third-largest lender after SBI and ICICI Bank.

During FY17-18, insurance companies collected Rs 37,029 crore as health insurance premium, registering growth of 21.8 per cent over the previous financial year. The share of group health insurance was the highest at 48 per cent, followed by individual business (41 per cent) and the government business (11 per cent).



Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran, Tata Sons Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata and Guenter Butschek, CEO and MD at Tata Motors (right) along with other executives, launch the company’s electric SUV Nexon EV in Mumbai Tuesday. Amit Chakravarty

## Tata Motors unveils electric SUV Nexon

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, JANUARY 28

TATA MOTORS on Tuesday unveiled the electric variant of its compact SUV Nexon at a starting price of Rs 13.99 lakh and said it plans to launch four more electric vehicles (EVs) in the next two years. The company which has already set up a network of about 100 EV charging stations so far, has plans to increase the stations to 300 by March this year.

The other four EVs will also be an electric version of its existing

cars and will include a hatchback, sedan and SUV.

“After 16 months of strenuous effort, we are delighted to launch India’s own electric SUV, the Nexon EV. We are confident that this game-changing product will

further reinforce our commitment towards developing sustainable and responsible mobility solutions for India,” the company’s Managing Director and Chief Executive Guenter Butschek said.

Tata Group Chairman N Chandrasekaran said the whole ecosystem for an electric vehicle is in place now, and its adoption

will be much faster and easier going forward as Nexon EV is now a reality. The launch function was also attended by Ratan Tata, the group’s Chairman Emeritus.

Nexon EV, powered by in-house developed Ziptron technology, comes with a range of 312 km on a single charge and a high voltage system, fast charging capability, extended battery life and class leading safety features. Besides, it has 35 connected car features as well. Powered by a 129 PS permanent magnet AC motor powered by a 30.2 kWh lithium ion battery, the Nexon EV will be available in

three trim levels across 60 authorised dealerships in 22 cities, the company said at the launch. “With the launch of this car, Tata Motors is launching, in fact, India’s first EV ecosystem,” Chandrasekaran said.

Tata Power, which has set up 100 charging stations, will add another 650 in more than 20 major Indian cities over the next year, the company’s CEO Praveer Sinha said.

Tata will use its chain of Croma stores to display digitally its EVs, and some stores could offer test drives and charging stations and may even sell cars.

### SCHEMES FOR SC, ST, OBC, MINORITY, WOMEN, AMONG OTHERS

# Amid higher expenditure level of Ministries, funds in welfare schemes remain underutilised

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THE GOVERNMENT’S ministries and its various departments may have tried to reach their overall target of expending 75 per cent of the Budget allocation. However, several schemes of these ministries where there are real beneficiaries — Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, women, minorities, and disabled people — have shown very poor expenditure level in almost nine months.

In the case of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Rs 2,926.82 crore was allotted for post-matric scholarship to SCs but only Rs 1,731.31 crore were spent — only 59.15 per cent. It has a Budget allocation of Rs 30 crore for free coaching of Scheduled Caste and OBC students. Till January 3, only Rs 6.9 crore (23 per cent) was spent. Of the Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatravas Scheme’s allocation of Rs 107.76 crore, only Rs 7.6 crore (7.05 per cent) has been spent till January 3. The Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC students was allocated Rs 220 crore, but the Ministry spent only Rs 122.53 crore (55.69 per cent). Similarly, of Rs 355 crore allocated to Pre-Matric Scholarship to Scheduled Castes, only Rs 182.67 crore (51.45 per cent) was spent.

Women’s welfare schemes have also performed poorly, shows the data. A total of Rs 201.21 crore was allocated to the Ministry of Women & Child Development for schemes funded from the Nirbhaya Fund. But, no amount was spent till December 24, as per the data. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, one of the most publicised schemes of the NDA government, has an allocation of Rs 280 crore but only 43.94 crore was spent to date — only 15.69 per cent of the allocation. An amount of Rs 1,330 crore was allocated for various schemes to protect and empower women, but the Ministry was able to spend only Rs 204.77 crore — only 15.29 per cent of the allocation. The Working Women Hostel scheme has an allocation of Rs 165 crore, but only Rs 19.72 crore was spent till December 24. With an

allocation of Rs 15 crore, there is another scheme of the Ministry of WCD — Home for Widows — but there was no amount spent from this scheme till December 24. The Ministry’s other schemes like Mahila Shakti Kendra (expenditure of Rs 8.75 crore of allocation of Rs 150 crore) and Ujjwala (expenditure of Rs 8.58 crore of allocation of Rs 30 crore) have also been among the worst performers in terms of expenditure. Another big-ticket programme of this government is the National Nutrition Mission, under this Ministry, for which several highly paid consultants have been hired. This was allocated Rs 3,400 crore for the fiscal, but only Rs 1,102.74 crore — 32.43 per cent — of the allocation was utilised.

The Ministry of Textiles also has some schemes for the welfare of poor. For instance, of Rs 456.8 crore for the National Handloom Development Programme, only Rs 256.14 crore was spent till December 18, which was 56 per cent. The Powerloom Promotion Scheme was given Rs 159.08 crore but only Rs 24.31 crore was spent. For all the schemes of the Ministry of Textiles, there was an allocation of Rs 4,800.57 crore for revenue expenditure and only Rs 30.91 crore was capital expenditure, but till December 18 only Rs 3,243.10 crore (67.56 per cent), and from the capital head only Rs 9.21 crore (29.8 per cent), was spent to date.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has several schemes for the welfare of disabled people, but some of them have shown poor expenditure level. For instance, of the total allocation of Rs 41.21 crore for the National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation, the actual expenditure till January 7 was zero. Similarly, the whole allocated amount of Rs 17 crore for the establishment of Centre for Disability Sports was unspent till

that date. Also, Rs 8 crore was allocated for the support of Braille Presses, but nothing was spent.

Schemes under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, too, have a poor expenditure pattern as seven particular schemes, with total allocation of Rs 3,289.31 crore, were able to spend only Rs 867.82 crore till November 30 — only 25.38 per cent. Under Hamari Dharohar scheme, Rs 8 crore was allocated in 2019-20, but till November 30 not a single penny was spent. Similarly, of an allocation of Rs 15 crore for the Leadership Development of Minority Women scheme, only Rs 46 lakh was spent (3.07 per cent).

A sum of Rs 60 crore was allocated for the monitoring and evaluation of the programmes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, but only Rs 1.83 crore was spent. Schemes for the welfare of the students belonging to the minorities section have also almost same the same pattern. Of an allocation of Rs 1,470 crore for Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram, only Rs 627.07 crore was spent till that date. And, of Rs 1,220.30 crore allocated for the Pre-Matric Scholarships for minority students, only Rs 162.90 crore were spent. Moreover, of Rs 496.01 crore allocated for the Post-Matric Scholarships of minority students, only Rs 70.56 crore was spent. For the support of the UPSC candidates who clear the C-SAT (Prelims) examination of Civil Services Exams, Rs 20 crore was allocated but till November 30, only Rs 5 crore was spent.

While as per the earlier criterion of only 33 per cent of the Budget allocation was allowed to be spent in the last quarter (January-March), in a communication to the ministries, the Department of Economic Affairs said on December 27 the government would allow only 25 per cent of the Budget allocation in the last quarter of the financial year. Sources said the ministries have recently received Revised Estimates in accordance with which the allocation has been reduced for many schemes, which have seen poor expenditure levels.

## Low commodity prices, reduced corporate tax help Maruti net rise 5%

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

Maruti Suzuki on Tuesday reported a 5 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) increase in its net profit at Rs 1,565 crore for the quarter ended December 2019 as marginal recovery in volume growth, lower tax expenses and fall in commodity prices, were offset by higher sales promotion expenses, depreciation and lower other income.

Total revenue from operations rose 5.3 per cent y-o-y to Rs 20,707 crore on account of a 2 per cent y-o-y growth in volumes at 4,37,361 units during the October-December quarter and Rs 300 crore increase in other operating income to Rs 1,058 crore. Volumes rose after five consecutive quarters of decline. Shares of Maruti Suzuki fell 2.05 per cent to close at Rs 6,996.95 at the BSE. The result was announced during the market hours.

On the operating front, Ebitda (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) rose 8.9 per cent y-o-y to Rs 2,102 crore while margins rose by a marginal 30 basis points to 10.1 per cent as raw material costs declined significantly but was partially offset by discounts which had touched the highest-ever levels. Average discounts during the quarter was around Rs 33,000 as demand remained subdued and the company had to liquidate the year-end BS-IV stocks before new emission norms (BS-VI) come into force from April 2020. The cost of raw material as a percentage of net sales declined by a massive 14 per cent y-o-y in Q3FY20.

The company’s Ebitda margins have been falling for the past four quarters. Tax expenses fell

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1st growth in four quarters

MARUTI ANNOUNCED growth in net profit for the first time in last four quarters on the back of lower input cost and cut in corporate tax rates. However, if the industry does not see a revival in consumer demand and growth in sales then the company will continue to face pressure on numbers going forward. Budget announcements to push consumption in the economy and revive sentiments may help the industry’s cause.

22.6 per cent y-o-y to Rs 441 crore. Ajay Seth, CFO at Maruti Suzuki said margins were impacted due to high discounts on almost every model. “If the discounts would have been normal, the margins would have expanded by another around 150 basis points,” Seth told analysts at the post results conference call. Realisations in Q3FY20 declined 5.7 per cent to Rs 4.7 lakh despite price hikes taken by the company on account of introduction of new safety regulations and migration of the petrol portfolio to BS-VI. Analysts at Kotak Institutional Equities had expected revenues to increase by 16 per cent y-o-y led by a 9 per cent increase average selling price. **FE**

## MOVE MAY DISMAY THE US, WHICH FEARS CHINA CAN USE HUAWEI TO STEAL SECRETS

# UK grants Huawei a limited role in 5G, defying Trump

REUTERS  
LONDON, JANUARY 28

UK PRIME Minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday granted China’s Huawei a limited role in Britain’s 5G mobile network, resisting US pressure to exclude the company from next generation communications on fears China could use it to steal secrets.

In the biggest test of his post-Brexit foreign policy to date, Johnson ruled that “high-risk vendors” would be allowed into the “non-sensitive” parts of 5G networks, but their involvement would be capped at 35 per cent.

They would be excluded from the sensitive core of networks, where data is processed, and banned from all critical networks and sensitive locations such as nuclear sites and military bases, the government said.

The decision will dismay US President Donald Trump’s administration which fears China could use Huawei to steal secrets and which has warned that if London gives Huawei a role then it could scale back intelligence cooperation.

“This is a UK-specific solution for UK-specific reasons and the decision deals with the challenges

### HIGH-RISK VENDORS TO BE ALLOWED

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we face right now,” Communications Secretary Nicky Morgan said following a meeting of the National Security Council chaired by Johnson.

Huawei was not mentioned by name in the British government’s statement, but British cyber security officials said they had always treated the company as a “high risk” vendor.

The White House and US state department did not immediately respond for a request to comment. Huawei, though, was happy. “Huawei is reassured by the UK government’s confirmation that we can continue working with our customers to keep the 5G roll-out on track,” said Victor Zhang, Vice-President, Huawei.

“This evidence-based decision will result in a more ad-

vanced, more secure and more cost-effective telecoms infrastructure that is fit for the future. It gives the UK access to world-leading technology and ensures a competitive market.”

Sources told Reuters last week senior British officials had proposed granting Huawei a limited role in the 5G network - a “calculated compromise” which could be presented to Washington as a tough restriction but also accepted by British operators already using the company’s equipment.

Huawei, the world’s biggest producer of telecoms equipment, says the United States wants it blocked from Britain’s 5G network because no US company can offer the same range of technology at a competitive price.

## EU will not ban Huawei, but impose ‘strict’ 5G rules

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
BRUSSELS, JANUARY 28

THE EUROPEAN Union will not ban Chinese telecom giant Huawei or any other company in Europe, a top official said on Tuesday, despite intense pressure from Washington to shun the firm over spying fears.

The European Commission, the EU’s executive arm, will officially unveil recommendations to member states on Wednesday, but commissioner Thierry Breton told MEPs that Brussels will choose tight scrutiny over any blanket ban.

“It is not a question of discrimination, it is a question of laying down rules. They will be strict, they will be demanding and of course we will welcome in Europe all operators who are willing to apply them,” he said.

The EU, while never explicitly naming the Chinese giant, is struggling to find a middle way to balance Huawei’s huge dominance in the 5G sector with security concerns pressed by







# Classifieds

## PERSONAL

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Sh  
Braham Chand R/o FF-1, H. No. L-  
29, Sector-12, Pratap  
Vihar,Vijaynagar, Ghaziabad,  
U.P. Inform that my father's  
name Printed on 10th  
Certificate Brihm Chand is  
Wrong .My fathers Correct  
name is Braham Chand for all  
future purposes.

0040529134-11

I,Auti Sitaram Sahebbarao (Army  
no-4483321A) L/NK R/O-Near-  
380,ka,autilmala, ralegan,  
shindhi, ahmadnagar,  
maharashtra-414302,inform  
that my wife name changed  
from fathangade sunita to auti  
sunita sitaram,for all future  
purposes.Both,name belongs to  
Same.Person

40528377-1

I,**Sohan** Singh Gulban S/O-  
Makhan Singh R/O-WZ-249,  
Virender-Nagar, Gali.No-5, New  
Delhi-110058,Have Changed My  
Name To Sohan Singh For All  
Future Purposes.

