

Terror bust: 3 militants killed, kin of Pulwama bomber held

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JAMMU, JANUARY 31

THREE JAISH-e-Mohammad militants were killed and a cousin of the Pulwama attack bomber was among three held by J&K Police Friday following a gunbattle near Ban toll plaza on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway.

A policeman was injured in the firefight and police said they had foiled a major terror plot. IGP (Jammu zone) Mukesh Singh said four AK rifles of the 47 and 56 series, an M4 rifle, five pistols, hand grenades, two wireless sets and a satellite phone were recovered.

He said the militants appeared to have sneaked into the Union Territory from across the international border in the Hiranagar sector of Kathua district. The militants, police said, owed allegiance to Jaish-e-Mohammad and were being transported to the Valley in a truck by driver Sameer Dar, a cousin of Jaish-e-Mohammad bomber Adil Ahmad Dar of Kakapora who had rammed his explosives-laden car into a bus, killing 40 CRPF personnel at Lethpora in Pulwama district on February 14, 2019.

Sameer Dar, truck cleaner Asif and a third person were arrested. DGP Dilbag Singh said Asif was the brother of Lashkar-e-Toiba militant Manzoor who

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Inside the special Air India flight which left Wuhan for New Delhi, Friday. Photo courtesy Air India

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Evacuated from Wuhan, 370 Indians head home, face two-week isolation

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

AS THE World Health Organisation declared the coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan a "public health emergency", an Air India jumbo jet with a team of doctors and crew armed with masks, eye-shields and gloves evacuated about 370 Indian nationals, mostly students, from the Chinese city.

The evacuees, who are scheduled to land in Delhi around 3 am Saturday, will be kept in isolation at facilities of the Army in Manesar and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) near Chhawa. They will be monitored daily for a minimum period of 14

CENTRE BANS EXPORT OF MASKS

The Centre has issued a notification prohibiting export of equipment, including protective clothing and masks, to protect people from air-borne particles.

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Kerala falls back on Nipah formula: Tracing virus patient's contacts

SHAJU PHILIP
THRISSUR, JANUARY 31

AFTER INDIA'S first confirmed case of coronavirus was detected in Kerala's Thrissur district, health officials have fallen back on an ambitious and exhaustive exercise that helped them contain the lethal Nipah virus in 2018 — trace and monitor every single person who has been exposed to the patient.

On Friday, the Health

Department identified 58 primary and 45 secondary contacts of the novel Coronavirus (nCoV 2019) patient, a 20-year-old woman medical student who returned from Wuhan last week, and whose condition has "improved".

Officials said a list has also been prepared after analysing the patient's itinerary — from the day she left Wuhan, and transited through Kunming, Kolkata and Kochi before reaching home,

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days. The flight crew will have to go through a minimum isolation period of a week at their homes. Officials said only those who had cleared medical screening for novel Coronavirus (nCoV 2019) were evacuated. The evacuees will be screened again on

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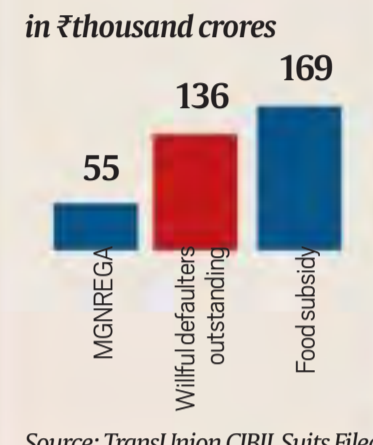
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Slowdown cyclical, key to revival of growth is higher spending: Survey

Ahead of Budget today, Subramanian recommends rationalisation of subsidies to create fiscal headroom

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A DAY ahead of Budget 2020-21, the Economic Survey tabled in Parliament Friday advocated a counter-cyclical fiscal policy, which in other words, means giving spending a boost to spur demand and revive growth. "...to boost the sluggish demand and consumer sentiments, counter cyclical fiscal policy may have to be adopted to create additional fiscal headroom," the Survey said. This, it said, can be achieved by rationalising food subsidy, estimated at Rs 1.8 lakh crore in 2019-20.

The Survey expects the economy to rebound strongly and clock a growth rate of 6-6.5 per cent in 2020-21. This, it said, would be possible because of a low statistical base of 5 per cent growth rate in 2019-20.

The economy had continuously powered down over the

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Why it underlines wealth creation, PSU strategic sale

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

A KEY THEME the Economic Survey emphasises across chapters is the importance of wealth creation which, it says, is better achieved through liberalisation of the economy and promotion of the private sector.

It highlights several areas from banking to cement and steel where opening up the sectors to private players has led to massive efficiency gains, increased profitability, improved return on assets, and better access and service to customers.

On disinvestment, an analysis carried out in the survey shows that strategic sale of majority stake to private players produced much better results, indicating its preference for privatisation of government-owned companies. It argues for the setting up of a holding com-

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pany structure — on the lines of Singapore government-owned Temasek Holdings — to carry out stake sale in central public sector enterprises (CPSEs).

"The aim of any privatisation or disinvestment programme should, therefore, be maximisation of the government's equity

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President hails CAA, skips NRC mention he made in House last year



President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi head towards the Central Hall of Parliament. PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

AS PROTESTS over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and National Register of Citizens (NRC) continue in different parts of the country, President Ram Nath Kovind, in his customary address to the joint session of the two Houses of Parliament to

start the Budget session, hailed the passage of the CAA but made no mention of the NRC, unlike his address to the joint session at the inaugural of the 17th Lok Sabha on June 20 last year.

On the CAA, President Kovind said: "India has always believed in the principle of equal respect for all faiths. However, at the time of Partition, this very belief

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Kamra ban: AirAsia and Vistara put process above Puri's tweet

PRANAV MUKUL & ANIL SASI
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

TWO BIG airline companies, AirAsia India and Vistara, with a combined market share of 11.4 per cent, did not act upon stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra for heckling Arnab Goswami on board an IndiGo flight, because such action, even if advised by Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, would be in transgression laid down regulations, according to sources with direct knowledge of the developments.

To deviate from the civil aviation requirement as specified by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) would call for written instructions from the government, the sources said. As of now, they said, the two airlines have initiated independent

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Man who took 23 kids hostage is killed, wife beaten to death by mob

AVANEESH MISHRA
FATEHGARH, JANUARY 31

AN NINE-HOUR hostage crisis in a village in UP's Farrukhabad, where 23 children were held overnight by a 40-year-old man identified as a murder convict out on bail, ended with his killing by police. His wife died later in hospital early Friday after she was assaulted by a mob of local residents, police said.

None of the children held hostage suffered any physical injury, police said. But two policemen were injured as Batham detonated an explosive placed among a heap of bricks outside his house, police said. Batham also shot and injured a local resident, who tried to negotiate with him. Another policeman was injured in firing. The condition of the injured is stable, police said.

The crisis and the lynching played out in front of a large contingent of police, including IG



Batham was shot by police

(Kanpur Range) and SP Farrukhabad. The main accused, Subhash Batham, was also assaulted by the mob and later shot by police while trying to escape from the crowd around 1 am. Batham's wife Ruby succumbed to injuries while being shifted to the Saifai Medical College facility.

According to police, Anjali Kashyap, a 15-year-old who was the eldest among the hostages, played a key role in ending the crisis. She calmed the terrified

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Jamia shooter bought gun with cash for clothes

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE 17-year-old, who shot at a Jamia student during an anti-CAA protest Thursday, had been given Rs 10,000 by his parents to get clothes stitched for a relative's wedding, but he spent the

money on buying a country-made pistol from a 19-year-old who stays in his village in Gautam Buddha Nagar district. This came to light during his initial questioning by police.

On Friday, the youth was produced before a Juvenile Justice Board and sent to 14-day protective custody.

The questioning also revealed how round-the-clock

consumption of hateful content on social media and WhatsApp over the past eight months sent the 17-year-old down a path of anger, culminating in Thursday's shooting.

An officer familiar with the investigation told *The Indian Express* that around two years ago, the youth came in touch with some people online, and they would discuss how their re-

ligion was under threat. "He would closely follow their posts and stream their videos, and was active on WhatsApp groups critical of the current anti-CAA protests, especially in Shaheen Bagh and Jamia," the officer said.

Police said Thursday was only the second time the youth had visited Delhi. "He told police he came to Delhi after boarding

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Three words that haunt Kashmiri Pandit migrants — home, livelihood and safety

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ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JANUARY 31

"ISN'T THERE any way to get back our house?" Shyama Sahib, 72, often asks her son Amarjit Sahib. It was in 1987 that her husband Chaman Lal Sahib, then a staffer at the Divisional Commissioner's office in Srinagar, constructed a single-



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storeyed house in an upcoming neighbourhood. But just three years later, as the militancy erupted, they sold it to a Kashmiri Muslim — and left.

Over the years, Chaman Lal constructed a single-storey house in Jammu's Durga Nagar, and Amarjit bought a flat in Delhi-NCR where the family now lives.

Last November, after the government revoked J&K's special status, Amarjit left his job with a pharma company and moved to

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UP lynching

children, and locked the door of the basement where they were being held to block the accused from entering when police launched the rescue.

A Bomb Disposal Squad from Moradabad confirmed that Batham had enough explosives to destroy the house. Police also recovered a rifle, a country-made pistol, four crude bombs and around 50 smaller bombs from the house. In addition, they found a small gas cylinder filled with explosives in the basement that was heavily wired from all sides.

Asked about the assault of the accused in the presence of police, Mohit Agarwal, IG (Kanpur Range), denied that the woman had sustained multiple injuries. "The crowd was very angry at what the couple had done and started pelting stones as soon as the two came out. Before police could rescue her, she was hit by a stone that proved fatal," he said.

Around 20 policemen were part of the rescue operation inside the house while around 200 were present at the village.

According to police, Batham had lured the children inside his house in Karthiya village on the pretext of celebrating his daughter's birthday, and locked them in the basement around 4 pm. Police said he then made several demands, including the quashing of all cases against him and Rs 1 crore in exchange for each child released.

"Around 2 pm Thursday, he put a sound system outside his house and started playing songs. He was dancing and distributing candies to kids saying it was his daughter's second birthday. Around two dozen kids gathered, and he asked them to come inside. Around half-an-hour later, I went to his house to take my kids back. But he did not open the door and shooed me away," said Subhash's neighbour Babli Devi, 25.

"Soon, more villagers came asking about their children. That was when he told us that he had a gun and would shoot the children. He asked us to call the police, who reached the village around 4 pm. Subhash was demanding a meeting with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Prime Minister Narendra Modi," she said.

Babli's three children — Sonam (9), Luv (6), and Shabnam (9 months) — were among those held hostage. During the crisis, Batham agreed to release Shabnam and placed her outside the back door of his house.

Farrukhabad Additional SP Tribhuvan Singh said that police, officials, and local residents and politicians tried to convince Batham to release the other children but in vain. Officials even promised him a toilet, a house and land.

In between, said a police officer, Batham fired a shot from a small gap between the metal door and the floor and injured a local negotiator in the leg. "A little later, there was a blast from a heap of bricks placed outside his house. It was a massive explosion, injuring two policemen including the local inspector. He had an explosive connected to a wire placed among the bricks," said the officer.

"At one point, he said that if we called more police officers, he would start killing the children. Soon we heard two gunshots from inside and he shouted that he had killed two children. It in-

creased the urgency and we decided that we had to enter the house," said IG Agarwal.

"A team of 6-7 policemen, including me and the SSP, got on the roof to enter the house through a gap. But when we noticed another heavy door inside, we decided to distract the couple by getting another group, including locals, to attack the front door with stones. The plan worked and in the din, we broke the door leading to the room he was in," Agarwal said.

"When we entered, he fired at us but missed. Then, the two of them opened the front gate in a bid to escape. But as soon as they came out, the public attacked them with stones. While the woman was surrounded, Subhash turned back and ran towards the basement door, firing. The police team fired back, killing him on the spot," IG said.

Batham had been jailed for the murder in 2001 of another resident of the village following a dispute, and was released on bail in 2018.

Kashmiri Pandits

Kashmir in the hope of setting up his own interior decoration business. And, to see if he could fulfill his mother's wish to return.

On his first recce, Amarjit says, he noticed "a sea change". The Kashmiris, according to him, were no longer talking of India as another country. "Earlier, when I visited the Valley, I would be treated as a foreigner from India. This time, it was surprising to see the same people treating me as a local," he said.

Even at the hotel where he stayed, the staff spoke about the contribution of Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley. And yet, he complains, the central government is dragging its feet to help them return.

"To set up an office and a workshop in the Valley, I approached various banks for a Rs 10-lakh loan, but they told me to bring papers to prove my credit value. How can I have a record of transactions when I am yet to set up the business? There are no central schemes yet for migrant Kashmiri Pandits who wish to return and set up their own ventures," he said.

Although Amarjit appears hopeful, three words continue to haunt Kashmiri Pandit migrants who live in the Valley: "Home, livelihood and safety. And Pandits who never left the Valley say there is no change since August 5 last year — if anything, life has become more uncertain.

"When the lava inside the majority community bursts, what will be the implications? The youth feel betrayed and suppressed by a 'Hindu' government. The pro-India constituency has disappeared, and there is uneasiness and unhappiness everywhere. If anything happens, what will be the situation of the minority community in the Valley?" asked Sanjay Tickoo, who heads the Srinagar-based Kashmiri Pandit Sangharsh Samiti.

Tickoo says he "never felt so scared even in 1990" as he had on August 5, 2019. He packed all his important papers and documents and handed them to a neighbour for safekeeping.

Ashwani Chrungeo, Jammu-based state BJP spokesperson, who claimed there had been "considerable improvement" in the situation in Kashmir after August 5, says "the time is still not

Key to revival of growth is higher spending: Survey

last six quarters from 8.1 per cent in January-March 2018 to 4.5 per cent in July-September 2019. While Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman estimated the fiscal deficit for 2019-20 at 3.3 per cent of the GDP, the Survey gave enough indications this would be breached. "Fiscal deficit target may have to be relaxed for the current year," it said, pointing to the imperative of boosting domestic demand, which is crucial to revive growth.

For employment generation, the Survey called for policies that promote ease of doing business and flexible labour regulations, and foster entrepreneurial activity, especially in the manufacturing sector. It further said that 'Assemble in India' for the world should be integrated with 'Make in India' to raise

India's export market share to about 3.5 per cent by 2025 and 6 per cent by 2030. In the process, India would be able to create about 4 crore jobs by 2025 and about 8 crore jobs by 2030.

The Survey called for cutting non-committed revenue expenditures like subsidies, but warned against cutting capital expenditure. "...since a considerable proportion of revenue expenditure like interest payments, wages and salaries and pensions is committed, in nature, this leaves a little fiscal headroom for manoeuvre. Therefore, the focus of the government should lie on rationalization of non-committed revenue expenditure like subsidies," it said. It also advocated aggressive disinvestment to "facilitate creation of fiscal

space and improve the efficient allocation of public resources".

Citing ancient texts of Thirukural and Arthashastra, the Survey authored by Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy Subramanian, underlined the importance of wealth creation.

Stressing that many of the interventions over the years in sectors such as pharmaceuticals and agriculture have been counter-productive, the Survey called for strengthening the 'invisible hand of markets' along with the 'hand of trust' to support markets. "India's aspiration to become a \$5 trillion economy depends critically on strengthening the invisible hand of markets together with the hand of trust that can support markets," it said. According to Subramanian, looking at the

business cycle phenomena in India, typically the peaks and troughs, and co-relating them with what has happened, "it seems like we have hit the trough therefore there should be uptick in growth. That is what we are Budgeting."

Listing ten positive factors such as picking up of Nifty India Consumption Index for the first time this year, an upbeat secondary market, higher FDI flows, build-up of demand pressure, positive outlook for rural consumption, rebound of industrial activity, steady improvement in manufacturing, growth in merchandise exports, higher build-up of foreign exchange reserves and positive growth rate of GST revenue collection, the Survey said the uptick in second half of 2019-20 will be mainly due to these factors.

To create wealth, Survey roots for strategic sale of PSUs

stake value. The government can transfer its stake in the listed CPSEs to a separate corporate entity. This entity would be managed by an independent board and would be mandated to divest the government stake over a period of time," it said. This would help unlock value in 264 CPSEs.

In the case of state-owned banks, while the Survey does not advocate privatisation, it suggests granting stock options to bank employees, on the lines of private banks, to motivate them, as well as better use of data analytics and fintech platforms to improve bank productivity.

Quoting extensively from

Kautilya's Arthashastra, Adam Smith's the Wealth of the Nations, Tamil saint Thiruvalluvar's Thirukural — along with evidence-based analysis — many chapters in the Survey stress the need for wealth creation and greater participation of the private sector to achieve this objective. It cites sector after sector — cement, steel, roads, ports, banking and mutual funds — where entry of the private sector led to exponential gains, especially when compared with sectors which remained under government control — such as railways, coal, PSU banks — which fared poorly over the years.

"India's aspiration to be-

come a \$5 trillion economy depends critically on strengthening the invisible hand of markets together with the hand of trust that can support markets. The invisible hand needs to be strengthened by promoting pro-business policies, eliminate policies that undermine markets through government intervention even where it is not necessary," the Survey said. Invisible hand was a concept advocated by economist Smith who argued that private players working in their self interest produce favourable economic results.

Another analysis in the Survey highlights the gains achieved from strategic sales

between 1999-2000 to 2003-04 in key companies that were privatised, Balco, Maruti, Hindustan Zinc, Tata Communications, Modern Food India, among others.

The Survey also highlights the case of BPCL where the announcement of privatisation itself led to an increase in shareholder value by Rs 33,000 crore compared to its peer Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, in which the government sold its entire stake to another state-owned player ONGC. HPCL shares have remained largely flat with no privatisation, while BPCL stock almost doubled in value just on announcement.

appropriate" for the migrants to return. "The idea is to settle them at one place as it will address their geo-political aspirations as well," he said.

Vinod Pandit, chairman of All Party Migrants Coordination Committee, says the chances of return and rehabilitation of migrant Kashmiri Pandits in the near future are "bleak". He says the main problem is for those people who were in their 20s when the exodus took place. They "became overage" for government employment in the first decade of finding their feet in the migrant camps in Jammu.

The government's efforts in "resettlement and rehabilitation" of around 750 migrants, who were taken on as teachers and given other junior government jobs in the Valley, and accommodated in portacabins, do not inspire hope.

"Even after 10 years of staying there, we are virtually living in barracks," said Sanjay Koul, 43, who lives in a pre-fab Pandit colony in Visoo, Anantnag. Nothing remains of the house his father had built at Larkipora in Anantnag, though the family still owns three kanals of land there.

Koul, who has constructed a house in Jammu's Durga Nagar, has no plans of building another in the Valley because of the "uncertainty". In Jammu, a vast stretch is now predominantly inhabited by migrant Kashmiri Pandits who have built houses and become an integral part of local civil society. Among them, there is no palpable drive to return to the Valley.

The PDP-BJP coalition government had in 2015 spoken about self-contained and heavily guarded separate townships for

Kashmiri Pandits with schools, shopping malls, hospitals and playgrounds in various parts of Kashmir. Last July, then Governor Satya Pal Malik said that locations for such townships had been identified and work was underway, triggering opposition from mainstream and separatist politicians in the Valley.

Relief Commissioner Tej Krishan Bhat, however, told The Indian Express that there was no such plan on the ground. He said the construction of transit accommodation for migrant government employees under the Prime Minister's 2009 job package was confused for separate townships.

Kovind address

of India and of its people came under the most severe attack. In the environment prevailing in the aftermath of partition, the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi had said: "Hindus and Sikhs of Pakistan, who do not wish to live there, can come to India. It is the duty of the Government to ensure a normal life for them." Many national leaders and political parties have from time to time supported this idea of Pujya Babu and further propagated it. It is our responsibility to honour this wish of the founding fathers of our nation."

"I am happy that both the Houses of Parliament have fulfilled this wish, by enacting the Citizenship Amendment Act. At a time when the country is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhiji, all of you have given paramount consideration to this sentiment. I congratulate both the Houses of Parliament and all the MPs for this."

"My Government would like to clarify once again that the procedures which have existed for people from all faiths of the world who to believe in India and who wish to obtain Indian citizenship, remain unchanged. A person of any faith can follow these processes and become a citizen of India. The Government has made several provisions to ensure that

granting citizenship to those who have been compelled to take shelter in India does not have any adverse cultural impact on any region, especially the North East."

He, however, made no mention of the NRC. In his June 20, 2019 address, President Kovind had said: "Illegal infiltrators pose a major threat to our internal security. This is leading to social imbalance in many parts of the country, as well as putting a huge pressure on limited livelihood opportunities. My Government has decided to implement the process of 'National Register of Citizens' on priority basis in areas affected by infiltration. Security along the border will be further strengthened to prevent infiltration."

"While on the one hand, the Government is working to identify the infiltrators, on the other, it is also fully committed to protecting the victims of persecution due to their faith. In this regard, efforts will be made to amend the Citizenship Act while protecting the linguistic, cultural and social identities."

The amendment to the Citizenship Act was carried out by Parliament during the winter session in December. Its passage triggered nationwide protests over Home Minister Amit Shah's assertion for a nationwide NRC during his reply to a debate on the citizenship amendment legislation.

On Friday, while Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP members responded to the President's laudatory reference to the CAA with thumping of desks, Opposition members shouted "shame shame". BJP members shouted "Bharat Mata ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram" and the Trinamool Congress matched it with "Jai Hind". A little before Kovind finished his address, over a dozen Trinamool Congress members displayed banners which read "No CAA", "No NPR" and "No NRC".

Jamia shooter

a roadways bus, which dropped

him at Kalindi Kunj. The last time he came to Delhi was when he was seven years old," the officer said.

Police said he described himself as "real nationalist". He told police he was upset with the murders of Chandan Gupta, who was killed in Kasganj in 2018, and the self-proclaimed working president of Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha Kamlesh Tiwari in 2019. For the past eight months, he had been constantly watching social media posts by self-proclaimed members of fringe Hindu groups," an officer said.

According to sources, while speaking to police, he also referred to a video posted by actor Ajaz Khan who was later arrested from Mumbai last year, and the recent speech by JNU PhD student Sharjeel Imam. Police said they have urged for the formation of a medical panel to conduct a bone ossification test to verify his age.

Meanwhile, the Jamia Chief Proctor Friday handed police a red backpack, allegedly belonging to the juvenile, Chief Proctor Waseem Ahmad Khan said the bag contained a register and a certificate in which the shooter's name was written.

Among the belongings, there were several loose papers, including one which had "Mandir wahi banayenge" written with a pencil, and two flags drawn on the top right corner of the page, it is learnt. "A boy gave the bag to our guard yesterday. We don't know who that person is. We thought it was a student's bag and that they would come to receive it. When they didn't, I thought we should check what's inside," said Khan.

Terror bust

was killed in a 2016 encounter. He said the questioning of the third person was on.

The militants, police sources said, were hiding behind putty bags which Sameer had loaded onto the truck at Gangyal on the outskirts of Jammu city. Before driving the truck in the direction

of the Valley, Sameer appeared to have first driven towards Hiranagar to pick up the infiltrating militants, the sources said.

DGP Singh said there were three militants and the recovery of additional weapons suggested these were meant for other militants in the Valley.

Kamra ban

enquiries by referring the Kamra-Goswami episode to their respective internal committees.

Vistara and AirAsia India stood out among half a dozen national airlines and refraining from acting hastily on the Kamra incident while IndiGo, Air India, SpiceJet and GoAir banned him from taking their flights. IndiGo banned him for six months after the episode on board its Mumbai-Lucknow flight on January 28. Air India, SpiceJet and GoAir banned him "until further notice".

Soon after Kamra posted a video on Twitter, in which he is heard making a monologue in front of Goswami, IndiGo posted a statement on the micro-blogging website banning the comedian from flying for six months. Shortly after that, Civil Aviation Minister Puri wrote on Twitter the government was left with no option but to advise other airlines to impose similar restrictions on Kamra. Air India, SpiceJet and GoAir banned Kamra within a day of his 'advice'.

A senior executive in one of the two airlines told The Indian Express: "We cannot consider tweets to be official instructions. We need to follow the DGCA rules, which require such matters to be investigated first by an internal committee. Even if we were to go by what the government is saying, we need to follow the process, and it was not possible in a matter of a few hours." An e-mail query sent to the two airlines did not elicit a response.

A senior government official, in fact, raised questions over other airlines banning Kamra, pending a decision by IndiGo's internal committee. "The relevant civil aviation requirement says that for any person, who is placed in the no-fly list, other airlines shall have the option to ban him from taking flights. But a person would end up on the no-fly list only when its internal committee takes a decision," the official told The Indian Express. Pending such an enquiry, only the concerned airline — IndiGo, in this case — may ban the passenger from flying.

The rules define three categories of unruly behaviour: Level 1 refers to behaviour that is verbally unruly, and calls for debarment upto three months; Level 2 indicates physical unreasonableness and can lead to the passenger being debarred from flying for upto six months; Level 3 indicates life-threatening behaviour where the debarment would be for a minimum of two years. However, the onus of deciding the duration of the ban lies with the committee.

"The current rules for handling unruly passengers in force since September 2017 were drafted following an incident six months earlier (in March 2017, Shiv Sena Member of Parliament Ravindra Gaikwad physically assaulted an Air India crew member in Pune). But these are draconian in nature," the official said.

2-week isolation

arrival in Delhi. "If any individual is suspected to be infected, he/she will be shifted to the isolation ward at Base Hospital Delhi Cantonment (BHDC). Screening at the airport will be done by a joint team of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) and Airport Health Authority (APHO)," Army officials said.

Samples will be sent to the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and patients will be discharged only after clinical recovery — and after two successive samples test negative for n-COV.

Of the evacuees, around 280 men will be housed in Manesar while approximately 90 women and families will be accommodated in the ITBP camp. Officials said a 50-bed critical care facility has also been set up at Safdurjung Hospital.

At the Manesar facility, officials said, the barracks for evacuees have been divided into sectors, each with a maximum capacity of 50. The evacuees will be allowed to engage in games, watch TV and have meals together. But the population of one sector will not be allowed to mingle with that of another.

"After 14 days, persons with no symptoms will be allowed to go home with detailed documentation sent to the district/state surveillance units for further surveillance," they said.

At the ITBP facility, Dr Rajiv Garg, Director-General Health Services, will be the nodal officer from the Health Ministry. In Geneva, an emergency committee convened by WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus agreed that the outbreak meets the criteria for a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern".

In China, where the death toll touched 213 Friday, several buses were organised to ferry Indian students from different universities in Wuhan to the airport for evacuation. A video sent to The Indian Express by a student from Jianghan University in Wuhan showed him entering the bus. Ahead of him were students in masks and luggage settling into their seats. "The Embassy sent us a message early Friday morning to be ready to leave," he said.

At 4 pm IST, the student messaged stating the bus had started moving towards the airport.

Nipah formula

until she was placed in isolation at the Thrissur government hospital. Her activities and contacts with others during that period were traced, too.

Primary contacts are those with direct exposure to the index case, while the secondary category includes persons who came into touch with those on the primary list. In 2018, such a strategy proved crucial in containing the spread of the Nipah virus that claimed 17 lives in Kerala.

This time, officials said, the primary contacts are being brought under the observation of a network of public health centres. Ambulances are ready in all districts to take them to hospitals for isolation, if required, they said.

Officials said passengers of the Kolkata-Kochi flight that the student took on January 23 will also be monitored. However, staff at the international airport in Kochi are not on the list of contacts as they had already been equipped with personal protective gear.

"We have tracked her return journey from Wuhan to Kerala. She had boarded a flight from Wuhan to Kunming on January 22. She reached Kolkata the next day, and travelled to Kochi on an IndiGo flight. The airlines and airport authorities will be informed so that other passengers can be intimidated," sources said.

Officials had earlier feared that the woman might have used public transport to reach her home in Thrissur, which is about 55 km from the Kochi airport. "It turned out that she was picked up from the airport by her parents in their car. After reaching home on January 24, she did not step out much, except to visit a primary health centre in the neighborhood. Three staffers of that centre are now under observation. Later, when the symptoms appeared, she didn't go to the PHC but informed them over phone. That helped limit the exposure," an official said.

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NOTICE
A meeting of the Board of Directors of Tata Steel Limited (the 'Company') will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020, *inter alia*, to consider and take on record the audited Standalone and unaudited Consolidated financial results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2019.

The financial results will be made available on the website of the Company at www.tatasteel.com as well as on the website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com.

January 30, 2020
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Company Secretary &
Chief Legal Officer (Corporate & Compliance)
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'COURTS CANNOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST DEATH ROW CONVICT'

Execution of 4 in Dec 16 rape case deferred

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE EXECUTION of the four convicts in the December 16, 2012, gangrape-murder case, scheduled for 6 am, Saturday, has been deferred.

A Delhi court Friday postponed the execution till further orders, saying the country cannot afford to discriminate against a death row convict in pursuit of legal remedies. Additional Sessions

Judge Dharmender Rana passed the order on the plea by the convicts, seeking adjournment of the executions with no appointed date for resumption.

"... Seeking redressal of one's grievances through procedure established by law is the hallmark of any civilised society. The courts of this country cannot afford to adversely discriminate any convict, including death row convict, in pursuit of his legal remedies, by turning a Nelson's eye towards him," the ASJ wrote in his order.

The victim's mother broke down outside the court room and said, "The convicts are taking advantage of the law and delaying their execution."

Earlier, Additional Public Prosecutor Irfan Ahmed told the court "neither any remedy is pending nor any application. Vinay Sharma's mercy petition is pending I concede. As far as the remaining convicts are concerned, all these convicts can be hanged on February 1. There is no illegality, no impediment."

Vrinda Grover, amicus curiae for convict Mukesh, citing a Supreme Court judgment, contended that "execution of death sentence would lead to irreversible and irreparable process".

She told the court it would be unjust to allow the death sentence to be executed qua Mukesh, saying "if the mercy petition of the other convicts is favourably considered by the President of India, the change in circumstances would entitle convict Mukesh to move for a

fresh mercy petition". Grover said Mukesh cannot be adversely segregated from similarly placed co-convicts simply because he has sincerely and earnestly pursued his legal remedies. "What message will the courts send? That the one who is exercising his remedy will be punished first?"

AP Singh, counsel for Pawan, Akshay and Vinay, told the court that Vinay's mercy petition was filed, a review petition was filed on behalf of Pawan, and a criminal appeal pertaining to the

three convicts was pending before the Delhi High Court. He said Akshay's curative petition was dismissed Thursday and he intends to move a mercy petition before the President. "If the execution of death warrants issued by this court is not stayed, then the legal remedies of the convicts shall become infructuous."

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court also dismissed a plea by convict Pawan Gupta, seeking a review of the decision that rejected his juvenility claim.

Man killed for resisting phone snatching bid

New Delhi: A 30-year-old man succumbed to his injuries Friday, after he was allegedly stabbed by three unknown assailants during a robbery bid in South Delhi's Malviya Nagar the previous night. Police said the victim, Amardeep Kumar, was at a bus stand in Adchini, when the assailants tried to snatch his phone.

Police said a case under IPC sections 394 (voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery), 397 (robbery with intent to cause death) and 34 (act by several persons in furtherance of common intention) was registered at Malviya Nagar police station.

On Thursday night, Kumar, a sweeper who lived in Vasant

Vihar's Munirka, was waiting for a bus at Adchini, when three men approached him.

"They tried to snatch his phone and other belongings. Kumar tried to push them away, but one of the accused held him. Another one pulled out a knife and stabbed Kumar. The three fled with the victim's phone. He was rushed to Madan Mohan Malviya Nagar Hospital by a passerby," said an officer.

Police said they have identified a few suspects from Kumar's statement. DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said, "We have added IPC section 302 (murder) in the case. Further investigation is underway. We are questioning suspects we caught Friday." **ENS**

South Delhi family booked for protesting at park

New Delhi: Police registered a case against a South Delhi-based family that was protesting against the CAA at a park in South Delhi's Hauz Rani Wednesday, as they were allegedly "trying to install a tent there without the land-owning agency's permission".

"Feroz, his wife and their five daughters were trying to install a tent in the park with-

out any permission. Police personnel rushed there and were obstructed by them, their uniform was torn, and a police officer also got injured," said DCP (South) Atul Thakur.