0040529356-4

I,**Ravi** Gurjar,(No.15817216-L  
Rank HAV),S/o Jagdish Singh  
R/o-V.P.O.-Sukand, Tehsil-  
Meghaon,Distt.-  
Bhind,Madhya Pradesh-  
477660,have declare that,in my  
service records,my wife name  
has been wrongly written as  
as,Pooja instead of her correct-  
Name Pooja Mavai.So,that  
kindly consider correct name  
Pooja Mavai for all future  
purposes.

0040529291-2

I, **Taheer Siddiqui** S/o Rafiq Khan  
R/O 1087, Gali Katra Ghulam  
Mohammad Lal Khan, Delhi-  
110006 have changed my  
daughter's name from Alinja  
Khatoon to Afza Khan for all  
purposes.

0040529210-1

I, **Sushma Kumari** W/O Anil  
Kumar Sharma, R/O-RZ-225a,  
Gali No.5A, Sadh-Nagar,  
Palam-Colony, West Delhi-45,  
Have Changed My Name From  
Sushma Kumari To Sushma  
Sharma Vide-Affidavit. Date-  
27.01.2020.

0040529330-5

I, **Sonica** W/O Rakesh Sachdeva  
R/O 63/42, West Punjabi Bagh,  
Delhi-110026. Changed My  
Name To Sonica Sachdeva.

0040529318-8

I, **Sonia** d/o Kaishash Chand  
Gupta R/o D-76, Dabri  
Extension, Palam, Delhi-110045  
have changed my name to  
**SONIA GUPTA**.

0040529217-1

I, **Sikandar** Sharma S/o Hit Lal  
Sharma R/O-A-85, Shivani  
Enclave Part-2, Kakrola, Delhi-  
110078 have changed my name  
to Sikender Sharma.

0040529271-2

I, **Shipra** Roy D/o Pavitr Roy,  
H.No-523, Village-khera khurd-  
khera kalan Delhi-110082. Have  
changed my name to Shipra  
Rai.

0040529318-1

I, **Shatrughan** S/o Suresh Shukla  
R/O-E-1/960, Gali No.25 Pushta-  
4 Sonia Vihar Delhi-110094,  
changed my name to  
Shatrughan Shukla

0040529284-1

I, **Shakti** Varma/NeHa D/o Late  
MWO SwrupChand Varma R/O  
RZD-90, H.No. 106, Mahavir  
Enclave, New Delhi-45 inform  
that both are the same person  
and shall hereafter be known  
as Shakti Varma

0040529299-1

I, **Shakila** Khatun W/o Mohd  
Mohib House No-E-12, Sector-B  
B1, Tronica City-Loni,  
Ghaziabad. have changed my  
name to Shakila Khatoon.

0040529284-3

I, **Sdavid** Muivah S/o M-  
Chinaoshang R/O J-4/64B, 3rd-  
Floor, Khirki Extension, Delhi-  
110017 have changed my name  
to Sovamsing David Muivah.

0040529271-6

I, **Satish** alias Satish Kumar S/o  
Late Sh.Jai Bhagwan R/o House  
No.65, Near Jyoti Candle  
Factory, Bakkar Wala, Delhi-  
110041 have changed my name  
to Satish Sehrawat for all  
purposes.

0040529211-2

I,**Sarfaraj** S/o Sirazuddin R/o-B-  
277, JJ Colony, B-Blood Old  
Seemapuri,Delhi-110095 have  
changed my name to Sarfaraj  
Saifi for all purposes.

0040529291-1

I, **Sansar** S/o Shri Rajpal Singh  
R/O-8/241 Mehram Nagar,Delhi  
Cantt.,New Delhi-110010 have  
changed,my name,from  
Sansar to Sansar Sehrawat  
for,future purposes.

0040529252-2

I, **Salma** D/o Jag Pal W/o Mohd.  
Aslam alias Madna R/o  
H.No.498, Mangolpuri, N-Block,  
Delhi-110083 is also known as  
Chhoti. Both names are of one  
& the same person.

0040529211-4

I, **SK Khursed** Alam S/o SK  
Sanawar AL R/o Girirchak,  
Narghat LS, Purba Medinipur,  
WB-721669, that name of my  
father has been wrongly  
written as SK Sanbar Hossen in  
my Educational Documents.  
The actual name of my father is  
SK Sanawar Ali

0070695082-1

I, **Richa** Guliani w/o Manoj  
Kumar Arora R/o A-35, 1st Floor,  
Tagore Garden Extension,  
Delhi-110027 have changed my  
name to **RICHA GULIANI**  
ARORA.

0040529219-1

I, **Mohinder** Singh S/o Late Shri  
Raghubir Singh R/o Plot No. 1, 2  
& 3, Old Khasra No. 32/12,  
Matiala Palam Road, Uttam  
Nagar, Delhi-110059 have  
changed my name to  
**MAHENDRA SINGH** for all legal  
& other purposes.

0040529277-1

I, **Mahua** Nandi W/o Hari Kumar  
R/o H-702,Indian Oil  
Apartments,Sector-62,  
Noida,(U.P.),informs that  
Mahua Kumar Nandi & Mahua  
Nandi both are my name &  
shall use the name Mahua  
Nandi for all future purposes.

0040529252-1

I, **Maheenuddin** S/o Badruddin  
R/O-B-41/A, Gali No.4,  
Brahmpuri, Delhi-110053, have  
changed my name to  
Mahinuddin.

0040529271-1

I, **Kum Sonu** Soni W/o Gopal  
Krishan Soni R/o-44 Vikas-  
Sheel Apartments Sector-13,  
Rohini Delhi-85. changed my  
name to Soniya Soni.

0040529284-7

I, **Kishan** S/o Veer Bahadur R/O H  
No-37, Kh.No-233, Gali.No-6,  
Indr-Enclave Phase-1 Kirari  
Suleman-Nagar New Delhi-  
110086 declare that name of my  
mother has been wrongly-  
written as Parwati in my 10th  
and 12th-certificate the actual  
name of my mother is Pamma  
Vati.

0040529356-1

I, **Kinder** Kaur W/O Harcharan  
Singh R/O Vill-Nadohar,  
Po.Bathe Bhiani-Tehsil-Patti,  
Tarn Tarnan-143401, Punjab.  
Changed My Name To  
Kinderjeet Kaur.

0040529271-8

I, **Khemchand** Vashist S/o  
Mukesh Sharma R/o WZ-1605,  
Nagal Raya, New Delhi-46 Have  
changed My Name to Raghav  
Vashist

0040529259-9

I, **Kapil** Aggarwal S/O Amolik  
Chand Agarwal R/o H.No-A-601,  
Pooja Apartment,  
I.P.Extension, Delhi-110092,  
Have Changed To Kapil  
Agarwal,For All Future  
Purposes.

0040529356-5

I, **Harmik** Singh S/o Iqbal Singh  
R/o F-152B Vishnu-Garden Tilak  
Nagar New Delhi-110018. have  
changed my name to Harmek  
Singh.

0040529318-3

I, **Gurmali** Singh S/o Mkhan  
Singh R/O-A-48 Street  
No.4,Jagatpuri Krishna-Nagar  
Delhi-110051, have changed my  
name to Gurmeli Singh for all  
purposes.

0040529284-6

I, **Gori** Varma W/o Dhiren Verma  
R/o H.No. A-135, SF, Gulab Bagh,  
Nawada, Uttam Nagar, D.K.  
Mohan Garden, West Delhi-  
110059 have changed my name  
to Gori Verma

0040529372-1

I, **G. Singh** S/o Shri Hari Charan  
Singh R/o H.No-103/3, Part II,  
Defence Enclave, Mohan  
Garden, Uttam Nagar, New  
Delhi 110059, have inform that  
father's name of my daughter's  
OBC certificate is written as  
Gobri Singh, I further inform  
that G. Singh & Gobri Singh is  
one & same person for all  
future purposes.

0040529221-1

I, **Neera** Chaurisya W/o Rajesh  
Kumar R/O-345 G.F Gali No.24,  
OmVihar, Phase-1A,  
UttamNagar, Delhi-110059 have  
changed my name to Neera

0040529271-3

I, **Naval** Preet Singh R/O-B2  
Raavya-Apartments Gali No.42,  
SadhNagar Part-II Palam, New  
Delhi-110045, have changed my  
daughter's name from Falak  
Jaidka to Falak. Vide-affidavit  
dated-27.01.2020.

0040529330-4

I, **Mustqem** Ahmad S/O Ali  
Hasan R/O-D-17/83, Sector-3,  
Rohini, Delhi-85 Have Changed  
My Name To Mustkeen Ahmed  
Salmani.

0040529318-9

I, **Mukesh** S/o Laxmi Narain  
Kapoor R/O-G-13, Pocket-B1,  
Mayur-Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi-  
110096,has change my name  
Mukesh to Mukesh Kapoor,for  
all,future purposes.

0040529356-3

I, **Mohd.**Shamsuzzama, S/o  
Late.Mohammad Zahir Ahmad  
Ahrar R/O-4/80, E-1, Kabeer-  
Colony, Jamalpur, Koil, Aligarh,  
Uttar Pradesh-202001 that I had  
passed my High School-  
Examination Conducte by  
Bihar Vidyalaya Pariksha  
Samiti having Examination Roll  
Code-5403 and Roll No.0167 in  
the year-1982.The name of my  
father has been wrongly  
written as Mhd Zahir Ahmad  
instead of MOHAMMAD ZAHIR  
AHMAD AHRAR.

0040529330-2

I, **Mohd.**Shamsuzzama, S/o Late  
Mohammad Zahir Ahmad  
Ahrar R/O-4/80, E-1, Kabeer-  
Colony, Jamalpur, Koil, Aligarh,  
Uttar Pradesh-202001 that in  
my High School-Certificate  
issued by Bihar Vidayalya  
Pariksha Samiti my name has  
been wrongly-written as Mhd  
Shamsuzzama instead of  
Mohd. Shamsuzzma.

0040529330-3

I, **Mohd.** Aslam S/o Mohd.  
Sharafat Ali alias Ghanshyam  
R/o H.No.498, Mangolpuri, N-  
Block, Delhi-110083 is also  
known as Madna. Both names  
are of one & the same person.

0040529211-3

I, **Mohd** Qasim S/o Mohd  
Yahiya.H.No.1392, GaliNo.8A,  
Vijay-Park, Maujpur, Garhi-  
Mendu, Delhi-110053. changed  
the name of my minor son,  
Ahmad to Mohd Ahmed.

0040529271-7

I, **Md** Parwez S/O Zaheer Khan  
residing at H.NO.138A, R-  
Extension, Mohan Garden,  
Delhi-110059 have changed my  
name to Parvez Khan, vide  
affidavit dated 27.01.2020 at  
DELHI

0050161554-1

I, **Mandeep** Singh S/O Harbhajan  
Singh Saluja R/O, 9A/88,  
WEA,Karol Bagh New Delhi-  
110005,Have Changed My  
Name To Mandeep Singh Saluja  
For All Future purposes.

0040529230-1

I, **Amandeep** Singh Sandhu S/o  
Sh. Rajinder Singh Sandhu R/o  
E-149, Radha Kunj, Brij Vihar,  
Ghaziabad UP-201011, have  
changed my name Amandeep  
to Amandeep Singh Sandhu for  
all purposes.

0040529255-1

I, **Meenu** Bala W/o Bhupesh  
Mukhija R/o I-285, Naraina  
Vihar, Delhi-110028 have  
changed my name to Meenu  
Mukhija.

0040529271-5

I **Sizauddin** S/o Jamaluddin R/o-  
1041 Phatak Ram Kishan Das  
Daryaganj Delhi-110002,  
changed my name to  
Shijauddin for all purposes.

0040529284-2

I **Simran** Kochar W/o Mayank  
Valecha R/o D-2/8, Galino.2,  
Vashishtha Park N.Delhi-  
110046 have changed my name  
to Simran Kochar Valecha.

0040529271-9

I **Shalini** Kumari Panjiyar D/o  
Kamal Kumar Panjiyar and W/o  
Pravesh Kumar R/o A-15, Gali  
No-2, Amrit Puri A Garhi, East of  
Kailash, Delhi-110065, have  
changed my name to Shalini

0070695079-1

I **Saryesh** Gupta S/O Krishan  
Gupta R/O G3/4 Model Town-3  
Delhi-110009. Changed My  
Name To Sarvesh Gupta.

0040529284-8

I **Sapna** W/O Nishant Sharma  
R/O 707 Desire Residency  
AhinsaKhand-2 Indirapuram  
Ghaziabad UP. Have Change  
My Name To Sapna Thakur.

0040529259-3

I **Sant** Prasad Singh S/O, Gauri  
Shankar R/o K-78, Block-K  
Street No.13 Krishna Park Extn  
Tilak Nagar West Delhi-110018  
have changed my name to Sant  
Ram Singh

0040529258-1

I **Sabhya** D/O, Sushil Kumar  
Kaushal R/O D-100 Pandav  
Park, Delhi-110092 have  
changed my name to Sabhya  
Kaushal for all purposes.

0040529250-1

I **Ranjita** Kaur W/o Gurjeet Arora,  
R/o-105, Block-2, Lalleshwari-  
Vatika, Sector-21-D, Faridabad  
have changed my name to  
Ranjita Arora after marriage.