In a video doing the rounds, personnel can be seen trying to tackle Feroz as family members intervene and get into a scuffle. "No one has been arrested yet," said Thakur. **ENS**

DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER

NEW DELHI

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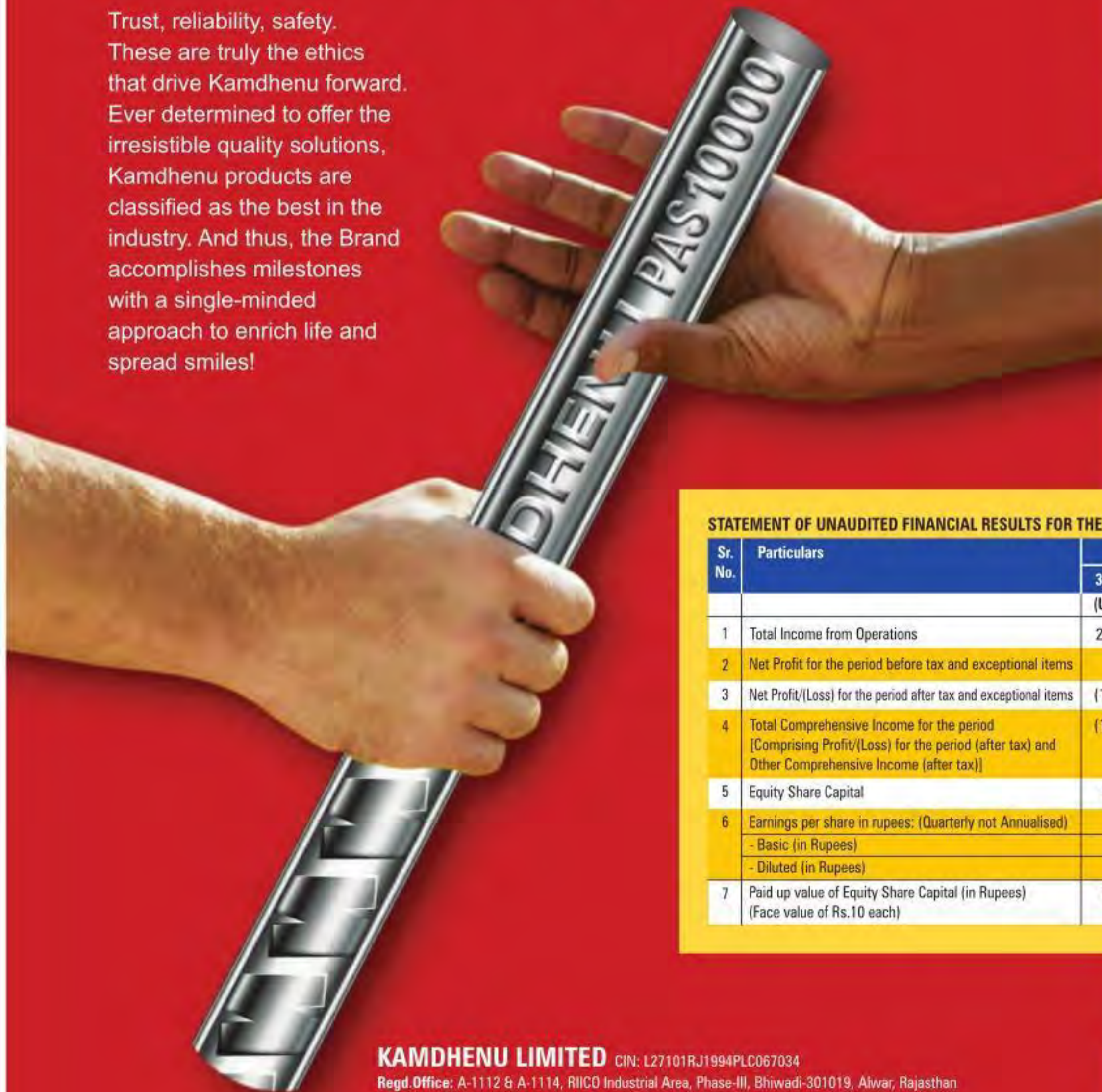
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Note:

- The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee & approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 31st January, 2020. The financial results for the quarter ended 31st December, 2019 have been limited reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
- During the quarter ended 31st December, 2019, the company has accounted for an amount of Rs.2438.84 lakhs towards the settlement of various old excise and service tax dispute to the tune of Rs. 4907.47 lakhs settled/paid under Sakka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme, 2019 which has been shown as Exceptional Item and the EPS for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2019 before and after Exceptional Items are as under:

Earning Per Share	Quarter Ended 31.12.2019	Nine Month Period Ended 31.12.2019
Basic EPS before Exceptional Items	2.16	6.91
Basic EPS after Exceptional Items	(4.91)	(0.16)

- Effective 1st April 2019, the Company adopted IND AS 116 "Leases" and applied the same to all Lease contracts existing on 1st April 2019 using modified retrospective method and has taken the cumulative adjustments to Retained Earnings on the date of initial application. Accordingly, the Comparative Figures of Previous periods have not been restated. The cumulative effect of application of standard has reduced the retained earnings by Rs.75.39 lakhs (Net of deferred tax asset) on transition date i.e. 1st April 2019. For the nine month period ended 31st December 2019, the implementation of IND AS 116 has resulted in decrease in Profit before tax by Rs.26.57 lakhs on account of interest cost and depreciation offset by reversal of lease rent expenses. In the statement of Profit and Loss for the current Period, the nature of expenses in respect of operating lease has changed from lease rent in previous periods to depreciation cost for right of use asset and Finance cost for interest accrued on lease liability. The adoption of new standard has resulted in recognition of Right of Use of Rs. 738.67 lakhs and lease liability of Rs. 854.55 lakhs on 1st April 2019.
- The company has elected to exercise the option permitted under Section 115BAA of Income Tax Act, 1961 as introduced by Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019. Accordingly, the company has recognised provision for Income Tax for Nine months ended 31st December 2019 and remeasured its deferred tax on the basis of rates as prescribed in the said section. The full impact of the change has been recognised in the statement of profit & loss.
- Subsequent to the quarter ended 31st December, 2019, the Company has acquired 100% shareholding stake at face value in Kamdhenu Ventures Limited, whereby Kamdhenu Ventures Limited has become wholly owned subsidiary company of the Company. Kamdhenu Colour and Coatings Limited being a wholly owned subsidiary company of Kamdhenu Ventures Limited, has become step down subsidiary of the Company. It is hereby pertinent to mention that Kamdhenu Ventures Limited and Kamdhenu Colour and Coatings Limited was incorporated by the promoters of the Company to give effect to the proposed Scheme of arrangement of Kamdhenu Concast Ltd, Kamdhenu Overseas Ltd, Kamdhenu Paint Industries Ltd, Kamdhenu Infra-developers Pvt.Ltd, Kamdhenu Nutrients Pvt.Ltd, Kay2 Steel Ltd, Tiptop Promoters Pvt.Ltd, Kamdhenu Ltd, Kamdhenu Ventures Ltd and Kamdhenu Colour and Coatings Ltd. The Board of Directors of the Company in its meeting held on 31st January, 2020 has approved this proposed Scheme of arrangement, subject to the requisite regulatory approvals.
- A major fire broke out in the Paint factory of the Company at Chopanki, Alwar, Rajasthan on the midnight of 27th & 28th April, 2019 due to which the inventory at the factory, property, plant & equipment got damaged substantially. There has been no human casualty in the said fire incidence. The carrying amount as on date of fire of inventories, property, plant & equipment damaged in fire was to the tune of Rs. 45.68 Crores. The inventory, property, plant & equipment so damaged in fire were validly insured and insurance policies were effective as on the date of such fire. The Company has filed insurance claim of Rs. 45 Crores and the process of assessing the claim settlement has been initiated and is underway. The management of the Company is confident that the amount claimed from Insurance Company is certain to be realized based on valid and subsisting insurance policies. Accordingly, the Company has recognized insurance claim receivable as on amounting to Rs. 45 Crores (to the extent of amount claimed) in books of accounts and classified as other current financial assets. Any deficit/surplus in the amount of insurance claim shall be recognized as expense/income upon final settlement of the claim. The amount of insurance claim of Rs. 45 Crores recognized and amount of loss of fire amounting to Rs. 45.68 Crores has been shown in Exceptional Item and net amount of loss of Rs.0.68 Crores on account of fire has been shown as 'Exceptional Items (Net)' in financial statements.
- The company had allotted 143250 equity shares of Rs.10 each on an exercise price of Rs.50 each to eligible employees under ESOP scheme 2017 on 02.05.2019 and Listing of such shares on stock exchanges is under process.
- The unaudited financial results of the company for the quarter ended 31st December 2019 are also available on the Company's website (www.kamdhenu.com) and on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and NSE (www.nseindia.com) in accordance with the provision of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTH ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019 (₹ in Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Nine Month Ended		Year Ended
		31.12.2019	30.09.2019	31.12.2018	31.12.2019	31.12.2018	31.03.2019
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	25,541.04	23,797.97	24,230.14	71,636.75	97,415.69	123,239.62
2	Net Profit for the period before tax and exceptional items	716.58	422.11	850.94	2,136.54	2,582.87	3,494.61
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional items	(1,303.93)	652.14	546.63	(43.36)	1,658.50	2,247.06
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(1,303.04)	653.85	542.38	(35.93)	1,649.20	2,255.87
5	Equity Share Capital	2,654.33	2,654.33	2,440.00	2,654.33	2,440.00	2,640.00
6	Earnings per share in rupees: (Quarterly not Annualised)						
	- Basic (in Rupees)	(4.91)	2.46	2.24	(0.16)	6.81	8.98
	- Diluted (in Rupees)	(4.90)	2.45	2.16	(0.16)	6.56	8.90
7	Paid up value of Equity Share Capital (in Rupees) (Face value of Rs.10 each)	2,654.33	2,654.33	2,440.00	2,654.33	2,440.00	2,640.00

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
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(Satish Kumar Agarwal)
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BRIEFLY

Provide 24x7 security to Italian 'rape victim': HC

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Friday directed Delhi Police to provide "round-the-clock security" to an Italian woman, who has accused a self-proclaimed 'yoga guru' of raping her on the pretext of marriage. As per the woman, the man had induced her to invest Rs 5 lakh on a yoga centre in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, promising good returns. In December 2018, the woman complained to police that the man's claims of being a 'yoga guru' are false. She also alleged that he used a fake picture of himself with the President of India as his display picture on Facebook. Justice Suresh Kumar Kait said, "Since threats are being received from the accused (man) to petitioner (woman)... DCP, New Delhi, is directed to provide security (lady police officer) round the clock to the petitioner, to avoid any untoward incident."

Govt official's house burgled

New Delhi: A 53-year-old government official's house was allegedly burgled by two men in South Delhi's Saket. Police said Sanjay Saxena, who works for the Madhya Pradesh government's public relations department, was out for work when two men broke into his house and fled with cash and jewellery worth Rs 10 lakh. In his complaint, Saxena alleged, "My wife went to the neighbour's house around 12.30 pm. When she returned after an hour, the main gate and the door were open and the locks were broken. She became suspicious and called the neighbours and police. They entered the house and found it was ransacked." CCTV footage shows two men entering the house and leaving with a bag belonging to Saxena, said police. "A forensic team has recovered fingerprints from the house. A case under IPC sections 380 (theft in dwelling house) and 454 (lurking house-trespass) has been registered at Saket police station," said police. **ENS**

Tihar inmate dies after suicide attempt

New Delhi: A 25-year-old man, who tried to commit suicide inside Tihar Jail, died at a hospital on Friday, officials said. The man has been identified as Rajesh. He was convicted in a POCSSO Act case, a senior official said. He tried to commit suicide by hanging himself in the toilet around 3 pm on Wednesday. He was rushed to DDU Hospital, where he died. **PTI**

DAY AFTER SHOOTING DURING JAMIA PROTEST

Probe to look into slow police response

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

AN INTERNAL enquiry has been initiated to look into the police's handling of the situation when an armed youth shot at a Jamia student during a protest against the new citizenship law on Thursday afternoon. As reported by *The Indian Express*, more than 300 police personnel from the South East district and five companies of CRPF were stationed at three points — Sarai Jullena, Holy Family Hospital and Sukhdev Vihar — when the shooting took place.

Visuals and videos of the shooting also show several policemen, including an ACP and two SHO's, standing in the background when the 17-year-old fired the shot, after brandishing the country-made pistol in the air. Several eyewitnesses *The Indian Express* spoke to said police response had been slow, and the gunman had ample time to shoot.

Special CP (crime) Praveer Ranjan told *The Indian Express* that apart from the probe into the shooting, they are also conducting an internal enquiry to ascertain if there were lapses by police.

On Thursday, Ranjan had said, "By the time police could react, the person had already fired. Everything happened in a split second. Investigation is on."

"Personnel who were at the spot have informed senior officers that they were walking when they first saw the attacker, who came from where the protesters were standing. They said that initially, they did not notice anything amiss as media personnel were also following the gunman. But things became clearer when he came closer to police personnel and ACP (New Friends Colony). Jagdish Yadav noticed he was carrying something in his hand. He asked one of his inspectors, Khalid Hussain, to intervene and they realised he was carrying a pistol," a senior officer said.

In their defence, police also claimed that the attacker had his back turned towards them, and he fired before they could react. Police had also claimed that some of the officers thought the attacker had a phone in his hand.

Hussain, who is additional SHO (Jamia Nagar), said he was walking near the students when the gunman fired. "The man appeared suddenly and fired. I was



Protests had swelled after the shooting outside Jamia Millia Islamia on Thursday. *Gajendra Yadav*



The injured student, Shadab. *Gajendra Yadav*

the first person to hold Shadab (the injured student)," SHO Jamia Nagar Upender Singh said. "The accused had his back towards us and we couldn't see the gun. As soon as he fired the gun, we acted swiftly and caught him."

This is the third time in the last two months that Delhi Police has come under criticism. On December 15, police had stormed the Jamia campus and allegedly assaulted students inside the library after an anti-CAA protest outside the college took a violent turn. On January 5, police had come under scanner for not being able to stop masked men, who ran riot inside JNU and injured students and teachers, in time.

Man who inspired youth says will 'counter Shaheen Bagh'

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

FAR-RIGHT activist Updesh Rana, whose name figured in multiple Facebook posts of the youth who fired at a Jamia student on Thursday, plans to launch a dharna at Shaheen Bagh on February 9, to "counter" the blockade by anti-CAA protesters.

The gunman, in his posts, had written that in case he had even half the followers of Rana, he would have turned Shaheen Bagh into "Jallianwala Bagh". Rana was arrested in Jaipur in 2017 over a proposed rally in support of Shambhul Regar, who was accused of killing a Muslim labourer in Rajasthan and circulating the video.

In Facebook, there are several groups in support of Rana, including one with over 1.25 lakh followers. Another group, with over 26,000 members, gets around 3,700 posts on a daily basis. The group description tells Muslims to "stay away" and new members are asked whether they are Hindu or not.

On Friday, the groups saw hundreds of posts being made in favour of the gunman, who has been arrested, demanding his release. Some hailed him as a "Hindu lion".

Many of the youth's friends and acquaintances, who had posted under his Facebook Live sessions before the incident, also put up posts demanding his release and targeting the minority community. Many said the minor had made a "mistake" on account of his "youth".

Rana, who runs the Updesh Rana Youth Brigade, said he did not know the youth personally, "but he may have met me and taken pictures like others, as I have lakhs of followers". "He used to message me as well, but I don't think I ever responded. I am still not sure why he used my name," Rana, who is also the national secretary of a forum called Vishwa Sanatan Sangh, said.

Rana said his 'Youth Brigade' is into social work such as "gau sewa". "I plan to come to Shaheen Bagh on February 9. Police called me yesterday about my plans; I have not con-

firmed my presence yet though. We want to launch a counter dharna; we also have women to support us. But ours will be a democratic protest," he said.

One post on Facebook supporting Rana, which was shared and commented on by thousands, compared the gunman with Friedrich Nietzsche's Übermensch, or the superman. "Nietzsche writes in his superman theory that every society needs a super man. Gopal wanted to be that mahamanav of this Hindu society. His method may have been wrong, but one needs to think why he opted for this route. He is emotional, angry against the system," it said.

TikTok videos celebrating him also surfaced, with visuals of the firing playing in the background. Other posts said he was a "Ram bhakt", who has taken a "major step" towards providing "azadi" to Jamia and Shaheen Bagh. "All Hindu warriors please come forward to support the Ram bhakt, the one man army," it says.

In village, some find firing hard to believe, others not so much

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, JANUARY 31

THE FAMILY of the 17-year-old involved in the Jamia shooting said they are still trying to understand what prompted him to pick up a weapon and target a protest. But at the boy's village in UP's Bulandshahr district, many who knew him say he was "quiet but angry, and held the firm belief that his religion was in danger".

According to his school's manager, the youth kept to himself and rarely spoke to peers or teachers. He joined the school six years ago.

"But I don't recall a single conversation which hinted towards such a radicalised side. He comes from a poor family which could barely afford his education. When we would ask about a career or future plans, he would remain quiet," said the manager.

School staff said he had shown an interest in wrestling and had participated in some local tournaments, but dropped out due to lack of financial backing.

As villagers flocked to his house on Friday, the family maintained he was a "private person who did not share what he was thinking".

"It might be possible that he felt angry about the fact that

some people were harming the country and decided to do something about it. But to us, he was a disciplined child who sat at his father's pan shop for two hours," said a relative.

A few blocks down the minor's house, however, amid a group of local Muslim youths, the conversation was different. They recalled that he had tried to pick arguments with them on more than one occasion.

"He would get into verbal arguments with us, try to make us feel like outsiders," said one of them.

Meanwhile, some fringe groups rushed to provide "support" to the youth and his family. Calling him a "hero", Hindu Mahasabha national spokesperson Ashok Pandey said: "What he did had been on the minds of all those who want to protect the nation from those who want to break it. Police will carry out their investigation, but for us he is a hero. When he comes out on bail, we will either plan a ceremony or garland him for his efforts."

A Greater Noida-based NGO, Pran Raksha Dal, extended financial support to the minor's family. "We presented a cheque to his father... Justice needs to be done," said NGO member Gaurav Sharma. Though the boy has claimed links to the Bajrang Dal on Facebook, the outfit, however, denied this.



The youth being taken into police custody. *Gajendra Yadav*

Jamia shooting echo in Shaheen Bagh: 'Will police protect us from similar incident?'

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

"WE DON'T know what will happen tomorrow. Someone might come and hurt us, and police will not take any action," said Nunisa, (70) a protester at Shaheen Bagh on Friday. On Thursday, a Jamia Millia Islamia student was shot at by an armed assailant outside the campus during an anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) protest. Sitting under a tent 2-3 km away from Jamia, organisers tried pacifying the worried women and their families.

Nunisa sat near the stage to hear artists from Mumbai and Delhi speak about the "strength of the protesters." She said, "We won't lose faith and will continue protesting until the government scraps CAA and the proposed NRC."



The Shaheen Bagh protest has been on for a month. *Amit Mehra*

As the air rang with slogans of "Jamia tere khooon se inqilab aayega," the 'Dadis of Shaheen Bagh' assembled near the stage with placards.

"A week before, it rained heavily. Two days ago, a man came here and threatened us with a pistol. Now, an innocent student has been shot. The gov-

ernment thinks we are weak and will stop, but we won't give up. We aren't scared of assailants or police. Even if someone beats us, we will come back and sit here," said Mehrunisa (60), who has been at the site for a month.

A group of women sat on the stairs near the ground. They were called to sit inside, but chose to

sit out. Gulshan (56), who works at a boutique, said, "My family is scared about the protests now. They told me to return after seeing the news yesterday. I was scared too, as the assailant could have easily come here and killed any of us. I don't want to stop protesting — that will show I have no faith in the movement and its strength. But I can't sit here all day and night. That's unsafe. We will leave after 6 or 7 pm; till then we'll support the movement."

While some were afraid because of "police inaction", others said they don't depend on police for their safety. Sitting on a rock near the barricades, 70-year-old Rafiqan said, "I underwent heart surgery last month. I've been coming here since then. I don't care if police won't do anything for us. Protesters and locals will always stand by us. We are safe and will not stop."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) held a special meeting with its senior officers and top officials of the Delhi administration — including the chief secretary, police commissioner, home secretary and finance secretary — Friday, following which it ruled out postponing polls in the Okhla seat.

The review meeting on poll preparedness took place a day after a youth fired at a Jamia student during an anti-CAA protest. The protest site falls under the Okhla Assembly seat.

At the meeting, the commission reviewed the law and order situation, among other aspects, during which the chief electoral officer, chief secretary and police commissioner assured Chief Election Commissioner Sunil

Arora and election commissioner Ashok Lavasa and Sushil Chandra that the poll machinery is prepared to hold peaceful and fair elections in the capital.

"This meeting may have happened a day after the firing incident, but it wasn't about any specific protest. This was our second review meeting in which all aspects of law and order were discussed," said a senior EC officer, who did not wish to be named.

The EC had earlier met with senior officers and discussed the Delhi CEO's input on the situation in Okhla. "Our officers (EC and state CEO office) stated that there is no reason to delay polls in Okhla. This was validated by top officers in the meeting that followed," said the officer.

The commission also told the police commissioner, special commissioners of police and representative of central forces that

they must use their powers "legally, timely and judiciously" to ensure peaceful, free and fair elections and the Model Code of Conduct should not be used as an excuse for slow action or inaction. Incidentally, police has been criticised for its handling of situations near university campuses, including Thursday's shooting.

After the meeting, the commission appointed B Murli Kumar (ex-IRS officer of 1983 batch) as Special Expenditure Observer and Mrinal Kanti Das (IPS 1977 Retd) as Special Police Observer for Delhi elections.

Das, who retired as Director General of Manipur Police, was also deputed earlier as Special Police Observer for Tripura and Mizoram during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. It was on Kumar's recommendation that the EC countermanded LS polls for the Vellore seat for abuse of money power.

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

At Manesar, Army sets up facility for students returning from China

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, JANUARY 31

OVER THE past three days, the Indian Army has set up a quarantine facility "in an area isolated away from the population" in Manesar to house students being brought back to India from China's Wuhan, in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

"It's been set up away from the population in temporary barracks. The facility's basic structure already existed, but we started setting it up as a quarantine facility on the evening of January 27. The facility is now ready to receive evacuees," said an official.

The facility is supposed to house approximately 300 stu-

dents, and includes accommodation barracks, administrative areas and a medical facility area.

"To prevent mass outbreak, it has been divided into sectors, each with a maximum capacity of 50 students. Each sector has been further subdivided into barracks. The population of sectors will not be allowed to intermingle with each other. Apart from playing games, watching TV and having meals together within a barrack, no one will be allowed to interact with the members of another barrack and definitely not another sector," the Army said in a press release.

A screening at the airport itself, by a joint team of the Armed Forces Medical Services

(AFMS) and Airport Health Authority (AHPA), will determine who among those arriving will be quarantined at the Manesar facility.

Officials said evacuees will be sorted into three categories — 'suspect case', which would include people with signs of fever, cough or respiratory distress; 'close contact', which would imply individuals not displaying symptoms, but who have visited a seafood-animal market, a health facility, or have come into contact with a Chinese person with symptoms in the last fortnight; and 'non-contact case', which includes people not fitting into the other two categories.

While those slotted under 'suspect case' will be



The facility has been divided into sectors, each with a maximum capacity of 50 students. *Twitter/PTI*

transported to the isolation ward at Base Hospital Delhi

Cantonment (BHDC), those in the other two categories will be

sent to the Manesar facility, where they will remain for 14 days as they are monitored for signs of infection, with their medical examination being conducted on a daily basis.

Officials said the facility will be administered by a nominated officer-in-charge, who will head a team of a community medicine specialist, two nursing officers, a woman medical officer, and a nursing assistant. To prevent the spread of the virus, healthcare workers and staff will wear personal protective equipment, which includes masks, eye shields, shoe covers, gowns and gloves. Other visitors and all residents will be made to wear a "three-layered mask" at all times. "No civilian or serving per-

sonnel detailed to work inside the facility will be allowed to go outside unless compelled by an extreme emergency situation," states the release.

At the end of the 14-day period, those with no symptoms will be allowed to return home, with their "detailed documentation" being sent to the district and state surveillance units for further surveillance. Those found to be infected will be shifted to the isolation ward at BHDC for further examination and recovery. The samples of the latter will also be sent to NCDC, Delhi for viral confirmation, and they will be discharged "only after clinical recovery and two successive negative samples tested for n-COV".

The Union Health Ministry has urged people to avoid non-essential travel to China. It has installed facilities for thermal screening at 21 airports and has issued advisories to the shipping and aviation sectors. The government has stepped up efforts to monitor such cases and prevent the spread of the virus.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illnesses 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.

5 DECISION 2020 DELHI



I HEREBY DECLARE



RAJKUMAR (52)
BJP, Kondli

TOTAL ASSETS (2020)
₹55,900

MOVEABLE ASSETS
₹55,900

CASH: ₹50,000

JEWELLERY: Nil

IMMOVABLE ASSETS
Nil

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION
Class 11



AMRISH SINGH GAUTAM (63)
Congress, Kondli

TOTAL ASSETS (2020)
₹1.57 CRORE

MOVEABLE ASSETS
₹46.14 LAKH

CASH: ₹98,500

JEWELLERY: ₹21.40 L.

IMMOVABLE ASSETS
₹1.11 CRORE

Assets	
Agricultural land	₹36 L
Houses	₹50 L
Commercial buildings	Nil

TOTAL ASSETS (2015)*
₹1.23 CRORE

MOVEABLE ASSETS
₹31.85 LAKH

IMMOVABLE ASSETS
₹92 LAKH

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION:
MA, Charan Singh University

** includes assets of spouse, dependents*

BALLOTIN

EC ban: Parvesh stages silent protest

New Delhi: BJP leader Parvesh Sahib Singh Friday staged a silent protest against the EC decision to bar him from campaigning for four days for the Delhi Assembly polls. The BJP's star campaigner was barred for making controversial remarks during a poll campaign. The ban came into force from 5 pm Thursday. In a video posted on Twitter, Singh was seen sitting in a dark room lit with candles and making posters in which he accused AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal of using words like "traitor", "General Dyer" and "Hitler" for PM Narendra Modi. He had covered his mouth with a black band. In the background, speeches of the Delhi Chief Minister slamming Modi were being played on an LCD screen. After Singh was barred by EC, his wife took to campaigning for the BJP in assembly constituencies in West Delhi. **PTI**

PARTY WON'T MEDDLE WITH AAP SUBSIDIES

Electric scooters, clean water in BJP manifesto

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

FREE ELECTRIC scooters for women from poor families enrolling in college, clean tap water in every household and jobs for one family member of 1984 riot victims, are among the promises featured in the BJP manifesto released Friday.

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari further said that if they come to power, existing subsidies on water, electricity and other schemes will also continue. Currently, 200 units of power are free, along with 20 kilolitres of water, and bus rides for women, and the BJP doesn't intend to meddle with that — despite several leaders having panned subsidies in the past. The party has also promised good quality wheat flour for Rs 2 per kilogram for the poor in its 'Delhi Sankalp Patra', along with jobs to one child each of victims of 1984 riots. The document was released in the presence of Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari, Prakash Javadekar, Harsh Vardhan, party's Delhi unit president Manoj Tiwari and MPs. Addressing the media, Gadkari said the party will run the "bullet train" of development in the capital. "We will complete Delhi-Mumbai highway in next three years. It will cut short the road distance between the two metro cities to just 12 hours," he said.

The party has tried to reach out to women voters and cut the AAP's voter base which benefitted from the free bus rides scheme, by offering scooters and bicycles to college and school students. "Poor girl students from Class IX to XII will be provided free bicycles and college students will be given electric scooters. The government will also give a gift of Rs 51,000 to the daughters of poor widows on marriage," said Tiwari.

It also touches on issues like education, sanitation, and easy loans for those employed in the unorganised sectors. "As no



Gadkari, Javadekar, Vardhan and Tiwari at the launch Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

THE PROMISES

- Delhi Yamuna Vikas Board to develop riverfront, start Yamuna Aarti on lines of Kashi, Mathura
- 10 lakh jobs in 5 years
- Clean drinking water to every household through tap
- Implement Centre's flagship Ayushman Bharat and Kisan Samman Nidhi schemes
- Recruitment on all vacant government posts
- Rs 51,000 to daughter of poor widows on marriage
- Allotment for 52,000 houses constructed for the workers and low-income group in industrial areas on priority basis

new college has come up in the national capital in the last five years, the youth of Delhi are forced to go to other cities to study as a result of which many families

have to bear disappointment. BJP stands with such families and we promise that we will build 10 new colleges in Delhi," reads the manifesto.

The BJP has been attacking AAP over its "failure" to build new schools and colleges even as the latter has pointed to an improvement in the quality of education and new classrooms built over the past five years.

The manifesto said that the BJP government at the Centre has implemented the Lokpal Act and it will remain a priority in Delhi.

On the environment front, the BJP promised the induction of 10,000 'green' buses in Delhi. For traders, the manifesto promises administrative and legal measures to prevent sealing. Sealing in Delhi has led to hundreds of shops being shut. There is no mention of statehood in the manifesto.

AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh called the manifesto a 'Jumla Patra'. "This manifesto clearly says all welfare schemes being run for common people today will be closed down if BJP comes to power. 200 units of free electricity, 20,000 litres of free water, free bus rides for women — all these will be shut down by the BJP. So, basically, it's not a manifesto, but a scheme to completely ruin the lives of the people of Delhi," he said.



Minister of State (Finance) Anurag Thakur with SAD chief Sukhbir Badal and his wife, Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal, in Delhi on Friday. Meanwhile, arguing that Thakur has "violated his oath" in Parliament by "inciting violence", Congress's Lok Sabha MP T N Prathapan Friday wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla demanding his disqualification as an MP. He also shot off a letter to President Ram Nath Kovind, urging him to direct the Speaker to disqualify Thakur. The MoS for Finance had on Monday urged the crowd at a rally to chant 'Desh ke gaddaron ko, goli maaro saalon ko.' **Remuka Puri**

HANDS UP

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Sonia, Rahul, Priyanka to address Cong rallies even as internal trouble brews

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

CONGRESS'S TOP leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Vadra will address rallies in the national capital from Monday. Sources said the party has planned three public events on February 3, 4 and 5. "We are waiting for the final confirmation. As per the campaign process, the leaders were supposed to address the rallies in the last week. As of now, one of them will be go-

ing to East Delhi constituency, the other two will be finalised as per their schedule," said a senior Congress leader.

The BJP and AAP have already brought star campaigners like union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, BJP president JP Nadda, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and music composer Vishal Dadlani, among others, to canvass in their respective areas.

On Wednesday, Congress brought actress Nagma to address an event in Arvinder Singh Lovely's Gandhi Nagar constituency. Meanwhile, Congress suspended former

Delhi MP Mahabal Mishra for "anti-party activities". "Mahabal Mishra, ex-MP, has been suspended from the Congress with immediate effect for anti-party activities with regard to the ongoing Delhi assembly elections," read the statement issued Friday by P C Chacko, Congress's Delhi in-charge.

A prominent Purvanchali face in the party, Mishra had been campaigning for his son, Vinay Mishra, who is contesting on an AAP ticket from Dwarka, a Congress leader said. Mahabal Mishra did not respond to calls and texts seeking a comment.

Another round of Pak politics as Tiwari, CM trade charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

A FRESH row broke out between the AAP and BJP ahead of the Delhi polls, with Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari alleging that a Pakistani minister is seeking votes for AAP. "A Pakistani minister is campaigning and seeking votes for AAP. Pakistan is happy as Kejriwal is running their agenda," alleged Tiwari.

Hitting out at the claim, Kejriwal said the Delhi assembly election is an internal matter of India and interference by Pakistan, the biggest sponsor of terrorism, will not be tolerated. "Narendra Modi ji is the Prime Minister of India. He is my Prime Minister

Absent in court, Cong's Rocky declared 'proclaimed person'

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

A DELHI court Friday declared Rocky Tuseed, a Congress candidate from Rajinder Nagar, a "proclaimed person" over his failure to appear before it in connection with a property defacement case lodged against him and three others during the DU students' union elections in 2017. "Accused Rocky Tuseed has failed to appear before this (court) despite passing of more than three months and no representation has been made on his behalf. Accordingly, accused Rocky Tuseed is hereby declared as proclaimed person in the present case," said Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Purshotam Pathak.

On being contacted about the order, Tuseed told *The Indian Express*: "I have no knowledge about the order (of trial court)."

Tuseed has been fielded from the Rajinder Nagar Assembly seat against AAP's Raghav Chadha and BJP's R P Singh. At 25, Tuseed is the youngest candidate in the poll fray in Delhi. According to police, the accused persons pasted posters and "destroyed the beauty of Motilal Nehru College" during their poll campaign in September 2017.

The court has now fixed February 24 for arguments on the charge in the case.

Process under CrPC section 82 (proclamation for person absconding) was already initiated by the trial court against Tuseed, following which he has been declared as proclaimed person in the present case.



AAP party workers talk to residents at Kalkaji transit camp Friday. Praveen Khanna

AAP hopes 'terrorist' jibe is BJP undoing, drives message home

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

"A BJP leader called Arvind Kejriwal a terrorist. *Kya aapne suna hai?* Are you aware?"

The question is posed by AAP volunteer Shailesh Srivastava, leading a team of around 40 youngsters, at every household in Kalkaji Extension's Transit Camp JJ cluster.

Most residents vaguely nodded, while one of them, Gaura Devi, said: "Samachar mein suna toh hai. Lekin bolne do, aap tension mat lo."

As doors creaked open, youngsters with Srivastava quickly handed over a pamphlet, with images of an angry-looking Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP MP Parvesh Sahib Singh. The accompanying text says, "Now you decide whether Kejriwal is your son/brother or a terrorist."

"If you think Kejriwal is not a terrorist, press the broom (AAP's poll symbol)," it adds.

The pamphlets are the latest introduction in the list of items — apart from report cards and guarantee cards — that the AAP is handing over to people during its door-to-door campaign, being monitored by Prashant Kishore's political advisory firm I-PAC.

While the "son vs terrorist" narrative is also being used by Kejriwal in his speeches — on Thursday he had made an emotional appeal at a rally in the evening — it has come to occupy centre stage in the AAP's ground-level push, down to the last household, with the party hoping the backlash against BJP MP Singh's remark will be the BJP's undoing. Singh had called the CM a terrorist earlier this week.

On Friday, *The Indian Express* tracked the AAP's door-to-door campaign at the Transit Camp, a settlement of around 350 families, most relocated from Lutyens' Delhi around 25 years ago. Over the years, migrants from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Himachal Pradesh have moved here.

"Singh's remark will only interest a person when read in the context of Shaheen Bagh protests. But the AAP campaign asks a person point blank if they think Kejriwal is a terrorist, while listing his accomplishments as CM. This

makes the sting out of Singh's statement and makes it look petty," said an AAP functionary.

Archana, a homemaker married to a daily-wage labourer, said she will vote for the AAP as the camp has got regular power supply under AAP. "We are also getting zero bills," she said.

A few houses away, tenants complained that the benefits of the scheme elude them.

"We have a scheme for tenants, but they are at the mercy of landlords. We will set it right when the government returns," said Atul Kashyap, another volunteer.

The camp receives water supply once a day. Some streetlights have also come up, along with two WiFi hotspots, but both are yet to be activated. "They are on an overdrive only now. The hotspots don't work and the lamps have just come up," said Vijay, a resident, who agrees with MP Singh.

He is one of the few who is sold to Singh's statement. "Sirf bandook leke jo chalta hai wohi atankwadi nahi hota (a terrorist does not necessarily have to carry a gun)," he told the volunteers, when asked about the MP's remark, over which the Election Commission has issued a showcause notice to him.

However, the general consensus at the camp, one of the several such JJ clusters dotting the area, appears to be of disdain against the MP's comment. "Kisika vote kisika nahi beta, wo apna hota hai. Log itne bhi bewkoof nahi hain ab (a person knows very well that their vote belongs to only them. People are not so dumb)," said Uma Devi.