0040529259-7

I **Prateek** Kumar Garodia S/o  
Rajkumar Garodia R/O  
Agriculture Centre, Naugachia,  
Bhagalpur, Bihar-853204, have  
changed my name to Prateek  
Garodia

0070695084-1

I **Pradeep** S/o Nitya Nand R/O-C-  
21 Sawan Park Near Ashok-  
Vihar Phase-3 Delhi-110052,  
Changed My Name To Pradeep  
Kumar.

0040529318-5

I **Nirmala** Mahipasingh W/O  
Subhash Chander Add-RZ-79  
A/271 Near Post-Office Hans-  
Park West-Sagarpur Nangal-  
Raya Delhi-110046. Changed  
My Name To Nirmala Devi.

0040529259-5

I **Nidhi** W/O Prashant Rai Jiroitia,  
R/O-F-14, Mangalam  
Apartment Module-10,  
Abhaykhand-3, Indirapuram  
Ghaziabad U.P. Changed My  
Name To Nidhi Jiroitia.

0040529259-4

I **Neha** D/o Junaid Ahmed  
R/O-WZ-48 Mukerjee-Park  
Tilak-Nagar New Delhi-  
110018.have changed my  
name,from Neha to Neha  
Andaleeb,for all future  
Purposes.

0040529356-2

I **Mr.** Pami Chowdri w/o. Late  
Sh. Pmshesh Chowdri R/o. 72,  
Lok Nayak Apartment, Plot No.  
30 Sector -9 Rohini, Delhi-85  
have changed my name from  
Pami Khosa to Pami Chowdri  
for all future purposes.

0040529282-1

I **Manoj** Kumar S/o Krishan  
Chand R/o-462, Sec-11D,  
Faridabad. HR. have changed  
my name to Manoj Kumar  
Bhatia.

0040529318-2

I **Kulbir** Singh S/o Than Singh  
R/O-H.No-216, Dhudial  
Apartment Madhuban Chowk  
Pitampura Delhi-110034.  
Changed My Name To Kulbeer  
Singh.

0040529318-4

I **Kamlesh** D/o Ramjeelal Pal W/o  
Rajiv Kumar R/o 4/221 New  
Defence Colony, Murad Nagar  
Ghaziabad have changed my  
name from Kamlesh Pal to  
KAMLESH for all future  
purposes.

0040529256-1

I **Gurpreet** Kaur Chawla W/O  
Harminder Singh R/O 25,  
Sindhora-Kalan Village-Ashok  
Vihar, Delhi-110052. Changed  
My Name To Gurpreet Kaur.

0040529284-9

I **Gaurav** S/o Dal Chand Meghwal  
R/O-F-631, JJ.Colony, Madipur  
Delhi-63, have changed my  
name to Gaurav Meghwal  
Permanently.

0040529259-1

I **Deepti** Dang W/O, Ravi Shankar  
Jawa R/o Flat No. A203, Ambey  
Residency, Opposite to Plot  
No.446, Sector-39, Gurugram-  
122003, Haryana have changed  
my name to Deepti Jawa

0040529245-1

I **Anil** Sekhri S/o Late Madan Lal  
Sekhri R/o D-5/14, Vasant  
Vihar, New Delhi 110057.

Hereby Inform that I have  
changed my name from Anil  
Kumar Sekhri to Anil Sekhri.  
Anil Sekhri and Anil Kumar  
sekhri is one & same person for  
all future purposes.

0040529269-1

I **Amit** Kumar Harijan S/o Achhe  
Lal Das R/o 3, Masjid Lane,  
Rishra M, Hooghly, WB-712248,  
have changed my name to Amit  
Kumar

0070695087-1

I **Alok** Baudh S/o Ram Sakal  
Maurya R/o Majhalipatti Post  
Bajjarampur, Bajjapur,  
Jaunpur, Mariahu, UP-222001,  
have changed my name to Alok  
Maurya

0070695089-1

I **Afsana** Begam W/o Mohd  
Sharif R/o-D-173, Gali No-6,  
Noor-E-Ilahi, Delhi-110053.  
Inform that my name has been  
written as Afsana Begum in my  
passport No.K2315963.That the  
actual name of mine is Afsana  
Begam.

0040529330-1

I **Ajay** S/o Anand Bhadana, R/o  
H.No. 795, Pachola Mohalla,  
Village Anangpur, Faridabad  
have changed my name to Ajay  
Bhadana.

0040529259-8

I **Abbas** Khan S/o-Ahamad Khan  
R/O-F-277, Shahbad Dairy,  
Delhi-110042 have changed my  
name to Avesh Khan for all  
purposes.

0040529236-1

## LOST & FOUND

**Lost** original property  
documents i.e.Conveyance  
Deed of Property No.C4F/205,  
Janakpuri,New Delhi-110058  
favouring Late Siddhi Nath  
Avasthi S/o Late Hira Lal  
Avasthi.FIR lodged by Prabha  
Rani Avasthi W/o Late Siddhi  
Nath Avasthi R/O-C-4F/205,  
Janakuri,New Delhi-110058  
vide LR No.8472/2020  
dated:23-1-2020. Founder  
inform at above address.If  
anybody deals with this  
property in any manner  
whatsoever will be himself  
responsible.

0040529214-1

**LOST** my daughter 10th class  
Mark Sheet No.0031009, Roll  
No. 8629683, 2019 passed,  
Aadhar Card No.  
680807422577,Cast Certificate  
No. SC/04/948/8590/20/4/2015/  
90519489482979 & Date of Birth  
Certificate No. MCDOLIR-0114-  
006342415 etc. Name TARUNA  
GAUTAM D/o Mr. Rohit Kumar,  
R/O House No. 64, Gali No. 2,  
New Chauhan Pur, Delhi-  
110094, if any found please  
contact- Mob: 9810083586

0040529216-1

I, **Satnam** Kaur W/o Sh.S.Balbir  
Singh R/O NP-83, Ground Floor,  
Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have  
lost original Demand Letter,  
DDA Possession Letter and Site  
Possession Slip of above FLAT  
No.NP-83, Pitampura, Delhi,  
having file No.F-  
5(535)83/HB/NP/LIG, alongwith  
Electricity & Water Connection  
File. Finders may contact at  
above address.

0040529211-6

I, **Gopa** Chakraborty D/o Gautam  
Chakraborty R/O-RZ-C16/A,  
Mahavir Enclave Part-1, New  
Delhi. have lost my CBSE-10th  
Marksheet Roll No.6149435  
Year-2006.

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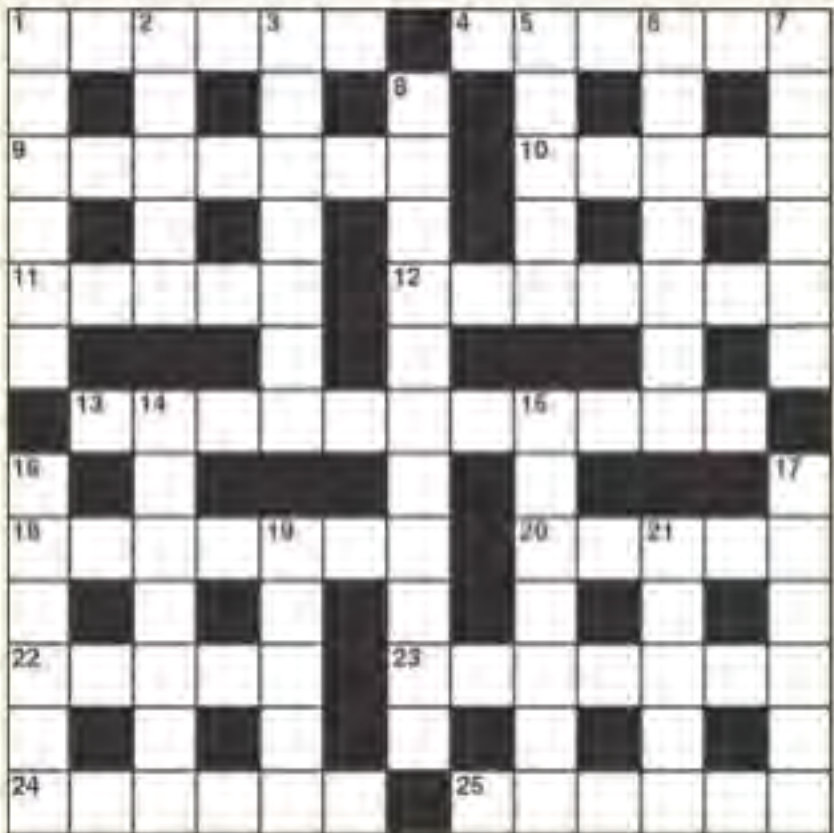
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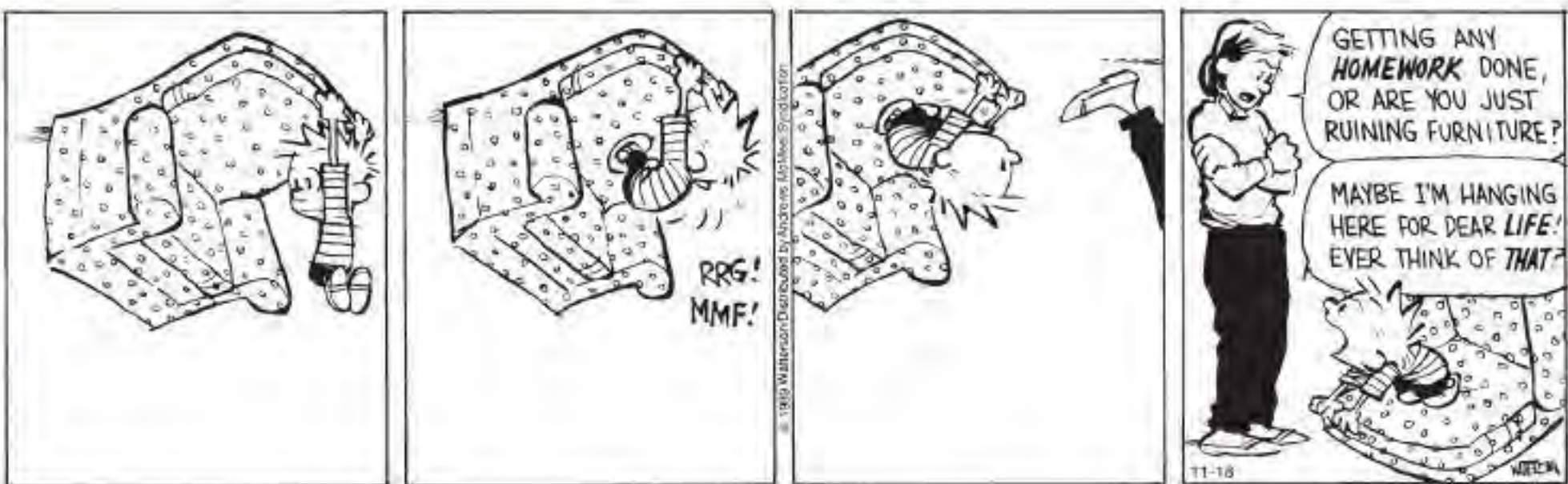
- ACROSS**  
1 How to make a quiet cat jump? (6)  
4 and 9 There's no telling where it may lead (6,7)  
10 Victor loses his head in the bullring (5)  
11 Illuminated and somehow spiritual without airs (3,2)  
12 Strange ordeals of a British admiral (3,4)  
13 It will indicate how elevated one's position is (7,4)  
18 Compound in which there are two animals (7)  
20 A revival in witchcraft? (5)  
21 A book to remember? (5)  
22 Managed to continue with foreign capital (7)  
24 Mother gets involved with a plan for making bombs (6)  
25 Stevenson's better half (6)
- DOWN**  
1 Blunder upset students (6)  
2 Rising and descent of the sun produces disturbance (5)  
3 I clap to make it mine (4,3)  
5 Showy fair lady? (5)  
6 In poor health - result of a car accident? (3,4)  
7 Abusive words from one engaged in commerce (6)  
8 A concentration of intelligence (4,7)  
14 Make light of palm oil (3,4)  
15 In a coat of arms, perhaps, it may be taken to promote good feeling (7)  
16 Directions to a famous garden in the country (6)  
17 Remarkable way to pass on information (6)  
19 Turning up to deposit gold sovereign (5)  
21 Sullen doctor overdrawn at the beginning of the year (5) (6)

Solutions Crossword 4026: Across: 1 Dentist, 5 Knave, 8 Extravagances, 9 Temp, 10 Crammer, 11 Rather, 12 Tutors, 15 Castle, 17 Yeast, 19 Transgression, 20 Liege, 21 Ensigns. Down: 1 Dwelt, 2 No time to spare, 3 Imagine, 4 Trance, 5 Koala, 6 Accommodating, 7 Ensures, 11 Recital, 13 Ulysses, 14 Hearse, 16 Issue, 18 Tong.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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.