The camp falls under the Kalkaji constituency, where the AAP has fielded Atishi, replacing sitting MLA Avtar Singh. But many, like Deonath Dubey Sahoo, who works in a private firm, are not aware about the local candidate. "Candidate toh wohi hain na, lambe chashme waale (the tall person with spectacles is the candidate, right?)," Sahoo asked.

Volunteers informed Sahoo that the candidate has changed. "This time, it is Atishi, who improved all *sarkari* schools," Kashyap explained. For Sahoo, it hardly mattered. He collected a pamphlet, a guarantee card and peddled away, onward to a 12-hour overnight shift.

Shah says polls a battle between ideologies, accuses opponents of 'appeasement'

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah Friday said the contest for Delhi is between those who attacked agents of terror in Pakistan and those who support protesters at Shaheen Bagh. He was speaking at Pitampura while campaigning for BJP's candidate from Shakur Basti constituency, S C Vats.

"I have come to say that by voting for Vats sir... you are not just making him an MLA... you will also be determining the future of Delhi and of India's security. Two clear sides have formed in this election. On one side there is Narendra Modi and the BJP who attacked Pakistani terrorists in Uri and Pulwama. Within 10 days, with surgical strikes and air strikes, (they) entered Pakistan's home and did the work of killing Pakistani terrorists... On the other side are AAP and the Congress who say 'we are with Shaheen Bagh'," he said.

He went on to ask the gathering, "Are you with Shaheen Bagh?" and said the polls are a "battle between two ideologies".

Shah went on to repeat his accusations against Congress and AAP on votebank and appeasement politics, a refrain at his rallies across Delhi.

He also reiterated links between Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, claiming that they echo each other.

Referring to the time of the UPA government at the Centre, he said, "Pakistan se aalia maalia jamaalia used to enter the country. They used to cut off the heads of our soldiers, humiliate us and 'mauni baba Maummohan' would not utter a sound thinking the vote bank will get angry."

He also spoke about military actions in Uri and Balakot and said, "The very next day Rahul, Mamata, Kejriwal asked for proof... Pakistan's Prime Minister also asked for proof... Their language is always the same as



Amit Shah was addressing a rally in Pitampura. Archive

that of the Pakistan Prime Minister. When (Article) 370 was removed, both say don't remove it. When we do surgical strikes, both ask for proof. We build Ram Mandir and both say no. We bring CAA, both say no. I just don't understand what the relationship is between Imran Khan, Rahul Gandhi and Kejriwal."

AAP minister Satyendra Jain is the current MLA of Shakur Basti. It is also home to the Shakur Basti slum cluster, where 5,000 homes were destroyed in a demolition drive by the railways in December 2015 — a move that prompted the Delhi High Court to pass a landmark judgment last year, in which it laid down principles to be followed for humane evictions.

At the slum, people said they are unaffected by the mobilisation of Shaheen Bagh as an election point.

"What do we have to do with Shaheen Bagh? We will want those who can improve our living situation, who we have seen amongst us and who help us," said Ram Kishor (45), a painter.

Both Kejriwal and Jain are popular in the slum. "When we were sleeping in the cold after our houses were destroyed, Kejriwal came to see us. He gave us blankets, food, and has let us live here in peace after that," said Deepa (25).

6 GOVT & POLITICS



CHANGE OF GUARD

UNION HOME MINISTER Amit Shah may be leading the BJP's campaign in Delhi from the forefront but the change in the party's national leadership was reflected in the BJP's Sankalp Patra for the elections released on Friday. Neither the banner at the backdrop nor the Sankalp Patra document had Shah's photo. There were only pictures of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP national president J P Nadda and Delhi state BJP chief Manoj Tiwari.

LANGUAGE TIES

VICE PRESIDENT M Venkaiah Naidu, after reading out a few paragraphs in English of the President's Address at the joint session of Parliament on Friday, concluded with Tamil words "Nandra Vanakkam" meaning, "Thank you all". Immediately afterwards, AIADMK members of Rajya Sabha, where Naidu is the chairman, met him in his chamber and thanked him for his gesture of speaking in Tamil. They also thanked him for tweeting a picture of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami working in the field.

NEW RESPONSIBILITY

INDIA'S HIGH commissioner to Pakistan, Ajay Bisaria, who was withdrawn in August last year after Islamabad downgraded bilateral ties in the wake of the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status, was in Delhi for the last six months. Now, he has been appointed as India's envoy to Canada, a position which fell vacant after Vikas Swarup came to South Block. Bisaria, who saw some of the most challenging times in the Indo-Pak bilateral ties, will now head to Canada.

PM asks allies to dispel CAA 'misconceptions', take on Oppn

NDA allies caution against seeking new information for NPR update

LIZ MATHEW & HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

ASSERTING THAT the government should not feel defensive about the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asked NDA allies to "dispel misconceptions over it by saying Muslims have the same rights as any other citizens". However, the BJP's allies have cautioned against seeking new information while updating the National Population Register (NPR) that could create suspicion or fear among minorities. At the meeting of NDA at the beginning of budget session, Modi urged allies, among whom some have publicly expressed reservations over the new citizenship law, that they should aggressively take on the Opposition charges. "The Prime Minister told us not to be defensive about CAA, but to be aggressive in dispelling rumours that it is anti-Muslim," a leader from a BJP ally who attended the meeting told The Indian Express. "The Prime Minister reiterated that the government did not do anything wrong and it is up to all of us to convince the people about it," said a leader of another NDA party.

Sources said that when the allies raised their apprehensions regarding the NPR, the ruling party explained that the new columns would be optional and there will be no requirement for documents if one wants to leave them blank.

Sources said the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) and the JD(U) expressed concerns about the "fear" the new NPR exercise could create in the minds of minorities. The NPR form this year has



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives at Parliament on the first day of the Budget session on Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

FOCUS MUST BE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES: PM

New Delhi: As the Budget Session of Parliament began on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested that both Houses concentrate on debating economic issues. Speaking to reporters, he said: "We should make sure that in this session, we lay a strong foundation for this decade. This session should be focussed mainly on economic issues." ENS

EXPLAINED As protests continue, bid to hold allies close

WITH PROTESTS against new citizenship law in various parts of the country continuing for over a month now, the Prime Minister's advice to NDA allies to aggressively contest the "misconceptions" regarding the Citizenship (Amendment) Act appears to be an attempt to counter the Opposition's bid to take advantage of the situation. It also seems to be aimed at holding the allies closer at a time when some of them have expressed apprehensions regarding NPR and the exclusion of Muslims from CAA purview.

sought details on six extra counts which were not part of the previous exercise in 2010. Specifically, a column seeking the place and date of birth of parents has raised eyebrows given the BJP's manifesto promise to implement NRC in a phased manner in the country. "We have made it clear that our reservation against the CAA — that it should not discriminate against the Muslims — stands. We decided to join hands with the BJP for the Delhi elections to

keep the harmony in Punjab between the allies. But our stand on CAA is same," SAD MP Nareish Gujral told The Indian Express. "As far as NPR is concerned, we are not against the exercise... But we are against adding new columns. We oppose anything that could create fear or suspicion in the minds of the poor and the minorities," Gujral said. But the sources said Home Minister Amit Shah explained legal aspects of the CAA and why Muslims were excluded from its

ambit. The JD (U) and LJP, too, have expressed reservations against adding new questions to NPR. Apna Dal has said Census 2021 should have a column on caste too, sources said. Also, at an all-party meeting on Thursday, the SAD joined the Opposition in demanding that former Jammu and Kashmir CM Farooq Abdullah be released immediately considering his age and health condition and he should be able to attend Parliament. However, BJP leaders maintained that the meeting chaired by the Prime Minister went off well.

After the NDA meeting, Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and Arjun Ram Meghwal and BJP general secretary Bhupender Yadav went to LJP leader and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan's residence to prepare the NDA resolution. The resolution included the government's success in signing of the Bodo peace accord, settlement of the Bru migrants in Tripura, abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35 A, completion of Kartarpur corridor project, and regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi, sources said.



Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and MP Rahul Gandhi with other leaders at a protest against CAA at Parliament. Anil Sharma

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT

Oppn slams govt for claiming citizenship law as achievement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE OPPOSITION parties on Friday lashed out at the government after President Ram Nath Kovind, in his address to the joint sitting of Parliament, hailed the new citizenship law as historic and a fulfilment of Mahatma Gandhi's wish.

The Congress said it was "shameful" on the part of the government to claim the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) as an achievement. Various opposition parties are preparing to move amendments on the President's address, seeking removal of the reference to CAA.

The Congress also slammed the government after the President said all development projects in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have gained momentum during the President's Rule and since they became Union Territories.

Earlier, the Congress and 13 Opposition parties staged a protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Parliament against the new citizenship law, National Population Register and National Register of Citizens before the session began.

"It is unfortunate that the government has included the passage of the CAA in the President's Address and called it an achievement. Nothing can be more shameful... The President only reads the speech, everybody knows it is prepared by the Union cabinet... The President is a gentleman. He has been made to utter lies," Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad told reporters.

Senior leaders P Chidambaram and Anand Sharma said there was nothing new in the President's Address. Sharma said what has happened is an assault on the Constitution as many of the legislations, which have been claimed as achievements, are "divisive".

Pointing out that the President's Address is the first policy statement of the government in the new year, Chidambaram said, "I looked for indications on how the government intended to tackle the grave economic slide. Alas, I found none. All that we heard was tiresome repetition of old slogans and old cliches that have lost all meaning in the last few years."

"Sadly, there was not a word on the macro-economic situation. Not a word on lost jobs, increasing unemployment and rising consumer price inflation. Not a word on the closure of thousands of industries, especially in the SME sector. The government is clueless, and therefore the President's Address was silent, on dwindling investment and rising number of stalled projects. The future of the manufacturing sector is bleak," he said.

CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury, who addressed the press conference with Azad and Sharma, said, "The society is dangerously inching towards a civil war-like situation and the government is solely responsible for it. The government's agenda is to divide the people to consolidate its own Hindutva motive."

CPI general secretary D Raja said, "It is very inappropriate that the government has used Mahatma Gandhi's name to justify CAA which is an anti-Constitutional and communal..."

Economic Survey disconnected from ground reality: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE CONGRESS on Friday tore into the government over its handling of the economy, hours after President Ram Nath Kovind addressed Parliament and the Economic Survey was tabled. The Congress said the Survey is completely disconnected from the "grim reality" that the Indian economy is going through "very difficult times".

The Survey has no prescription to revive demand, boost investment and create jobs. It also paid no attention to bridge the inequality in distribution of wealth or spelt out measures to boost consumption, Congress spokesperson Rajiv Gowda said. He said the Survey has prepared the defence and ground for higher fiscal slippage in the budget.

Former Finance Minister P Chidambaram also hit out at the government after it revised downwards the economic growth rate for 2018-19 to 6.1 per cent from 6.8 per cent estimated earlier. "GDP growth rates for 2017-18 and 2018-19 have been revised DOWNWARDS. The state of the economy under MODI-1 was actually worse than what we believed so far. Will the articulate and voluble Ministers please speak on the state of the economy and explain the downward revision in the last two years and the drastic slide in the current fiscal year?" he tweeted.

Gowda said the Survey makes grand claims while in reality, India has the worst economy in 42 years. "Unemployment is at a historic high. For the first time in four decades, consumption has fallen, raising the fear of increasing poverty and malnutrition. Revenues are drying up drastically. The government has now resorted to spending slowdowns and delays in transferring the states' share in the GST. Our soldiers have to operate in Siachen and Ladakh without adequate equipment and requisite food. Yet, the Economic Survey will not tell us this. The entire exercise is now of chicanery and obfuscation," Gowda told reporters.

"We are amidst of an unprecedented demand slump. It does not take a degree in political science to understand that we need to raise consumption demand... We need to put money back in the hands of our farmers, agricultural labourers, urban poor, and middle classes. What is the government's plan of action on this front? You will not find a clue in the Economic Survey," he added.

He also argued that the growth projections made in the Survey are erroneous. "The growth projection of 6-6.5% is not credible. One look at last year's projections of 7% growth versus the actual below 5% reality tells us we need to be prepared for even worse fiscal year in financial year 2021. Economic Survey needs to have realistic believable projections," he said.

Sexual harassment case filed against Dilip Ghosh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JANUARY 31

POLICE ON Friday registered a sexual harassment case against West Bengal BJP chief Dilip Ghosh for his controversial remark on a woman anti-CAA protester, the previous day.

After a student of Sanskrit University held aloft a "No CAA, No NRC" poster at a BJP rally in south Kolkata and was heckled by BJP supporters, Ghosh had said: "She should thank her stars that only the poster was torn and nothing was done to her."

The BJP MP from Medinipur, who had led the party rally, also justified the heckling, saying, "Our men did the right thing... Why do

they (anti-CAA protester) always come to our rallies to protest? We have tolerated enough."

The student on Friday lodged a complaint at Patuli Police Station. "BJP workers heckled me and abused me verbally. Then I heard about Dilip Ghosh's derogatory comment... He made sexual remarks and showed murderous intent... Ghosh's comment shows why women are not safe in this country," the student told mediapersons.

Reacting to Ghosh's comment, Senior CPM leader Shamik Lahiri said, "His comments reflect both his and his party's sadistic and perverted mindset."

Senior Congress leader Manoj Chakraborty said Ghosh should "publicly apologise".



BS Yediyurappa

BSY's Cabinet expansion plan gets party nod

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JANUARY 31

THE BJP leadership on Friday cleared Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's plan for a Cabinet expansion. The CM had tabled the proposal before the brass on Thursday.

After meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president J P Nadda, Yediyurappa said, "They have accepted more or less what we had recommended. They have asked me to go ahead with the expansion. I will hold discussions in Karnataka and convince them and announce the Cabinet expansion."

Asked if 11 Congress and JD(S) rebels of the 17 who had switched to the BJP in July — causing the collapse of the HD Kumaraswamy-led coalition government — would be accommodated in the Cabinet, the CM said, "I am returning a happy man. There may be difference in 1-2 (from the 11 leaders). A total of 17 leaders had helped the BJP and 13 of them were fielded by the party in subsequent bypolls for 15 seats held in December 2019. Of the 13, 11 won the bypolls.

The Cabinet expansion is expected to be carried out some time next week. According to sources, Yediyurappa is likely to accommodate 9-10 of the 11 leaders with two leaders who are from Belagavi — Shrimanth Patil and Mahesh Kumatahalli — losing out. Three or four party regulars are also likely to be accommodated in a possible 13-man expansion, while three vacancies will not be filled, sources said.

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Fundamental rights not for OCI card holders: Govt to HC

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

OVERSEAS CITIZEN OF India (OCI) card holders do not enjoy fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution, including the right to freedom of speech and expression, the government told the Delhi High Court on Friday.

The government's response came in a plea filed by former Ranbaxy executive Dinesh Thakur seeking the right to seek information under the RTI Act. "OCI card holders have merely been granted statutory rights under the Citizenship Act, 1955," the government said in an affidavit filed by the Ministry of External Affairs and said that other grounds will be brought up during the hearing of the case.

"It is a statutory right and not a fundamental or a constitutional right. The grant of the limited right is by the Central government by notification under Section 7B of the Citizenship Act. Therefore, what right is granted depends on the policy of the Central government," the affidavit stated.

In his plea, Thakur had also sought exemption for overseas citizens from seeking permission under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 (FCRA) to make donations to religious and charitable institutions. He argued that the right to make donations to religious institutions is and exercise of his fundamental right to freedom of religion, guaranteed by the Constitution.

The ministry has not specifically replied on whether an OCI card holder has the right to practice religion in India, although it says no fundamental rights are applicable to them.

MUMBAI POLICE CRACKDOWN AGAINST DECIBEL LEVELS

Honking at Mumbai's traffic signals may soon prolong wait

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, JANUARY 31

WITH COMPLAINTS of rigorous honking at traffic signals piling, the Mumbai Police has come up with the initiative 'Honk More Wait More', to curtail decibel levels at traffic signals.



The police made the announcement on Friday on its official Twitter handle

Under the initiative, police are planning to configure traffic signals to stay red for a longer period if incessant honking cause the decibels levels to shoot up beyond 85 decibels (db). Making the announcement on Friday on its official Twitter handle, the Mumbai Police also uploaded a 1.54-minute video of an experiment it had conducted at Marine Drive and CSTM junctions in November last year. The video also claims that the initiative will be rolled out in parts of the city soon.

"We are yet to decide on a date when we will be starting this. But recently we implemented it on a trial basis, for which we have even shot a video that was uploaded on Twitter. The video was released just to gauge the response of the people," an official said.

A senior IPS officer said the police had installed decibel meters — instruments used to as-

sess noise or sound levels by measuring sound pressure — at traffic signals. "As soon as it went above 85 db, we would reset the timings (red signal) manually... Now, we are in the process of making this automatic," the officer said.

Traffic authorities said they have shortlisted 20 junctions across the city where they are planning to roll out the programme. "The junctions include those which see heavy vehicular movement or the ones adjacent to hospitals and schools," an officer said.

When contacted, Commissioner of Police, Sanjay Barve, he said, "Our intention is to lower noise pollution across Mumbai." Barve, however, refused to give a date on when the initiative will be implemented. The financial capital has around 36 lakh vehicles.

UP CAA protests: 15 people arrested, 8 of them from PFI

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 31

UTTAR PRADESH Police has arrested 15 people in connection with the violence during anti-CAA protests in December and a confrontation between protesters and police in Lucknow's Ghanta Ghar on Thursday. Eight of those arrested are members of Popular Front of India (PFI), according to police.

"Five PFI members have been arrested in Kanpur. It has come to light that they were involved in violence in Babupurwa on December 20," said Addl SP (South) Aparna Gupta. She said their "specific role" in the violence will be probed. SHO (Babupurwa) Rajiv identified the five as Syed Abdul Hashmi (65), Mohammad Umar (27), Sarvar Alam (34), Faizan (20) and Mohammad Wasif (30).

In Lucknow, a statement by district police stated, "On Friday, in connection with the violence during the protest against CAA on

December 19, 2019, three persons have been identified for indulging in mischief and rioting... These three persons are associated with Popular Front of India..." The statement identified them as Sha-keel-ur-Rehman (40), Shaabi Khan (35) and Mohammad Arshad (36). They have been named in two cases lodged at Hasanganj police station.

SHO, Hasanganj, Amar Nath Verma, said, "Some of the persons arrested earlier told us that these three were involved in planning the violence." They have been booked on charges of rioting, attempt to murder and criminal conspiracy, among others.

Meanwhile, a fresh FIR was lodged at Lucknow's Thakurganj police station on Thursday for violation of Section 144 and other offences. Rihai Manch president Mohammad Shoab, activist Deepak Kabir and 11 others have been booked besides hundreds of unidentified people.

The complaint lodged by police alleges, "On Thursday, at the

protest site at Ghanta Ghar where women are protesting against CAA-NRC, hundreds of people gathered with candles in their hands and tried to take out a march. They argued with police for putting up a tent there and scuffled leading to a chaos. It was explained to them that they can't protest as Section 144 is in place. It did not affect them and they continued to raise slogans and protest. This caused a traffic snarl."

The FIR has been lodged under IPC sections 145 (unlawful assembly), 147 (rioting), 148 (rioting, armed with deadly weapon), 283 (danger or obstruction in public way or line of navigation), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) and Section 7 of Criminal Law Amendment Act.

Seven people were arrested on Thursday in connection with the FIR and sent to jail on Friday. They were identified as Mohammad Tahir, Jugnu, Mohammad Shaan Khan, Rahbar, Daud, Shavez and Tufail.

KARNATAKA SCHOOL PLAY AGAINST CITIZENSHIP LAW

Headmistress, student's mother held in sedition case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JANUARY 31

THE HEADMISTRESS of a school at Bidar in Karnataka and the mother of a Class IV student have been arrested and sent to judicial custody in connection with a sedition case over the staging of an anti-CAA play.

Headmistress of Shaheen Primary School, Farida Begum, and Nazimunnisa, mother of a student at the school, were arrested on Thursday in connection with a complaint filed on January 26 by local activist Nilesh Rakshyal against the play staged during annual day celebrations on January 21, said Bidar SP T Sreedhara.

"The mother of the student added dialogues that were not part of the script for the play. The child uttered unconstitutional

"The student's mother added dialogues that were not part of the script. Headmistress as head of the institution was responsible for the entire programme," said SP T Sreedhara

words about constitutional authorities like 'chappal leke maro'. The headmistress as the head of the institution was responsible for the entire programme," the police officer said. He said the women were produced in court on Thursday and remanded in judicial custody.

The activist has said in the complaint that he saw a video of the play on the social media in which students raised "anti-na-

tional sentiments" and children slapped pictures of PM Narendra Modi to depict opposition to the CAA.

"A video of the play which was enacted in the school 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," the complaint alleged.

The police have registered a complaint of sedition and breach of peace under Section 124A and 504 of the IPC against the head of the school, the management of the school and Mohammed Yousuf Raheem, a local journalist on whose Facebook account the complainant viewed the video of the play. The police officer said investigation is on to find Raheem.

An official of Shaheen Group of Institutions said the police ar-

rested the parent of a student after she told the media that she had adapted words into the play from videos of CAA protests she saw online.

Abdul Qadeer, the founder of Shaheen Group of Institutions which runs institutions all over India, has said the play staged by primary-level students should be viewed as a "satire on the present situation in the country".

"We have been working in the area of education for nearly 50 years. More than 50 per cent of our students are non-Muslims. We are a reputed organisation and have never been accused of anything in the past," said Touseef Sab, an official of Shaheen Group.

Prior to the arrests of the women, the police had questioned students from Class IV about the play, school officials have said.

ANTI-CAA PROTESTS

SC seeks UP reply to plea for probe into police action

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday sought a reply from UP government on a plea seeking a judicial inquiry into police action during protests against Citizenship (Amendment) Act. A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and K M Joseph issued notices on the plea by Advocate Parwaiz Arif Titu.

The plea also sought quashing of notices issued by the state to alleged rioters to recover losses for damage to public property, saying these notices did not conform to the procedure laid down by the Supreme Court in a 2009 ruling.

The plea said the 2009 judgment said that in the event of destruction of public property, the respective high court may appoint a retired or sitting high court judge to assess damages. The UP administration followed a 2010 ruling of Allahabad High Court which said that in such cases, a competent authority nominated by the government will assess the damages.

The plea stated that the High Court ruling was not in tune with the apex court's guidelines. **ENS**

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BDO letter asks schools for field trainers for NRC first phase, Oppn hits out at Nitish govt

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, JANUARY 31

A LETTER issued by Mokama block development officer (BDO) in Bihar's Patna district to school principals, asking for field trainers to collect details for the first phase of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), has prompted the Opposition to target the Nitish Kumar government.

The letter asks principals if they were "opposing NRC under the influence of a particular political party". The BDO, Satish Kumar, later withdrew it, citing a "typing mistake", and also served a showcase notice to the assistant who had drafted the letter.

Issued on January 28 to principals of three schools in Rampur Dumra, Maranchi and Mor, the letter said: "Our office had written to you on January 18 and had asked you to give names of two field trainers for registering personal details on NRC in the first phase on CMMS portal as per direction of Directorate of Census, Government of India."

The letter further states that "it was a matter of regret that names of two field trainers had not been availed."

"It looks you are opposing NRC under influence of a particular political party," the letter states, reminding the recipients that action could be taken against them if they failed to provide the trainers.

The letter invoked a sharp response from the Opposition.

A tweet posted from RJD national president Lalu Prasad's account said, "Even right-wing authoritarians are afraid of talking about NRC today in defense of

CAA. But CM Nitish who once proclaimed himself a socialist & Gandhian has ordered to initiate unjust process of NRC. India should watch this communal & divisive camouflage getting off the container." Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Tejashwi Prasad Yadav sought to know if the NRC process had started in Bihar.

Rashtriya Lok Samata Party chief Upendra Kushwaha, too, took a swipe at Nitish. "It seems the Bihar CM has stolen a march over BJP by getting his officer to issue such a letter. The drafting of letter suggests that it was not a typing mistake as it was used twice."

Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), led by former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi, also hit out at the Chief Minister. Party spokesperson Danish Rizwan asked how a BDO could use such political language in an official letter.

BDO Kumar told *The Indian Express*: "My office intended to use NPR but NRC was typed in both references. I have withdrawn the letter and showcased the person who drafted it."

Asked if he had received any instructions to draft the letter in such a manner from his seniors, Kumar said: "Not at all. I agree that it should not have been drafted in the manner and the sentence on 'influence from a political party' could have been avoided."

JD (U) spokesperson and information and public relations officer Neeraj Kumar told *The Indian Express*: "The Opposition parties are making a mountain out of a molehill. Everyone knows NRC is not notified. The letter meant NPR but wrongly used NRC. It has been withdrawn. The matter rests there."

Punjab govt moots online home delivery of liquor in Mohali

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CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 31

THE PUNJAB government is toying with the idea of setting up a web portal to offer home delivery of liquor in Mohali city on an experimental basis. A proposal to this effect forms part of the Punjab Excise Police 2020-21 approved by the state Cabinet in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday.

Sharing details, a government spokesperson said, "On experimental basis, the government may introduce an online platform for home delivery of liquor in Mohali city. It will be done in consultation with all the retail licensees of the city. The experiment would not, however, be undertaken even if a single licensee objects to it."

An official said that if all licensees agree, the home delivery of liquor could be introduced by charging a nominal delivery fee.

Punjab Excise and Taxation Commissioner Vivek Partap Singh, however, said the proposal was at a very nascent stage and no modalities had been worked out. In 2018, a similar proposal was

mooted in Maharashtra but it did not see light of the day. Sources said that last month, a web portal gave a presentation to the Punjab government that online home delivery of liquor can prevent incidents of drink driving.

Punjab Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu who represents Mohali constituency and whose family is into liquor business said he was not aware of contents of the new excise policy. "It was not discussed in the Cabinet meeting today in my presence. I was also late for the meeting. I can only comment after going through the excise policy," said Sidhu.

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A Special Task Force personnel displaying the heroin and chemicals recovered in Amritsar on Friday. Rana Simranjit Singh

194 kg heroin worth Rs 2,000 cr seized in Amritsar: Police

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JANUARY 31

THE PUNJAB Police seized nearly 200 kg heroin, claimed to be worth around Rs 2,000 crore, from a house in Sultanwind village of Amritsar district and arrested seven people, including an Afghan national and Subordinate Services Board member, a senior official Friday said.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Special Task Force raided a house in Akash Avenue Thursday night and recovered the heroin along with other contraband, said ADGP Harpreet Singh Sidhu.

In addition to 194.15 kg heroin, 38 kg dextromethorphan, 25 kg caffeine powder, probably used to cut and mix the heroin, and six drums of chemical composition weighing 207 kg were also recovered, he said. Sidhu, who led the STF team, said an illegal lab was found set up inside the house where preparation, mixing and cutting of drugs was taking place.

As per the police, the Afghan national, identified as Armaan Basharmal, a resident of Achin, Nangarhar, had come to India a week ago to dilute, refine and mix the high quality heroin.

The origin of the heroin and possible supply routes is still be-

ing identified, the ADGP said.

Four others arrested from the house include Sukhwinder Singh, Major Singh and Kulwant Singh, all residents of Naushehra Khurd, and Tamanna Gupta.

Soon after the STF announced the drug bust in Amritsar, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh held a press conference and asserted that those involved in the case will not be spared.

"We will not allow drug smugglers, narco-gangsters and narco-terrorists to spread their wings in the state," he said.

Accompanied by state police chief, DGP Dinkar Gupta, Amarinder said that the house from which the police seized the contraband belonged to one Anwar Masih, who was a member of the Subordinate Services Board and appointed by the previous SAD-BJP government.

Asked about the value of the contraband seized in Amritsar, the DGP said it was estimated to be around Rs 2,000 crore.

Earlier in the day, Masih told media he had already signed a deal to sell the house. He claimed that the house was still in his possession and vacant. He was arrested in the evening.

In June last year, the Customs department had recovered 532 kg heroin at the Wagah-Attari border.

UP hostage crisis: House stocked with explosives, resembled a bunker

AVANEESH MISHRA
FATEHGARH, JANUARY 31

A CROWD had gathered outside the house of Subhash Batham (40), who was shot dead by police late on Thursday night after he held 23 children hostage.

But, despite the curiosity, no one from the crowd made any attempt to approach the house, which police cordoned off anyway to ensure that the crime scene is not compromised.

People in the crowd said Subhash, a murder convict, was a "psychopath capable of doing anything". "It won't come as a surprise if he set up bombs that can blow up anytime to create chaos even after his death," said a villager standing outside the cordoned-off house.

Several hours later, when a bomb disposal squad from Moradabad entered the house, the villagers fears were confirmed. The house was a minefield, with crude bombs littered around along with an explosive-filled cylinder and metal boxes.

The single-storey house of Subhash with two rooms and a verandah covered with alabaster sheet resembled a bunker with two heavy metal doors on the front and the rear sides and no windows. It has a basement, the entry to which can't be spotted easily. "The basement is like we see in our movies used by the villains for his illegal activities," said SHO of Nawabganj Police Station, Ajay Narain Singh, who was the part of the police team that first entered the house.

"Once you enter the house, it will take you sometime to even notice the basement as its gate is on the floor and in the most dimly-lit corner of the room, right below a shelf. A mattress is kept above the basement's gate, so there is no way one could find it unless the person knows specifically what to look for," the police officer added.

According to a villager, Subhash began constructing his

pucca house two to three months ago after he was released on bail

—Subhash had four cases against him: one for killing his uncle in which he was convicted, another case was registered by his wife's family after they had eloped, a third case under the Arms Act for being in possession of illegal arms and a theft case that was registered last year.

"With what we have seen so far, and what the local residents are telling us, it appears that Subhash had planned this whole hostage thing a long time ago," said a police constable guarding the perimeter.

A villager, Anil Tiwari, who stood nearby, concurred. "This person (Subhash) had hidden a bomb attached with a wire in a pile of bricks outside his house just a day before the incident," said Tiwari.

On Thursday night, as police tried to convince him to release the children, he had set off the bomb that left two policemen injured, including the local SHO.

"At first, when I entered the house, we found several small crude bombs. We started dumping them in water to dispose of them. Next, I saw something rolled in a sack. When I put my hand inside, I found that there were four crude bombs the size of a muskmelon, somewhat between a half a kg and one kg in weight each. I was lucky that it did not slip from my hand, otherwise, one such bomb would have been enough to demolish the entire house," said a member of the Farrukhabad forensic team.

Additional SP (Fatehgarh) Tribhuvan Singh also confirmed that the four bombs were "really powerful". A 5-kg cylinder filled with explosives was also found in the basement where the children were held hostage. Few medium-sized bombs were recovered near his body. There were at least 50 country-made hand-grenades, in addition to a rifle, a country-made pistol and few live cartridges," said the Additional SP.



Subhash Batham had held 23 children hostage in the basement of his house at Karthiya village in Fatehgarh district of Uttar Pradesh. Avaneesh Mishra

I locked basement door to save other children: Girl taken hostage

AVANEESH MISHRA
FATEHGARH, JANUARY 31

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl, the oldest among the 23 children taken hostage by murder convict Subhash Batham, remained calm and took care of the other captives during the nine-hour crisis on Thursday at Karthiya village near Farrukhabad in Fatehgarh district.

The Class IX student kept Batham, who was killed by police force early on Friday, at bay by locking the door of the basement where they were holed up.

Asked how she pulled this off, she said being the eldest among the children, she felt responsible for the safety of the other children.

"Around 2.15 pm, when we reached Subhash's house, he gave us some biscuits and chocolates. As we settled down, he forced us into the basement. He threatened that if we resist, he will shoot us. It took me some time to realise that we were in a dangerous situ-



A personnel of the bomb disposal squad at the spot

ation," said the student, who is the eldest among four siblings. Two of her siblings, aged 12 and 10, were also held captive. The girl's mother is a daily-wage labourer and her father died two years ago.

"In the basement, the children started crying. I calmed them down and told them that we are

going to get out soon. I told them that if we die, we will die together. I was not sure if saying such things would help, but it did. After a few hours, they were hungry. I passed the message to Subhash and police passed on some biscuit packets through a hole," she added.

After sometime, the girl gathered courage and asked the captor to release a nine-month-old baby who was crying.

"He agreed to my request. Later, I learnt that a similar demand was also made by police."

At the same time, police presence increased around Batham's house, which infuriated him.

"Subhash was getting angry and I knew I had to do something. When he and his wife left the basement, I locked the door. He heard the sound of the door being locked and started banging on the door. I did not open it. The children were crying, but I knew if I open the door, he will kill us. I opened the door when policemen entered the house," she added.

HC notice to police over sacked court official's plea against FIR

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE DELHI High Court has sought to know the police's stand on a sacked court official's plea for quashing of an FIR against him for allegedly tampering with a Supreme Court order in a contempt case against Reliance Communications chief Anil Ambani.

Justice Suresh Kumar Kait issued a notice to Delhi Police on Tapan Kumar Chakraborty's plea, claiming he has been implicated in the case on the sole pretext of some error in court proceedings.

On January 7 last year, a Supreme Court bench rejected Ambani's plea for exemption from personal appearance in the contempt of court case stemming from Reliance Communications' failure to pay back Rs 550 crore to Swedish telecom major Ericsson.

The SC had refused to allow the exemption, but the order uploaded on the website suggested otherwise. The discrepancy was noticed by the Ericsson lawyer and the corrected order was uploaded two days later.

After the discrepancy was discovered, the bench announced it had instituted an inquiry into the episode. The inquiry revealed that court officials Chakraborty and Manav Sharma had allegedly taken down the order in shorthand and later transcribed it and hence the mix-up was "not accidental" but "deliberate".

Chakraborty and Sharma were sacked by the SC in February 2019 after it was first alleged that they had tampered with the court order. They were subsequently booked for cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy. Chakraborty has pleaded that a court master cannot be made criminally liable for an error in court proceedings when the same is later verified not only by the judges concerned but also by various levels of registrars.

SC to hear Centre plea on changes to mercy plea proceedings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE SUPREME Court on Friday agreed to hear the Centre's plea seeking modifications to the procedure to be followed with respect to mercy pleas of death row convicts.