Each day is the \_\_\_\_ of yesterday. - Publilius Syrus (7)

**ARATT**  
[Shaded squares for jumbling]

**AORUCL**  
[Shaded squares for jumbling]

**FOPOS**  
[Shaded squares for jumbling]

**NIGHTS**  
[Shaded squares for jumbling]

Answer: Each day is the reverse of yesterday. - Publilius Syrus

**SUDOKU 4104**  
Difficulty Level 2s  
Instructions  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.  
Difficulty Level  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

**SOLUTION SUDOKU 4103**  
[Sudoku grid solution]

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
It would not be difficult to blame other people's bad management or intransigence for your problems. However, with the Moon turning its attention to your personal activities, you may, if you wish, blame the stars. That won't let you off the hook in the long run, though.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
One set of small cycles is now in a critical phase and you really do seem to have reached a point of no return but, whether this is a bad thing or not, is a complicated matter. In fact I'd say that, if you can put a personal problem behind you, you will do yourself one enormous favour.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
Something is going to catch you by surprise, but it may be that what occurs is, in some strange way, a complete non-event. The best thing you can do today is remain cool, calm and collected. Always follow a practical course: it's fine to express your feelings, but don't get swept away by them.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
If there's one thing that's certain then it's that everything is changing. Your planetary positions will be moving on to the point where it will be almost inevitable that you will have to participate in an argument, even if it's not of your own making.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
At the moment you need to take quite a lot on trust, mainly at work. You must make a point of delegating important tasks at home, if only because there are now signs that you could soon be worn out and in need of a rest. Plus, of course, it's about time that others did their fair share.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
All those intense planets are making it rather difficult to work out just what exactly is going on. If you wish to stand around and scratch your head, all well and good. Don't allow partners, driven as they are by today's emotional moon, to pressurise you.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
The chance to make a major move at work is definitely there, but the window of opportunity is very slight. Do not let financial fears or worries stand in the way of an important ambition. Ask questions and face up to doubts - but stick to your guns.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
If there is an opportunity to improve matters at home, a chance to solve a family problem or settle a domestic matter, please move as quickly as you can. Events may be hard to control, but you must do your best. Some people would say that it's not as important to succeed as to try your best.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
By rights you ought to be flavour of the day, but what is given with one hand may be taken away with the other. Therefore there may be a fair bit of frustration later on, but there's little point in acting on the basis of resentment, because you might blame the wrong person.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
In any meaningful relationship both partners must learn to give and take. This principle applies to your professional as much as to your private life, but may be impossible to achieve. Therefore, you should only make promises today if you know you can carry them out.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
There will be time enough later in the week to restore your emotional equilibrium. You may therefore allow yourself a few risks today, although the only schemes which succeed will be deeply traditional. More up-to-date ideas should be left until you're sure of your ground.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
You must now determine whether you have been too hasty - or not, as the case may be. Hopefully a financial problem may now be settled, although I should imagine you may have to face the consequences and cough up. You might end up with less cash - but greater respect.

**Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.,**  
**Victoria Park, Meerut**  
**TENDER DATE EXTENSION NOTICE**  
The Date of opening of tender specification no PVVNL-MT/COM/17/19-20 for supply of 1,50,000 nos. Single Phase Two Wire Electronic energy meter (5-20) Amp. (Along with pilfer proof box & Seals) is hereby extended from 28.01.2020 to 07.02.2020. Time of opening tender and other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged.  
For detailed information please log on [www.pvvn.org](http://www.pvvn.org) & E-Tendering website [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in) till the date of submission of bids. Superintending Engineer (Commercial) "Help line Number for Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 941220745"  
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**Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.,**  
**Victoria Park, Meerut**  
**SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE**  
Short term tender are invited through e-tendering for supply of following material-1000 Km ACSR Dog Conductor against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/MM/97(s)/19-20 Date of tender opening on 12.02.2020.  
For detailed information please log on [www.pvvn.org](http://www.pvvn.org) & E-Tendering website [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in) till the date of submission of bids. Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number for Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 9412207451"  
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For Managing Director  
पञ्चांक: 1053 दिनांक 28.01.2020

**GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)  
Regd. Office : Block No. 14/1,  
Dr. Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar.  
079-23250767, 23250766, 23257696.  
The following amendment is hereby made in Tender Notice of this office  
**CORRIGENDUM IN E-TENDER NOTICE No: 13/19-20 (only for one item)**  

Description	Earlier published details	Amendment issued as
Pre-Bid Meeting	17/01/2020 11.00 hrs.	31/01/2020 15.00 hrs.

  
Other details of this Tender enquiry remain unchanged.  
INF/2155/19-20 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)  
CIN-L45203DL1976GOI008171, Website: [www.ircon.org](http://www.ircon.org)  
**e-Procurement Notice**  
e-Tender No.: **IRCON/ADMM/STP/19-20** Date: **29.01.2020**  
e-Tender in two packet system are invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Annual Operation and Annual Comprehensive maintenance" for 2 nos. of sewage treatment plants in IRCON's Corporate office, C-4, District Centre, New Delhi-17. Last date & Time of submission: **17.02.2020 up to 15.00 hrs.** For further details, visit website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.  
**Additional General Manager/Admin**

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY**  
**RAJA RAMANNA CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY**  
**e-TENDER NOTICE**  
e NIT No: RRCAT/CSO/CSD/2019/2020/CR-08 Dated: 27.01.2020  
Online item rate tenders are invited through e-tendering mode by Chief Engineer, RRCAT, PO-RRCAT, Indore, 452013, on behalf of President of India in two bids, from eligible contractors for the work **Construction of Clean Modular Lab in Cavity Processing building in technical area at RRCAT, Indore** Estimated cost ₹155.00 Lakh. EMD ₹ 3,10,000.00/- Completion Period 03 Months. Tender Processing Fee ₹ 5,900/- Detailed NIT & tender document can be downloaded from the website [www.tenderwizard.com/DAE](http://www.tenderwizard.com/DAE) from 31.01.2020 (10:00 Hrs) to (17:30 Hrs) on 14.02.2020. Date of pre bid meeting: 25.02.2020. Last date of closing of tender uploading (i.e. submission 11.03.2020 (15:00 Hrs). Submission of physical EMD & hard copies of document from 9:00 hours on 12.03.2020 to 15:15 hrs, on 17.03.2020. Online opening of Technical Bid on 17.03.2020 at 15:30 Hrs. Financial Bids of qualified bidders will be opened at a later date to be notified separately. The detailed NIT can also be viewed & downloaded from [www.rccat.gov.in](http://www.rccat.gov.in) After free viewing of Tender Documents in PDF Format, interested agency to download Technical & Financial Bids in Excel Format for participating, using their User ID / Password & Class III DSC before last date of sale. Registered agencies only can purchase / download & submit / upload tenders. Agencies may visit above website for registration. Contact for assistance / clarifications @ 8602465460, e-mail: [twhelpdesk777@gmail.com](mailto:twhelpdesk777@gmail.com) Chief Engineer, RRCAT  
For and on behalf of The President of India

**SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL & VMCC, NEW DELHI**  
**GOVT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**  
Tender Enquiry No.: HSCC/SJ/H/medical Equipment/2020/44 Dated 28.1.2020  
Global Tender Notice  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT) - On E-TENDER BASIS**  
Medical Superintendent, Safdarjung Hospital & VMCC, New Delhi under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India through their Consultants HSCC (India) Ltd. invites On-line bids from eligible bidders, in single stage two bid system for supply, installation, testing, commissioning & handing-over of following Medical Equipment for New Emergency & New Super-Specialty Block at Safdarjung Hospital & VMCC, New Delhi.  
**1). Angiography System for Interventional & Hybrid Procedures including TAVI (1 no.), 2). Single Chamber Pacemaker External (10 no.), 3). Ultrasound-cum-Echo Colour Doppler (6 no.), 4). R.O. Plant for Haemodialysis Machines (1 no.), 5). Cell Saver (4 no.).**  
Detailed NIT has been made available at E-Tender portal [www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC](http://www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC), [www.hsccltd.com](http://www.hsccltd.com) & CPPP Portal for downloading from 29.1.2020 to 28.2.2020. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly scan through HSCC E-tender portal [www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC](http://www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC) and [www.hsccltd.com](http://www.hsccltd.com) as corrigendum/modification/amendments, if any, will be notified on this portal only and no separate advertisement will be made for this.  
Medical Superintendent  
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(2) Sealed Tenders are invited from firms/contractor/vendor with professional expertise for **Procurement & Installation of Projector for TAL classes.**  
(3) Sealed Tenders are invited from firms/contractor/vendor with professional expertise for **Procurement & Installation of Projector for TAL classes CSD Trade Surplus Fund.**  
The above RFPs with specification can be downloaded from school website [www.apsdelhicantt.com](http://www.apsdelhicantt.com). Tender Form duly completed in all respect be submitted to APS Delhi Cantt by 12 Feb. 2020 at 1030 hrs along with DD (Tender Form fee & EMD) as per RFP in favour of Army Public School Delhi Cantt. For any queries contact APS Delhi Cantt on 25693777, 25692720.  
**Presiding Officer**

**THE H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED**  
**Totu, Shimla-171011**  
No. 421/P&1-8/15-XXIII Dated: 29.01.2020  
**Tender Notice**  
E-tender is hereby invited for the purchase of Raw material of Bakery Biscuits in Sugar-1200 Qtl., Bakery Shortening-1100qtl, Vanilla Powder-6qtl., Baking Powder-15 qtl., Salt-25 qtl., Oats-34Qtl., Custard Powder 8 Qtl. and Ajwain-12 qtl for the 3rd qtr of 2019-20 on FOR Basis at Milk Plant Totu, Shimla. The Bid document is available online on 30.1.2020 upto 12:00 PM and bid should be submitted in online mode on website [hptenders.gov.in](http://hptenders.gov.in) Bidder would be required to register in the above web-site [hptenders.gov.in](http://hptenders.gov.in) which is free of cost. For submission on bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring Bidders should visit in <https://hptenders.gov.in> & <https://hpmilkfed.org> for complete details. Bidders should also check the website from time to time to note the Corrigendum, if any.  
**Sd/**  
**Managing Director**

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Sealed quotations are hereby invited from the registered book suppliers, giving details of maximum Library discount for supply of different categories of Library materials like books etc. (both Indian & Foreign) to the Gauhati High Court, Principal Seat at Guwahati, other Permanent Benches as well as for District Courts. The last date for submission of quotation is **14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.**  
The terms and conditions and other details of the Tender Notice can be obtained from the website [www.gheonline.gov.in](http://www.gheonline.gov.in) or Librarian-Cum-Research Officer, Gauhati High Court during office hours.  
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**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
Sector 19-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh  
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**  
NIT No:- 01/Board Sectt/2020 Dated 28.1.2020  
Name of Office : Secretary, Bhakra Beas Management Board, Madhya Marg, Sector 19-B, Chandigarh-160 019  
Name of Work: The BBMB Board Secretariate invites Online tenders under "TWO BID SYSTEM" from interested tenders for selection of an agency for the purpose of hiring travel services for BBMB-HO & sub offices. The interested travel agency should have experience of at least 3 years in the relevant field and should be a member of IATA and IRCTC Authorized agency should have provided travel related services to various reputed organizations/ Department of Government of India / Autonomous Bodies / Public Sector Undertakings/ Statutory Bodies/MNCs.  
**Document Download End date and Time 13.02.2020 up to 5:00 pm**  
**Last Date and Time of online submission of bids 14.02.2020 up to 12:00 pm**  
**Due date & time for opening of bids 14.02.2020 at 3:00 pm Onwards**  
The tender document is not transferable to any other person. The tender document can be downloaded from the BBMB official website [bbmbproc.bbmbprocure.com](http://bbmbproc.bbmbprocure.com) & [www.bbmb.gov.in](http://www.bbmb.gov.in)  
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**WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,**  
**WATER RESOURCES DIVISION, JANJIGIR, H.Q.-CHAMPA**  
**DISTT.-JANJIGIR-CHAMPA (C.G.)**  
**e-Procurement Tender Notice**  
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>  
(FIRST-CALL)  
**SYSTEM TENDER NO. .... / NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. 03/SAC/2019-20 Dated: 27.01.2020**  
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 13-02-2020 (17.30 hours IST).  

System Tender No.	Group Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract
60227	01 CONSTRUCTION OF SONAIDH STOP DAM ON KANJI NALLA.	Rs. 126.34 Lakhs
60228	02 CONSTRUCTION OF JAMUNIYA ANICUT ON JAMUNIYA NALLA.	Rs. 180.66 Lakhs

  
The details can be viewed & downloaded online directly from the Govt. of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from dated 30-01-2020 at 17.31 hours (IST) onwards.  
Note: All eligible/interested contractors /bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under centralized contractor/supplier registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.  
**Sd/-**  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**W.R. DIVISION, JANJIGIR, H.Q.-CHAMPA**  
**DIST. JANJIGIR-CHAMPA (C.G.)**  
For, Chief Engineer  
76441 Hasdeo Basin Water Resources Deptt. Bilaspur (C.G.)



SNAPSHOTS

Word's Worth

SAMVIDHAAN, WHICH means Constitution, has been named as the Oxford Hindi Word of 2019 by Oxford University Press (OUP). The word was chosen because the year saw “the values of democracy, secularism, justice, liberty, equality and fraternity being tested on the touchstone of the Constitution”. The Word of the Year is a word or expression that attracts attention and reflects the ethos and mood of the past year. The word received widespread attention in August 2019 with the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35(A) of the Indian Constitution, which effectively removed the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir. It was complemented by other decisions by the Supreme Court, including the Sabarimala verdict. The Oxford dictionaries team invites entries for the Word through Facebook, which is then chosen by the OUP team with the help of language experts.



Diverse Views

BESTSELLING AUTHOR Stephen King recently courted controversy over an opinion piece he wrote in *The Washington Post* and a follow-up tweet, where he said that he would not consider diversity in matters of art, only quality. “It seems to me that to do otherwise would be wrong,” he wrote. In the piece he said that those judging creative excellence should be blind to questions of race, gender or sexual orientation.