A bench of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant has issued notice on the plea by the Union Home Ministry.

The Union Home Ministry's application wants the court to fix a time limit for death row convicts to file curative petitions and give them only seven days from the date of issue of death warrant for filing mercy petition.

The development comes amidst the debate over the delay in execution of the four convicts in the December 16, 2012 gangrape and murder case. Without naming anyone, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said several death row convicts of heinous crimes were taking the judicial process for a ride under the garb of Article 21 (right to life and personal liberty) and this "shakes the collective conscience of the society".

The top court had in its 2014 judgment in 'Shatrughan Singh Chauhan and another Vs Union of India' laid down several common guidelines with respect to the procedure to be followed for filing mercy petitions and the execution of a death sentence.

Mehta told the bench that several convicts were using these guidelines as a tool to delay justice.

He said that the 2014 guidelines were formulated from a

"convict-centric" point of view and urged the court to modify these to a "victim-centric" view.

To this, CJI Bobde said the court had in several matters taken a victim-centric approach and added that this was the law. Mehta assured the court that he was not seeking the modifications for existing cases.

In its petition, the government also requested the top court "to mandate all courts, state governments, prison authorities in the country, to issue a death warrant of a convict within seven days of the rejection of his mercy petition and to execute death sentence within seven days thereafter, irrespective of the state of the review petition/curative petition/mercy petition of his co-convicts".

"It is submitted that while taking care of the rights of the convicts, it is more important and need of the hour to lay down guidelines in the interest of the victims, their families and in larger public interest, lest the convicts found to be guilty of such horrible, and dreadful, cruel, abominable, ghastly, gruesome and heinous offences would be permitted to play with the majesty of law and prolong the execution of the sentence awarded to them in accordance with the law," the plea said.

Explaining how convicts delay the process, the plea said that in case of multiple accused being awarded death penalty in the same case, it often happens that one accused files the review petition/mercy petition which gets rejected and the other co-convicts are either advised to or independently choose not to file any further application or initiate other proceedings.

College Principal Pankaj Shrivastava told *The Indian Express* that a committee exam-



OPERATION LOCUST

A farmer beats a utensil to drive away locusts in Ganganagar in Rajasthan. A total of 25 villages in the district have been attacked by a swarms of locusts, as per officials. The agriculture department has sprayed cholopryphos in 20,000 hectares of land so far. Gurmeet Singh

After stir, MP college to replace Gandhi bust that 'resembled' actor

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JANUARY 31

THE MANAGEMENT of a government college in Rewa has ordered replacement of the bust of Mahatma Gandhi on its campus after a group of students raised the objection that it resembled Ben Kingsley and not the 'Father of the Nation'.

The metal bust was unveiled at the Government Model Science College on the occasion of the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on Thursday. Some students allegedly caused a ruckus saying the bust resembled the British actor who played Gandhi in the 1982 biopic. The police had to be called to pacify the students, who insisted it amounted to insulting the freedom fighter.

College Principal Pankaj Shrivastava told *The Indian Express* that a committee exam-



Students protested that the bust resembled Ben Kingsley

ined the bust and found some merit in the objection. "The face is slightly longer, it should have been circular," he quoted the committee member as saying.

The state government had asked colleges to install Gandhi's bust. Accordingly, bids were in-

vited and the successful bidder sourced the bust from Varanasi. Each bust costs around Rs 1.44 lakh. The principal said similar busts were installed in two other government colleges but no objections were raised there.

He said, "It's not possible to have a bust that matches Gandhi's expression exactly. Kingsley looked and acted like Gandhi. For Swachh Abhiyan, only the outline of the spectacle is used and yet people know it's Gandhi. Two different sculptors will make different busts. People make a mountain out of a molehill, but we decided to change it because they objected." He said it would take just a few days to replace the bust.

"The bidder will have to bear the cost of replacement. We ordered Gandhi's bust, but if some people say it does not resemble him we will change it, but the pillar on which it stands will remain the same," he said.

Koregaon Bhima Inquiry panel miffed at neglect, says wind us up

CHANDAN HAYGUNDE
PUNE, JANUARY 31

PAINED AT government neglect, "humiliation" of staff, and denial of even basic financial resources, the two-member Koregaon Bhima Commission of Inquiry has asked the Maharashtra government to wind it up.

In a letter to the state chief secretary, Commission chairman, former Calcutta High Court Chief Justice J N Patel, has said that the government did not seem serious about the work of the Commission. He said the Commission was not in a position to function due to lack of money, and couldn't even take care of its day-to-day expenses.

"Salaries and honorarium of all including honourable chairman (Justice Patel) are due from December 2019 onward. Most of the staff members are hired on contract basis. They would starve for want of salary," the letter stated.

"The circumstances indicate that the government is not serious about the commission," it stated. "Honourable chairman of commission is at pains to express its displeasure and expects the state to take remedial steps to nullify the lapses on the part of its officials so that the commission can function efficiently and effectively," the letter added.

The subject of the letter reads 'Recommendation to wind up Koregaon Bhima Commission of Inquiry for want of funds'.

The Commission, whose other member is former chief secretary Sumit Malik, was constituted by the state government on February 9, 2018, to inquire into the "exact sequence" of events that led to violence on the 200th anniversary of Battle of Bhima Koregaon on January 1 that year. One person had died and several others were injured in the violence.

'Those like Sharjeel should be shot dead'

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

BJP MLA Sangeet Som has called for the public execution of activist and JNU student Sharjeel Imam, who was sent to police custody on Wednesday after being arrested for alleged seditious speech.

"People like Sharjeel Imam should be publicly hanged and shot dead. They are the people who call for the break-up of the nation. They should be given only such treatment," said Sangeet Som on Thursday.

Som's remarks come days after Union Minister Anurag Thakur prompted a crowd with the slogan "desh ke gaddaron ko, goli maaro saalon ko". On Thursday, a 17-year-old gunman opened fire at protesters in Jamia Millia Islamia, injuring a student, amid heavy police presence in the area.

The MLA from Sardhana also alleged those protesting in Shaheen Bagh were being paid to do it.



BJP MLA Sangeet Som

The legislator, having previously served jail time for his alleged role during Muzaffarnagar riots in 2013, claimed that the minor who shot at protesters in Jamia was a stooge of the Opposition. "If it is investigated by the police, it will be found that the boy was set up by Congress and all those sitting in the protests. He is merely a puppet being played at the hands of the Opposition, and it is a way to distract. We do not condone violent actions," added Sangeet Som.

"The people sitting in Shaheen Bagh are being paid money. It must be investigated how they get paid and what is their status. These people have created an atmosphere of fear. They are not acting in the interests of the nation," said Som.

TN police searches DMK leader premises

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, JANUARY 31

THE CENTRAL Crime Branch of the Chennai police on Friday carried out searches in multiple premises of DMK leader Senthil Balaji in connection with an alleged cheating case.

The police team carried out searches at five locations, including homes of Balaji in Chennai and Karur. According to sources, Balaji has moved an anticipatory bail petition in the Madras High Court.

A senior officer monitoring the case said Balaji, who was the Transport Minister in the AIADMK government from 2011-2015 under late chief minister J Jayalalitha, is facing allegations of collecting bribes from 40 peo-

ple during a recruitment rally while he was a minister and later not issuing them appointment letters. Balaji joined the DMK in 2018 after a brief stint with the TTV Dhinakaran camp during the party's internal rift in the aftermath of Jayalalitha's death.

Friday's searches come a day after he organised a DMK meeting in Trichy near his hometown Karur, where thousands of his AIADMK supporters joined the DMK last year. The rally was attended by party chief M K Stalin.

A senior officer said the case against Balaji was based on a five-year-old complaint, which was probed multiple times and rejected for lack of evidence.

The officer added that there was no direct evidence against Balaji.

Valley lawyers demand J&K Bar Association chief's release

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, JANUARY 31

TWO DAYS after the president of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association Mian Abdul Qayoom - who was arrested and booked under the Public Safety Act in the run up to the abrogation of the erstwhile state's special status - suffered a heart attack, the J&K High Court on Friday, heard a petition seeking lifting of the PSA case against him and listed it for further hearing on Monday, amid demands from Valley lawyers for his immediate release.

Qayoom is currently under detention in Agra.

Several lawyers in the Valley have demanded Qayoom's immediate release and said that the government would be "solely responsible if anything happens to him".

"The members of the Bar Association expressed their anguish and worry about his (Qayoom's) deteriorating health and impressed upon all the concerned authorities to revoke the unconstitutional and illegal detention order and release him unconditionally without fail of time," said Advocate Adil Asimi, Joint Secretary of J&K High Court Bar Association.

The 76-year-old lawyer, who is a diabetic and has several other health issues, suffered a heart attack on Wednesday in Agra jail and was shifted to the hospital in the city.

Kashmir visit: PM asks ministers for feedback

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi has asked all ministers who visited Kashmir recently to give their feedback on progress of various development projects and welfare schemes to his office.

The PMO has handed over a proforma containing five to six questions to each of the 37 ministers who visited the Valley recently and interacted with local people in different areas.

"The questions deal with implementation of central welfare schemes and their reach. All ministers have been asked to give their honest feedback. The PM has even told the ministers not to toe the political line in their answers, rather describe what they have seen," a government source said.

So far, 14 ministers have submitted their assessment on the implementation of the welfare schemes in a proforma so that action can be taken on the basis of the feedback.

MONITORING CORONAVIRUS

Anticipating rise in samples to be tested: ICMR

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS PUNE, JANUARY 31

THE NUMBER of samples to be tested of suspected coronavirus infections is expected to go up and the government is enhancing its capacity to ensure that any possible spread in the country is arrested, the lead epidemiologist at the Indian Council of Medical Research said on Friday.

"This is a constantly evolving outbreak, and we are not sure what numbers of (suspected cases) we are looking at. We are anticipating an increase in the number of samples to be tested," said Dr R R Gangakhedkar, Head of Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases at ICMR in an interview.

"Our preparedness levels are high, nationally. At NIV (National Institute of Virology), Pune, about 750 samples can be tested every day. Each test takes about four hours. As of today, we have reagents (chemicals needed for tests) to carry out at least 10,000 diagnostic tests," he said.

Till Friday morning, 70 cases of suspected infection were tested. All but one has come out negative. The one positive case is that of a Kerala student, who had recently returned from Wuhan - the Chinese city that is the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak.

Gangakhedkar said everyone who had travelled to Wuhan and was showing symptoms of infection would be screened and tested. "Early diagnosis is crucial. The longer it takes to diagnose or trace the contacts (of an in-



Dr R R Gangakhedkar

fectured person), the greater is the chance that the disease can spread to more people. Hence, all symptomatics (people with symptoms) who travelled to Wuhan and returned will be screened and tested," he said.

He said efforts were being made to ensure that diagnostic services were available in all parts of the country. "We have a network of 106 virus research and diagnostic laboratories. NIV in Pune is the nodal laboratory where presently samples are being screened and tested. Another 12 laboratories, close to international airports, will also start screening samples," he said.

He added that Indian students in different institutions in Wuhan, who are being brought back, will be kept under observation in isolation, but admitted that keeping everyone returning from China in isolation was not possible.

"Those who come from Wuhan will be kept under observation. Those who are asymptomatic (not showing symptoms) and are coming from other parts of China and certain ports will be asked to stay within their homes for at least 14 days," he said.

Govt prohibits export of protective masks, clothing

PRABHA RAGHAVAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE CENTRE issued a notification on Friday prohibiting the export of equipment used to protect people from airborne particles, including certain kinds of protective clothing and masks. The development follows the detection of India's first positive case of Novel Coronavirus in Kerala and comes ahead of the arrival of several Indian citizens from China, the epicentre of the outbreak.

"Exports of all varieties of personal protection equipment, including clothing and masks used to protect the wearer from air-

borne particles, and/or any other respiratory masks or any other personal protective clothing... is hereby prohibited with immediate effect till further orders," stated a notification from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). This includes certain types of coveralls and N95 masks.

Between April and November 2019, India exported around \$845 million worth of the products mentioned in DGFT's notification. In 2018-19, the exports were \$1.27 billion, according to data from the Commerce Ministry.

The top importers of most of these products include countries like the US, the UK and Germany.

China was among the top three importers of one specific category - "other instruments and appliances of medical science" - exports of which were valued at \$219 million in 2018-19.

The notification also comes after China had inquired about the possibility of importing masks from India as it deals with the outbreak.

"There were some inquiries (from China) about details of suppliers from India to negotiate with them. So far it has not translated into any orders," said an exporter. "This (prohibition of exports) may have been done as a preventive measure," the exporter added.

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It is hereby informed that Smt. Bimla wife of R.K. Mohan resident of Plot No. 3, Part-1, Model Town, Hisar, Tehsil and District Hisar filed a reference No. 14 of 2019 under Section 9 of the Haryana Evacuee Properties (Management & Disposal) Act, 2008 for setting aside the Transfer Order dated 15.07.2011 passed by the Tehsildar (Sales), Hisar Approval Order dated 18.02.2012 passed by the then Commissioner (Sales) and Conveyance Deed 11.06.2012 qua land measuring 160 sq.yards situated at Model Town, Hisar is pending before the Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Financial Commissioner, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Haryana, Chandigarh. The case is listed for Hearing on 12.02.2020 at 03.00 P.M. The above named persons or any other persons interested in aforementioned case are informed/ advised to appear on abovementioned date and time at Court Room No. 1, New Haryana Secretariat Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh as last opportunity is being accorded. If, anybody appears before the Court despite the publication ex-parte proceedings would be initiated.

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WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR SR/JR's TUTORS RECRUITMENT IN GOVT. DOON MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL, DEHRADUN, UTTARAKHAND

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Amended RTI Act: SC seeks Centre's reply on Jairam's plea

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday sought response from the Centre on a plea by Congress MP Jairam Ramesh who has challenged the constitutional validity of the Right to Information (Amendment) Act, 2019, which gives power to the government to prescribe tenure, allowances and salary of information commissioners. A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and K M Joseph is-

sued notice to the Centre and directed it to file a response within four weeks.

Ramesh said in his plea that the RTI amendment Act and the Right to Information (Term of Office, Salaries, Allowances and Other Terms and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2019 "collectively violate" the fundamental right to information of all citizens, guaranteed under the Constitution. PTI

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निविदा संशोधन

(निविदा खोलने की तिथि में संशोधन करने बाबत)

शासकीय औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्था परपोड़ी में व्यवसाय कोषा, वेल्डर, मेकेनिक डीजल, विद्युतकार एवं फिटर के लिए औजार एवं उपकरण क्रय करने हेतु दिनांक 27/01/2020 को निविदा जारी किया गया है, जिसकी निविदा खोलने की तिथि को दिनांक 18.02.2020 पढ़ा जावे।

खा/ - (हरशी शर्मा) प्राचार्य शास. औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्था परपोड़ी, जिला बेमेतरा (छ.ग.)

MANUFACTURING AND SUPPLYING OF BALLAST

E-Tender Notice No. KIR/Engg/04 of 2020 Date: 27-01-2020. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No.1. Brief Description of Work: Manufacturing and supplying of 50 mm size machine crushed Felur variety ballast in Kambar Durgam. Tender Value: ₹10,02,91,880.40. Earnest Money: ₹5,51,200.00. Cost of Tender document: ₹10,000. Date & time of closing of E-tender: 15.00 hrs. on 28-02-2020 and opened at 15.30 hrs. on 28-02-2020. The complete information with tender document of above tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. on 28-02-2020 in website www.irps.gov.in

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WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION

TENDER FOR CONTRACT OF ONBOARD SHOPPING

Tender Notice No. CA11/13/OBS/12957-58/12915-16/19-20 Date : 28-01-2020 Tender No. DRM/Comm/1/274/2019-20 of 2018-19. (1) Name of Work: Tender for the Contract of Onboard Shopping for Passengers in Train No. 12957/58 Swarna Jayanti Rajdhani Express and 12915/16 Ashram Express from Ahmedabad to Abu Road and back to Ahmedabad for a period of five years. (2) Estimated Cost of Work: ₹ 4,80,000/- (Rupees Four lakh Eighty Thousand only) (3) EMD: ₹ 51,000/- (Rupees Fifty One Thousand Only) (4) Last Date & Time of Submission of Tender: Up to 28-02-2020 (Friday) at 15.00 Hrs. through online www.irps.gov.in only (5) Website of E-Tendering: www.irps.gov.in

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION

BULK ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT IN GUJARAT SAMPARK KRANTI EXPRESS

Tender Notice No. CA11/13/Bulk/VV/12917/18/2019-20 Date: 28-01-2020 Tender No. DRM/Comm/2/75/2019-20. (1) Work/Location/Description: Bulk Advertisement Contract of display through Vinyl Wrapping in Train No. 12917/18, Gujarat Sampark Kranti Express running between Ahmedabad - Hazrat Nizamuddin Ahmedabad of Ahmedabad Division for a period of five years. (2) Estimated Value (Per Annum): ₹ 4,80,000/- (Four Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) (3) EMD: ₹ 48,900/- (Forty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Only), Payable through online only (4) Date & Time of Submission of Tender Date & Time of Closing and Opening of the Tender: 28-02-2020 (Friday) at 15.00 hrs. and 28-02-2020 (Friday) at 15.30 hrs. (5) Website address for submission of Tender: www.irps.gov.in

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय सिंचाई प्रमंडल जसीडीह शिविर-देवघर

मुख्य अभियंता, जल संसाधन विभाग, देवघर के पत्रांक 269 दिनांक 28.01.2020 के आलोक में इस प्रमंडल द्वारा आमंत्रित की गई निम्नांकित निविदाएं अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द की जाती हैं:-

क्र	निविदा संख्या	पीछाकार संख्या	कार्य का नाम
1	WRD/Int. Div., IAS/ID/SBD/IFB-16.01.2020	223936 (19)	Construction Of C.D. Resource (Water) At Ch. 1513.50/1508, Ch. 1612 & Ch. 1656 Of Pansai Main Canal.

कार्यपालक अभियंता सिंचाई प्रमंडल जसीडीह शिविर-देवघर

WESTERN RAILWAY - BHAVNAGAR DIVISION

PROVISION OF AC COACH ATTENDANT IN VARIOUS TRAINS

For and on behalf of President of India, Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Bhavnagar Para, Western Railway, invites Open Tenders under "TWO PACKET SYSTEM" in prescribed tender forms from regular contractors with adequate experience and financial capability for the under mentioned work through IRPS website www.irps.gov.in

Tender Notice No. M 442/C&W/CACCA/PBR/18/2019 (1) Name of work with its location: Provision of coach attendant for linen distribution work in AC coaches including FTR, Specials, Extra coaches, Extra trains running, new train or any other train at coaching depot Porbandar for two years. (2) Approximate Cost of the Work: ₹ 1,57,14,268.36 (All inclusive) (Rupees One crore Fifty seven Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Eight and paise thirty six only) (3) EMD: ₹ 2,28,600/- (Rupees Two lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred only). (4) Date & Time of closing of Tender and Opening of Tender: 15.00 hrs. on 24-02-2020 and 15.30 on 24-02-2020 (5) Office Address : Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Bhavnagar Para. Website particulars: www.irps.gov.in

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि.

ई-निविदा सूचना सं.-56/वि.पा.मं./आगरा/2019-20 के निविदा निरस्त करने के सम्बन्ध में।

E-Tender Notice No. 56/ECTC/A/2019-20, Tube well Boring, Development work at 132 KV Sub-station Aurangabad Distt (Mathura) है। जिसकी दिनांक 03.02.2020 समय 05:00 बजे तक वेबो जमी है। एवं दिनांक 04.02.2020 को खोला जाना निश्चित था अपरिहार्य कारणों से उक्त निविदा को निरस्त किया जाता है।

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हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत जलपट्ट पारेण मण्डल-आगरा उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. क्विंट अमर उजाता प्रेस, पारेण परम चकटोरा रोड, 22 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र सिकन्दर, आगरा

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1.	192/3-A Dated 27.01.2020	Irrigation Department	3011-27/3-A Dated: 19.12.2019	Due to some Administrative reason the tenders have postponed and will be opened on 21.02.2020	etenders.hrynic.in	Executive Engineer, Const. Divn. No.28, Jind E-mail: xenconstdi-vjnd@gmail.com
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No.4, Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Taramani, Chennai 600 113 Ph: 044-22540500/01; Fax: 044-2254 1744 Website: www.tidelpark.com Email: md1@tidelpark.com

TENDER NOTICE NO.TIDEL/2019-20/12 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Package-1)

TIDEL invites item rate tender under two bid cover system from eligible bidders for Construction of New IT Park BUILDINGS including Civil, Plumbing, Structural Facade, Landscaping, STP, WTP & External Works at Pattabiram, Avadi, Chennai as per the schedule given as under:

Estimated Cost	Rs.130 Crores plus GST @ 18% Rs.23.4 Crores
Period of Construction	24 Months
EMD	Rs.1,53,40,000/- in the form of DD drawn from any Nationalized Banks/Scheduled Banks in favour of TIDEL Park Ltd., Payable at Chennai.
Cost of Tender Document	Rs.32,000/- in the form of DD drawn from any Nationalized Banks/Scheduled Banks in favour of TIDEL Park Ltd., Payable at Chennai.
Pre-Bid Meeting	11.00 hrs on 07.02.2020 at TIDEL PARK LTD
Downloading of Tender Document	Tender Document can be downloaded from www.tidelpark.com Start date 01/02/2020 & End date 15/02/2020
Submission of Tender	17/02/2020 before 15.00 hrs @ TIDEL PARK LTD
Technical Bid Opening	17/02/2020 at 15.30 hrs in TIDEL PARK LTD

Tender documents submitted without paying cost of Tender document and EMD will be summarily rejected.

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Ref: BAT/SR/Rec/AD/01 27.01.2020

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the Advertisement No. BAT/SR/Rec/AD/01 dated 14.12.2019 published in the Employment News Edition, dated 14.12.2019 and The Indian Express, dated 01.01.2020 for the recruitment of Assistant Director of Training - 01 Post (EWS-01), it is to inform that the last date of receipt of applications is extended upto 05.00 PM on 20.02.2020. The other terms & Conditions remain unchanged. Those who have already applied against this recruitment advertisement need not apply again.

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING, BOAT(SR), Chennai.

U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED E-TENDER NOTICE AGAINST SPECN. NO. ESD-8/150 E-Tenders in Two Parts, Part-I and Part-II valid for six (06) months are invited for Supply of 400KV Bus Bar Protection Panels (220 Volt DC operated) for 400KV substations as per details given in the following table. Part-I of the bid shall contain Tender Cost and EMD BG as per details given below in acceptable form. Pre-qualification details, technical & commercial terms and conditions etc. Part-II shall contain price bid only. In case of public holiday on 02.03.2020, the opening date will be on the next working date: SI. No. 1 Item Description 400KV Bus Bar Protection Panels Qty. 04 Set Specn. No. ESD-8/150 Earnest Money (Rs.) 53,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Three Thousand Only) (to be submitted on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 265.00 in favour of SE, Ecty. 765/400KV S/S Design Circle, Lucknow as per Prescribed format given in the bid document) Schedule Date & Time of Submission 29.02.2020 16.00 hrs Schedule Date & Time of Opening 02.03.2020 16.00 hrs Cost of Tender document including 18% GST charges (Rs.) 7,080.00 Complete E-tender documents against this Bid specification can be downloaded from e-procurement website U.P. Govt. etender.up.nic.in and tenderer will require to pay a non-refundable fee of Rs. 7,080/- (inclusive of 18% GST) towards cost of E-tender documents through RTGS/ NEFT in "UPPTCL SBI A/C No. 30231982762 (IFSC Code: SBIN0003347)". E-tenders can be submitted only on e-procurement website etender.up.nic.in up to schedule date & time. Tenderer (s) are requested to get themselves registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation so as to obtain digital signatures for participation. The bid of the firm without E-tender document fee, against the purchase of document, and without EMD will not be opened. E-tender document fee will be deposited through RTGS/ NEFT in the UPPTCL account mentioned above and a proof of such deposit e.g. UTR No., Name of Account, Scanned copy of pay-in slip countersigned by the tenderer should be uploaded along with E-tender documents. Earnest money deposit (EMD) will be deposited through RTGS/ NEFT in UPPTCL account mentioned above and a proof of such deposit e.g. UTR No., Name of Account, Scanned copy of pay-in slip countersigned by the tender, should be uploaded along with E-tender documents OR in the form of Bank Guarantee in favour of Superintending Engineer, Electricity 765/400KV Substation Design Circle, UPPTCL, Lucknow. If EMD is deposited in the form of Bank Guarantee, scanned copy of EMD B.G. alongwith a scanned copy of mail in confirmation of the same from the bank issuing the B.G. will be uploaded with the E-tender document. One copy of tender document including tender fee and other commercial papers are required to be submitted in hard copy after the date of tender Part-I opening. Part-II containing price bid shall be opened separately at a later date and bidders shall be informed accordingly. Undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reason. Please visit our web site www.upptcl.org, as well as e-procurement website www.etender.up.nic.in for any other corrections/ amendments/ modifications/ extensions till the date of submission of tender. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY 765/400KV SUBSTATION DESIGN CIRCLE, 11TH FLOOR, SHAKTI BHAWAN EXTENSION, 14 ASHOK MARG, LUCKNOW-226001. E-mail: se400sd@upptcl.org UPPTCL website: www.upptcl.org E-Procurement website: www.etender.up.nic.in "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION" सं.-49/ई.एस.सी.-8/145/III दिनांक: 31, जनवरी, 2020

Purvanchal Vidyut Vitaran Nigam Limited Vidyut Nagar: P. O.- DLW, Varanasi- 221004

Phone: 0542-2300543, Tender Notice E-tenders are invited for the following materials. The tender will be accepted up to at 15.00 hrs. Please visit website www.etender.up.nic.in for tender details/ download and for any other corrections/ amendments/ modifications/ extensions till the date of submission of bids. SI. No.: 1. e-Tender No.: EAV-70/19-20 Name of Material: Press Board Sheet, Press Board Block, Craft Paper, Earnest Money (Rs.): 7,46,500.00 Tender Fee (Rs.): 5,000.00 + GST @ 5% Last date & Time for online submission of tender document: 03.03.2020 15:00 hrs. Last date & Time for opening of tender part-I: 04.03.2020 15:00 hrs. SI. No.: 2 e-Tender No.: EAV-71/19-20 Name of Material: HT & LT Bushing Rod, Silica Gel Breather, Arching horn & Alu Clamping, Earnest Money (Rs.): 3,77,500.00 Tender Fee (Rs.): 5,000.00 + GST @ 5% Last date & Time for online submission of tender document: 03.03.2020 15:00 hrs. Last date & Time for opening of tender part-I: 04.03.2020 15:00 hrs. SI. No.: 3 e-Tender No.: EAV-72/19-20 Name of Material: LT Porcelain Bushing, Earnest Money (Rs.): 47,500.00 Tender Fee (Rs.): 5,000.00 + GST @ 5% Last date & Time for online submission of tender document: 03.03.2020 15:00 hrs. Last date & Time for opening of tender part-I: 04.03.2020 15:00 hrs. SI. No.: 4 e-Tender No.: EAV-73/19-20 Name of Material: Rubberized cork sheet, Earnest Money (Rs.): 76,500.00 Tender Fee (Rs.): 5,000.00 + GST @ 5% Last date & Time for online submission of tender document: 03.03.2020 15:00 hrs. Last date & Time for opening of tender part-I: 04.03.2020 15:00 hrs. SI. No.: 5 e-Tender No.: EAV-74/19-20 Name of Material: Bakelite tube, Fiber glass sleeves, Gasket set, Weaving tube, Aluminium/Copper Feerule, HT/LT Oil Seal, Clamping Member, (Al. Casting with MS Hexagonal Nut), Earnest Money (Rs.): 1,29,500.00 Tender Fee (Rs.): 5,000.00 + GST @ 5% Last date & Time for online submission of tender document: 03.03.2020 15:00 hrs. Last date & Time for opening of tender part-I: 04.03.2020 15:00 hrs. Sd/- SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-I) "Save Electricity in the interest of Nation" पत्रांक: 323/ प.वि.वि.नि.लि. (वा)/सा.प्र.-I/अञ-1/विद्युत दिनांक: 30.01.2020

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क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	आकस्मिक राशि (लाख रु में)	अंशक की राशि (लाख रु में)	अंशक का मुद्रा (अंशक/वर्ष)	वैधानिक कोड (अंशक/वर्ष)	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि
1	Anti erosion work between Km 3.50 to Km 11.00 at village Sukhi of RKBE. (Agenda no154/175/2020)	7036.45	30.36	10000.00	17700.00	15.05.2020
2	A E work between Km 37.00 to 37.50 of RKBE at Banau. (Agenda no154/176/2020)	913.53	18.27	10000.00	17700.00	15.05.2020
3	Anti erosion work between Km 21.00 to Km 22.00 at village Baksahi of RKBE. (Agenda no154/184/2020). Anti erosion work between Km 50.70 to Km 50.90 of RKBE at village Akhram. (Agenda no154/187/2020) & Removal of old sluice gate at Km 25.00, Km 40.50, Km 48.50 and Km 53.50 of RKBE. (Agenda no154/195/2020)	387.95	7.76	10000.00	17700.00	15.05.2020
4	Anti erosion work between Km. 74.840 to Km 75.60 of RKBE at Rasayari. (Agenda no154/190/2020). Anti erosion work between Km 76.00 to Km 75.50 of RKBE at Lagma village. (Agenda no154/191/2020). Anti erosion work between Km 78.850 to Km 79.100 of RKBE at Mansara. (Agenda no154/192/2020). Anti erosion work between Km 88.400 to Km 88.900 of RKBE near Akhatwara village. (Agenda no154/193/2020) & Anti erosion work between Km 89.60 to Km 89.80 of RKBE. At Kothram. (Agenda no154/194/2020)	611.46	12.23	10000.00	17700.00	15.05.2020

दिनांक 06.02.2020 से दिनांक 10.02.2020 के 3.00 बजे आरंभ तक (रिजल वेबसाईट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर)

दिनांक 08.02.2020 3.00 बजे आरंभ में मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल विस्तारण, जल संसाधन विभाग, झंझारपुर।

दिनांक 11.02.2020 समय 3.00 बजे आरंभ तक। (रिजल वेबसाईट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर)

दिनांक 13.02.2020 समय 3.30 बजे आरंभ तक। (रिजल वेबसाईट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in पर)

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GOA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD. (A GOVERNMENT OF GOA UNDERTAKING)

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BRIEF TENDER NOTICE (E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)

No. GTDC/MKTG/New Tourism Services /2019-20/4452 Date:31/01/2020

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TOURISM SERVICES IN GOA - PHASE 17

Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) invites e-tenders from single entities, joint ventures, and consortium for introduction of New Tourism Services (Phase-17)- 1) Development, Operations and Maintenance of Land Based Adventure Park in Goa. 2) Appointment of an Operator for Conceptualizing and Operating Nautical Tours in Goa. 3) Development, Operation and Maintenance of Shooting Range in Goa 4) Conceptualization, Development, Operation & Maintenance of Hanging Restaurant in Goa. Agencies interested in applying for the tender may submit their duly filled application with complete information as required as per the tender document. The last date for requesting for the tender is 28.02.2020 up to 5.30 pm. For detailed Tender Notice and for participation in e-tender please visit our e-tender website <https://goaenvida.gov.in>. Tender notice is also available on www.goa-tourism.com for reference. All queries may be emailed to pmu@goa-tourism.com

Sd/- Managing Director GTDC

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION NO.3, In front of office of the Superintendent of Police (Rural), Civil lines, Nagpur. E-mail - div3nagpur.ee@mahapwd.com Telephone No. (0712) 2561586

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 36/2019-20

Outward No. :-274/Tender., Date :-24.01.2020

Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No.3, Civil lines, Nagpur are invited Online e-tenders in B-1 form for following works from Any capable persons/Civil contractor registered with Maharashtra Govt. P.W.D. department in appropriate category. Tender paper can be download on Govt site <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. Also, Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Conditional tenders will be treated as non responsive.

S. N.	Name of work	Amount put to tender (Rs. In lakhs)	Tender form Rs.	Work Compet ion period (In Months)
1	Widening and improvement to Khapari Pachgaon Kuhu Ambhosra road S.H. 347 in Km. 25/200 to 52/00 (Balance Estimate of Km. 48/800 to 51/300) and drain & Service road in Mandhal village) Ta. Kuhu Dist. Nagpur.	1257.00	3360	12

E-tender downloading period 01.02.2020 से 25.02.2020
Pre tender conference meeting 20.02.2020 @ 16.00 hrs at Chief Engineer, P. W. Region, Nagpur
E-tender opened 28.02.2020 Place :- Superintending Engineer, P.W.Circle, Nagpur

Information about E-tender can be available following web site: 1) <http://mahatenders.gov.in>
2) Notice board of office of the Executive Engineer, P. W. Dn. No.3, Nagpur.
3) Terms and conditions binding to all participants. Please note the further changes regarding this work will not be published through corrigendum by press notice. The changes will be available on electronic tendering system of Govt of Maharashtra portal i.e. <http://mahatenders.gov.in>
4) Tender will be opened as per mentioned schedule on portal if applicable.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Public Works Division No.3, Nagpur.

VARANASI SMART CITY LTD. (VSCL)

O/o, Municipal Corporation, Varanasi

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-tender)

NIT No: 16/VSCL/TENDER/19-20 Date: 31.01.2020

1. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Varanasi Smart City Ltd. (VSCL) invites tender for the below mention work:-

Sl. No	Name of the project	Tender Fee non-refundable (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)
(i)	Redevelopment of Dr. Smapoornanand Sports Stadium at Sriga, Varanasi on EPC model.	30000 + 12% GST	1.11 Crores

RFP No.: 50/VSCL/DRSSS-EPC-MODELJAN-2020

2. Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-tendering website- <http://etender.up.nic.in> from 05.02.2020 at 15:00 Hrs. (IST). to 26.02.2020 till 17:00 Hrs. (IST)

3. Bidders are requested to submit the Tender fee receipt in the office of Chief Executive Officer, Varanasi Smart City Ltd. (VSCL) in the form of DD/ Bankers Cheque issued in favor of "Chief Executive Officer, Varanasi Smart City Limited" Payable at Varanasi.

4. Bidders are requested to submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) receipt in the office of Chief Executive Officer, Varanasi Smart City Limited (VSCL), in the form prescribed in the tender document issued in favor of "Chief Executive Officer, Varanasi Smart City Limited" Payable at Varanasi.

5. The last date for Pre-bid queries is 13.02.2020 till 15:00 Hrs. (IST) through e-mail on ceovscl@gmail.com and Pre-bid meeting will be held on 14.02.2020 at 15:00 Hrs. (IST) in the O/o Varanasi Smart City Limited, Conference Room, Second Floor, Nagar Nigam Varanasi, Sriga, Varanasi-221010.

6. The deadline of online bid-submission is 26.02.2020 till 17:00 Hrs. (IST) and dead line for Hard/Physical Copy Submission of Technical Bid documents is 27.02.2020 till 17:00 Hrs. (IST).

7. The Technical Bid Opening date is 28.02.2020 at 15:00 Hrs. (IST).

8. For more details contact Chief Executive Officer, VSCL address- CEO, VSCL O/o Municipal Corporation Varanasi, Contact no. 0542-2221702 and through mail at ceovscl@gmail.com.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer Varanasi Smart City Limited (VSCL) O/o Varanasi Municipal Corporation, Sriga, Varanasi, U.P.

HARYANA GOVERNMENT TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP. AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX) IN Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	P.T.B.D.SHARMA PGIMS ROHTAK	TERM E-TENDER NOTICE NO.UHSR/PURCHASE/2020/02 DT: 28.01.2020/DUE ON: 03.03.2020 UPTO 5.00 PM AND TO BE OPENED ON 04.03.2020 AT 11.00 AM.	03.03.2020 04.03.2020	NIL	a) www.ushr.ac.in b) www.etenders.hrynic.in	9255169924 purchase.section@gmail.com
2.	GMD, GURUGRAM	DISMANTLING, PROVIDING AND FIXING OF NEW SLUICE VALVES, NRV VALVES IN EXISTING DELIVERY PIPELINE OF PUMP SETS INCLUDING COST OF CARRIAGE, LOADING, UNLOADING OF MAKE IVO NASKI VAG/ NKV TALS ONLY OF FN: 16 BRATING AT WTP BASAL, GURUGRAM COM- PLETE AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO UNDER O&M MASTER WATER SUPPLY OF MAINTENANCE OF DISTRIBUTION LINE.	29.01.2020 19.02.2020	60.56 LACS	https://etenders.hrynic.in	0124-2746623 xen3.infra2.gmda@gov.in
3.	GMD, GURUGRAM	"SHIFTING 700MM I/D DI PIPELINE AT SECTOR-57 T POINT AND 400MM I/D DI PIPELINE IN FRONT OF PRESIDIUM SCHOOL, REPLACEMENT AND DISMANTLING OF OLD DAMAGE SPECIALS PIPES AT HILTON HOTEL, RED LIGHT SEC-47 AND NEAR HDPC SCHOOL, SEC-57, GURUGRAM AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO UNDER O&M MASTER WATER SUPPLY OF MAINTENANCE OF DISTRIBUTION LINE. - 1 OTHER WORK"	31.01.2020 24.02.2020	40.25 LACS	https://etenders.hrynic.in	0124-2746623 xen3.infra2.gmda@gov.in
4.	HSIIDC	ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF 3 MLD WTP AND 1 NO. BOOSTING STATION AT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE & IDC ROHTAK.	31.01.2020 14.02.2020	42.91 LACS	https://etenders.hrynic.in	01262-287029 hsiidcrohtak@gmail.com
5.	HSPV DIVISION NO.1, ROHTAK	DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, SUPPLY, ERECTION, TESTING, RENOVATION,	CLOSING DATE 12.02.2020	EMD 15 LACS	etenders.hrynic.in	9215501732 xendv1.rh@gmail.com

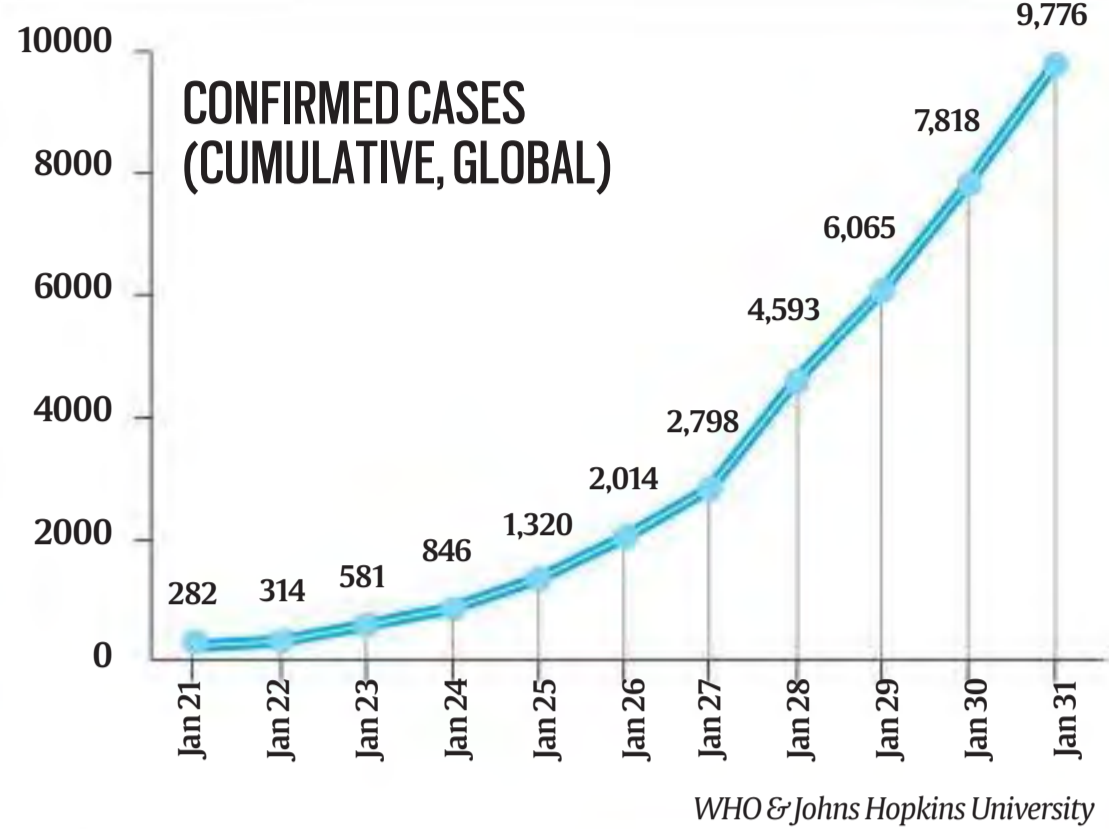
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hrynic.in

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TELLING NUMBERS

From 2,000 confirmed cases to nearly 10,000 in 5 days

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS UPDATE JANUARY 31



BY JANUARY 31, nearly 10,000 people in various countries, mostly in China, had been infected by the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in an outbreak declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The bulk of these infections have happened since January 26, when WHO listed 2,014 infections. The latest count is five times as many - 9,776 until 8 am on January 31, as per a dashboard from Johns Hopkins University.

In China, which has suffered the bulk of the outbreak, the number of cases is now 9,658 on the mainland alone, besides 28 cases in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau. There have been 213 deaths so far, all in China, and including 204 in Hubei province alone; Wuhan city is the capital of this province.

Hubei accounts for 5,806 of the confirmed cases. Until January 31, there have also been 187 cases where the patients have recovered from nCoV infection.

China	9,686
Thailand	14
Japan	11
Singapore	10
Australia	9
Malaysia	8
South Korea	6
US	6
France	5
Germany	4
United Arab Emirates	4
Canada	3
Italy	2
Vietnam	2
Cambodia	1
Finland	1
India	1
Nepal	1
Philippines	1
Sri Lanka	1

Source: Johns Hopkins

THIS WORD MEANS YELLOW RUST

How wheat crops are affected by the disease

EARLIER THIS month, the Punjab Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department issued an advisory about Yellow Rust disease in wheat crops (*The Indian Express*, January 15), followed by a similar advisory from the Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research (IIWBR) after Yellow Rust was detected in wheat crops in parts of Punjab and Haryana.

Yellow Rust disease appears as yellow stripes of powder or dust on leaves and leaf sheaths of the wheat crop. This yellow powder comes out on clothing or fingers when touched. The disease can spread rapidly under congenial conditions and affects crop development, and eventually the yield. As per Bayer Crop Science, yield due to the disease can be affected by between 5 and 30 per cent.

This occurs when the rust colonies in the leaves drain the carbohydrates from the plant and reduce the green leaf area. In India, it is a major disease in the Northern Hill Zone and the North-Western Plain Zone and spreads easily during the onset of cool weather and when wind conditions are favourable. Rain, dew and fog favour the disease's development.

Last year, a new variety of wheat called HD-3226 or Pusa Yashasvi was released by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, which had higher levels of resistance against major rust fungi such as the yellow/stripe, brown/leaf and black/stem. According to the IIWBR advisory, if farmers observe yellow rust in patches in their wheat fields, they should spray fungicides.

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

What we know of 2019-nCoV

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

A NEW viral disease that has infected nearly 10,000 people across the world has just been declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. This new strain of coronavirus, which has caused the infection, had by Friday claimed 213 lives in China, where it originated last month. In India, one person, who recently returned from China, has tested positive for the virus, and has been quarantined.

What is a coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a class of viruses so named because their electron microscope image resembles the corona of the sun. Coronaviruses are usually found in animals, but sometimes get transmitted to human beings possibly through the food chain. This happened during the 2003 outbreak of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), which too was caused by a coronavirus and originating in China, and which had claimed close to 800 lives. The coronavirus strain involved in the current strain too is getting transmitted to humans. The strain has tentatively been named 2019 'novel' coronavirus, or 2019-nCoV.

Since the outbreak was detected about a month ago, scientists have been able to piece together considerable amount of information about the origin, transmission and lethality of the 2019-nCoV, but several questions are still being investigated.

What are the symptoms, and how dangerous is the infection?

Like other coronaviruses, 2019-nCoV manifests itself initially in the form of mild fever and cough, and affects mainly the respiratory system in human beings. Not more than one-fifth of the infected people are likely to develop severe illnesses. Hong Kong-based Professor Malik Peiris, who had played an important role in identifying SARS in 2003, said the nCoV seemed to be more easily transmissible than SARS but was less dangerous.

According to an information dashboard put up by Johns Hopkins University, last updated at 8 am India time on January 31, there were a total of 9,776 confirmed cases of nCoV, of which 213 had resulted in deaths, giving a mortality rate of just over 2%. The mortality of SARS was considerably higher, closer to 10%, at 774 deaths from 8,096 confirmed cases.

"This means that in nCoV, individual risk of getting infected is reasonably high, but se-



Taking precautions at a hospital in Thrissur, site of India's first detected case. PTI

vere disease in infected people is not inevitable," says Dr Gagandeep Kang, executive director of Faridabad-based Translational Health Science and Technology Institute.

The Johns Hopkins dashboard also shows that a total of 187 infected people had already been declared fully recovered.

Where did the infections originate?

An analysis of 10 genome sequences of nCoV from nine patients in Wuhan, published in *The Lancet*, has revealed that the virus was closely related to two SARS-like coronaviruses usually found in bats. Another study in the *Journal of Medical Virology* suggests that nCoV could have jumped from bats to snakes before infecting human beings.

The first patients in Wuhan were found to have visited a local wholesale seafood market, where live animals, including snakes, too are sold for meat. However, how and when the nCoV first entered the human body is still an open question for investigation.

How does the virus transmit itself?

Respiratory viruses, like those that cause

colds, flu, and pneumonia, spread mainly through coughs, sneezes and direct contact with infected people. In most such cases, the transmission of the virus happens only after an infected person has developed the symptoms. This was true of SARS as well. The spread of such viruses is relatively easier to contain, because people with symptoms can be quarantined.

Initially, nCoV too was believed to have a similar trait. But a new study, published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* on Thursday, has documented the first case in which the virus was transmitted from one person to the other, even before the symptoms had become evident in the first person. Such transmissions are called asymptomatic. A Chinese woman, who had travelled to Munich, passed on the virus to her German business partner a couple of days before she herself showed any symptoms.

In another study in the same journal, this one published on Wednesday, researchers analysed data on the first 425 confirmed cases and found that each one of them had spread the infection to an average of 2.2 peo-

ple. In general, any epidemic would continue to spread as long as this number, called reproductive number and referred to as R-naught, is greater than one. In the case of SARS, it was 3.12, but there was no asymptomatic transmission happening, and patients could be isolated. Now, asymptomatic transmission can complicate the efforts to contain the spread of the virus.

What does it mean for the disease to be given the designation that has been declared by the WHO?

The declaration of the nCoV outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) by the WHO is aimed at halting the further spread of the epidemic. The WHO has asked all countries to be prepared for containment, active surveillance, early detection, isolation, and tracing of contacts of infected people. Countries would now have to mandatorily share all such data with the WHO.

The declaration of PHEIC shows that WHO considers nCoV a significant public health threat outside China as well, requiring a coordinated global response. WHO, however, has not recommended any travel or trade restrictions on China, though several countries have put out their own travel advisories. A few countries have even closed their borders with China, while some airlines have stopped flights to Chinese cities.

A global health emergency was first declared in 2009 during the time of H1N1 flu pandemic. Other instances of PHEIC being declared happened in 2014 for the Ebola virus spread, and in 2016 for the Zika virus outbreak.

What precautions should one take to prevent coronavirus infection?

The most effective way of prevention is avoidance of contact with an infected person. Making sure that infected people use cough hygiene - covering nose and mouth while they cough and sneeze, disposal of tissues or handkerchief carefully - and wash and rinse their hands properly is thus very important.

There is no approved vaccine for the disease, neither is any antiviral treatment available as of now.

But diagnostic tests have been quickly developed. "Because of the early sharing of gene sequence data by Chinese authorities, it was possible to develop diagnostics as well as identify vaccine targets. WHO is coordinating research and development efforts for nCoV diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines. A global partners meeting will be held for this purpose in mid February," said Dr Soumya Swaminathan, chief scientist at WHO.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

BY FRIDAY night GMT (early Saturday morning in India), Britain will have exited the European Union after 47 years of membership. In a journey that began in January 2013 with the announcement of a referendum in which the British public would vote where or not the country would go for Brexit (they eventually voted in favour), the formal exit now is only the first step of another long journey ahead.

As of now, an 11-month transition period has kicked in. This ends on December 31, 2020. A look at what changes during the period, and what remains the same:

Out of EU politics

With Brexit Day on Thursday, the United Kingdom leaves all of the European Union's political institutions. The UK had 73 Members of European Parliament, and they

automatically lose their seats. British ministers will no longer attend regular EU meetings, and the Prime Minister will no longer be an automatic attendee at EU Council summits, although he can still join if he is given a special invitation.

EU rules apply

During the transition period, the UK will continue to obey EU rules and make payments to the EU. If it is involved in a legal dispute with an EU member country, the European Court of Justice will continue to have the final say.

New trade equations

Out of the EU, Britain will have to build new trade relationships with countries outside the Union. While it was still in EU, Britain was not allowed to hold formal trade negotiations with countries such as the US and Australia. Now that it will have that freedom, Brexit supporters see that as a positive - Britain setting its own trade policy.

There will also likely be priority given to a trade deal between the EU and its ex-member. Britain will want to lose as little as possible of the privileges it enjoyed as a member; it wouldn't want to pay extra charges on goods and would want to continue without trade barriers after the transition ends. As of now, these trade rules have not changed.

Passports, coins

The British passport has a burgundy design, introduced three decades ago. Now, the country will return to the blue passports it used to issue before adopting the EU design. This change was announced in 2017, by then Immigration Minister, Brandon Lewis. The blue-and-gold design was first used in 1921. This switch will be phased over a number of months; all new passports will be issued in blue by the middle of the year.

Entering circulation on Friday are about three million commemorative Brexit coins, of denomination of 50 pence. They bear the date "31 January" and the inscription "Peace,

prosperity and friendship with all nations".

No Brexit department

The Department for Exiting the European Union was set up by then PM Theresa May in 2016. It disbands on Friday.

No change

TRAVEL: Flights, boats and trains will operate as they did while Britain was in the EU. Driving licences will continue to be accepted, as long as they are valid.

EHIC: European Health Insurance Card will remain valid inside Britain, and in the EU countries, during the transition.

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT: During the transition, UK nationals will continue to be able to live and work in European Union countries. EU nationals who want to live and work in the UK, too, can do so.

EU BUDGET: The UK will for now continue to contribute to the EU Budget. Existing schemes that are funded by EU grants will continue to be funded.

What changes in 1971 abortion law, and why India feels it necessary

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

EARLIER THIS week, the Union Cabinet cleared a long-pending change to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 that raises the legally permissible limit for an abortion to 24 weeks from the current 20 weeks. Following the efforts of the Health Ministry, the change also accepts failure of contraception as a valid reason for abortion not just in married but also in unmarried women.

A look at what the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 says, and why it was brought in..

What changes does the Bill bring in?

It increases the maximum permissible gestation age for abortion to 24 weeks, with the proviso that for pregnancies that are between 20-24 weeks opinions will be re-

quired from two doctors rather than one. This has been specially done keeping in mind "vulnerable women including survivors of rape, victims of incest and other vulnerable women (like differently-abled women, Minors) etc". The upper gestation limit will not apply in cases of substantial foetal abnormalities diagnosed by a Medical Board. The composition, functions and other details of the Medical Board are to be prescribed subsequently in Rules under the Act. This clause has been put to keep such cases out of courts; the government deemed a Medical Board should examine the various aspects of the case and take a call.

According to a government statement: "The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 is for expanding access of women to safe and legal abortion services on therapeutic, eugenic, humanitarian or social grounds... It is a step towards safety and well-being of the women and many women will be benefited by this. Recently several pe-



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titions were received by the Courts seeking permission for aborting pregnancies at a gestational age beyond the present permissible limit on grounds of foetal abnormalities or pregnancies due to sexual violence faced by women. The proposed increase in gestational age will ensure dignity, autonomy, confidentiality and justice for women who need to terminate pregnancy."

The original draft of the Bill had included the contraceptive failure clause only for

married women, which, the Health Ministry has now felt, would have left unmarried women, on whom social pressures to abort are more acute, at the mercy of quacks. That is why in 2016, it sent a recommendation that failure of contraception should be accepted as a legal reason to abort not just in married but also unmarried women. It was accepted.

How overdue are the amendments?

A national discourse on amendments needed to the MTP Act, 1971 in view of advancement of medical technologies dates back to 2008 when Hareesh and Niketa Mehta petitioned the Bombay High Court to allow them to abort their 26-week-old foetus who had been diagnosed with a heart defect. It made the point that prenatal diagnosis of defects had come a long way - and some defects could be revealed after 20 weeks has passed. The Mehtas' plea was turned down on expert advice. But the

court's observation that only the legislature could address the demand for change in the legal limit meant that India had started the process of re-evaluating provisions of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971. Niketa Mehta, incidentally, had a miscarriage soon after the verdict.

Since then, many cases have gone up to the Supreme Court asking for permission to abort beyond the legally permissible limit, often involving victims of sexual crimes.

Why is the change in law significant?

Despite a sustained government push over years, contraceptive use in India is not very popular. According to a 2018 study by the Guttmacher Institute, 50% of pregnancies in six of the larger Indian states - Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh - are unintended. Data from the National Family Health Survey 4 show that just 47.8% of couples in the country use modern contraceptive methods; only

53% use any method at all. It found that 55% pregnancies in Assam, 48% in Bihar, 53% in Gujarat, 50% in Madhya Pradesh, 43% in Tamil Nadu and 49% in Uttar Pradesh are unintended. The number of pregnancies ranged from 1,430,000 in Assam to 10,026,000 in Uttar Pradesh. Estimation of unintended pregnancies is important because many of them result in abortions and the availability of cheap and safe abortion services is one of the indicators of a robust health system.

According to a 2016 study published in *The Lancet* by the Guttmacher Institute and the World Health Organization, an estimated 56 million abortions took place globally each year between 2010 and 2014. In 2015, a study in *The Lancet Global Health*, also by Guttmacher Institute and IIPS, estimated that 15.6 million abortions were performed in India in 2015. This translates to an abortion rate of 47 per 1,000 women aged 15-49, which is similar to the abortion rate in neighboring countries.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Beyond electoral dividends

Incitements by BJP leaders aim to polarise society, create violent identities — not just win elections



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

WHEN THE PROTESTS against the CAA gained momentum, many thought the government would have a dilemma: Will it risk suppressing the protests or let them continue? But as the events in the lead up to the Delhi elections have made it clear, the BJP government will now use these protests to exercise the third option: Provoke more communalisation and violence. In India, the use of communal instigation has often been associated with the demands of electoral mobilisation — episodic violence as a means of securing votes. This was always a blot on Indian democracy. But in a strange way, we also used to find it reassuring: It somehow signalled that the use of violent provocation had its spatial and temporal limits. It will be used fleetingly, in local contexts, but will not become a continuous strategy. After 2002, for almost a decade, there was even a significant decline in this form of violence. But the course of events in Delhi politics should be a reminder that just as we were complacent in assuming that India's traditional political centralism will electorally tame fanaticism, we could also be making the mistake of reading the reassurances on the limits of violence, in the past, into the present. The structure of Indian politics has changed.

The calculus on the relationship between elections and violence has been changing fundamentally since the BJP assumed office, even more so after its second victory. The conventional logic about politics naturally containing violence will not apply to it. First, the ideology and structure of the party is now suffused with violence. The BJP wants to win elections. But it also draws its strength from the fact that its logic is not entirely instrumental. In fact it is important to the BJP to signal to its core base that while other parties engage in the petty politics of mere self-interest, the BJP is ready to take on the mantle of "saving the nation," willing to do what it takes to defend the nation from assorted traitors. Its appeal requires it to act non-instrumentally. And the only way in which it can signal that is to act out its ideology in a dramatic, militarised language. The incitements by Anurag Thakur, Amit

Shah or Yogi Adityanath are not simply dictated by the demands of a local election. They keep the party and its base united and energised. They give a vicarious sense of masculinity to the party — something that now thousands of youth, without a future or any social basis of self-esteem now find appealing. The ability to cross all moral limits in speech and discourse is also a kind of test of party loyalty. This is what makes a true BJP man. This is what is rewarded. Which is why all BJP leaders, whatever their background, will have to, at some point, publicly participate in a discourse tinged with violence. The logic may be instrumental, but its effects are to create a set of people whose sense of political self cannot help thinking outside of the framework of communalisation and violence. Would you really be a BJP man if you said something as decent as "let us listen to the protestors?" Would you really be a BJP man if you did not say "all disagreement is an act of treason?" Would you really be a BJP man if you even think outside of an explanatory framework that blames everything on a cabal of minorities, liberals and leftists?

Second, the BJP wants to win elections. But it also has an agenda beyond elections and the normal workings of politics: The cultural transformation of India. Elections will come and go. But the BJP will measure its success by a longer-term cultural transformation. The goal of this cultural transformation is twofold. It is to assert Hindu majoritarianism. But it is also to transform Hinduism from a variety of religious practices into a consolidated ethnic identity. This is frankly why the project of "let us teach the BJP the real meaning of our tradition or of Hinduism" so spectacularly misses the point. It assumes that what the BJP is doing is misinterpreting Hinduism to convert it into Hindutva. So, if only we could get the "correct" Hinduism out to people, fill the void that secular deracination produces, all will be good. The BJP is not playing in that corner of the field. It is not engaged in a debate over values or norms or texts of traditions or even cultural identity. It has one rai-

son d'être: The consolidation into an ethnic identity. The only thing that glues an ethnic identity together is an enemy, a sense of threat. So, it cannot oscillate between instrumentalism and the normal give and take of politics. To satiate its psychological needs, it has to ensure that the enemy remains a permanent construct. This is what it is using the CAA protests for. But previously, identities were used instrumentally for elections. Now the BJP wants to use elections to consolidate identities, whether it is winning or losing.

We had always assumed that politics is deeply decentralised in India: Caste, community, language, and region, provide natural breaks on any national agendas. These are still important. But they no longer provide the deep social bulwarks against the consolidation of national agendas. So violence can acquire a different logic. In the old framework, the question we would have asked is: Does fomenting violence pay electoral dividends in Delhi? Is votes for violence a good local strategy? This may or may not still be true. But the big payoff is not here. Even if BJP loses Delhi (assuming the plan is not to scuttle the election), it feels that the gains from a longer-term consolidation of identity will come elsewhere — at a national level. It is banking on the fact that polarisation in Delhi, the fact that it can display its agenda with all its might, will help to consolidate support behind it elsewhere. We are focused on the moral success of the anti-CAA protest, in lifting the pall of fear. But the ominous news is that there might also be a quiet Hindutva consolidation against the protests happening in places like UP and Rajasthan. The gains may not be apparent in immediate electoral dividends. They will be more apparent in how India is transformed: The creation of a country where the political justifications of violence are not merely episodic, but routine and perpetual. That is the long-term prize the BJP is after; not just a short-term logic of electoral dividends.

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PATH TO PROSPERITY

The Economic Survey celebrates wealth creation, while getting real about the state of economy

LAST YEAR'S ECONOMIC Survey, unveiled in July, had projected India's GDP growth for 2019-20 at 7 per cent, while stating that the political stability from the renewed mandate for the Narendra Modi government would help revive "animal spirits" and "increase investment activity". That optimism has, of course, not been borne out. The latest official estimate of growth is at 5 per cent, down from 6.1 per cent for 2018-19, with gross fixed capital formation also falling to 28.1 per cent of the current GDP, the lowest since 2003-04. Not for nothing, there is a recalibration of expectations in the Survey tabled in Parliament on Friday. The Finance Ministry's latest flagship annual document sees the economy growing by 6-6.5 per cent in 2020-21, while emphasising risks both on the downside (continued global trade conflicts, crude prices rising from escalating US-Iran tensions, widening fiscal deficits causing bond yields to go up) and upside (the September corporate tax rate cuts beginning to attract manufacturing investments, merger of public sector banks leading to increased financial strength and reduced risk aversion).

The above reassessment in the light of reality is welcome. So is a tempering of ambition. Thus, in place of Make in India, a pet scheme of the Modi 1.0 government that did not quite take off, the Survey talks of "assemble in India for the world". China's attraction as a low-cost location for assembly of manufactured products has faded with rising wages and labour shortages. The US-China trade war has given further impetus to this process, wherein global producers are actively looking to relocate. India can and should grab that space. Instead of seeking to make everything from scratch, a more sensible strategy would be to import components and assemble them for the world market, as China did. The Survey is not being unrealistic in targeting doubling India's share in global exports to about 3.5 per cent by 2025 and 6 per cent by 2030, which would also help create four crore to eight crore new jobs.

The other refreshing part about the Survey is its unapologetic defense of wealth creation. The invoking of *Arthashastra* and *Thirukkural* to commend accumulation of money is, perhaps, a signal aimed equally at assuaging the business community and making the Swadeshi lobby see reason. Coming after the prime minister's own Independence Day address extolling the role of wealth creators and not viewing them with suspicion, it hopefully reflects a shift in approach from the earlier obsession with not being perceived as a "suit-boot ki sarkar". The latest Survey is the first one having an explicit quote from Margaret Thatcher on the virtues of privatisation and free enterprise. The first test of whether that spirit will extend to actual policymaking will come in the Budget.

No, MINISTER

There is due process by which airlines bar passengers. Civil Aviation Minister's bid to short-cut it is wrong

THERE CAN BE no two views on ensuring passenger safety on board airlines. In the post-9/11 world, the aircraft cabin has become a space where there can be no latitude — or tolerance — for unruly behaviour. Yet the episode involving stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra and TV anchor Arnab Goswami is troubling at many levels. IndiGo, the airline concerned, tagged Union Minister of Civil Aviation Hardeep Puri on twitter while announcing its decision to impose a ban without even waiting for its internal crew report on whether Kamra's behaviour threatened passenger safety. Then SpiceJet, Air India and Go Air followed suit after being prodded by the Minister himself. Nothing better illustrates how the corporate sector buckles to political pressure, no questions asked. It also underlines not only government overreach but a contempt for due process. For Puri, just the video posted by Kamra was evidence enough to accuse, indict and convict all in a tweet.

As per guidelines, when airlines receive complaints of unruly behaviour from the pilot-in-command, the incident is referred to an internal committee which shall decide on the matter within 30 days. Pending the decision of the committee, the airline can ban the passenger, though such a period may not exceed 30 days. But in this case, the process went out of the window. The pilot-in-command Rohit Mateti has, to his credit, documented the chain of events and has stated that while Kamra's behaviour was "unacceptable and verbally abusive", he complied with the crew's instruction and that the offence "cannot be classified" even in Level 1 category. The pilot further noted that the airline did not consult him and took a decision solely based on social media posts.

Surely, Puri, a seasoned diplomat, knows where the red lines are. His concern for passenger safety is touching. Yet, by stepping in, his "advice" to airlines to impose restrictions was effectively a sarkari diktat that most promptly adhered to. It shows up the enormous sway the Indian state continues to command over the private sector. Structures to protect private players from not implementing unreasonable state directives simply do not exist. Bending is the only option. This is not how a mature economy functions. More so when Puri himself is the prime mover of a well thought-out, bold and ambitious plan to disinvest Air India. The Minister needs a reminder that disinvestment begins from his office. It means, first of all, respecting due process in a company you don't own.

A MIANDAD MOMENT

Two last-ball sixes help India win a T20 series in New Zealand and Rohit Sharma a place in cricketing history

FEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN cricket are as romantic as last-ball sixes. The closest cross-sport comparisons could be sealing a stoppage-time thriller with a bicycle kick or a 30-yard volley, or winning the tie-breaker with a stream of thunderous aces. Rare, rousing and refined as the occurrences are, they remain stamped in hearts forever, its romance and allure blossoming by each passing. So even 34 years after Javed Miandad blasted a last-ball six to win Pakistan the Australasia Cup, it remains a bleeding wound in a nation's heart. In this span, India might have established itself as the most powerful cricketing nation in the world, but any recollection of that evening breaks its heart multiple times, makes it shrivel into a shell of fear. Then on, the face of pantomime villainy was always Miandad.

New Zealand may not mourn the defeat in Hamilton, accomplished by a brace of Rohit Sharma sixes in the last two balls of the Super Over, as India did on that Sharjah night. In his sprawling career, Rohit has struck more sixes than any other Indian batsman and arguably, more effortlessly. He has hit a six of every five deliveries he has faced in white-ball cricket. Six-hitting at any juncture of the match requires a variety of factors to combine — daring, skill, power, judgement, calculation and awareness. But it's a different beast when a batsman is chasing, when he knows he's doomed if he can't hit it.

Rohit would remember these two sixes not because they were gloriously executed cricketing shots, but because those were struck under immense pressure. India needed 10 runs of two balls; there was no room for error, or miscalculation. A batsman requires an obscene amount of composure, confidence and courage, besides skills, to deliver in these moments. And Rohit demonstrated all of these qualities on Wednesday. For the Kiwis, the face of pantomime villainy, along with Ben Stokes, could be Rohit Sharma from here on.



BINDU PURI

THE ONGOING TURMOIL in some of our universities has been presented by many as the result of a conflict between two rival ideologies: The "left" ideology and the "right" ideology. This is far from the truth. There are many contingencies, quite independent of ideology, which have contributed to the turmoil — contingencies such as the involvement of political parties in student affairs, the religious and ethnic divide in our country, the regional versus the Centre issues, the increasingly assertive self-righteousness of our youth, our fatigued, demoralised, and unthinking teaching community and so on.

The direct involvement of political parties is perhaps the most pernicious of them all. It embroils, with a degree of ruthlessness, students in the messy, dubious ambitions of these parties and of their individual members. The student is now excited about everything but courses, research and publishing a paper in that well-cited journal.

Since the general perception created is that of ideological warfare, something needs to be said briefly about ideology and its potential dangers. An ideology is a cluster of ideas — one might, somewhat charitably, call it a "community" of ideas — mutually related, mutually supporting and resting fundamentally on certain crucial unquestioned assumptions. Marxism is such an ideology and one might say that all left ideologies are off-

IDEOLOGY VERSUS TRADITION

It is simplistic to describe turmoil in universities as ideological warfare

shoots of the Marxist ideology. The important thing about an ideology is that the only way it can defend itself against an incisive intellectual offensive, which includes an offensive against its basic unsupported assumptions, is to, aggressively and in multiple ways, repeat and assert these assumptions. It is therefore condemned to a vicious circularity.

Its creative potentiality remains strictly within the confines of this circularity. This is the fate of all ideologies. It is interesting also to reflect on the thought that the foundational beliefs of rival ideologies may come from the same source. For example, there is both a left Hegelism and a right Hegelism, there is a left Wittgensteinism and right Wittgensteinism.

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The colonial hegemony in our universities has been replaced by a leftist hegemony. The diminution of the Marxist parties in the political arena is matched by the resolute infiltration of left ideologies into our education system. Since violence is not shunned by these ideologies — not by most of them, in any case — we often see unabashed use of violence in pursuit of their goals: In JNU, it is not just the violence of January 5, but the violence of locking up centres and their offices for months, incarcerating people in their rooms for hours, covering walls of the university buildings with offensive graffiti, and

an abandonment of norms of civility.

The left ideologies have had an unchallenged rule in our universities with just a token presence of thought other than theirs. But now it seems to them that they face a real threat not from a rival ideology, but from an entire tradition of thought — a tradition of thought that has engaged with marvelous insights into the human condition — man's philosophical pursuit, his politics, economic well being, physical and mental well-being, social organisation, ethical life and spiritual quest. Indian philosopher K C Bhattacharya had spoken about the old-world Indian mind. The great Indian tradition is not an ideology in the sense I talked about in the beginning. It is a brilliant play of ideas, which is free, celebratory, with inventive forays into uncharted areas, rich in argumentative vigour and unafraid of questioning the basics. The ruling intellectual class has managed to keep this tradition at bay for so long, prevented its free play, its articulation in modern terms and its engagement with issues of life. What they need is not freedom of expression to debunk others in debates and arguments from within the confines of their own ideology, but freedom from the shackles of their own ideology.