Mystery Unsolved

VISUAL EFFECTS artiste and filmmaker Christian Rivers (pictured) will direct *Into Thin Air*, a film based on the unsolved mystery behind the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 in 2014. Avi Nakash, the owner of Israel's Arkia Airline, is financing the project. Rivers, who won an Oscar for best visual effects for *King Kong*, made his directorial debut last year with *Mortal Engines*. “In this modern age of technology and instant information, there are very few mysteries of this kind. But at its heart it's a human story of a man, trying to move past his own loss and find answers for those who are still suffering,” he said. Oscar-winning documentarian Jonas McCord has written the script.

FROM MY PANTRY



Chef **JATIN MALICK** on his favourite ingredient

FISH

**GOOD CATCH:** One ingredient that I have been using a lot lately is fish of any kind — salmon, mackerel, rohu. Fish is so versatile; it can be used in salads, sandwiches, main course. I'm a very lazy cook when I'm cooking for myself, so I always make something simple, with pasta or eggs, or I make sandwiches with anything, even leftovers. Sometimes, I just baste the fish in light sauces and grill it. If there is some leftover fish, I simply flake it and mix it with some pasta and maybe sprinkle some Himalayan pink salt on top of it. That is delicious.

I'm particularly enjoying sea bass right now. What I like to do is fry it in a pan till it has a crisp skin. Then in the same pan I char some broccoli, and I make some lemon butter salt, tossed with capers and some herbs, and put it all together in a dish.

**FINDING FISH:** Even though I grew up eating fish, the first time that I had any major exposure to it was when I was working in Goa in the '90s. We had fish everyday, whether in a curry or fried, and initially, I really enjoyed it. If you have leftover fish curry, you can drop an egg in it and have that for breakfast. I love the old-school Goan fish curry and rawa-fried pomfret. I also love the way fish is prepared down south.



(Top) Chef Jatin Mallick; crusted sea bass at Tres, a restaurant in Delhi, that specialises in European cuisine

**SEA TO PLATE:** The crusted sea bass that we serve at Tres has been a menu staple since we started in 2012. It's a very popular dish. The fish itself doesn't have a very “fishy” taste, so that appeals to customers here. The appreciation for fish is slowly growing in Delhi, although fish like mackerel, pearl spot and ladyfish, which are all so juicy and tasty, won't appeal to customers here.

Jatin Mallick is chef and co-owner of Tres AS TOLD TO POOJA PILLAI

# ‘Today’s contemporary art is tomorrow’s modern’

Director of India Art Fair Jagdip Jagpal on understanding art, making it accessible to a wider audience and the shared values it presents

VANDANA KALRA

**When you took over as director of the India Art Fair (IAF) in August 2017, you said one of your objectives was to make it South Asia centric. Do you feel that has been achieved?**

The fair has a distinct identity, where the focus is on South Asia, and every year we are building on that. This year, for the first time, we have a gallery from Sri Lanka (Saskia Fernando Gallery). Every year we have works by Pakistani artists. There is art from Nepal and Bangladesh too. This year we have not-for-profit initiatives such as the Nepal Picture Library, and Britto Arts Trust from Bangladesh. We do a lot of primary research. The international art fairs are not our primary source; several of them are mainly blue chip and not as diverse as we would like.

**How important is it for you to showcase diverse art at the fair? It is also promoted as a platform for contemporary art, is that vis-a-vis modern art?**

There are a fixed number of artworks of the modernists that are available. So we try to bring the best that we can, and the works of a number of modernists. There is a selection committee, which includes artist Ravi Agarwal and museum director Tasneem Zakaria, who also make sure there is diversity. We are also mindful of the provenance of these works, and there is a contractual arrangement with the galleries for that. There is a strong secondary market for the modernists, and the fair also plays a key role in creating a primary market for contemporary art. Today's contemporary art is tomorrow's modern.

Throughout the year, we also use our social media platform to tell stories. There are works by young graduates, who are making a mark, besides the well-known names. There is also a feature on Nasreen Mohamedi in the IAF magazine — offering five different perspectives from varied time periods — from Manisha Parekh, who was her student at MSU and gallerists Mortimer Chatterjee and Tara Lal, to her friends Nilima and Gulammohammed Sheikh.

**There is also a lot of emphasis on interaction with artists, including talks and workshops.**

We are in a privileged position that we have contacts with artists and can learn from them. We want to make art accessible to people, whether they can afford it or not. We have talks by artists such as Nilima Sheikh and Pallavi Paul. We also have the performance art segment. There are workshops too. Gagan Singh, known for his comical drawings, will be conducting a drawing workshop. Manisha Parekh will make art from



(Below) Jagdip Jagpal, Director, India Art Fair; Avinash Karn's *Nataraja The Dancing Shiva*, 2018, Madhubani acrylic on clay-coated jute Courtesy: Arts of the Earth



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waste. Seeing the process of the production of art also helps understand art better.

In the platform section, we focus on art that might be otherwise overlooked. It is a springboard for artists, art practices and collectives from South Asia. We insist that the artists are credited and not just the artform. This year, among others, Delhi Crafts Council will present the work of brass metal artist

Chanchal Chakraborty, and Gallery Ragini will show the work of Gond artist Dhavat Singh. We also have self-published books by artists at the fair.

**Have you been looking at the posters and art being produced as protests against CAA/ NRC? Will they be represented at the fair as well?**

Art is a way of communicating. It reflects society and politics. We have the Nepal Photo Library that has a visual archive of women's movements in Nepal, that could connect with what is happening at Shaheen Bagh. We try to support these shared values. Sameer Kulavoor has made a small work related to the protest. There are also several hashtags, such as #createnothate, that have resonated with people. Maybe, next year, we could reflect on works created around what is happening currently. We will be providing a platform to discuss creativity reflecting sociopolitical issues.

**This year, German gallery neugerriemschneider is showing works of international biggies. We usually don't see much of international art in India otherwise.**

With international art, we are very careful about the selection of galleries. This year will see Ai Weiwei and Olafur Eliasson, whose works in recent times have been much talked about. David Zwirner is bringing Marcel Dzama. The gallery has some works specially created for India. So it is not like you bring in works from the cupboard that the western world did not want.

## Mark Your Calendar



Ai Weiwei's *Martin*; Courtesy: the artist, Lisson Gallery and neugerriemschneider

PERFORMANCES

■ January 31, 2.30 pm to 3.15 pm: Maya Krishna Rao will direct and perform *Loose Woman*, a production on the various situations a woman finds herself in  
■ January 31 to February 2, 2 pm to 6 pm: Nigerian artist Jelili Atiku will invite the audience to engage in the act of colouring sculptural objects with turmeric  
■ February 1, 2 pm to 6 pm: As part of the performance *Nil. Nargis. Blue. Bring in the Tide With Your Moon*, interdisciplinary artist Raisa Kabir



(pictured) will dye linen and jute in natural indigo, making references to the historical connections between India and Scotland, and discussing globalised neo-colonial textile production  
■ February 2, 11.30 am to 12.15 pm: Vadodara-based multidisciplinary artist Piyali Ghosh will present *Naksha, An Untold Odyssey*, with a drawing installation

TALKS

■ January 31, 5.30 pm to 6.15 pm: Artists Naeem Mohaiemen and Pallavi Paul will 'recount their path to activism'  
■ February 1, 11.30 am to 12.15 pm: Curator and researcher Pramod Kumar KG talks about the life of confiscated artefacts  
■ February 1, 3 pm to 3.45 pm: Known for his fantastical works, Canadian artist Marcel Dzama will be in conversation with artist Dhruvi Acharya  
■ February 1, 5 pm to 5.45 pm: Magnum photographer Martin Parr will discuss his travels across India

with Rahaab Allana, curator of the Alkazi Foundation for the Arts  
■ February 2, 2 pm to 3.45 pm: Textile artists Arshi Irshad Ahmadzai and Raisa Kabir will be in conversation with Uthra Rajgopal  
■ February 2, 3 pm to 3.45 pm: Artist Nilima Sheikh



(pictured) in conversation with Sneha Ragavan  
■ February 2, 5 pm to 5.45 pm: Artists-filmmakers Shaina Anand and Shaunak Sen on their multidisciplinary practice

WORKSHOPS

■ January 31, 2.30 to 3.30 pm: New York artist Ghiora Aharoni will guide participants in making collages with contributions from participants of the workshop  
■ February 1, 4 pm to 5 pm: Manisha Parekh (pictured) will reuse old paper



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to create works of art  
■ January 31 to February 1, 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm: Artist collective and zine makers Bombay Underground will discuss how to reinterpret diverse materials  
■ February 2, 4 pm to 5 pm: Artist Gagan Singh will conduct a drawing workshop  
■ February 2, 12 to 1 pm: Bengaluru-based artist Renuka Rajiv's workshop will focus on collage-making  
■ February 2, 2 pm to 3 pm: Artist Rohini Devasher will take off from her practice that explores the relationship between earth and its place in the solar system

# Saving the King

A documentary series revisits the time when a deadly virus killed the lions of the Gir National Park

SURBHI GUPTA

IT WAS the monsoon of 2018 when trackers in Gujarat's Gir National Park, known to be home to over 500 Asiatic lions, found many of its famed residents missing. Soon after, it was found that 23 members from a pride of 26 were dead, and the cause was a highly contagious disease called Canine Distemper Virus (CDV). The virus had first made news in the '90s, when an epidemic killed nearly thousand lions in Serengeti, Africa. But in India, there hadn't been any cases till 2018, when it surfaced in the Sarasiya Vidi region of the eastern Gir forest.

However, the forest guards rescued over 33 lions, who were then quarantined, vaccinated and kept under observation. Scientists had also revealed another reason for the deaths: babesiosis, a disease caused by microscopic parasites that infect red blood cells. In 2019, film producer Upma Bhatnagar and her team made a trip to the park to tell this story in a 10-part documentary series titled *The Lion Kingdom*. Airing on Animal Planet this week, it has well-known veterinary surgeon Steve Leonard as the series host. “It was a serious issue not only in Gir, but

in India's conservation history. The existence of an entire species — Asiatic lions — that does not exist anywhere else in the world was at stake. When scientists and conservationists expressed their fears that the species may not come out of this crisis, I was really worried. I enjoy a special bond with the land, its people and its majestic animals. I wanted to get into the bottom of the issue, meet people to know how they fought it, the challenges they faced and how they are managing to keep the lions alive,” says London-based Bhatnagar, who had made another series, *Gir — The Lion Queens of India* in 2015, which focused on the women foresters who do animal rescue in the park. As a journalist-turned-filmmaker, her other works include *Decoding the Man-Eaters of Sundarbans*, *Tales from Rhino Land*, *Counting*

*Tigers*, and *Snake Squad*. In *The Lion Kingdom*, we see how the forest department worked round the clock to save the species while battling heavy rains and floods. We also see how the veterinary hospital in Gir functions — it is one of the only national parks in India to have a full-fledged hospital for animals. The documentary has footage from 2018 that the forest department shot where we can see the ail-



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(Left) Filmmaker Upma Bhatnagar; a scene from her documentary

ing lions too. An added challenge that the crew faced this time in Gir was filming in the monsoons. “The parks are closed to outsiders in the monsoon, but because the outbreak had happened at that time, we wanted to film it then. Since we were filming with 4K equipment and the region was seeing an unprecedented amount of rain, it was quite difficult,” says Bhatnagar.

But certain moments in the jungle made up for it, like when the forest guards reunited two leopard cubs with their mother. “After treating the three of them separately, they took them into the forest. It was pouring, but they couldn't bring them back as the mother was already tranquilised. It was an unforgettable experience to see them work with such love and care, how they built a little home with trees and branches for those

cubs,” she says. They witnessed a heart-breaking story too. “We were following a pride of lions and the lion was under threat from another lion. When the latter takes over, he kills the cubs too. It was heartbreaking to see that in the fight two new-born cubs die. All of us, including the guards, were so sad and shocked, as they invest a lot of time trying to protect them, but can't do anything about it,” she says.

Bhatnagar's interest in lions piqued as she wanted to break a wildlife stereotype that Westerners have about India. “Few people in the UK and US know that India has lions. They associate lions with Africa, and think of India as the tiger country. So, it's interesting to tell the world that India is the only place to have lions outside of Africa,” she says.



## India can make history in Hamilton

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
HAMILTON, JANUARY 28

A RUTHLESS India are expected to seal their maiden T20 International series win in New Zealand and only a special comeback from the struggling hosts in the third game here on Wednesday can delay what seems inevitable. India won the twin T20 Internationals in Auckland by margins of six and seven wickets respectively to go 2-0 up in the five-match series. A third successive win at Seddon Park will give them their first ever T20I series' win on New Zealand soil, a feat they were unable to achieve on two occasions previously. India lost 0-2 under Mahendra Singh Dhoni back in 2008-09, and last year, they went down 1-2.

Overall, this Indian side has seen an uptick in fortunes and are unbeaten in five T20 series since the 2019 ODI World Cup, including the ongoing one against the Black Caps. The only contest they didn't win was against South Africa, when the three-match series ended 1-1 after one of the games was washed out.

However, their current winning form in T20 cricket won't lead to any meaningful change in the ICC rankings. India are currently placed fifth in the T20I rankings, and need to win the remaining three matches – this series 5-0 – to move up to fourth from their current fifth spot.

New Zealand are currently placed sixth. Pakistan, Australia, England and South Africa, in that order, sit ahead in the rankings' table.

The greater concern at present is building towards the T20 World Cup to be hosted in Australia later this year.

In that regard though, the team management is quietly confident that various pieces of the jigsaw puzzle are starting to fall into place, and at the right time.

This is specifically boosted by the performances of KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer over the recent months, particularly on tour thus far. As such, there are no changes to be expected in the Indian line-up for the third T20. On Tuesday, there was an optional practice session with skipper Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Yuzvendra Chahal, Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah, the ones missing in action.

The support staff worked closely with those players who haven't yet received a chance to play in the series yet. Ravi Shastri paid close attention to Washington Sundar, while batting coach Vikram Rathour was busy with Rishabh Pant. Both are expected to sit out again on Wednesday.

There is possibility of one change to the Indian line-up. Kuldeep Yadav sat out the first two matches in Auckland, and that could have been a move motivated more by the ground size than anything else.

Chahal provides greater control and his wrist spin moves away from the majority of right-handers in the Black Caps' line-up, thus against the arc of swing. Yadav is a tad more adventurous in his flight and the angle of his spin into the right-handers could have been easy fodder at Eden Park's short boundaries.

Whether Yadav comes back into contention at the regular-sized Seddon Park remains to be seen. Additionally, there is little chance of Chahal-Yadav playing together, a move India have shied away from since the ODI World Cup.

From New Zealand's perspective, this is the last opportunity for Colin de Grandhomme to make an impression. The all-rounder will be replaced in the squad for the last two T20Is by batsman Tom Bruce.

## INDIA UNDER-19 ENTER WORLD CUP SEMIFINAL

# Small-town boy's big leap

Consistently crossing 140 kph, son of Hapur farmer runs through Australian middle-order with figures of 4 for 24

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, JANUARY 28

Praveen Kumar recalls the day three years ago when acclaimed Meerut coach Vipin Vats, who had groomed him and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, asked him to see a lanky 16-year old boy bowl in the nets at Victoria Park. Kumar remembers Kartik Tyagi's long run-up, the high-arm action, and the ability to consistently beat the batsmen. "Ek dum paka hua bowler" (fully seasoned), even then," Kumar says.

On Tuesday, Tyagi, a farmer's son from Hapur, played a leading role taking four Australian wickets to pave the way for a 74-run victory and India's passage to the U-19 World Cup semifinals.

He prised out two top-order wickets off successive balls in the first over after a run-out to derail the chase and the young Aussies never recovered from that triple strike. Interestingly, India's bowling hero had never wanted to be a bowler. His heart was set on becoming a batsman, an opener at that.

At 12, he joined Vats's cricket camp. "There were many batsmen awaiting their turn in the nets, and the coach told me, 'bowling daal' and that's how I became a bowler," Tyagi had told The Indian Express before leaving for the World Cup in South Africa.

However, it wasn't just a decision to relieve the boredom of a kid; Vats believed the boy had innate talent. "Firstly, he was tall, and then he had a good high-arm action. Fifty per cent of the work was complete there itself – at that talent-identifying stage. As a coach, it's my responsibility to set the career path of each player. I felt that Tyagi was most suited to become a bowler."

Tyagi went on to play age-group cricket – U-14 and U-16 – for Uttar Pradesh. He took 50 wickets in U-16 games.

Around that time, Praveen called Suresh Raina, who was Uttar Pradesh captain then, and raved about Tyagi. "On a flat track, he was at another level from other bowlers. He was swinging the ball at will and with pace. I felt yeh ladka bheed mein na gum ho jaye. (hope this boy doesn't get lost in the crowd). That's why I called Raina."

Soon, Tyagi was representing the state in the Buchi Babu tournament in Chennai and not long after, Raina handed him a Ranji Trophy debut. Rahul Dravid was impressed with what he saw in the boy and the teenager revelled in the vote of confidence.

However, trouble intervened soon. A stress fracture put him out of cricket for a year. It was felt that he had height but not enough muscle and core strength. Vats felt fast bowlers needed strong legs and a durable build to take the punishing load.

The injury also led to financial issues; his father had to borrow money for the treatment. "It was a struggling time, Papa had to borrow money, the money which he is still repaying. You know the state of farming, kaisa haal hai. He never told me how much money he took and how much is still pending, but it was a tough time for sure. He wanted me to become a cricketer and was ready to do anything for it," Tyagi recalled on the day he was picked for Rs 1.3 crore by Rajasthan Royals. Before he left for South Africa, Vats told him to consult Dravid on how to bowl in South African conditions. On Tuesday, Tyagi certainly proved all his backers right.



Kartik Tyagi accounted for No.3 to No.6 in the Australian batting order as India defended 233. ICC

## How Atharva tricked mother before his first game

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, JANUARY 28

Vaidehi Ankolekar, a bus conductor with Brihannamumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) in Mumbai, was worried till last week. Her son Atharva wasn't able to find a spot in the playing XI for the first two league games of the U-19 World Cup.

Atharva had injured his hand during training on the eve of the first game and was advised a week's rest. Worried that the news might upset his mother, Atharva hadn't disclosed the injury. He suggested to his brother to whisk her away for a holiday in Rajasthan. The rationale was that being away from television would ensure his mother didn't get too worried. Vaidehi says she travelled to Jaipur and Jodhpur with a group of family members, unaware that her son was injured.

"We would speak daily around 10 pm, discuss things like whether he is eating properly but I had no way of knowing about his injury. He hid it. I would of course ask him why he wasn't playing and he would tell me that he will play the next match," Vaidehi tells *The Indian Express*.

Only after the New Zealand game did Atharva share pictures of his injury with his mother saying he had recovered now, that it



Atharva Ankolekar made 55 off 54. ICC

wasn't too serious, and he would definitely play the next game. "That's when I knew," Vaidehi says.

In the quarterfinal against Australia, Atharva showed his temperament in a vital

knock – India were struggling at 144 for 6 and even 200 looked a distant possibility but Atharva dragged them to 233 with an unbeaten 55. In particular, his 61-run partnership for the seventh wicket with Ravi Bishnoi, who made 30, turned the tide.

Vaidehi is now familiar with cricketing jargon and excitedly rattles off, "Did you see how he slogged in the latter stages? I thought even 200 was going to be tough but he batted remarkably. That partnership with Bishnoi helped a lot," she says.

Atharva's father Vinod Ankolekar died when he was 10 and Vaidehi took up her husband's job as conductor in BEST, the state transport organisation, to support her two sons. She returned from work early for the quarterfinal as everyone at the bus depot knew the significance of the day. She says every conversation with her son ends with her asking him to bring the cup back home, as a tribute to her late husband who wanted their son to become a cricketer. On Tuesday, Atharva took a little big step towards achieving his father's dream – and made his mother happy and proud.

**BRIEF SCORES:** India U-19 233/9 in 50 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 62, Atharva Ankolekar 55\*; Todd Murphy 2/40) bt Australia U-19 159 all out in 43.3 overs (Sam Fanning 75; Kartik Tyagi 4/24, Akash Singh 3/30) by 74 runs

## England, Sri Lanka record wins

*New Delhi:* England missed out on a Super League place after a dramatic defeat to Australia and began to make amends with a nine-wicket triumph over tournament debutants Japan. Sri Lanka, who came within two balls of a spot in the Super League in defeat to New Zealand, overwhelmed Nigeria by 233 runs. England needed just 11.3 overs of their batting reply to defeat Japan and advance from their Plate quarter-final in Potchefstroom. Jon Lewis' side have quickly recovered from the disappointment of missing out on the Super League playoffs and bristled with intent in hustling Japan out for 93. Dan Mousley hurried to the finish, carting 57 not out from just 36 balls as the end came quickly for debutants Japan. England now face the winner of UAE's clash with Scotland, while Japan go into the Plate playoff semi-finals and face the loser of that match. **AGENCIES**

## Delhi pay the price for indisciplined batting

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY  
KOLKATA, JANUARY 28

For once, Dhruv Shorey didn't lean into the drive properly. Mukesh Kumar bowled a wide half-volley outside the off stump and Shorey went for an expansive cover drive. The ball moved late, took the outside edge and went to 'keeper Shreevats Goswami. The batsman looked frustrated. At the dug-out, Delhi coach KP Bhaskar was disappointed.

Shorey was batting beautifully, showing signs of returning to form. His first five scoring shots had been boundaries. He had 11 fours in his 129-ball 65. The Delhi captain was driving gloriously. But with Nitish Rana departing only four overs previously, Shorey needed to eschew his attacking instincts for a while. He made a mistake. "It was a four all day. The ball swung late," he said after the day's play.

Bhaskar, though, admitted that his team preferred valour over discretion.

"Maybe, he needed to be a little more circumspect. A partnership was broken only a few overs ago."

It was Shorey's second Ranji Trophy half-century this season after his 96 against Punjab about a month back. He looked set for a three-figure score, batting untroubled. But not only the skipper, on Tuesday at Eden Gardens, the Delhi top-order fell prey to poor shot selection. It saw them surrender the initiative even after restricting Bengal to 318 in their first innings. With two wickets falling at the fag end of the day, the visitors suddenly slumped to 192/6 at stumps.

The pitch eased out a bit on the second day and Delhi should have capitalised on it. Kunal Chandel, after surviving a dropped chance early in his innings, got out for nine, when he tried to play an over-pitched deliv-



Delhi captain Dhruv Shorey top-scored with 65 but the side was struggling at 192 for 6, still 126 runs behind Bengal. PTI

ery from 31-year-old debutant seamer Nilkantha Das through mid-wicket. He closed the face of the bat, allowing the inswinger to breach his defence.

Chandela's opening partner, Hiten Dalal, was going steady at the other end. But after scoring 40, he made a similar mistake against another very full delivery from Das.

Rather than closing the face of the bat, the Delhi openers should have shown the maker's name.

The 60-run third wicket partnership between Shorey and Rana put the hosts under pressure. Delhi had the opportunity to take the game away from Bengal. But once again, patience wore thin. Bhaskar's reaction to the

dismissals was anecdotal. "Many years ago, when I was playing, Sunil Gavaskar once gave me a great piece of advice – 'fours and sixes are fine, because you have to score runs, but you must learn to enjoy your defence and leaving the ball'. Also, our batsmen should emulate (Mumbai's) Sarfaraz Khan, who has hit a double century (against Himachal Pradesh) after scoring a triple hundred (against Uttar Pradesh) in the last match. For a team to be successful, your top three batsmen should score 600 runs each in a season." After six matches, Delhi have only Rana with a decent return – 467 runs.

Not many players these days back their technique in testing conditions, trying to

**Earlier, resuming on overnight 286/5, the Bengal lower-order collapsed after Anustup Majumdar was run-out on 99. The batsman yet again missed out on a century.**

make it up with quick-scoring instead. And in a set-up like Delhi that lives with administrative chaos, it's almost impossible for a coach to drill his philosophy into the players. "The squad assembles just about 20 days before the Ranji season. So it's all about man-management. Without a DDCA academy, it's becomes really difficult to connect all age groups with the senior team," Bhaskar said. That Delhi still consistently churn out India players is down to the city's club culture.

Coming back to the day's play, Delhi were in trouble, when Kshitiz Sharma and night-watchman Simarjeet Singh perished to left-arm spinner Shahbaz Ahmed in successive deliveries in the final over of the day. Sharma failed to handle the extra bounce and was caught at slip. His selection has raised controversy, but the Delhi team management felt that during his 38-ball stay he looked 'OK'.

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**BRIEF SCORES:** Bengal 318 (Anustup Majumdar 99; Simarjeet Singh 4/77) vs Delhi 192/6 (Dhruv Shorey 65; Shahbaz Ahmed 2/11, Nilkantha Das 2/36)

## RANJI ROUNDUP

### RAIN-HIT DAY AT KARNAIL

**At Delhi:** Railways added 62 runs to their overnight score of 98/6 to finish at 160/7 in 72 overs on a rain hit day.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Railways 160/7 (Avinash Yadav 62, Arindam Ghosh 50 not out, Prateek Jain 4/29).

### WASHOUT STALLS MUMBAI

**At Dharamsala:** Mumbai's hopes of registering an outright win suffered a major jolt after incessant rain washed out the second day's play against Himachal Pradesh.

**BRIEF SCORES:** 372/5 (Sarfaraz Khan 226 not out, Aditya Tare 62, Vaibhav Arora 2/28) vs Himachal Pradesh.

### UNADKAT IN FINE FORM

**At Baroda:** Baroda were bundled out for 187 on Day 2, setting Saurashtra 200 runs to win, courtesy their slender 12-run first innings lead. The home team were fairly well placed at 140/4 at one stage, before a rampant Jaydev Unadkat ran through them in the afternoon session.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Baroda 154 and 187 (Jaydev Unadkat 12/106) vs Saurashtra 142 and 23/2 (Meniwal 2/17) need another 177 runs to win.

### ANDHRA TAKE LEAD

**At Ongole:** Andhra finished the second day's play in Ongole at 255, taking a comfortable first innings lead of 88 runs. Kerala were bundled out for an abysmal score of 162 yesterday. The home team

rode on their opener Prashanth Kumar's dogged 79, which was backed up by crucial contributions from Nithish Kumar Reddy's 39 and their wicket-keeper batsman U. Girinath's 41 runs.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Kerala 162 vs Andhra 255 (Prashanth Kumar 79, Jalaj Saxena 3/56, Basil Thampi 3/43) lead by 88 runs.