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FEBRUARY 1, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

US AID TO PAK INDIA HAS TOLD President Carter's special envoy, Clark Clifford, that its efforts to normalise relations with Pakistan within the framework of the Simla Agreement would be jeopardised if Islamabad goes in for arms aid. Clifford stressed the American position that the decision to resume arms supplies to Pakistan was aimed at strengthening that country against a Soviet thrust from across its border and that these arms would not be used against India.

SAVING LALDENG PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi has ordered withdrawal of all criminal conspiracy

cases pending in Delhi courts against Mizo National Front chief Laldenga, according to informed sources. Prominent Congress (I) leaders from Mizoram, here for the past one week, have been trying to persuade central leaders to resume the peace talks abandoned by the Janata government in February 1977. The cases against Laldenga, under house arrest since July 1976, relate to alleged criminal conspiracy for procuring an Indian passport on forged documents.

MOVIES FOR MGR

THE TAMIL NADU chief minister M G Ramachandran, said he will resume acting in films from April. Releasing a cinema fort-

nightly, *Cinema Express*, of *The Indian Express* group in Madras, he said his first film will be released on Diwali. Ramachandran said he will continue as chief minister while acting if the law permitted. If not, he would resign.

CONG IDENTITY STAYS THE CONGRESS WILL keep its "separate identity": It will not be wound up or changed into a new party. This is the main point which came out of the discussion in the Congress Working Committee. The CWC met in Delhi for three hours. Tarkeshwari Sinha, party general secretary, told newsmen that the CWC had strongly expressed its solidarity with the party and the party president, Devaraj Urs.

Clues, not ideas

Economic Survey's emphasis on wealth creation should provide food for thought to policymakers. The document, however, seems to be short on suggesting immediate ways out of the economic mess



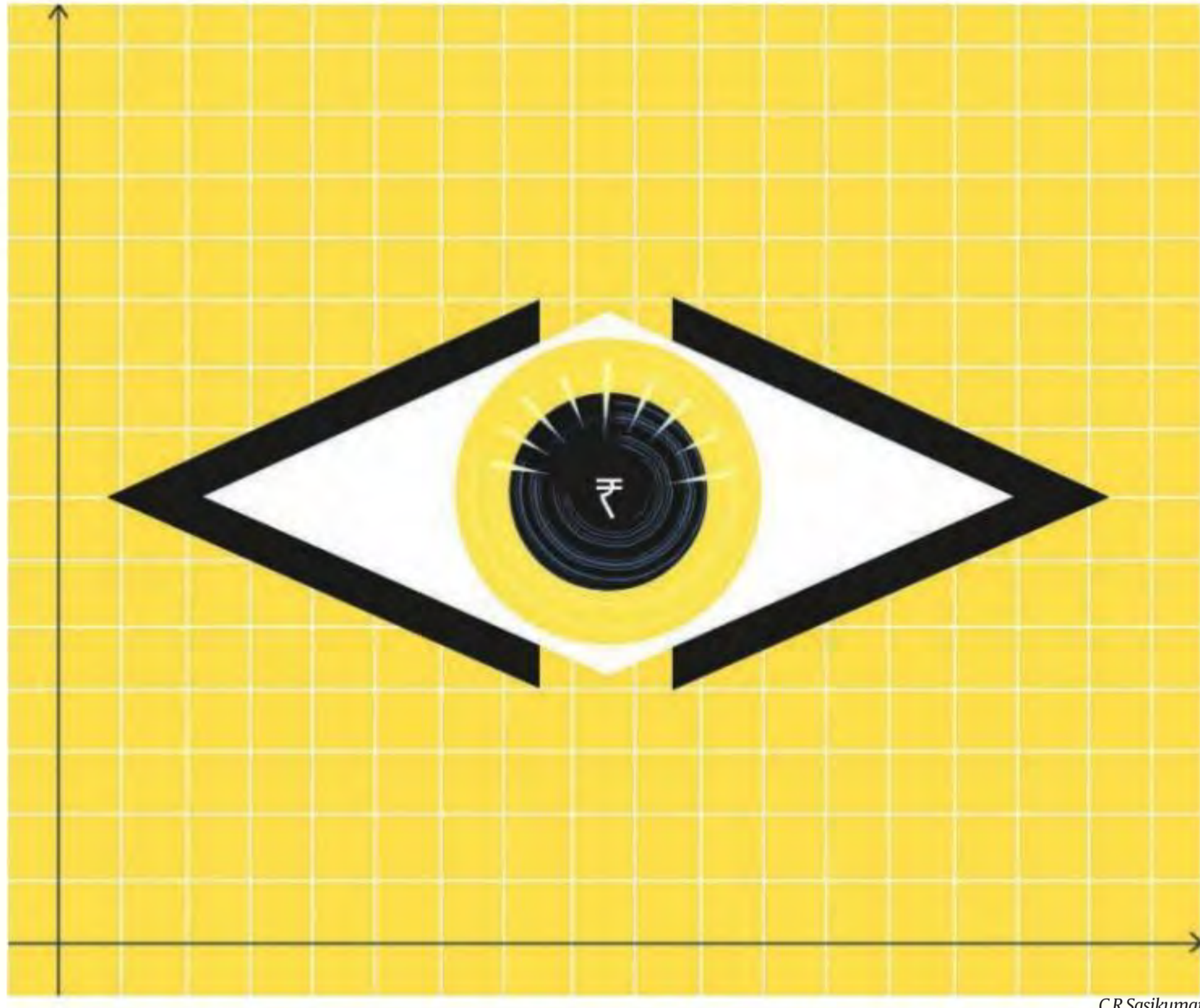
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THE ECONOMIC SURVEY is usually a document that reviews the major developments in the economic fortunes of the country over the past year. Over the past five years, it has also become a vehicle for the Chief Economic Adviser to present ideas and suggestions for the future through analysis based on in-house and external research. The Survey is thus presented in two volumes. Volume I is a collection of thought pieces on ideas for the future while Volume II reviews economic developments over the past year.

The review of economic developments over the past year in Volume II of this year's Survey makes for tough reading. That is hardly surprising given that the entire country is well aware that India is in the midst of a painful economic slowdown. The Survey faithfully describes the ongoing growth slowdown as well as the unfolding fiscal implosion. Where the Survey appears to be clutching at straws is in its attempts to provide explanation for the growth slowdown. As per the Survey, along with domestic credit conditions, the uncertain international trading environment due to the US-China trade war as well as a global slowdown in growth are the main downside risks to India's growth prospects. The fact that trade is a very small part of India's economy is conveniently glossed over, as is India's rising protectionist tendency.

The Survey's description of the fiscal situation has an air of resignation to it. The tax revenue data till November 2019 shows that net tax revenues that were budgeted to grow by 25 per cent in this fiscal year have increased by a meager 2.6 per cent between April and November 2019. Unless there is a dramatic improvement in tax collection in the remainder of the year, the fiscal position is going to deteriorate very sharply this year. The Survey acknowledges this with the further note that the growth slowdown severely limits the government's options in terms of maintaining the fiscal target. Unsurprisingly, however, the Survey understates the deterioration of the fiscal position by not describing the borrowings of public sector undertakings. The general government deficit, which should include borrowings of the central and state governments as well as all public sector entities, is much higher than is being reported.

The Survey expresses the hope that the Rs 102 lakh crore investment in infrastructure planned in the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) will help raise productivity and remove bottlenecks. The problem here is two-fold. First, the financing of this investment is never clearly discussed. Second, there is an implicit assumption that the returns to infrastructure investment are huge. Both of these have proved problematic in the past. The private-public-partnership (PPP) model that financed the bulk of our infrastructure boom in the first decade of the 2000s sowed the seeds for the explosion of non-performing assets (NPAs) of public sector banks. If the government plans



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to raise the funds by borrowing directly then we are looking at an alarming deterioration of the fiscal deficit. The government just doesn't have the fiscal space.

In terms of the returns to infrastructure, the evidence from India is not good. In recent work with Urvi Neelakantan, we find that almost half of all NPAs today are concentrated in three sectors of the economy: Basic metals, construction and electricity, gas and water. These three sectors exhibit strange patterns in their interaction with banks: NPAs tend to rise when productivity rises while banks tend to increase their lending to these sectors when their productivity is low. Crucially, these three sectors are heavily linked to infrastructure and have significant interface with governments.

One reason why infrastructure investment in India ran into problems was the anaemic growth in sectors that would have been the main source of demand for infrastructure. In the absence of robust growth in effective demand for infrastructure, the firms that borrowed to invest in it were unable to recover payments from their customers. A number of those loans ended up on the books of banks as NPAs. In order for infrastructure demand to be high, we need robust growth in sectors like manufacturing which demand services like roads, electricity and ports. We need a balanced push for reforms rather than focusing on infrastructure alone. That might lead us back down the path to another round of NPAs.

An interesting chapter in the Survey is the one on the power of wealth creation. It pulls in various historical sources to argue that India may have forgotten its rich history of entrepreneurship and wealth cre-

ation. The chapter makes an eloquent case for policies to enable wealth creation, recognise wealth creators and encourage entrepreneurship. It does an admirable job of linking the liberalisation of the 1990s to wealth creation and the upliftment of living standards of people since then. Along the way, it also issues a shout out to the rewards of an open trading regime. While this isn't necessarily new ground, at a time when businesses are suspected, there are capricious enforcement drives and a resurgence of protectionism, the Survey's chapter on wealth creation hopefully provides some food for thought to policymakers.

The Survey also devotes some pages to the role of trust in an economy. It makes the valid point that such trust is an important feature of market economy. Unfortunately, the Survey fails to note that citizens also need to be able to trust the government. While the Survey devotes an entire chapter to trying to prove that GDP in India has not been overestimated since 2011, it appears to have not realised that the issue isn't whether Arvind Subramanian was right or wrong. The fundamental issue is that the public doesn't believe the official statistics. That is due to the breakdown of trust in government on account of its meddling with the data collection and dissemination process.

Overall, the Survey is worth a read, especially Volume II. The downside is that it seems a little out of ideas about the immediate way out of the current economic mess.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Pakistan needs a return to high rates of economic growth, but only one that is sustained, sustainable, export-led, jobs creating, and inclusive." — DAWN

Partners in action

India and the UK share a common interest in addressing common challenges. Climate change is the biggest of them all



DOMINIC ASQUITH

AS I BID India farewell, I sifted through the many mental images of my time here. The images of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales touring the India Meteorological Department and riding an electric rickshaw were particularly evocative. Both, the cyclone preparedness programme and social innovation, perfectly encapsulate how British and Indian collaboration have saved lives and created transformative change.

At Davos last week, HRH asked world leaders how business could continue as usual in the face of the climate crisis. He called 2020 a "super year" to kick-start urgent, collaborative action — I couldn't agree more. I have followed with great interest in addressing this global challenge and am proud of how our partnership has developed around it.

To build resilience to climate risks, we are working with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Act to build flood defences and river structures to encourage aquifer replenishment, and together with India's Ministry of Earth Sciences, we are gathering land, sea and atmospheric data to help deliver a decisive step forward in monsoon forecasting. On electric mobility, a major joint venture between UK's EO Charging and India's Yahvi Enterprises will deliver world-class smart charging infrastructure for electric vehicles across India, which will help to address air pollution and make cities more liveable. And on finance, our governments committed 240 million pounds of anchor capital in the Green Growth Equity Fund — its first investment going to Ayana Renewable Power, which is developing 800MW of solar generation capacity.

Both India and the UK are exploring how best to develop the technology and investment needed to spur the transition from fossil to renewable fuels and make this a beneficial trajectory for everyone. It's important to be able to share experiences and learn lessons from each other.

The UK is a world leader on climate issues. Last year, we became the first major economy to make a legally binding commitment to net-zero emissions by 2050. Since 1990, we have reduced our emissions by 42 per cent whilst expanding our economy by 72 per cent, showing the world that green can be profitable and make smart economic sense. Around a third of our electricity comes from renewables — including from the largest offshore wind capacity in the world. We have a government that is deeply committed to protecting the environment, and who made this a key tenet of their manifesto to the British people during the elections.

This year, as co-hosts of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), all eyes will be on the UK to help all countries reach the

agreements that the world needs. It's no coincidence that Claire O' Neill, UK president of COP26, made India her first overseas visit in her new role — speaking at the Raisina Dialogue last month — reflecting on the importance of India in the global climate scenario. She was impressed with India's climate action and with the range of innovative and expanding UK-India collaboration on climate-related issues.

India's size and ecological diversity has placed it on the frontlines of global warming. This is something we've seen personally with flooding in Maharashtra and droughts in Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan. Such climate extremes are in no way unique to the country, but the magnitude of their devastation is. India is certainly "walking the talk" on climate action. It is on course to deliver the target of 40 per cent electricity generation from non-fossil fuels by 2030 and last September, Prime Minister Narendra Modi caught the attention of the world with his commitment for 450GW of renewable energy. And he has already demonstrated this personal commitment on the world stage with the India-led International Solar Alliance and the global Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, both of which the UK is proud to be a part of.

I am confident that the UK and India will keep working closely together on ways to deliver innovative solutions and actions, with COP26 and then India's G20 presidency in 2022 providing key milestones along the way. The world needs us to deliver. The kind of partnership that we have already built can inspire action on a global scale. We need to work together even more, to see more is done in resilience and adaptation, clean energy, green finance and nature-based solutions. PM Modi's focus on infrastructure development, sustainable energy and smart cities, gives us a clear direction for where that collaborative innovation can flourish.

I am encouraged by what I have seen during my time here and look forward to our partnership on climate and the environment go from strength to strength in the future. It is absolutely clear in my mind that progress on climate is a hugely important legacy that our two countries — and others — can make to the world. And no longer having to hold our breath, wondering about AQI levels, would be just one of the benefits.

We've been fortunate to spend four incredible years discovering the wonders of this country. Kayaking with my wife down the Periyar at the Thattekad Sanctuary, tracking tigers and leopards in Rajasthan with my son, who spent three years there as a ranger, and nearly bursting my lungs trying the climb up to the Valley of Flowers in Uttarakhand. A love for nature and biodiversity is one that I — and I am sure many others — share with both our prime ministers. When I said my goodbyes, my challenge to friends and colleagues was this: How do we take this collaboration as a joint force for good to the next level in 2020? The UK and India share a common interest in addressing common challenges, and climate change is the biggest of them all.

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KHALED AHMED

A tense collaboration

New book explores differences between Pakistan army and radical elements

SHUJA NAWAZ, CURRENTLY a distinguished fellow, South Asia Centre, at the well-known bipartisan think-tank, the Atlantic Council, Washington DC, has published a rather revealing book, *The Battle for Pakistan: The Bitter US Friendship and a Tough Neighbourhood*. His 2008 warts-and-all book, *Crossed Swords: Pakistan, Its Army, and Wars Within*, was a bestseller, but had not ruffled feathers the way his latest book has. Strangely, he has not been able to launch his book in Pakistan this time, but his authority on the subject remains tacitly acknowledged. Maybe it is the timing that is to blame: A judge of the Supreme Court is also facing ouster by the Supreme Judicial Council for being too "critical" in his remarks over a case involving the army and an extremist religious outfit called Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan.

As in his earlier book, he is objectively critical of the Pakistani military that is "around 500,000 strong, and fairly immobile; rather than seeking radical transformation, it has added layers of modernity over crusted layers of outmoded structures and thinking". One theme that he has touched on, is the spread of radical Islam in the army which brought the affected officers closer to the enemy Al Qaeda and its affiliates. Many officers were caught after recruitment into two London-based terrorist organisations, Al Muhajiroun and Hizbut

Tahrir.

The kind of warriors who infiltrated into Kashmir could not be friendly towards the Shia there — after Pakistan's experience with Gilgit-Baltistan, from where infiltration was made into Kargil. Nawaz writes: "Via the ISI, [Pak Army] also became a party to the struggle inside Kashmir, helping train and equip Islamist fighters and militants who infiltrated and injected themselves into the battle between Kashmiris and the huge Indian military and paramilitary force that was sent to quell the insurgency in Kashmir. This approach was predicated on the idea that India could be made to pay for its hostility towards Pakistan with a war of a thousand cuts, by forcing India to deploy large numbers of troops against a small but elusive enemy in Kashmir."

Pakistan had its own radical "hindutva" in the army when "liberal" General Musharraf was nearly killed in attempts made on his life from inside the army: "Group-think took root and prevented the kind of massive transformation of military thought and operation that was needed to cope with the new warfare, inside Pakistani territory, against its own people, against fellow Muslims who said they were fighting in the name of Islam. Potentially adding to the difficulty was the infusion into the military of deeply conservative Islamic think-

ing and the formation of Pir Bhai networks of spiritual bands that included civilians and military men and threatened the discipline and rank order of the military. This began in the Zia-ul-Haq period, but appears to be extant to some extent even today, according to those who follow these networks."

Then there was the phenomenon of the Tablighi Jamaat, "a proselytising group that had already penetrated the upper echelons of the military. Two DCs of the ISI and some corps commanders had been members of this group and, like their colleagues, they favoured others from their own group. Members of the group were duty-bound to take leave of absence to do missionary work each year at home or abroad. These issues bedeviled the military's operations and processes."

Pakistan has rolled back Jinnah and his vision of "unity-faith-discipline". The roll-back has happened in Urdu where the first word "unity" has been pushed back to give "faith" the first place. The word faith in Jinnah's days meant "commitment" (yaqin-e-muhkam); today, it means "iman" or Islam. Of course, India has to roll back an entire Constitution to repeat the experience of Pakistan; but the Pakistan Army could hardly resist.

The book sums up prescriptively the brainwash affecting the civil-military relationship too: "More needs to be done to

turn back the forces of religious obscurantism and ritualism that have crept into Pakistani society and even the military. A battle of tweets or statements from media spokesmen for either side does not reflect well on either. The enhanced ability of the army to shape public opinion directly through liberal use of funding for contractual services by media firms and indirectly by exercising censorship directly or by using the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) to exert pressure on self-censorship by media led to charges of self-censorship by media from the Musharraf period onwards."

The final and "scary" warning: "Trend that needs to be monitored carefully is the movement of purged or superceded intelligence officers towards militant Islamist organisations, whom they previously had been tracking or managing. Placing these joint services bodies under civilian scrutiny via parliament and adding transparency in the handling of their affairs would make their work more credible. The military needs public support to be effective. It also needs public scrutiny to become more efficient, especially as it fights the Long War against militancy and terrorism at home and faces expanding threats on its international borders."

The writer is consulting editor, Newsweek Pakistan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COP OUT

THIS REFERS TO the report, '2 days after goli maaro...' (IE, January 31, 2020). It is shocking that on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 72nd death anniversary, once more, Ram's name has been tarnished by a gun-wielding shooter, who chanted slogans of *Jai Shri Ram* as well as "Detehai tumko azadi" (Will give you freedom). The worst bit in this episode was that the police watched the spectacle. This shows that we have not managed to eradicate the violent tendencies in our society that led to Gandhi's assassination. It's unfortunate that the shooting followed Union Minister Anurag Thakur's exhortation, "Goli maaro...". To remove this evil of communalism from society, we will have to unite on a single platform.

Maqsood Khan, via email

THE PUSHBACK

THIS REFERS TO the article 'India's civil society moment' (IE, January 31). The political establishment should take the lead in every discourse of national importance, but when the political opposition fails to hold the government accountable for its actions, it is then the other forces step in to fill the vacuum created. The market, being profit-driven, can never get over its primary motive of profit maximisation and, hence, consciously chooses to intervene. It is the civil society that takes over the opposition space in the absence of a united and powerful political opposition. The assertion by way of a spontaneous civil society movement makes our state institutions more sensitive

LETTER OF THE WEEK

FRAGILE FRINGE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The fringe that isn't' (IE, January 28). Right-thinking and scientifically-minded rejected religion or community-based functions, festival and rituals consciously because they were anathema to 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 sections of society will return to the fold of their real well-wishers sooner than later.

Tarsem Singh, Mahipur

and responsive in the longer run.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

COPS STOOP LOW

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Police Zindabad' (IE, January 31). The condemnable act of firing at protesters happened on Mahatma Gandhi's martyrdom day. BJP leaders, who deliver hate speeches should not forget that such incitement is not conducive to democracy.

Anil Kumar Jain, Jaipur

The total population that Egypt will have by next month, as per officials. The rapid population growth has been identified as a major challenge, adding to the demand for resources and pressure on the job market

TOP OF THE WORLD



George Soros

US Facebook will help Trump get elected: Soros

New York: US billionaire George Soros has hit out at Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg, saying he and COO Sheryl Sandberg should not be in control of the company. "Facebook helped Trump to get elected and I am afraid that it will do the same in 2020," he wrote in an NYTimes op-ed. He said US President Donald Trump and Zuckerberg realise that "their interests are aligned — the president's in winning elections, Zuckerberg's in making money". Facebook's decision not to require fact-checking for candidates' advertising in 2020 has opened the door for "false, manipulated, extreme and incendiary statements", he added.

UKRAINE US support for Ukraine will not waver: Pompeo

Kiev: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Friday expressed the United States' unwavering support for Ukraine after he met President Volodymyr Zelensky in Kiev. "Today I'm here with a clear message: the United States sees that the Ukrainian struggle for freedom, democracy and prosperity is a valiant one. Our commitment to support it will not waver," Pompeo told a press conference. "The US understands that Ukraine is an important country," Pompeo said in a reference to reports that he had told a US journalist that Americans did not care about the country.

UAE Two Indian sailors killed in tanker fire

Dubai: Two Indian sailors were killed and several others are reported missing after a Panamanian-flagged tanker caught fire off the UAE's coast on Wednesday, a report said Friday. The Federal Authority for Land and Maritime Transport said the fire broke out on board the tanker 21 miles off the UAE coast, and was quickly brought under control by fire-fighters, the Khaleej Times reported. Efforts are on to trace the missing, it said. "Rescue and emergency response teams provided relief to the crew after they received a distress call," the Authority said in a statement.

Death toll rises to 213, total cases of infection crosses 9,800

Beijing tells nations to avoid overreaction, says solidarity important

United Kingdom reports its first two confirmed cases of coronavirus

Virus outbreak a global emergency: WHO

AGENCIES BEIJING, JANUARY 31

AS THE World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the coronavirus outbreak a global health emergency, China has said all countries should behave in a "responsible" manner and avoid overreaction that may result in more negative spillover effects.

China informed the WHO about the coronavirus cases in late December. The death toll in China's novel coronavirus outbreak on Friday climbed to 213 with the number of confirmed cases crossing 9,800. The WHO said there had been 98 cases in 18 other countries, but no deaths. Most international cases are in people who had been to the Chinese city of Wuhan, the epicentre of the epidemic.

China has said all countries should behave in a "responsible" manner and avoid overreaction that may result in more negative spillover effects. "We are still at a very critical stage in fighting the coronavirus. International solidarity is extremely important and for that purpose all countries should behave in an appropriate and responsible manner," China's Ambassador to the UN Zhang Jun said on Thursday.

A Chinese official said that he felt responsible. "Above all, I feel guilty and remorseful and I reproach myself," said Feng Guoqiang, the Communist Party secretary of Wuhan. "I've been constantly thinking that if I'd made the decision earlier to take the kind of strict controls we have in place now, the outcome would have been much better than now."

Britain's chief medical officer, Chris Whitty, said two residents had tested positive for coronavirus, the first known cases in the country. In a statement, Whitty said the patients were members of the same family.



Police stand at a checkpoint at the Jiujiang Yangtze River Bridge that crosses from Hubei province, in China on Friday. Reuters

How countries are responding to outbreak

WITH THE coronavirus growing rapidly, various countries have begun taking measures such as evacuating citizens, imposing travel restrictions and ramping up screening at transport hubs.

Here are the measures taken by some countries:

USA

The US State Department on Thursday night issued a travel advisory telling Americans not to travel to China because of the public health threat posed by the dangerous new coronavirus. The department set the new advisory at Level 4, or red — its highest alert, reserved for the most perilous situations. "Travelers should be prepared for travel restrictions



At Bangkok airport. AP

to be put into effect with little or no advance notice," it said.

PAKISTAN

Pakistan on Friday halted flights to and from China until

February 2 as a precautionary measure. "We have decided to suspend flights to China until February 2," Abdul Sattar Khokhar, Senior Joint Secretary of Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority, told reporters.

GERMANY

Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said on Friday that a German military plane would be leaving for China shortly to evacuate more than 100 German citizens, none of whom are infected with the coronavirus or suspected of having contracted it.

JAPAN

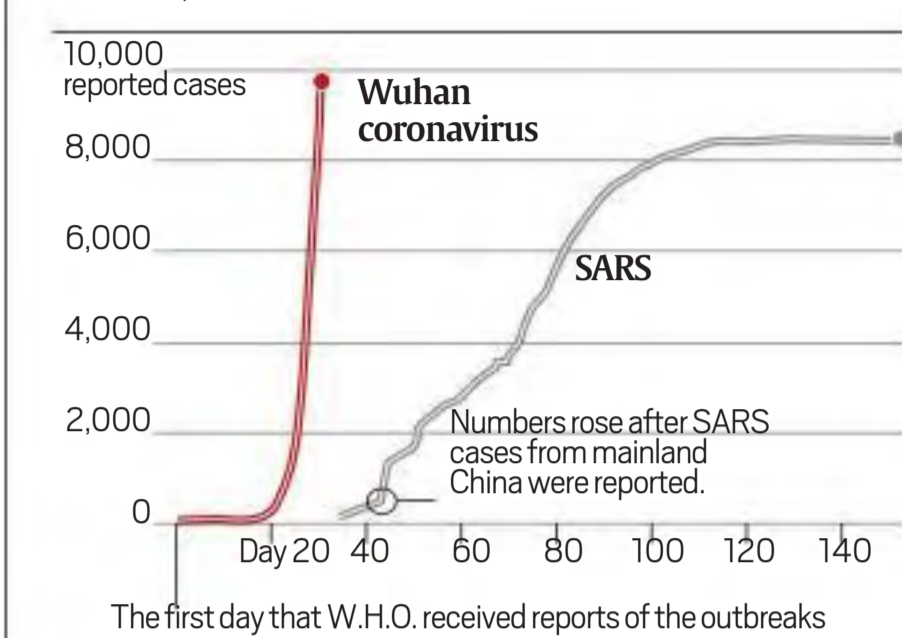
Foreigners who have been to China's Hubei province in the

last two weeks will be refused entry to Japan for the time being. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told a meeting of a governmental taskforce on the new coronavirus on Friday. Unlike other countries, Japan has asked evacuees to "self-quarantine".

SINGAPORE

Singapore on Friday announced a sweeping ban on Chinese visitors and other foreigners who had been to China in the past 14 days. The city-state will also stop issuing all forms of visas to people holding Chinese passports, Lawrence Wong, the minister for national development, said on Friday. WITH AGENCIES

KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS



- How contagious is the virus?** It seems moderately infectious, similar to SARS.
 - How deadly is the virus?** It's hard to know yet. The mortality rate is probably less than 3 per cent.
 - How long does it take to show symptoms?** Possibly between 2 to 14 days.
 - How effective will the response be?** The W.H.O. has praised China's efforts, but critics fear lockdown measures may not be enough.
 - How long will it take to develop a vaccine?** A vaccine is still a year away — at minimum.
- Source: NYT

75,800 may be infected in Wuhan: Lancet study

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

NEW MODELLING research, published in The Lancet, estimates that up to 75,800 individuals in the Chinese city of Wuhan may have been infected with the coronavirus as of January 25.

Senior author Professor Gabriel Leung from the University of Hong Kong highlighted: "Not everyone who is infected with 2019-nCoV would require or seek medical attention. During the urgent demands of a rapidly expanding epidemic of a completely new virus, espe-

cially when system capacity is getting overwhelmed, some of those infected may be undercounted in the official register."

He explained: "The apparent discrepancy between our modelled estimates... and the actual number of confirmed cases in Wuhan could also be due to several other factors. These include that there is a time lag between infection and symptom onset, delays in infected persons coming to medical attention, and time taken to confirm cases..."

The new estimates suggest that multiple major Chinese cities might have already imported dozens of cases of the virus.

AMID IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS

Trump mocks Democrats, revives border wall promise

GINGER GIBSON & JEFF MASON DES MOINES, JANUARY 31

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump campaigned on Thursday in Iowa — the state that kicks off the presidential nominating race next week — basking in the support of his base while the US Senate trial considering his impeachment continued in Washington.

Reviving some of the most polarising speech lines from his 2016 campaign and mocking his potential Democratic opponents, Trump regaled the crowd with promises including revamping the US healthcare system and continuing to build a wall along the country's southern border with Mexico. "Democrats stand for crime, corruption and chaos, Republicans stand for law, order and justice," Trump said.

He also renewed a 2016 campaign promise to make Mexico pay for a wall along the US-Mexico border.

DEMS MAY FALL SHORT OF VOTES TO CALL WITNESSES

- The impeachment trial faces a climactic vote on Friday, when senators will decide whether to call witnesses or swiftly end the proceedings
- Senate Democrats have been arguing to hear from witnesses, but they do not appear to have enough support
- Republican Senator Lamar Alexander, who was undecided, declared Thursday further evidence is unnecessary.

"Illegal aliens from Mexico are going to pay for the wall... through remittance, 100 per cent," Trump said. REUTERS

Boris hails dawn of new era for UK on Brexit Day

AGENCIES LONDON, JANUARY 31

BRITAIN'S EXIT from the EU is not an end but a new beginning, according to Prime Minister Boris Johnson who is set to deliver a message of unity to mark Brexit Day on Friday when the country finally leaves the bloc, over three years after the landmark Brexit vote.

In a video message recorded in Downing Street on Thursday and to be aired at 2200 GMT on Friday, an hour ahead of the UK's scheduled exit time, the Conservative Party leader who took charge as UK prime minister last year with a "do or die" Brexit pledge will characterise the historic moment as a new beginning for the country.

"This is the moment when the dawn breaks and the curtain goes up on a new act. It is a moment of real national renewal and change," Downing Street said in a read-out of Johnson's address to the nation.

No membership, no perks: EU leaders

European Union leaders



Anti-Brexit protesters in London on Friday. Reuters

sought to put a brave face on Brexit on Friday, saying the remaining 27 countries united can tackle climate change and technological transformation despite losing a member state for the first time.

The EU told Britain it cannot expect "the highest quality access to the single market" unless it adopts EU standards on the environment, workers' rights, tax and state aid. "Without being a member, you cannot retain the benefits of membership," EU leaders including von der Leyen said in an op-ed published by

European media.

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said on Friday she did not rule out testing the legality of calling a consultative referendum on independence if Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative government continued to oppose another vote.

"Brexit has put Scotland on the wrong road. And the further down it we go, the longer it will take and the harder it will be to get back on the right one. We need to get back on the right road as soon as possible."

Erdogan criticises Arab silence over US Mideast peace plan

REUTERS ANKARA, JANUARY 31

TURKISH PRESIDENT Tayyip Erdogan on Friday criticised Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab nations for not speaking out against the US Middle East plan which he said endorsed the Israeli annexation of Palestinian lands.

Erdogan, who has positioned himself as a global champion for Muslim causes, said Arab nations' stance towards Palestinians was pitiable and countries that failed to speak out would be responsible for "grave results".

On Tuesday, US President Donald Trump proposed creating a demilitarised Palestinian state with borders drawn to meet Israeli security needs, granting US recognition of Israeli settlements on occupied West Bank land and of Jerusalem as Israel's indivisible capital.

Turkey dismissed the plan as an attempt to steal Palestinian lands and kill off prospects of establishing a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

"When we look at the stance of countries in the Muslim world

EXPLAINED Fears of violence

AFTER THE US announced its Mideast peace plan, which was met with opposition by Palestinians, some officials have voiced concern that it could lead to further violence. Many had begun protesting Trump's proposal, which is seen to favour Israel heavily, before it was even officially announced in Washington. Fears that the situation would hit Palestinian refugees living in occupied territory grew after a UN aid agency voiced the same concern.

toward this step and the announced text, I pity us. Saudi Arabia mostly, you are silent. When will you speak? The same goes for Oman, Bahrain, the Abu Dhabi leadership," Erdogan said in comments to members of his ruling party in Ankara.

'SHE HAD A VISION ABOUT BRINGING THE DIGNITY OF WORK TO THE WORLD'S MOST VULNERABLE'

Leila Janah, social entrepreneur who employed the poor, dies at 37

RICHARD SANDOMIR NEW YORK, JANUARY 31

LEILA JANAH, a social entrepreneur who employed thousands of desperately poor people in Africa and India in the fervent belief that jobs, not handouts, offered the best escape from poverty, died on Jan. 24 in Manhattan. She was 37.

Samasource, one of her companies, said the cause was epithelioid sarcoma, a rare soft-tissue cancer. A child of Indian immigrants, Ms. Janah traveled to

Mumbai, India, in the mid-2000s as a management consultant to help take an outsourcing company public. Riding through the city by auto rickshaw, she passed an enormous slum. But after arriving at the outsourcing centre, she found a staff of educated middle-class workers. Few, if any, of the nearby poor were employed there.

"Couldn't the people from the slums do some of this work?" she recalled thinking, in an interview with Wired magazine in 2015.

It proved to be a galvanising moment for Janah, who called the

intellect of the poorest people in the world "the biggest untapped resource" in the global economy.

She went on to start Samasource in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2008 — "sama" means "equal" in Sanskrit — with the aim of employing poor people, for a living wage, in digital jobs like photo tagging and image annotation at what she called delivery centres in Kenya, Uganda and India. The workers generate data that is used for projects as diverse as self-driving cars, video game technology and software that helps park rangers in sub-Saharan Africa



Leila Janah died of epithelioid sarcoma, a rare cancer. Reuters/Fire

prevent elephant poaching.

At least half the people hired by Samasource are women, the company says. "Leila had a vision about bringing the dignity of work and the promise of a living wage to the world's most vulnerable," Kennedy Odede, the founder and chief executive of Shining Hope for Communities, a grassroots organisation in Kenya that has worked with Samasource, said by email.