### HYDERABAD ON THE MAT

**At Hyderabad:** Aniket Choudhary and Tanvir-ul-Haq shared five wickets between them to give Rajasthan the ascendancy against Hyderabad at stumps on Day 2.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Hyderabad 171 and 101/6 (Aniket Chowdhary 3/26) lead Rajasthan 135 (Ravi Teja 4/46) by 137 runs.

### CONFIDENT REPLY BY MP

**At Indore:** Madhya Pradesh got off to a confident start in their 2nd innings, to finish at 105/3, after having taken a slim 14-run lead to Uttar Pradesh when stumps were drawn on the second day.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Madhya Pradesh 230 and 105/3 vs Uttar Pradesh 216 (Saurabh Kumar 98 not out, Ravi Yadav 5/61).

### VIDARBHA IN TROUBLE

**At Surat:** Defending champions Vidarbha were struggling at 89/4 in the 2nd innings, a lead of just 20 runs against Gujarat at stumps on Day 2.

**BRIEF SCORES:** Vidarbha 142 and 89/4 (Faiz Fazal 45 not out) vs Gujarat 211 (Parthiv Patel 59, Aditya Thakare 5/43) lead by 20 runs. **ENS**



TRAMLINES

Navratilova, McEnroe break ‘protocols’ in protest against Court



McEnroe and Navratilova carried a sign saying, "Evonne Goolagong Arena", calling for the venue to be renamed after three-time Major-winner Evonne Goolagong.

Tennis greets Martina Navratilova and John McEnroe were rapped for breaking "protocols" at the Australian Open on Tuesday after they unfurled a protest banner demanding Margaret Court's name be stripped from a main arena over her controversial views. The two legends had rounded on Court's "homophobic" opinions on Monday, when the 77-year-old Australian was honoured on the 50th anniversary of her 1970 calendar-year Grand Slam. And on Tuesday McEnroe, who had labelled Court a "crazy aunt", and fellow American Navratilova went a step further, according to Australian media. After a veterans match, they were pictured walking on court with a sign saying, "Evonne Goolagong Arena", calling for Margaret Court Arena to be renamed after three-time Major-winner Evonne Goolagong. According to reports, the 63-year-old Navratilova climbed into the umpire's chair to make a speech, but the television feed was promptly cut. "...the Australian Open has regulations and protocols with respect to how any fan, player or guest can use our facility, the event and the global stage it provides. This is to ensure the integrity of our event," said a Tennis Australia statement. "Two high-profile guests have breached these protocols and we are working through this with them.

HOUDINI ACT

7 number of match points saved by Roger Federer in his five-set quarterfinal win over Tennys Sandgren, equalling his record; Federer also saved seven against Scott Draper at Cincinnati in 2003.

RESULTS

**Men's quarterfinals:** No. 2 N Djokovic beat No. 32 M Raonic 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (1); No. 3 R Federer beat T Sandgren 6-3, 2-6, 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-3. **Women's quarterfinals:** No. 1 A Barty beat No. 7 P Kvitova 7-6 (6), 6-2; No. 14 S Kenin beat O Jabeur 6-4, 6-4.

Kobe was one of the greatest athletes of all time and inspired me and many other people around the world. I had that fortune to have a personal relationship with him over the last 10 years and when I needed some advice and some support he was there for me. He was my mentor, my friend and it's just heart-breaking to see and hear what has happened to him and his daughter."

**NOVAK DJOKOVIC** PAID TRIBUTE TO LATE NBA LEGEND KOBE BRYANT WITH 'KB' AND A PINK HEART STITCHED INTO HIS GREEN TRACKSUIT TOP

AP/AFP

MELBOURNE, JANUARY 28

ROGER FEDERER was not going to go gently, of course, no matter how daunting the number of match points — his opponent accumulated seven! — no matter how achy his 38-year-old legs, no matter how slow his serves, no matter how off-target his groundstrokes. Federer still plays for the love of these stages and circumstances. Still years for more trophies, too. Down to his very last gasp, time and again, against someone a decade younger, 100th-ranked Tennys Sandgren of the United States, Federer somehow pulled off a memorable comeback to reach the Australian Open semifinals for the 15th time.

Despite all sorts of signs he was not quite himself for much of the match, Federer beat the biceps-baring, hard-hitting, court-covering Sandgren 6-3, 2-6, 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-3 on Tuesday in a rollicking quarterfinal that appeared to be over long before it truly was.

"For the most time there, I thought that was it. Of course, there's little sparkles where maybe not. Then you're like, 'No, it IS over,'" said Federer, who only once before had won after facing as many as seven match points, equaling his personal best from all the way back in 2003.

"Only maybe when I won that fourth set did I really think that, maybe, this whole thing could turn around."

He said afterward that it had been his groin muscle that was the problem and he couldn't be certain whether he would be fully recovered for his next match. That will come against defending champion Novak Djokovic, who overwhelmed No. 32 Milo Raonic 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (1) to improve to 10-0 against the 2016 Wimbledon runner-up.

"He was just too good," Raonic said. It'll be the 50th meeting between No. 3 Federer, who has won 20 Grand Slam titles, and No. 2 Djokovic, who owns 16.

Djokovic leads their head-to-head series 26-23, including their past five matches at majors. "Roger is Roger. You know that he's always going to play on such a high level, regardless of the surface," Djokovic said. "He loves to play these kind of matches, big rivalries, semis, finals of Grand Slams."

About the only thing that slowed Djokovic's progression to a 37th career Grand Slam semifinal — Federer earned his 46th — was the medical timeout the Serb asked for at 4-all in the third set so he could put in new contact lenses. "It was just something I had to do," Djokovic said, "because those few games, I really couldn't see much."

The last two men's quarterfinals are Wednesday: Rafael Nadal vs. Dominic Thiem, and Alexander Zverev vs. Stan Wawrinka.

One women's semifinal was set Tuesday: No. 1 Ash Barty, trying to become the first Australian Open singles champion from the host country since the 1970s, against No. 14 Sofia Kenin, a 21-year-old American never before this far at any major tournament.

Wednesday's quarterfinals are Simona Halep vs. Anett Kontaveit, and Garbine Muguruza vs. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

There was a lot to live up to after the drama of Federer vs. Sandgren.

"You can't give a good player — let alone maybe the best player ever — that many chances to come back," said Sandgren, his voice low, his eyes looking down. "They're going to find their game and start playing well. That seemed to me what happened."

In truth, so much had happened.

Federer got into a dispute with a line judge and the chair umpire over cursing. He left the court for a medical timeout early in the third set, then was visited by a trainer later for a right leg massage. Sandgren was run into by a ballkid during a changeover in the tiebreaker; was distracted by a court-side broadcast commentator. The 28-year-old from Tennessee has never been a major semifinalist and was trying to become the lowest-ranked man in the Australian Open's final four since Patrick McEnroe — John's younger brother — was No. 114 in 1991.

Imagine, then, the heartbreak for Sandgren, who toiled for years on lower-level



After the 6-3, 2-6, 2-6, 7-6 (10/8), 6-3 win over Tennys Sandgren, during which he was slapped with a warning for swearing and needed a rare medical timeout, Roger Federer said: "I don't deserve this one, but I'm standing here and obviously very happy." AP

tours and was so thrilled just to share the stage with Federer. "Maybe," Sandgren said, "I'll get another look, another shot."

After rolling through the second and third sets as Federer's serve dropped from an average of 112 mph to 105 mph — "Wasn't popping like it does normally," Sandgren observed — and Federer's unforced errors totaled 30, the underdog led 5-4 in the fourth set. That's when Sandgren earned his first trio of opportunities to complete a career-defining victory. But he missed a shot each time. There were four more match points in the tiebreaker at 6-3, 6-4, 6-5 and 7-6.

"Honestly, when they told me seven, I was like, 'What?!' I thought it was three," Federer said. "It's such a blur."

Djokovic's take on Federer's comeback: "Amazing."

Raonic's: "Impressive." Federer has won six titles at Melbourne Park and never lost there to anyone ranked worse than 54th. But Sandgren, whose career tour-level record is under .500, played superbly. He won more points, 161-160, and produced edges of 27-5 in aces, 73-44 in total winners.

"I mean, he never gives up." Djokovic said about Federer. "When it matters the most, he's focused and he plays his best tennis."

Barty feels the pressure

Ashleigh Barty said Tuesday that she prefers the quiet life but there is no chance of that after Australia's world number one reached the semi-finals of her home Grand Slam for the first time.

The top seed plays 14th-seeded American Sofia Kenin in the last four after surviving a tough first set to defeat Petra Kvitova 7-6 (8/6), 6-2 in the quarter-finals. There is intense pressure on the 23-year-old Barty, the last remaining Australian in the tournament, to deliver the first homegrown women's champion since Chris O'Neil in 1978.

She is the face of the Australian Open and her picture is on billboards all over Melbourne. But Barty said: "I'd prefer to just be sitting at home just living my quiet little life. I mean, no offence, but not having to chat to you guys every day would be pretty good," she told reporters, smiling.

"I feel like I have nothing to say, I'm talking in circles a little bit." But Barty said having the focus on her in Melbourne was inevitable and "a part of the journey that I hate it and I love it".

When everything that can go wrong, does

"No challenges remaining for Mr Sandgren." Though chair umpire Marijana Veljovic made the call in context of Sandgren exhausting his three reviews for the fourth set, the announcement was almost prophetic. Sure he had squandered three match points, but the smart money was still on the American making his first Major semifinal. What followed was a stunning capitulation, and moments which would have made Sandgren feel that the world was conspiring against him.

THE BACKGROUND

Sandgren came into Tuesday's match after the tumultuous clash with Fabio Fognini on Sunday. After losing the first set, Fognini spent the entire changeover on the court before immediately asking for a bathroom break. After returning, he was docked a point for wasting time, he called for medical timeout. "There are still rules. He doesn't just get new rules because he's Fabio, or does he?" Sandgren complained. Fognini then took his time getting ready for Sandgren's service and the two spent the match exchanging glares and barbs.

BATHROOMGATE

Deja vu struck when Federer called for a bathroom break at the end of the changeover, right as the final set was about to begin. An incensed Sandgren, who had utilised the changeover to go to the bathroom, complained again.

LOUD COMMENTARY

Next on the agenda was the court-side commentary. Sandgren motioned the network commentators to speak softly, and after the game complained to the umpire that the noise was distracting him during a tight service game. The reviews too needled the American. Sandgren lost his calls by a margin of millimeters. But what seemed to annoy him more was that there was seldom an overrule by the chair umpire in his favour, and he had to challenge to get the linesman's calls overturned on two instances.



If watching match points slip by was not hurtful enough for Sandgren, he also had to deal with some physical pain when a ball girl accidentally ran her knee into his calf during a changeover in the fourth-set tiebreak.

MIND YOUR LANGUAGES

Not that the umpiring was particularly favourable to Federer. Just prior to his medical timeout, the 38-year-old was issued a code violation for swearing (in a mix of languages), after a complaint from a line judge. He first confronted the judge before getting into an argument with Veljovic.

Federer said he found the warning "bit tough" but accepted it. "It was a mix (of languages). Clearly she speaks mixed. Didn't know that (smiling). Next time I got to check the lines-people," Federer joked later.

HERE COMES THE PAIN

Adding injury to insult for Sandgren was an overenthusiastic ball kid, who kneed Sandgren in the back of his leg during a changeover. "That was physically painful. She was apologetic and everything. Accidents happen, so that wasn't a big deal. It stung a little bit at the time. It didn't bother me when the point started, no."

STATS SAY

The American would have felt worse looking at the statsheet. Sandgren won every category except for the unforced errors, where Federer pipped him 56 to 53. The American won 161 points compared to Federer's 160, and blasted 27 aces against 5. But stats have often betrayed the Swiss too, famously in the 2019 Wimbledon final against Djokovic.

Letting slip seven match points deflated Sandgren and the errors started mounting up. The forehand cross-court return on Federer's second serve had been an ally in the first four sets, but Sandgren's accuracy went down drastically in the fifth. Federer said as much in the post-match interview, admitting he resorted to percentage tennis on the match points and hoped the American would go for the winners. Federer also credited luck, but Sandgren owned up to his opponent's superiority. "It just seemed like his level picked up when his back was right up against the wall. Credit to him, for sure."

[SPORTS BAR]



Vincent, Zhang guide Warriors to maiden win

Former world No. 10 Wong Wing Ki Vincent continued his winning streak while **Beiwen Zhang** also dazzled as Awadhe Warriors defeated Mumbai Rockets for their maiden victory in the ongoing Premier Badminton League in Lucknow on Tuesday. Vincent beat Daren Liew in Awadhe's last showdown with the Hyderabad Hunters and he once more showed that same confidence and conviction when he took on Parupalli Kashyap. The two had previously squared off twice on the BWF circuit with the World No. 25 Kashyap leading 2-0 in their head-to-head record. Earlier, Kim Sa Rang and Pia Zebadiah's partnership helped make a grand start to the match for the former runners-up, Mumbai Rockets against Awadhe's strong pair of Christina Pedersen and Ko Sung Hyun.

Gokulam embarrass Kenkre FC 10-1 in IWL

Gokulam Kerala FC embarrassed Kenkre FC 10-1 in their Hero Indian Women's League football fixture in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Gokulam's Nepali striker Sabitra Bhandari was the star of the show with five goals. Karishma Shirvoikar notched up a hat-trick, while Manisha netted two more to complete the rout. Kenkre couldn't get any foothold in the game as their Kerala counterparts completely blew them away and raced to a 7-1 lead going into half time. Kryphsa FC registered a stunning 2-0 victory over defending champions Sethu FC in another group fixture.

Patil dominates men's 10m air rifle trials

Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil of Maharashtra continued his good form in the rifle/pistol national shooting trials, winning the men's 10m air rifle competition in the second trial in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday. Rudrankksh shot 252.4 in the eight-man final to put it over Kiran who shot 250.6 to finish second this time around. Rudrankksh also surpassed the finals' world record score on the way to winning the Youth trials with a score of 253.4. And so did the junior winner Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar of Madhya Pradesh, shooting a 253.0 in the junior T2 final.



Viswanathan Anand finished outside the top five following back-to-back draws at the business end of the Tata Steel Chess tournament. File

Anand draws with Duda, ends joint sixth

Viswanthan Anand had to settle for the joint sixth spot after drawing with Jan-Krzysztof Duda of Poland in the final round of Tata Steel Chess tournament in Wijk Aan Zee. Fabiano Caruana capped a brilliant performance with another fine victory coming at the expense of Vladislav Artemiev of Russia and won the tournament with a huge two points margin over world champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway, who finished second. Caruana ended the event with a whopping ten points out of a possible 13, a feat that was achieved by Garry Kasparov in 1999 and Magnus Carlsen in 2013. Carlsen often finishes in second place when he doesn't win, but trailing the winner by two points is something the Norwegian is not used to. Wesley SO of United States finished third scoring seven and a half points in all, a half point ahead of Daniil Dubov of Russia. Anand raised expectations of an improved finish by beating Alireza Firouzja in the 11th round but following two back-to-back draws thereafter, the Indian ace finished on a 50 percent score.

Punjab eke out 2-2 draw against Tamil Nadu

Hockey Punjab erased a two-goal deficit to eke out a 2-2 draw against Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu played in a Pool A match of the senior men's national championship, in Jhansi on Tuesday. Tamil Nadu scored two goals in the first half but Punjab struck back in the second half to level the score 2-2 before the final whistle. Mareeswaran Sakthivel (13') and Selvaraj Kanagaraj (25') scored for Tamil Nadu, while Ashishpal Sharma (44') and Varinder Singh (51') found the back of the net for Punjab. Services Sports Control Board registered a comprehensive 5-2 victory over Hockey Chandigarh in their Pool A match.

Praggnanandhaa's winning run halted

Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa's five-match winning spree came to halt after the teenager went down to China's Wang Hao in the seventh round of the Masters category at the 18th Gibraltar Chess festival. The 14-year-old Praggnanandhaa, who turned things around superbly and won five games on the trot after losing in the opening round, met his match in the experienced Hao on Monday. Praggnanandhaa went down to Hao in 56 moves. Top seed Shakriar Memmedyarov moved to five points with a clinical win over Anna Muzychuk. He will take on Praggnanandhaa next.



Advani beats Sourav 5-2 in national billiards final

Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani on Tuesday claimed yet another Senior National Billiards Championship title with a 5-2 win over Sourav Kothari in a pulsating final in Pune. After losing the first frame in the best-of-9 150-up tie, Advani bounced back with breaks of 95 and 151 to go 2-1 up. The fourth frame was snatched by Sourav with the aid of a 135 break to level the match 2-all as the players went into a mid-match interval. On return, Advani raised his game to the next level, winning the next three frames with breaks of 135, 94 and 109 to clinch the National billiards title. This is Advani's 33rd National title in total and 10th in the senior category. Earlier in the semifinal, Pankaj blanked Gujarat's Dhvaj Haria 5-0 with a supreme performance. The match included four 150 breaks and an 81.







# How Kobe helped NBA go global

SOPAN DEB  
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DURING HIS two-decade NBA career, Kobe Bryant evolved into far more than an exceptional basketball player. Bryant, who died in a helicopter crash Sunday near Los Angeles, became a crucial conduit for the league as it moved swiftly to expand its empire into an international enterprise.

Raised in Italy for seven years of his childhood, Bryant was fluent in Italian and was an ideal draw for a league that, ever since David Stern took over as commissioner in 1984, had seen basketball as a global game. Bryant's stature as an international celebrity, honed by both the NBA and Nike, crystallized during the opening ceremony of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

There, Bryant was swarmed by other athletes asking for autographs and photographs on the infield of the Olympic stadium with a man who was considered one of the world's greatest basketball players.

It was fitting, then, that Sunday, the tributes to Bryant poured in from across the globe.

Luca Vecchi, the mayor of Reggio Emilia — one of the Italian cities where the Bryants had lived — posted a message on Facebook in tribute to the star. "Kobe Bryant grew up here and for us all he was from Reggio Emilia," he wrote. "He left us today. A basketball legend whom our whole city will remember forever with affection and gratitude."

When Bryant entered the NBA in 1996, his experience of growing up partly abroad was a rarity in the league. This was the era before the stars Yao Ming of China and Dirk Nowitzki of Germany had made their marks. But Bryant's rise also coincided with the introduction of critical new technology, Adam Silver, Stern's successor as league commissioner, said in an interview Monday.

The NBA was just beginning to capitalize on the power of digital video and to beam its games into the homes of budding fans around the world. Today, foreign-born stars like Giannis Antetokounmpo and Joel Embiid are rapidly becoming the norm.

"Kobe came of age almost at the exact moment that we became a digital league. I believe we launched NBA.com the year before Kobe came into the league," Silver said. "And Kobe embraced all things digital. In China, he realized he could be virtually present around the world by providing content

to websites. He saw an opportunity to make himself universal."

## Filling the void

As the NBA was desperate for a new face to represent a diversifying league without Michael Jordan in his prime, Bryant did more than any other U.S. player to fill that void. Silver referred to Bryant as "the most traveled player of his era." Bryant even teased the idea of playing professionally in Italy during the 2011 NBA lockout. His father, Joe Bryant, played professional basketball there after an eight-year NBA career.

"Italy is my home," Bryant once told an Italian-language sports outlet, Gazzetta dello Sport. "It's where my dream of playing in the NBA started. This is where I learned the fundamentals." Shooting, passing, and moving without the ball, he added, were all "things that when I came back to America the players my age didn't know how to do because they were only thinking about jumping and dunking."

Stern, who died Jan. 1, made foreign expansion a core goal of the league and studied proposals to place teams in Europe. Bryant readily accepted his role as an ambassador for basketball, for both the league's interests and his own.

He played on two Olympic teams, winning gold medals in 2008 and 2012. In 2018, Bryant was named, along with Yao, as a global ambassador for last year's FIBA Basketball World Cup.

But nowhere abroad was Bryant's impact as prevalent as in East Asia, particularly China, where Bryant, one of Nike's top personalities, routinely had the highest sales of shoes and jerseys. Amplifying the reach of Bryant and the league in the country was the fact that Yao happened to join the Houston Rockets in 2002, right as Bryant was hitting the peak of his superstardom following his third NBA championship.

"Kobe saw how big the NBA was becoming in China," Silver said. "I think Kobe recognized that he was a product of his time."

By then, Bryant had already become a frequent visitor to the country for basketball camps and promotional stops.

He stayed popular in China through commercials, like one for Sprite in 2011 with the Taiwanese pop star Jay Chou. After Stephen Curry, the star of the Golden State Warriors, unseated Bryant in Chinese jersey sales in 2017, Rick Welts, a Warriors team executive, told USA Today that Curry had done it using the "Kobe Bryant playbook."

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## REMEMBERING MAMBA

THE TRIBUTES throughout the NBA to Kobe Bryant continued Monday, with the Cleveland Cavaliers and Detroit Pistons starting the day by honoring the late star before their game in Detroit. Bryant, 41, was one of nine people killed Sunday when the helicopter they were traveling in crashed in Calabasas, Calif. His 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, also was among those who perished. Before the game Monday, the Pistons' players took the floor during warmups wearing jerseys with the Nos. 8 and 24 — the two numbers Bryant wore in his career — and the name "BRYANT" on the back, and they wore them during 24 seconds of silence before the game. Serbian tennis great Novak Djokovic teared up on Tuesday as he paid tribute to late basketball star Kobe Bryant, describing him as a "mentor" and a "friend". He wrote a note in memory of the legend (top right). Fans all over the world did their bit too. A mural in memory of Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna, was painted just hours after they died in a helicopter crash, on the basketball court of a housing tenement in Manila, Philippines. On top is a picture of a streets in Los Angeles which was lit up with images of NBA star on Tuesday.

AGENCIES



## Solskjaer seeks PSG encore as Utd face City

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OLE GUNNAR Solskjaer says Manchester United need to harness the spirit of Paris Saint-Germain and put in a "perfect performance" if they are to overcome Manchester City and reach the League Cup final. United face an uphill battle after losing the first leg of their semi-final against Pep Guardiola's men 3-1 at Old Trafford.

Marcus Rashford's goal gives United a glimmer of hope heading to the Etihad Stadium on Wednesday and Solskjaer said the stunning comeback win against PSG in the Champions League last March can be an inspiration.

United were 2-0 down after the first leg and then 3-1 down on aggregate in Paris before storming back to win on away goals.

"Well, it looked like it was over at half-time," he said, referring to the first leg of the City match.

"I have to say the second part of that first half, they outplayed us for a while and it's hard. But then when we got the goal, of course you're back in it, we hope for another one.

"But now we've got to go into the memory bank and think PSG because we've done it against good teams before and it gives us some hope, and the game in December (when United won 2-1 against City) of course gives us hope that we can do something there." Solskjaer confirmed Nemanja Matic is a doubt for the second leg in a press conference that included plenty of transfer talk but no updates.

Sporting midfielder Bruno Fernandes reportedly remains a target for the club, while a number of enquiries have been made as United look at possible attacking options.

Alexis Sanchez would have been an option but does not have a recall clause in his loan deal, although Solskjaer expects him to have an Old Trafford future when he returns from Inter Milan at the end of the season.

"We've got players here we're working hard to get back as well and if there is something out there, then the club are pursuing that and looking at it," said the United boss.

"Of course it is a difficult window. It always has been. I can't remember how many good ones we've brought in, good deals that we've brought in in January. Henrik (Larsson) was good, Nemanja (Vidic) and Patrice (Evra) were two good ones."

When January 2018 signing Sanchez was mentioned, Solskjaer said: "It's very hard because the clubs don't want to lose their best players. Alexis will come back in the summer and prove you all wrong."

Solskjaer expects defender Marcos Rojo to stay at Old Trafford despite speculation over a move to former club Estudiantes de la Plata.

## Reds boss Klopp defends stance on FA Cup replays

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE  
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LIVERPOOL MANAGER Jurgen Klopp is adamant he has to take a stand over the clash between the midwinter break and FA Cup replays or nothing will ever change.

The German boss has drawn criticism for announcing that neither he nor his first-team players will be present for the fourth-round replay at home to Shrewsbury next week as it falls within their scheduled Premier League break. Instead, the club will send out a youth team led by Under-23s coach Neil Critchley.

"If we react how we always react and find a way to do it, then nothing will change," Klopp said. "I have to make decisions that aren't popular, based on the situation we are in."

"Because we plan long-term I cannot plan when there is a real decisive period coming up. I decided three weeks ago we would have a mid-season break based on a letter we got in April 2019. "The FA tried to move games to midweek to decrease the intense period. Whoever was involved in that — maybe from us — they forgot to say no."

Liverpool, who play West Ham on Wednesday, are closing in on their first English top-flight title for 30 years and are also through to the last 16 of the Champions League.

A Liverpool side led by Critchley lost 5-0 to Aston Villa in the League Cup quarter-final in December while the first team competed in the Club World Cup in Qatar, a competition they went on to win.

Manchester United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said he could understand Klopp's frustration and still regrets United's decision to pull out of the competition 20 years ago.

Solskjaer, whose side beat Tranmere 6-0 on Sunday to progress to the fifth round of the FA Cup, was part of the United squad that pulled out of the tournament in 2000 to play in the FIFA Club World Championship.

"I think we all regret maybe not going for it in 2000, when we went to the World Club tournament in Brazil and it's never nice not to be participating," said the United boss.

"It's supposed to be a break and if we're going to help the English clubs, they need a break. "But that's up to Jurgen and Liverpool to make decisions. Jose (Mourinho) and Tottenham, they've got a replay. We're just happy we didn't get a replay ourselves because it was playing on our mind."

Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola supported Klopp's stance, saying: "We accept the schedules and the competitions, games every two or three days, but don't tell the managers which players to pick." Klopp said forward Sadio Mane would likely only miss another two matches after tearing a muscle in last week's match against Wolves. "Sadio will not be involved for West Ham and probably not Southampton," said the Liverpool boss.



Klopp has said neither him nor the first team would be present for the FA Cup replay against third-tier Shrewsbury.

## EXPLAINED



### Why is Klopp furious

FOOTBALLERS IN the English Premier League, unlike their European counterparts, have a gruelling holiday schedule. Top managers like City boss Pep Guardiola have often complained about it and asked authorities to consider a winter break. Following an agreement between the Premier League, the Football Association and the EFL in June 2018, it was decided one round of EPL games would be split over two weekends (February 8 and February 15). This meant teams would get at least a week's rest. Playing Shrewsbury in an FA Cup replay, slated for February 4, would shorten Liverpool's break and derail their plans, argued Klopp. The league-leaders have a 13-day break before their next EPL match. Playing the replay would reduce it to 10.

## WHEN EXPERTS TAKE STOCK OF THE BUDGET

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