Another venture developed by Janah is LXMI, a luxury cosmetics line. Begun in 2015, it

employs hundreds of poor women along the Nile River Valley, largely in Uganda, to harvest Nilotica nuts and turn them into a butter that is exported to the US for use in skincare products.

Janah said the work done at Samasource underscored her faith in providing decent jobs to poor people. While most of the company's employees hold entry-level positions, some have moved into managerial jobs and others have started their own small businesses.

Janah, who died in a hospital, is

survived by her husband, Tassilo Festetics; her father Sahadev Chirayath and mother Martine Janah; a brother, Ved; and a step-daughter. She had homes in Manhattan and San Francisco.

On her blog in 2018, Janah described the challenges of being a social entrepreneur. "We are fighting the battle of birthing a new venture," she wrote, "while at the same time trying to show the world that we can inject a sense of justice into the business itself, rather than merely trying to rack up profit." NYT

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I Rabnish Chander Sharma S/O Jagah Nath Sharma R/O 14-A/58, 3rd Floor, WEA Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 Have changed my name to Acharya Ravish Chander Sharma. 0040529090-1

This is to inform all that I ramanathan and ramanathan ganesan S/O ganesan born on 13/04/1973 residing at 318/gf2, gyankhand 1, indirapuram, ghaziabad 201010. both names are same person vide affidavit dated 30 January 2020 at indirapuram, ghaziabad 0050161662-1

I, Nirmal Singh Sharma/Nirmal Singh S/O Shri Kewal Sharma R/O PKT-23/198, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Nirmal Sharma. 0040529739-3

I, Israr Mohd S/O Aziz Mohd R/O H.No.4/3, Sector-2, Rajendra Nagar, Sahibabad, Gaziabad UP, and my old address-H.N.-329, Mohalla-Qureshyan, Pasauda, Gaziabad, solemnly inform, that both the Name Isar Mohd and Haji Isar is the same person. Henceforth, I will use Isar Mohd as my name everywhere. I solemnly declare that, both the names i.e., Aziz Mohd and Aziz are of my Father's only. 0040529739-2

I, Harish S/O R.P. Kashyap R/O H.No.30, Ranholia Vihar, Nangloi New, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Harish Kashyap for all future purposes. 0040529739-1

I, Aleem Khan S/O Hanif Khan R/O B-177, Gali No.5, Mandawali Fazalpur, Delhi-11092, have changed my name to Alim Khan for future purposes. My correct date of birth-19-06-1980. 0040529739-4

I, hitherto known as Megha alias Megha Sharma alias Madhusri Sharma, D/o Sh. Pawan Kumar Sharma R/O-4171/72, Street-Ahiran, Pahari-Dhiraaj, Sadar-Bazaar, Delhi-110006, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Madhusri Sharma. 0040529754-2

I, hitherto known as Km. Vijayeta Devi, D/o Prem Chand, W/o Praveen Kumar Verma residing at H.No. A-2/24, Nand-Nagri, Delhi-110093, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vijeta Verma. 0040529755-7

I, hitherto known as Ashok Kumar Singh son of Sh. Dharmnath Singh, R/O B-508, Prem Nagar Near Shiv Mandir, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ashok Singh for all purpose. 0040529720-1

I, Yogesh Kumar Sharma S/O Subhash Chand Sharma H.N.O.D-1/5, D-Block, Gali No.1, Rama-Bai Mohalla, Johripur, Gokalpur, DELHI-110094, have changed my name to Yogesh Sharma. 0040529754-1

I, Suraj Parkash Sapra S/O Kanwar Bhan Sapra R/O 8/51-Floor, Ashok Nagar, Tilaknagar, Delhi-110018, Changed my Name to Suraj Prakash Sapra. 0040529755-8

I, Yagbala W/O Omprakash R/O H. No. 47, Aapka Bazar, Meerut (U.P.) have changed my name to Preeti Batra. 0040529587-1

I, Tanya Kushgawkar D/o Sh. Brajesh Kumar R/O Q-2, Andrewganj Extn. New Delhi-110049 have changed my name to Tanya Gautam for all purposes. 0040529744-2

I, Sushma Vurukonda W/O Sateesh Masabathini R/O 7-30-46, Vijaya Nagar Colony-2, Khammam, Telangana-507002, have changed my name to Sushma Masabathini after marriage (both are same person). 0040529725-1

I, Suma Rawat Spouse Of Madan Singh Rawat Residing At Wa/155 Top-Floor Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, Have Changed My Name To Suma Rawat To Sooma Devi As Per Affidavit Dated-10/01/2020, For All Future Purposes. 0040529786-1

I, Sheikh Akhtar Imam R/O A-131 2nd Floor Shaheen Bagh Abul Fazal Enclave-2 Okhla Jamia Nagar Delhi-110025 have changed my minor son's name from Shaquib Akhtar to Saquib Akhtar 0040529726-1

I, Seema Gurnani D/o Sh. Ghanshyam Dass Gurnani R/O G-2/67, Second Floor, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi has changed my name to Seema Ahuja W/o Sh. Gulshan Ahuja After marriage (both are same person). 0040529719-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar Kaler S/O Gurmit Chand R/O 95, H.I.G. Duplex Niti Khand-3, Indirapuram, Gaziabad U.P.-201014 have changed my name to Sanjeev Kaler for all purposes. 0040529722-1

I, Sangita Dohare W/O Sh. Brajesh Kumar R/O Q-2, Andrewganj Extn. New Delhi-110049 have changed my name to Sangita Kumar for all purposes. 0040529744-1

I, Pinki Rani W/O Ajay Kumar R/O-Hno.315, Babu Ram Tyagi Wali Gali, Holambi Kalan, Delhi-110082, Changed my Name to Pinki Sharma. 0040529755-9

I, Raj Kumar Arora S/O Shori Lal Arora R/O-2/92, Geeta- Colony, Geeta-Colony, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Raj Kumar, permanently. 0040529755-5

I, Salu K Thomas S/O Mr Paulose Puthanpuraayil Thomas R/O 173, Pocket 2, DDA SFS Flats, Sector-11, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, I have changed my name Salu K Thomas to Salu Thomas for all future purpose only. 0040529717-1

I, Ritika Sharma D/O Praveen Kumar Sharma R/O C-8, Street No.9, New Govind Pura, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Shivani Sharma for all official and personal purposes. 0040529545-1

I, Rajesh Goel S/O Mahaveer Prasad Gupta R/O:1/7320, T/F, Plot No-4A, East Gorakh Park, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Goel for all purposes. 0040529728-2

I, ROOBIE SHARRMA W/O PANKAJ SHARRMA R/O FLAT NO 1C, POCKET -2, SECTOR -6, DWARKA DELHI-110075 INDIA. I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM KM RUBY ANAND (RUBY ANAND) TO ROOBIESHARRMA FOR ALL PURPOSES 0040529771-1

I, Prakash Raghav S/O Sh. Mangal Singh Raghav R/O-U-1/52 Budh-Vihar phase-1, Delhi-110086 have Changed my Name Prakash to Prakash Raghav for all future purposes 0040529710-1

I, Manmeet Kour D/O Inderjeet Singh W/o Onkar Singh H.No.62, First-floor Cartarpuri Near-Sector-23A, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122017, have changed my name to Manmeet Kaur. 0040529755-6

I, Naina Saini D/O Late Shri Krishan Kumar Saini R/O WZ-680, Gali No. 27, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, Delhi-110045 inform that my father name wrongly written in Death Certificate/Voter ID Card as Shri Krishan and my father name mentioned in my mother documents as Krishan Saini. That Krishan Kumar Saini/ Shri Krishan & Krishan Saini are the same and one person. 0040529740-1

I, Mohd. ASHFAQUE S/O Mohd. Yusuf, R/O B-11/82C, DDA-Flats, Inderlok Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Mohd. Ashfaq, for all purposes. 0040529755-4

I, Mohd Naseem S/O Mohd Idris R/O Flat No. B8/4, DDA Flats, Sarai Khali, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Mohd Anis Qureshi for all purposes. 0040529540-1

I, Mayank Sharma S/O Subhash Sharma R/O 704/6 Roshan Shah Gali Jagadhri Distt. Yamuna Nagar Haryana have changed my name to Mayank Vashisht for all future purposes. 0040529765-1

I, Mahavir Singh S/O Shri Baljeet Singh R/O H.No.71, Near Old Chopal, Devli Gaon, Devli, New Delhi-110062 have changed my name to Mahaveer Singh for all purposes. 0040529718-1

I, Jaya Jha Pathak W/O Aniruddh Pathak, R/O 1002, Tower 12, Unitech Habitat, Secor P12, Greater Noida, U.P. have changed my name to Jaya Jha 0070695762-1

I, Jagannath Chaurasia S/O Late Shyam Lal R/O-A-154, Vijay-Vihar, Phase-I, Rohini, Sector-5, Delhi-110085, have changed my minor daughter, s.name Sneha (age1 year) to Sneha Chaurasia. 0040529754-6

I, Jagannath Chaurasia S/O Late Shyam Lal R/O-A-154, Vijay-Vihar, Phase-I, Rohini, Sector-5, Delhi-110085, have changed my minor daughter, s.name Simran (age-9year) to Simran Chaurasia. 0040529754-7

I, Iti Aggarwal W/O Ashish Batra, R/O-H-92/6, First Floor, Shivaji Park, West-Punjabi-Bagh, New Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Iti Batra. 0040529754-8

I, Himanshu Goel S/O Dinesh Goel R/O B-5/11, Mianwali Nagar, Delhi-110087, have changed my minor daughter's name from Krishna aged 2 years to Krishna Goel forever 0070695754-1

I, Gris Babu S/O Jagannath Prasad R/O-A-180A, Nandgram, Gaziabad, have changed my name to Gris Babu Varshney for all purposes. 0040529755-3

I, Durga Devi D/O, Lt. Shri Jugal Kishore R/O C-4/27, Vashist Park, Gali.No.26, ND-46, have changed my name to Durga Vashist for all purposes. 0040529716-1

I, Anita alias Anita Goel W/O Rajesh Kumar Goel R/O:1/7320, T/F, Plot No-4A, East Gorakh Park, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Anita Gupta for all purposes. 0040529728-1

I, Anita Rani W/O Bhuvnesh Kumar Grover R/O 214(SF), Netaji Subhash Apptt., Pocket-1, Sector-13, Dwarka, Delhi-110078 have changed my name to Anita Grover for all purposes. 0040529754-3

I, Ajay Rohilla S/O Bhagat Singh Rohilla R/O-C-521, Sector-19, Rohini Delhi-110089, have changed my name from Ajay Kumar Rohilla to Ajay Rohilla, for all future purposes. 0040529754-9

I, Abdul Amir S/O Abdul Salam R/O 1711, Gali Takhat Wali Suiwala Daryaganj Delhi-02 have changed my name to Abdul Amir Amiro 0040529750-1

I, Suryansh Singh S/O Jasvinder Singh Flat.No.10, S.F, Plot No.B-9/5, Bharat-Petroleum Apartments, Sector-62, Noida-201301, Changed My Name To Virat Singh 0040529786-2

I, Habib Ahmad S/O Rafiq Ahmed R/O 56-B, Habib-Compound, Jaspipura, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Habib Ahmed Qureshi. 0040529755-2

I, Smrita Khanna R/O E1-902, Skytech Matrott, Sector 76, Noida 201301 have changed my name to Smeeeta Khanna. 0070695753-1

I, Simran D/O Amrik Singh and W/o Suresh Kumar R/O House No-39, Brij Vihar, Dindarpur, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Simran Kaur 0070695758-1

I, Satyandra Singh S/O Late Sh Man Singh R/O Flat No. -162, High Land Apartments, Bharat Jagarti CGHS, Plot No-22, Sector-12, NSIT, Dwarka, Delhi-110078, have changed my name to Satyendra Singh 0070695756-1

I, Rishabh Sharma S/O Sh. Sunil Kumar R/O H.No.71, Village Haider Pur, Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Rishabh Kaushik for all purposes. 0040529712-2

I, Rahul Sharma S/O Sh. Sunil Kumar R/O H.No.71, Village Haider Pur, Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Rahul Kaushik for all purposes. 0040529712-3

I, Praveen Khanna R/O E1-902, Skytech Matrott, Sector 76, Noida 201301 changed my name to Praveen Chand Khanna 0070695749-1

I, Pratima Naskar W/O Haran Naskar R/O 41, Poorvi Marg, Vasant Vihar, Delhi-110057, Have Changed my Name to Sandhya Naskar. 0040529755-1

I, Parkashi Devi W/O Ajay Kumar Sehrawat R/O H.N.O.220 Near Old-Chopal, Rangpuri, New Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Jay Parkashi. 0040529754-5

I, Mohd Sajid S/O Kareem Saifi R/O H.No.1977, Pasonda, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005 have changed my name to Sajid Khan for all purposes. 0040529712-1

I, Kiran D/O, Vinod Kumar Sangwan R/O H.No 953 Sector-2 Bahadurgarh Haryana-124507 have changed my name to Kiran Sangwan for all purposes. 0040529775-1

I, Jasvinder Singh, Flat No-10, S.F, Plot.No.B-9/5, Bharat-Petroleum Apartments, Sector-62, Noida-201301, Changed My Minor Son Name Shivansh To Shivansh Singh. 0040529755-10

I, Abha Rani Chauhan spouse of Sh.Vijendra singh resident of village and post-Narsena distt.Bulandshahr-UP have changed my name from Abha Chauhan to Abha Rani Chauhan vide-Affidavit dated-21/01/2020 before SDM-Court New Delhi. 0040529754-4

मैं, राम रघु पत्र श्री बचान सिंह निवासी सी-13, सेक्टर-10, नोएडा। मेरे पारंपरिक में मेरा और मेरे पिता का नाम गलत हो गया है। मेरा सही नाम राम रघु यादव और पिता का नाम बचान सिंह यादव है। भविष्य में यही नाम से जाना जाए। 0070695762-1

मैं, विनोद शर्मा पत्र श्री हरद्वारी लाल शर्मा निवासी-ए-2, 1346, शास्त्री नगर मेट्रो, उत्तर प्रदेश ने अपना नाम बदलकर विनोद से विनोद शर्मा सी 13 उददेश्य है हेतु कर लिया है। 0050161625-1

BUSINESS

Rent 2X2 Leyland fixed glass 45 seater vehicles for group tour in Kerala. Contact - 9539550404. ealisatours@gmail.com 0050161625-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Sunil Kumar Jain S/O Shyam Sunder Jain R/O A-1/147 Inderpuri, Delhi have lost my Original Lodgement, Stamp Duty Receipt and Letter by Society of 4 Shares by law of Property Unit No.903, 9th Floor, Lodha Supremus Powai Saki Vihar Road, Powai Andheri East Mumbai. If found please contact- 9717179366. 0040529716-1

I, Rahul S/O Bechu Lal R/O H.No.227/7, GaliNo.3, Jeevan-Park, Siraspur Delhi-110042 has lost my Original-CBSE 10th-Class Certificate Roll No.8683358 Year-2013. 0040529754-10

Public Notice

General public is hereby informed that we Rama Shankar and Shakuntla, presently residing at H.No. 467, Block-4, Trilokpur, Delhi & having permanent address at H.No. 434, Block-1, Trilokpur, Delhi, have disowned and disinherited our son 'ARJUN' from all our movable and immovable property vide Deed of Disowning dated January 28, 2020. That anyone transacting any business with 'ARJUN' will do so as per his/her own risk and responsibility and we will not be responsible for any act done by him. Surinder Singh Regd. No-2606

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Public Notice: This is to inform public at large that my client Sh. Bansu W/o Ramesh Mohan R/O A-804/807, Phase II, Nangloi Delhi had under mis-conception signed a document on dated 26.8.2019, bequeath her all movable and immovable property and said document was got signed by her under wrong impression of contents, therefore my client shall not be responsible in any way for his acts or claim as he broken all links whatsoever him for ever. Sd/-Sunder Singh (Advocate) Chamber No. 3, Distt. Court Ghaziabad (U.P.)

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THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD. SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX NO. 0172-5041812

Section-A
Notice Inviting Tender

Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items -

Sr. No.	Name of the Item	Contract Period/Quantity	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/downloading of e-tenders online	Last Date & Time of Submission of e-tenders	Date & Time of opening of e-tenders
1.	Construction of 11 KV Sub Station Building at Verka Bathinda Dairy	As per Tender Portal	Verka Bathinda Dairy (Ph. No. 0164-2214825, 2212825)	—	50,000/-	04.02.2020 from 11.30 AM	18.02.2020 upto 05.00 PM	Technical Bid 20.02.2020 at 11:30 AM Financial Bid 22.02.2020 at 11:30 AM
2.	Hiring of Insulated Vehicles for supply of Packed Milk and Fresh Milk Products in Bathinda City and Surrounding Districts of Bathinda Milkshed Area	05 MT-2 03 MT-1 01 MT-5 Period of Tender Contract 01.03.2020 to 28.02.2021	-do-	500/-	50,000/-	05.02.2020 from 2.00 PM	20.02.2020 upto 5.00 PM	Technical Bid 21.02.2020 at 2:00 PM Financial Bid 23.02.2020 at 2:00 PM
3.	1. Steam Coal (India) *B Grade Jharia/Ramgarh/Raniganj Calorific Value- Not less than 5500 Kilo Calories per kg Moisture-not more than 10% size-> 25 mm Fines in fuel - Coal Should not contain any fines. 2. Zinc Methionate Zinc Content min=15%, Nitrogen Content Min=4% Moisture Max=5% Silica, Max=1% Standard FTIR Spectra 3. Copper Methionate Copper Content Min = 15% Nitrogen Content Min=4% Moisture, Max=5% Silica, Max=1% Standard FTIR Spectra	400 MT Annual Rate Contract Requirement 60 MT 10 MT	Cattle Feed Plant, Bhattian (Khanna) (Ph. No. 01628-521450,51,52) -do-	200/- 200/-	1,00,000/- 2,00,000/-	04.02.2020 from 1.00 PM -do-	18.02.2020 upto 11.00 AM -do-	18.02.2020 at 2.00 PM -do-
4.	Hiring of five seater Breeze or equivalent model 2017	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	200/-	5,000/-	05.02.2020 from 01.00 PM	20.02.2020 upto 12.30 PM	20.02.2020 at 2.00 PM
5.	Purchase of Automatic Processed Cheese Tin Filling and Seaming Machine	01 Nos.	Verka Patiala Dairy (Ph. No. 8054998534-35)	500/-	1,00,000/-	05.02.2020	24.02.2020 upto 10.00 AM	Technical Bid 24.02.2020 at 11:00 AM Financial Bid 02.03.2020 at 11:00 AM
6.	Purchase of Automatic Processed Cheese Spread Filling and Sealing Machine	01 Nos.	-do-	500/-	75,000/-	05.02.2020	24.02.2020 upto 10.00 AM	Technical Bid 24.02.2020 at 11:00 AM Financial Bid 02.03.2020 at 11:00 AM
7.	Modification, Up-gradation, Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Existing Refrigeration System for Chilled Water and cold rooms, with complete accessories, putting in operation at Verka Patiala Dairy	One Job	-do-	—	10,00,000/-	06.02.2020	19.02.2020 upto 04.00 PM	Technical Bid 20.02.2020 at 2:00 PM Financial Bid 27.02.2020 at 11:00 AM
8.	ARC for unserviceable empty plastic tray scrap and one time disposal of other unserviceable material lying at Verka Mohali Dairy (Note - Pollution Control Certificate from any state board is mandatory for Plastic Tray Scrap)	—	Verka Mohali Dairy (Ph. No. 0172-2271784, 2271020)	—	30,000/- for Annual Rate Contract and 30,000/- for one time contract	03.02.2020 from 02.00 PM	18.02.2020 upto 12.00 PM	18.02.2020 at 3.00 PM
9.	Supply of Mono Carton for 8gm Table Butter	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Ludhiana Dairy (Ph. No. 0161-5203350, 5203353, 5203338)	500/-	25,000/-	05.02.2020 from 11.00 AM	24.02.2020 upto 12.00 PM	Technical Bid 25.02.2020 at 11:00 AM Financial Bid 25.02.2020 at 11:30 AM
10.	Supply of PVC Material for 8gm Table Butter	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	500/-	80,000/-	05.02.2020 from 12.00 PM	24.02.2020 upto 12.00 PM	Technical Bid 25.02.2020 at 12:00 PM Financial Bid 25.02.2020 at 12:30 PM
11.	Hiring of Road Milk Tankers for Transportation of Milk all over Punjab, Chandigarh, U.P., Delhi & Haryana	Qty 08 Nos. Cap. 20,000 Ltr or above 04 Nos. Cap. 15000 Ltrs- 04 No's	-do-	500/-	1,00,000/- per tanker	06.02.2020 upto 01.00 PM	20.02.2020 upto 01.00 PM	Technical Bid 21.02.2020 at 11:00 AM Financial Bid 28.02.2020 at 11:00 AM
12.	Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of screw Air Compressor Cap. 10 Bar	01 No.	-do-	500/-	25,000/-	05.02.2020 from 11.00 AM	24.02.2020 upto 12.00 PM	Technical Bid 25.02.2020 at 2:00 PM Financial Bid 25.02.2020 at 02:30 PM
13.	Purchase of Machine: a) High Speed Automatic Pouch Filling Machines Cap. 10000PPH b) Bulk Milk Packaging Machine (6 Ltr, 2Ltr & 1.5Ltr)	05 Nos. 01 No.	-do-	500/-	5,00,000/-	10.02.2020 from 11.00 AM	02.03.2020 upto 12.00 PM	Technical Bid 03.03.2020 at 11:00 AM Financial Bid 10.03.2020 at 11:00 AM
14.	Supply of Pet Jar with Sleeves Cap. 200 ml, 500 ml & 1 Ltr	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Jalandhar Dairy (Ph. No. 735556749, 7355601750)	500/-	25,000/-	14.02.2020 from 11.00 AM	27.02.2020 upto 3.00 PM	Technical Bid 28.02.2020 at 11:00 AM Financial Bid 28.02.2020 at 02:30 PM
15.	Supply of Corrugated Boxes for the packing of Pet Jar Cap. 200ml, 500ml, 1 Ltr	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	500/-	25,000/-	14.02.2020 from 11.00 AM	27.02.2020 upto 3.00 PM	Technical Bid 28.02.2020 at 12:00 PM Financial Bid 28.02.2020 at 3:00 PM
16.	Supply of Inkjet Printers	07 Nos.	-do-	500/-	50,000/-	15.02.2020 from 11.00 AM	03.03.2020 upto 3.00 PM	Technical Bid 04.03.2020 at 11:00 AM Financial Bid 04.03.2020 at 3:00 PM
17.	Verka Milk Booth 1) Children Park, Patnaikot 2) Guru Nanak Park, Patnaikot	03 Years	Verka Gurdaspur Dairy (Ph. No. 01874-220158)	200/-	90,000/-	03.02.2020	18.02.2020 upto 3.30 PM	19.02.2020 at 2.30 PM
18.	Purchase of Deep Freezer	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Head Office, SCO No. 153-155, Sector 34A, Chandigarh, Ph. No. 0172-6041808	—	1,00,000/-	07.02.2020	24.02.2020 upto 4.00 PM	26.02.2020 11.00 AM
19.	Hiring of Insulated road milk tanker for transportation of milk from MCC/BMC to Milk Plant, Sangrur vice-versa on annual rate contract upto 31st March, 2021 Capacity 10000 KL or above, Vehicles older than six years will not be considered, latest model will be preferred.	09	Verka Sangrur Dairy Ph. No. 01672-905260	500/-	1,00,000/-	05.02.2020	02.03.2020 upto 5.00 PM	Technical Bid 03.03.2020 at 12:00 PM
20.	Hiring of SS Road Milk Tankers) Cap. 20 KL & above for transportation of milk from Verka Sangrur Dairy to other Plants of Punjab and outside Punjab. Vehicles older than six years will not be considered, latest model will be preferred.	03	-do-	500/-	1,00,000/-	05.02.2020	02.03.2020 upto 5.00 PM	Technical Bid 03.03.2020 at 12:00 PM
21.	Hiring of Diesel Car (Swift Dzire, Toyota Etios, Breeze, Bolero or equivalent) at Verka Sangrur Dairy for Field/Extension work on Annual Rate Contract Basis Minimum model 2016 from the month of registration, latest model will be preferred contract period upto 31 March 2021	04	-do-	500/-	5,000/-	05.02.2020	02.03.2020 upto 5.00 PM	Technical Bid 03.03.2020 at 12:00 PM Financial Bid 05.03.2020 at 12:00 PM
22.	Hiring of Mahindra Maxi Truck Pickup, Bolero Pickup or equivalent to lift the milk from various Societies/Dairy Farms to MCC/BMC/Dairy Dock contract period upto 31 March 2021 Capacity 1000 kg Vehicles older than six years will not be considered, latest model will be preferred.	21	-do-	500/-	20,000/-	05.02.2020	02.03.2020 upto 5.00 PM	Technical Bid 03.03.2020 at 12:00 PM
23.	Hiring of Mahindra Maxi Truck Pickup, Bolero Pickup or equivalent to lift cattle feed from milk plants/stores to various Societies/ Dairy Farms/ MCC/ BMCs contract period upto 31 March 2021 Vehicles older than six years will not be considered, latest model will be preferred.	01	-do-	500/-	20,000/-	05.02.2020	02.03.2020 upto 5.00 PM	Technical Bid 03.03.2020 at 12:00 PM
24.	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Refrigeration system (Evaporator Units) and Insulation of cold rooms with 100mm puf panels, Doors along with floors insulation, fittings accessories and sealant.	As per NIT	-do-	500/-	75,000/-	05.02.2020	02.03.2020 upto 5.00 PM	Technical Bid 03.03.2020 at 12:00 PM Financial Bid 05.03.2020 at 12:00 PM

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970264 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in, Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.

Section - B
Sealed Tenders are hereby invited on the prescribed Proforma for the purchase of following items:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Item	Qty/Contract Period	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D (Rs.)	Last Date & Time of Submission of Tenders	Auction Date and Time
1.	Open Auction of unserviceable Material (As is where is basis)	—	Verka Jalandhar Dairy (Ph. No. 735556749, 7355601750)	200/-	5,000/-	Before 20.02.2020	20.02.2020 at 11.00 AM
2.	Auction of Unserviceable Material of Main Store	Diff. Unserviceable items according to tender Notice	Verka Gurdaspur Dairy (Ph. No. 01874- 220156)	200/-	5,000/-	—	19.02.2020 at 11:00 AM

Interested parties may obtain detailed Tender Documents from the office of Consignee where tender is to be opened on any working day from (9AM to 5 PM). If any clarification is required may contact on Phone Numbers given above. The Tender Notice may also be seen at Verka Website (www.verka.coop). TENDER (S) WITHOUT EARNEST MONEY ARE LIABLE TO BE REJECTED. The Consignee reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Note: Corrigendum if any will be uploaded on website only

General Manager (QA&E)

Jammu & Kashmir Horticultural Produce Marketing & Processing Corporation (JKHPMC) Ltd
Horticulture Department, Jammu & Kashmir Government
Opposite Presentation Convent School, Rajbagh, Srinagar-190008, J&K
E:jkhpmltd@gmail.com, T: 0194-2311312 (S) F: 0194-2311420, T/F: 0191-2476079 (J)

BIDS FOR SALE/AUCTION OF APPLE JUICE CONCENTRATE

NIT No:- 05 of 2020
Dated: 29.01.2020

For and on behalf of Managing Director JKHPMC Ltd., fresh Offers, under the single-bid system, are invited from general traders associated with the food processing sector, for Sale/Auction of fresh Apple Juice Concentrate (AJC), produced by the Corporation during 2019 apple crop season. The AJC on offer would largely conform to the following generic technical specifications:-

Specification	Indicative Quantity (MT)
Total Soluble Solids	70-74 Brix
pH	3.4 to 3.6
Transmittance/Clarity (at 625nm)	90% (by & large)
Pectin	Absent
Starch	Absent
Preservatives	Absent
Authenticity	No Adulteration

The Offers, indicating price per metric ton, exclusive of applicable GST, Ex-JKHPMC Apple Juice Plant, doabab, Sopore & accompanied with EMD equivalent to 2% of the offered price and pledged to JK HP MC Limited, may reach the office of Managing Director JKHPMC Ltd., Srinagar by or before 18.02.2020. The Offers shall be opened on same date at 2.30 PM in the office of Manager (Finance) JK HP MC Ltd. Raj Bagh, Srinagar. The Corporation reserves the right to reject any bid without assigning any reason thereto.

Sd/-
Manager (Finance)
JK HP MC
(Chairman Central Purchase Committee)

NO:JKHPMC/Processing/194-96
Dated: 29.01.2020
DIPK-NB: 2331/M



HAUARYANA TOURISM

AUCTION NOTICE

Detailed schedule for the auction of various Shops/Sites

1st round of auctions : 24th to 26th Feb., 2020
2nd round of auctions (for left over activities) : 06th to 08th March, 2020
3rd round of auctions (for left over activities) : 18th to 20th March, 2020

Sr. No.	Complex, date & time of auction and the Shops/Sites to be auctioned	Year(s)	Period
1.	Badkhal Lake Tourist Complex, Faridabad Auction on 24th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	1 Site for Horse Riding	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	2 Site for Camel Riding	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	3 Site for Balloons & Rifle Shooting	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
2.	Dabchick Tourist Complex, Hodal, Faridabad Auction on 24th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	1 Site for Horse Riding	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	2 Site for Camel Riding	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	3 Fast Food Centre	5	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2025
	4 ATM Counter	5	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2025
	5 Site for Merry go round and small rides for kids & Mickey Mouse Bounce	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	6 Crops of Fruit Garden	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	7 Boating & Fishing Activity	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	8 Fresh Fruit, Fresh Juice, Ice Cream Parlour (One Shop) for Pastry, Bakery, Gift items, Flower, packed Food & Beverages items, 2 No. Shops (Interconnected) (No preparation/ Cooking allowed, only ready-made items except selling in Dabchick etc. (except selling in Dabchick Restaurant)	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	9 Tyre Puncture Air & Pollution Check Point at PP Hodal	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
3.	Shama Tourist Complex, Gurugram Auction on 25th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	1 Juice Shop	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
4.	Jungle Babbar Tourist Complex, Dharuhera Auction on 26th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	1 Shop No. 21	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	2 Parking Site	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	3 Milk Booth Site	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	4 Tyre Puncture Shop at Petrol Pump	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
5.	Tilary Lake Tourist Complex, Rohtak Auction on 24th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	5	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2025
	1 Site for Baby Train/ Jhulla, Merry-Go-Round & Giant Wheel Jhulla	5	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2025
	2 Rice & Pickle/Fresh Fruit and Juice Shop at Fast Food, Tilary	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	3 Site for Pollution Check & Puncture/ air at P. Pump	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	4 Site for Fresh Fruits and Juice	5	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2025
	5 Site for Chaat (Aloo Tikki, Bhatta Papdi & Gori Gappa)	5	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2025
6.	Karna Lake Tourist Complex, Karnal Auction on 24th February, 2020 at 04.00 P.M.	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	1 Gift Shop	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
7.	SkyLark Tourist Complex, Panipat Auction on 24th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	1 Gift Shop	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	2 Shop No. 3, 5 & 6 (B-Block)	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	3 Shop No. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 26, 27, 28 & 29 (A-Block)	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
8.	Oasis Tourist Complex, Karnal Auction on 24th February, 2020 at 02.00 P.M.	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	1 Shop No. 2	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
9.	Surkhab Tourist Complex, Sirsa Auction on 26th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	1 Banquet Hall	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	2 Gift Shop	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	3 Booth/Shop No. 8	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
10.	Yadavindra Gardens, Pinjore, Panchkula Auction on 24th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	1 Site Mickey Mouse (outside)	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	2 sale of Aerated Drinks (outside)	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	3 Fresh Fruit Juice (outside)	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	4 Confectionary Shop (outside)	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	5 Camel & Horse Riding (outside)	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	6 Chat & Tikki (outside)	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	7 Ice Cream (outside)	2	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022
	8 Parking Site	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
	9 Sale of Stickers, Photo printed picture, poster post, picture chart etc.	3	01.08.2020 to 31.07.2023
	INSIDE THE GARDEN		
	10 Snacks Counter at Food Court near Jal Mahal inside Pinjore Garden	3	01.10.2020 to 30.09.2023
	11 Photography (inside the Garden)	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2021
11.	Parakeet Tourist Complex, Pipili Auction on 26th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	1 Cold Drink, Ice-cream Shop	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	2 Raw, Rice Shop/Gift Shop/Pop Corn/ Achar Muraba Booth	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
12.	Koel Tourist Complex, Kailthal Auction on 25th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	1 Shop No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	2 Booth No. 3	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
13.	Anjan Yatrika Tourist Complex, Pehowa Auction on 25th February, 2020 at 03.00 P.M.	5	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2025
	1 ATM Booth	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	2 Cold Drink and Mineral Water	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
14.	Red Bishop Tourist Resort, Panchkula Auction on 25th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.	1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
	1 Floweriest Shop	3	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2023
15.	Blue Bird Tourist Resort, Hisar Auction on 25th February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M.		

17 ECONOMIC SURVEY 2019-20

SENSEX: 40,723.49 ▼ 190.33 NIFTY: 11,962.10 ▼ 73.70 NIKKEI: 23,205.18 ▲ 227.43 HANG SENG: 26,312.63 ▼ 136.50 FTSE: 7,334.58 ▼ 47.38 DAX: 13,123.15 ▼ 33.97

*International market data till 1900 IST

'IN SOME INSTANCES INTERVENTION HAS CREATED MARKET FAILURES'

Govt steps to control stocks, cost of essential goods led to unintended effects like price hikes

PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

EXPLAINED
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Need to check relevance of intervention

WHILE THE Survey maintained it was not arguing against the need for government intervention altogether, there were instances where the government had "needlessly" intervened and undermined wealth creation and economic growth in those markets.

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These stock limits have also had "limited" success in containing volatility of prices of these commodities, according to the survey. For instance, stock limits imposed in September

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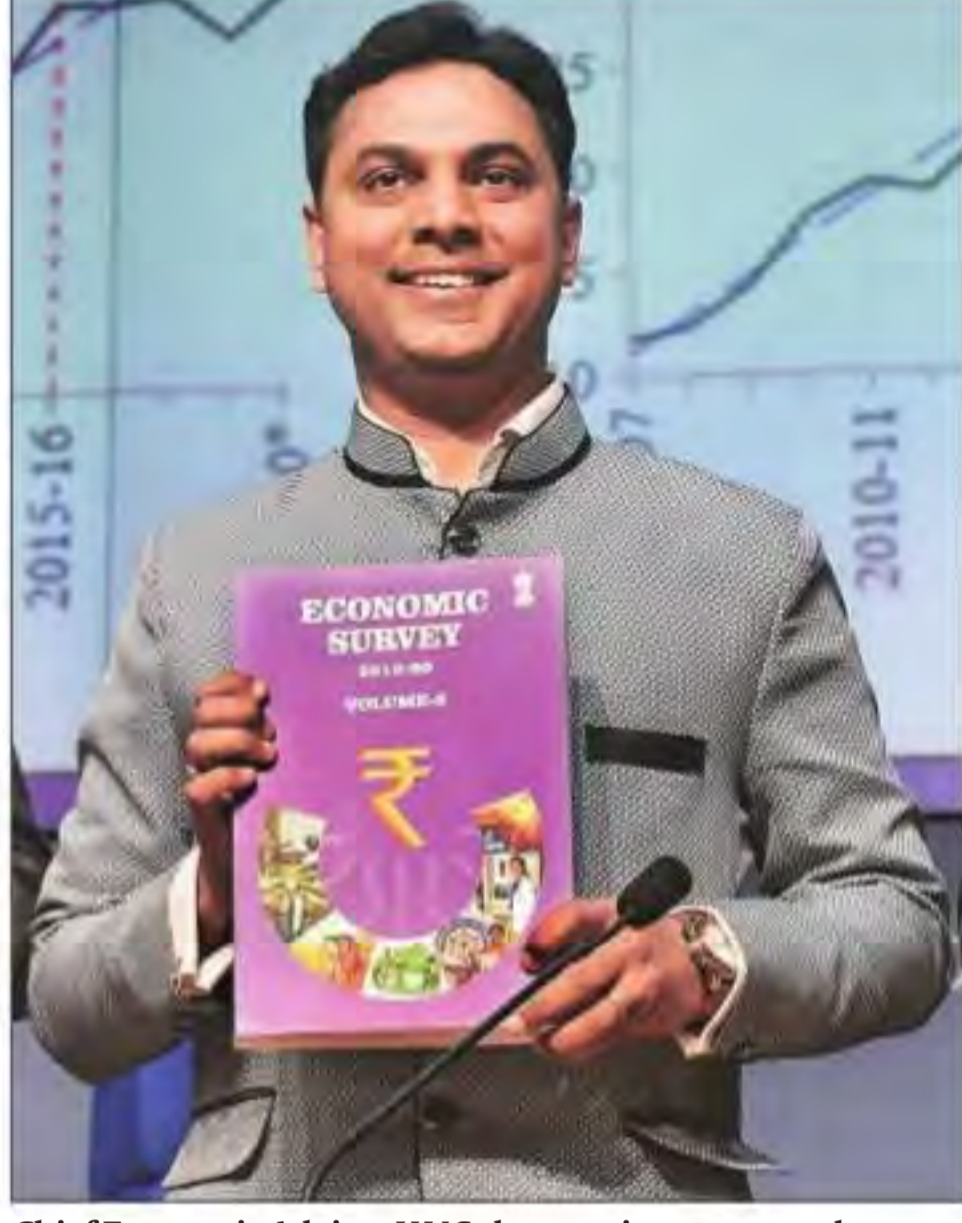
Intervention in prices of essential lifesaving medicines by capping their maximum prices using the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, has also led to a greater rise in prices of these drugs, according to the survey.

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Chief Economic Adviser K V Subramanian presents the Economic Survey 2019-20 in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

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The Act does not distinguish between hoarders and firms that "genuinely" need to hold on to these stocks due to the nature of their operations.

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SURVEY: ESTIMATES NOT OVERSTATED

GDP growth for FY19 revised down to 6.1% from 6.8%

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THE GOVERNMENT on Friday sharply revised down Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate for 2018-19 to 6.1 per cent from 6.8 per cent on account of lower growth in agriculture, manufacturing and mining sectors. The growth rate for 2017-18 was also revised down to 7 per cent from 7.2 per cent earlier, the data released by National Statistical Office (NSO) showed.

Incidentally, the revision of the GDP growth rates, as per the first revised estimates of national income, consumption expenditure, savings and capital formation 2018-19, came on a day when the Economic Survey for 2019-20 stated that India's GDP estimates are not overstated and can be trusted. The Survey goes on to state that the need to invest in ramping up India's statistical infrastructure is undoubted and in this context, the "setting up of the 28-member Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES) headed by former Chief Statistician of India is important".

"The ultimate measure of wealth in a country is the GDP of the country. As investors deciding to invest in an economy care for the country's GDP growth, uncertainty about its magnitude can affect investment. Therefore, the recent debate about India's GDP growth rates following the revision in India's GDP estimation methodology in 2011 assumes significance, especially given the recent slowdown in the growth rate...using careful statistical and econometric analysis, the Survey finds no evidence of misestimation of India's GDP growth," it said.

During 2018-19, at constant prices, primary sector (agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining & quarrying) grew at 1.0 per cent against 2.7 per cent earlier, secondary sector (manufacturing, electricity, gas, water supply & other utility services, and construction) grew 6 per cent from 7.5 per cent and tertiary sector (services) grew 7.7 per cent against 7.5 per cent estimated earlier. Growth rate in terms of Gross Value Added (GVA), which is GDP minus net product taxes and reflects supply-side growth, was cut to 6 per cent from 6.6 per cent estimated earlier, data released by NSO showed.

The downward revision for growth rate for 2018-19 indicates

Fiscal deficit hits 132.4% of BE till Dec

New Delhi: The government's fiscal deficit touched 132.4 per cent of the full-year target at December-end mainly due to slower pace of revenue collections, official data showed on Friday.

In actual terms, the fiscal deficit or gap between expenditure and revenue was Rs 9,31,725 crore, the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) showed.

that the economic slowdown was worse than anticipated earlier. The downward revision to 6.1 per cent will act as a lower base and help push up India's growth rate for 2019-20. As per the first advance estimates, India's GDP growth rate for 2019-20 is seen at 5 per cent, an eleven-year low and the worst since the 2008 economic crisis.

The Survey's emphasis on GDP estimates comes after former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian in his research paper published at Harvard University had concluded that the country's growth has been overestimated by around 2.5 percentage points between 2011-12 and 2016-17. While official estimates pegged average annual growth at around 7 per cent during this period, actual GDP growth is likely to have been lower, at around 4.5 per cent, he had said.

The Survey said that the models that incorrectly over-estimate GDP growth by 2.77 per cent for India post-2011 also misestimate GDP growth over the same time period for 51 other countries out of 95 countries in the sample. Studying the firm creation in the formal sector across 504 districts in India, a 10 per cent increase in new firm creation increases district-level GDP growth by 1.8 per cent.

"As the pace of new firm creation in the formal sector accelerated significantly more after 2014, the resultant impact on district-level growth and thereby country-level growth must be accounted for in any analysis," it said. Also, there is evidence that new firm creation in the service sector is far greater than that in manufacturing, infrastructure or agriculture, it added.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

\$1.4 tn infra spend to be a \$5 tn economy

New Delhi: To prevent 'lack of infrastructure' becoming a 'binding constraint' on the growth of Indian economy that aspires to become a \$5 trillion by 2024-25, the country needs to spend about \$1.4 trillion on infrastructure, the Economic Survey said on Friday.

Corporate tax cut to benefit 0.9% of firms

New Delhi: The steep cut in corporate tax rate will benefit large companies the most as smaller ones were already paying lower rates, the Economic Survey 2019-20 said on Friday. Most companies (99.1 per cent) have a gross turnover of below Rs 400 crore (small and medium companies) and are already taxed at the base corporate tax rate of 25 per cent.

Privatised CPSEs saw improvement

New Delhi: Most privatised CPSEs witnessed improvement in net worth, profit, gross revenue and sales growth after the transition.

Fund raising via public issuance of equity, debt

New Delhi: Indian companies garnered nearly Rs 74,000 crore through public issuance of equity and debt during April-December this fiscal, a 66 per cent jump from the preceding financial year, with rights issue emerging as the most preferred route for financing business needs.

Sales of many manufacturing firms shrunk

New Delhi: Over 1,700 listed private manufacturing firms witnessed their sales contract by 7.7 per cent in the second quarter of 2019-20, said the Survey.

Push for privatising education, alarm raised over high fees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE ECONOMIC Survey 2019-20 pushes for the privatisation of the education sector, even as it quotes data on students in private institutions spending much more than those in government. It also flags unaffordable tuition fee as one reason forcing the poor out of higher education.

The Survey proposes privatisation of education "at all levels" as a policy initiative to "fast-track entrepreneurship" and consequently wealth creation. It links literacy levels to start-up activity and cites the example of the eastern parts of the country, which have the lowest literacy rate of about 59.6 per cent and also the lowest rate of new firms being set up.

At present, despite being the third largest ecosystem for entrepreneurship in the world, India appears to have lower rates of formal entrepreneurship on a per-capita basis when compared to other countries, according to the Survey.

"Higher education levels in a district enable the development of better human capital that relates to increased supply of ideas and entrepreneurs. Higher education also increases the supply of talent available to entrepreneurs for managing and growing their companies. Therefore, it is expected that districts with better education levels will have higher entrepreneurial activity," it states.

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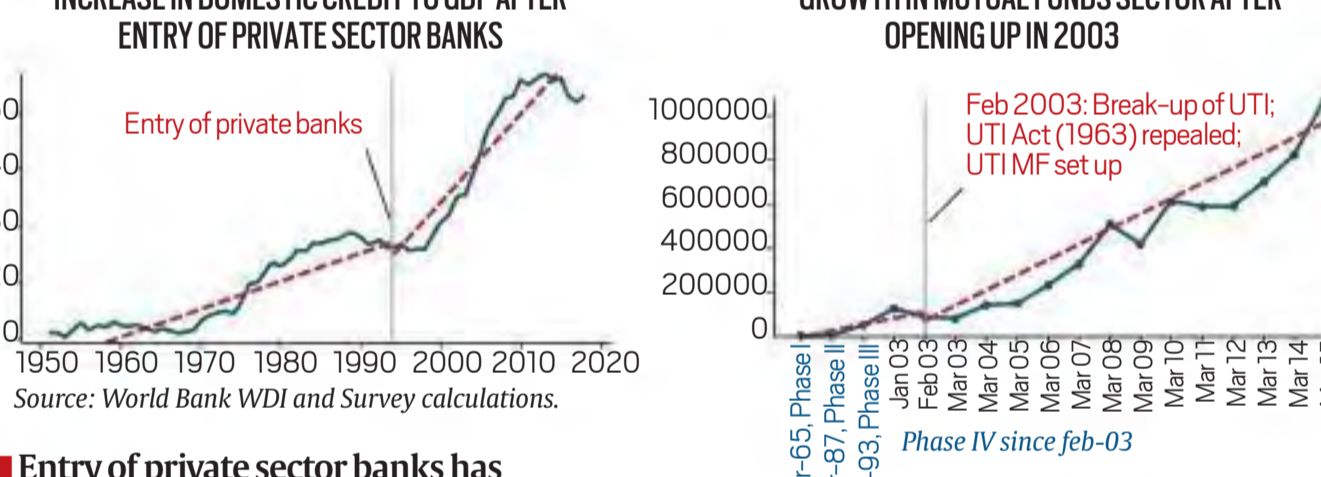
"... measures to increase the literacy levels rapidly through the institution of more schools and colleges will spur entrepreneurship and consequently local wealth creation. Following the successful contribution of privatisation of engineering colleges to India's software exports, governments could also explore the privatisation of education to augment education capacity at all levels of education," the Survey further suggests.

However, the Survey also emphasises the importance of "role of public sector in the delivery of social services such as education and health" to sustain "momentum in human development and to further accelerate it".

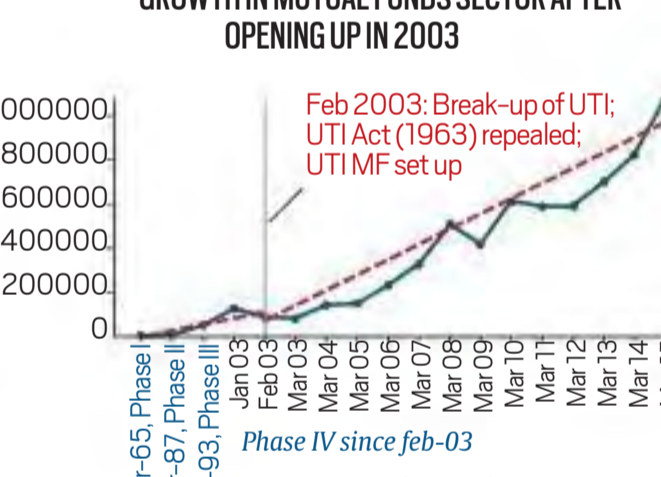
The Survey cites the National Sample Survey report to point out that a student enrolled in a private institution is spending more than a student in a government institution. For instance, the average expenditure for a student in a government school at the primary level is Rs 1,253 in a year, while that in a private school spends Rs 12,889.

Opening of sectors to private players leads to rise in expansion of economic activity

The Survey highlighted the importance of private sector participation, arguing that open sectors led to expansion of economic activity by manifold when compared with sectors which remained within the state control. The Survey argues this since the market economy is based on the principle that optimal allocation of resources occurs when citizens are able to exercise free choice in the products or services they want.



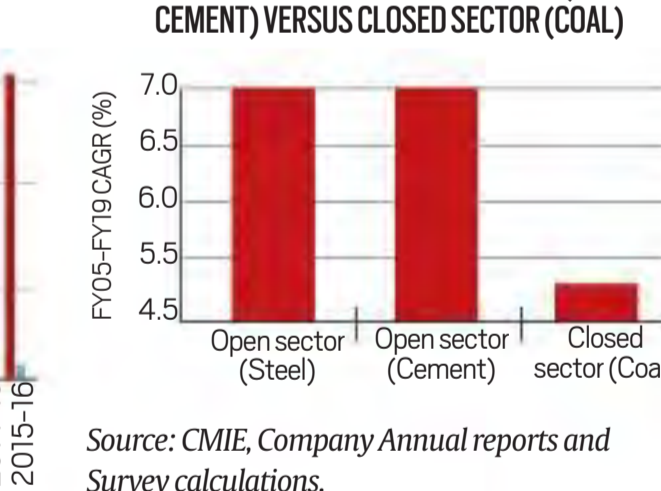
Entry of private sector banks has boosted credit flow.



A similar effect in the mutual funds sector following its opening up to competition in 2003. The mutual fund industry experienced exponential growth after the break up of state-owned UTI and entry of private funds.



CREDIT in the banking sector expanded at much higher rates after the sector was opened for competition through licenses granted to private sector banks. As competition expanded the banking choices available to citizens, the sector experienced strong growth.



EVEN SECTOR like cement and steel show pick up growth as private sector entry was allowed when compared with coal sector which is mainly government owned. Similar trend is witnessed in passenger growth in road transportation against railways.

'Make in India' the China way: Assemble for world

AASHISHARYAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

INDIA SHOULD follow the Chinese model of becoming an assembling hub for the world for 'network products' such as computers, electronics, and road vehicles to raise its share in the world export market, the Economic Survey for 2019-20 has said.

The call to focus more on becoming a global assembling hub comes even as the government has, over the past five years, laid repeated emphasis on the 'Make in India' manufacturing thrust. Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2014, the scheme is still to make an impact in raising the share of manufacturing in India's GDP. Among the major focus industries targeted under the Make in India

New firm creation higher in services sector than manufacturing, agriculture

New Delhi: New firm creation in the services sector is more than that in sectors like manufacturing, infrastructure and agriculture, as per the Survey.

The finance ministry in a statement said that the Economic Survey tabled in Parliament on Friday said that "access to nutrition and elec-

tricity" resulted in higher growth rate in India's gross domestic product (GDP) and new firm creation in service sector is far greater than that in manufacturing, infrastructure or agriculture. The Survey added there is a need to invest in ramping up statistical infrastructure.

This, in turn could create about 4 crore well-paid jobs by 2025 and about 8 crore by 2030, the economic Survey has estimated. To achieve this, it must not opt for high diversification-low specialisation exports, which has so far led to India's lacklustre performance in comparison to China, the Survey suggests.

big workforce to penetrate the market of traditional rich countries, which tend to be more quality and brand conscious, the Survey said.

"By importing components and assembling them in China for the world, China created jobs at an unprecedented scale. Similarly, by integrating 'Assemble in India for the world' into Make in India, India can raise its export market share to about 3.5 per cent by 2025 and 6 per cent by 2030 is highly feasible," the survey said.

to drive home the point, the Survey draws from the example of the establishment of Maruti Suzuki in 1981, wherein the joint venture started by initially importing fully assembled cars, followed by semi-knocked down units and then completely knocked-down units. This, the Survey suggests, opened the way, first for auto ancillary companies and then other auto-makers.

The time for India to join the assembling unit hub line is also right, the Survey said, as the growing US-China trade war has forced global value chains such as Apple, Samsung, and Sony to look for alternative locations. Apart from reorienting itself as the assembling hub of the world like China, India should also focus on traditionally labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, clothing, footwear, and toys, the Survey suggested.

TO PREVENT RISK ROLL-OVER IN NBFCs 'Health Score' to detect early warning signals

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

ECONOMISTS in the Finance Ministry have constructed a dynamic health index (health score) for housing finance companies (HFCs) and retail non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) for early detection of impending liquidity problems and efficient allocation of liquidity enhancements across firms to arrest financial fragility.

In the Survey, the economists computed a health score by quantifying the rollover risk for a sample of HFCs and retail NBFCs, which are representative of their

Financial stress leading to consolidation in telcos

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE ECONOMIC Survey noted that the telecom sector is experiencing consolidation as it has witnessed substantial competition since 2016, leading to financial stress. While some operators have filed for bankruptcy, others have merged in their quest to improve viability.

Although internet and broadband penetration in the country has kept a rapid pace, the cost of data has also reduced substantially. For the quarter ended June 2019, the price of data was Rs 7.7

respective sectors.

According to the index, the score for the HFC sector, which exhibited a declining trend post 2014, worsened considerably by the end of FY19. Larger retail NBFCs had higher health scores but among medium and small retail NBFCs, the medium size ones had a lower health score for the entire period from March 2014 till March 2019.

"Policymakers intending to revive the shadow banking channel of growth can use this analysis to efficiently allocate liquidity enhancements across firms (with different scores) in the NBFC sector," they said. FE

per GB compared to Rs 200 per GB in June 2016. The average revenue per user (ARPU) for GSM-based mobile services has also gone down substantially from Rs 126 in June 2016 to Rs 74.30 in June 2019.

"Since 2016, the sector has witnessed substantial competition and price cutting by the telecom service providers creating financial stress in the sector. As a result, the sector is experiencing consolidation," the Economic Survey said, adding that while some operators have filed for bankruptcy, others have merged, in their quest to improve viability. FE

Wipro CEO Abidali Z Neemuchwala to step down

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

IT SERVICES major Wipro on Friday said its CEO Abidali Z Neemuchwala has decided to step down, and the company's board has started scouting for his successor. Neemuchwala, 52, took over the additional role of managing director in July 31. His term as CEO was to end in 2021.

In a regulatory filing, Wipro said Neemuchwala has "decided to step down due to family commitments". "The board of directors has initiated a search to identify the next CEO. Abid will continue to hold the office of CEO and MD until a successor is appointed for a smooth transition and to ensure that business continues as usual," it added.

Neemuchwala had joined Wipro in 2015 as Group President and Chief Operating Officer.

**TO SUCCEED VIRGINIA ROMETTY
Krishna is new IBM CEO**

YOSHITASINGH
NEW YORK, JANUARY 31

INDIAN-ORIGIN TECHNOLOGY executive Arvind Krishna has been elected CEO of American IT giant IBM after a "world-class succession process", succeeding Virginia Rometty, who described him as the "right CEO for the next era at IBM" and "well-positioned" to lead the company into the cloud and cognitive era.

The IBM Board of Directors elected Krishna as company CEO and member of the Board of Directors effective April 6. Krishna is currently IBM senior vice president for Cloud and Cognitive Software and will succeed Rometty, 62 who will retire after almost 40 years with the company at the end of the year.

Krishna, 57, had joined IBM in 1990 and has an undergraduate degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, and a PhD in electrical engineering from the



Arvind Krishna, 57, had joined IBM in 1990. Photo: @IBM

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"I am thrilled and humbled to be elected as the next Chief Executive Officer of IBM, and appreciate the confidence that Ginni and the Board have placed in me," Krishna said in a press statement released by IBM. He said "IBM has such talented people and technology that we can bring together to help our clients solve their toughest

problems. "I am looking forward to working with IBMers, Red Hatters and clients around the world at this unique time of fast-paced change in the IT industry. We have great opportunities ahead to help our clients advance the transformation of their business while also remaining the global leader in the trusted stewardship of technology," Krishna said.

Krishna's appointment as head of the global IT giant adds to the growing list of Indian-origin executives at the helm of some of the biggest multinational companies. Krishna joins the club that includes Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, Google and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai, MasterCard CEO Ajay Banga, PepsiCo's former CEO Indra Nooyi and Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen. Rometty, who had been IBM's chairman, president and CEO, will continue as executive chairman of the Board and serve through the end of the year, when she will retire. **PTI**

HUL Q3 net profit rises 12% to ₹1,616 crore

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 31

FMCG MAJOR Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) on Friday reported a 12 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 1,616 crore for the December quarter of 2019-20, as against a profit of Rs 1,444 crore in October-December period of the last fiscal.

Net sales during the quarter under review rose 2.94 per cent at Rs 9,948 crore from Rs 9,664 crore in the year-ago period, HUL said in a statement. HUL's domestic consumer growth was 4 per cent with underlying volume growth at 5 per cent in the quarter, it said. "This quarter witnessed an overall challenging market environment, mainly reflecting a sharp slowdown in rural and discretionary spends. In this tough environment, HUL has delivered a resilient performance which is reflective of the strength of our brands, consistency in strategy and execution prowess," said HUL CMD Sanjiv Mehta.

In a separate filing, HUL said its board, in a meeting held Friday, approved appointment of Ashish Sharad Gupta as independent director with effect from January 31. Gupta is an entrepreneur, advisor and strategic angel investor. He co-founded Helion Advisors in 2006 and represents Helion Advisors, managing a corpus of \$600 million across three funds, HUL said.

SBI Q3 net rises 41% on lower NPAs, provisioning

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 31

STATE BANK of India (SBI), India's largest lender, on Friday reported a 41.2 per cent rise in net profit to Rs 5,583 crore in the third quarter ended December 2019, compared to Rs 3,955 crore in the same period a year ago, as the bank witnessed a fall in bad loans and provisions. This is also the highest ever quarterly net profit recorded by the bank, SBI said.

The bank's Rs 7,000-crore exposure to troubled DHFL slipped into the non-performing asset (NPA) status during the quarter. Of SBI's Rs 37,793-crore exposure to the telecom sector, Rs 9,168 crore has turned NPA. The power sector NPAs were Rs 21,936 crore of an exposure of Rs 199,194 crore.

Total income of the bank rose to Rs 76,798 crore as against Rs 70,312 crore in same period of 2018-19. During the quarter under review, the bank exercised the option of lower tax rate, taking a one-time hit of Rs 1,333 crore. "Excluding the impact of this one-time additional hit, net profit in Q3FY20 would have been Rs 6,916 crore against Rs 3,955 crore in Q3FY19," SBI said.

On a consolidated basis, net profit rose 41 per cent to Rs 6,797.25 crore in the October-December quarter this fiscal, compared to Rs 4,823.29 crore in the year-ago period. Consolidated in-

come rose to Rs 95,384.28 crore in the third quarter from Rs 84,390.14 crore in October-December 2018-19, SBI said in a regulatory filing.

The bank showed an improvement on the asset quality front. Gross NPAs fell to 6.94 per cent (Rs 159,661 crore) of the gross advances as of December 2019 from 8.71 per cent (Rs 187,765 crore) in the same period a year ago. Net NPAs dropped to 2.65 per cent from 3.95 per cent.

The public sector lender's retail sector NPAs were Rs 62,507 crore; SMEs, Rs 26,054 crore, agriculture, Rs 28,932 crore; and corporates, Rs 93,743 crore. Net interest income grew by 22.42 per cent on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis, and 12.92 per cent on a quarter-on-quarter basis. Domestic net interest margin improved to 3.59 per cent in Q3FY20, seeing a rise of 62 basis points (bps) y-o-y and 37 bps sequentially. Slippages of Rs 16,525 crore included exposure to a large housing finance company - DHFL - at around Rs 7,000 crore, SBI said.

Provisioning for bad loans (standalone) too came down to Rs 8,193.06 crore for third quarter of FY20, from Rs 13,970.82 crore parked aside in year-ago period. Provision coverage ratio has improved to 81.73 per cent, up 710 bps on a year-on-year basis and 50 bps from the September quarter. SBI shares closed 2.53 per cent higher at Rs 318.55 on the BSE.

GST mop-up for Jan crosses ₹1 lakh crore

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

GST COLLECTIONS have crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore mark for the third month in a row in January with improved compliance and plugging of evasion, sources said on Friday.

According to provisional numbers, total GST revenue was Rs 1.1 lakh crore in January, they said. The GST collection is in line with the target set by Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey after a high-level meeting with senior tax officials earlier this month.

Domestic GST collection during the month so far is around Rs 86,453 crore while Rs 23,597 crore has been collected through ICGST and cess collection.

Sensex loses 190 points on Budget eve

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 31

THE SENSEX Friday fell 190 points while the Nifty closed below the 12,000-mark after the Economic Survey suggested relaxing fiscal deficit target to boost growth for a decade's low.

The 30-share BSE Sensex closed 190.33 points, or 0.47 per cent, lower at 40,723.49. Likewise, the broader NSE Nifty shed 73.70 points, or 0.61 per cent, to finish at 11,962.10. However, the Indian rupee appreciated by 25 paise to end at 71.33 against the US dollar on Friday after the Economic Survey 2019-20 predicted higher growth figures for the next financial year.

The Economic Survey projected revival of economic growth to 6-6.5 per cent in the next fiscal from 5 per cent estimated in 2019-20. However, it recommended relaxing the budget deficit target to boost growth.

'Feel good' Budget may see cut in tax rate, sops for social sectors

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

A CUT in personal income tax, sops for rural and agriculture sectors as well as an aggressive push on infrastructure spending are likely to be part of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's "feel-good" second Budget.

Facing the worst economic slowdown in more than a decade, Sitharaman is expected to pull out all stops to spur consumer demand and investment, government sources and economists said.

Sitharaman's second Budget, to be presented on February 1, is expected to announce measures to restore economic growth and to set out a clear road map for achieving the ambitious target of USD 5 trillion economy by 2025.

Investments have failed to pick up despite corporate tax cuts and other stimulus measures, higher FDI inflows, plans to consolidate

state-owned banks and monetary easing.

After corporate tax cuts in September last year, speculation is rife about possible reduction in personal income taxes. A combination of an increase in the basic exemption limit and/or the introduction of a differentiated tax rate structure for higher incomes may be on the cards.

To cushion the impact on collections, these tweaks might be accompanied by rationalisation in tax rebates.

"The government announced a slew of stimulus measures in the last four months but consumer confidence is missing. Not many are eager to take loans to buy homes or cars fearing the worst. The feel good factor in the economy is missing," a senior government source said.

"I think the Budget will be a feel-good Budget that will try to restore faith in the economy and spur spending and investments," the source said.

Railways facing 'worst crisis ever'; FY20 books may see revenue deficit

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

THE RAILWAYS is staring at a revenue deficit of around Rs 25,000 crore as its expenditure is likely to overshoot the income by the time its books are closed in April for the current fiscal, sources said.

The Budget, to be presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday, however, might not reflect this scenario yet, papering over what is being believed to be the worst financial crisis ever faced by the national transporter.

Facing a crunch, the transporter had used up its funds reserves of approximately Rs 3,000 crore to salvage its books last year, while it started the current fiscal after factoring in over Rs 10,000 crore freight earnings of this year as last year's income thanks to its Freight Advance Scheme. This is the first time that the transporter is facing the prospect of closing its books with a revenue deficit. In other words, it is struggling to meet its expenses from its own earnings. The real operating ratio is said to be in the region of a precarious 110 per cent, whereas the target was 95 per cent. The Indian Railways' revenue expenditure shows a rise of 10 per cent, in which the staff cost (salaries and

pension) is up by around Rs 8,000 crore in January. In contrast, freight earnings during the same period are up by less than one per cent. Overall, earnings are in the negative growth territory, sources said. Freight loading is likely to be as good as or a little more than last years, they added.

The foregoing of the 15 per cent busy season surcharge on freight rates earlier this year has meant that while the loading numbers have remained somewhat constant, the corresponding earnings figures have taken a hit.

This time around, with demand for coal transportation flattening out in a tepid economy, the transporter may struggle to get major freight customers to sign up for similar advance schemes in a big way, officials said.

A few months ago, as part of the Budgetary exercise, the zonal railways had projected a massive shortfall, which meant the revenue expenditure had grown to be beyond budgeted expectations. However, sources said the Budget documents have been "tallied" and the real crunch may be visible only after the Budget, in April when the books are to be closed. The outlay of Gross Budgetary Support from the Finance Ministry is expected to be more or less the same as last year, sources said.

Core sector growth recovers to 1.3% in Dec

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

GROWTH OF eight core industries recovered to 1.3 per cent in December 2019 after remaining in the negative zone in the previous four months helped by expansion in the production of coal, fertiliser and refinery products.

The growth was, however, lower than 2.1 per cent recorded in December 2018.

Production of crude oil, natural gas, and electricity contracted in the month under review.

Sectors which recorded positive growth were coal, refinery products and fertiliser.

However, growth rate of steel and cement sectors slowed down to 1.9 per cent and 5.5 per cent respectively.

During the April-December period, core industries recorded growth of 0.2 per cent against 4.8 per cent in the year-ago period. The eight core sectors

recorded negative growth in the four months to November 2019.

Commenting on the data, rating agency ICRA said: "Despite the pickup in the core sector performance, we expect the IIP (Index of Industrial Production) growth to dip in December 2019 from the initial 1.8 per cent in November 2019, led by the wider contraction in auto output as well as the YoY decline in non oil merchandise exports after a gap of two months".

**ECONOMIC SURVEY 2019-20
Highways need ₹19.63L cr by FY25**

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

INDIA'S HIGHWAYS sector requires Rs 19.63 lakh crore investment by 2024-25, the Economic Survey said on Friday. Terming that a robust highways sector was necessary to propel economic growth, it said of the total Rs 102-lakh crore investment needed for infrastructure projected by the National Infrastructure Pipeline, during 2020 to 2025, highways

Total investment in roads and highway has more than tripled in the five-year period of 2014-15 to 2018-19

will need Rs 19.63 lakh crore. Total investment in the roads and highway sector has gone up over three times in the five-year period of 2014-15 to 2018-19, it said. "Roads provide connectivity

to remote areas, open up back-ward regions and facilitate access to markets, trade and investment. Roads should not be looked at in isolation, but as part of an integrated multi-modal transport system, which provides crucial links with airports, railway stations, ports and other logistical hubs."

Of about 59.64 lakh km of roads in the country, the total length of national highways was 1.32 lakh km as on March 1, 2019. "The pace at which roads have been constructed has grown sig-

nificantly from 17 km per day in 2015-16 to 29.7 km per day in 2018-19. However, the pace seems to have moderated in 2019-20," the Survey said. Road transport is the dominant mode of transportation in terms of its contribution to GVA and traffic share.

The share of transport sector in GVA for FY18 was about 4.77 per cent, of which the share of road transport was at 3.06 per cent, followed by railways (0.75 per cent), air transport (0.15 per cent) and water transport (0.06 per cent).

Rates fixed under Food Security Act need revision

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

HIGHLIGHTING THE need for ending "unnecessary and inefficient government intervention" the Economic Survey recommended repeal or amend of about half a dozen laws including Essential Commodities Act (ECA); revisiting rates of food grains under National Food Security Act (NFSA); and cash transfer in lieu of food-grain distribution to poor.

"The Ministry of Consumer Affairs and its related arms must examine whether the anachronistic ECA, which was passed in 1955 in an India worried about famines and shortages, is relevant in today's India", said the Survey in the chapter titled "Undermining Markets: When Government Intervention Hurts More Than It Helps."

"Around 76,000 raids under ECA were conducted during 2019.

Assuming a minimum of 5 persons involved in a raid, considerable administrative effort goes into enforcement of ECA. As the conviction rate, however, is abysmally low and raids have no impact on prices, the ECA only seems to enable rent-seeking and harassment. The Survey provides clear evidence that the case for jettisoning this anachronistic legislation is strong," it added.

Suggesting ways to rationalise the food subsidy, the Survey said, "The rates fixed under the NFSA initially for a period of three years have not been revised since 2013, resulting in burgeoning food subsidy. The rates under NFSA and the coverage need to be revisited."

"The coverage of NFSA needs to be restricted to the bottom 20 per cent and the issue prices for others could be linked to the procurement prices. A better alternative would be giving income transfers to consumers through Direct Benefit Transfers," it said.

SDG Index 2019: No state left in aspirant category

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

WHILE INDIA is on the right path to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030 with no states falling in the aspirant category any longer, the two areas the country needs to focus on across states to improve its SDG ranking is that of "zero hunger" and "gender equality", says the Economic Survey.

Eight states and two Union Territories - Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Goa, Sikkim, Chandigarh and Puducherry - lead the rankings in the Sustainable Development Goals India Index 2019. This implies that these states scored over 65 points from 100 across 16 SDGs, including sectors like industry innovation and clean air.

More significantly, no state now falls in the aspirant category

The Economic Survey proposes creating linkages and integrating management and governance across sectors to achieve the country's SDGs

(less than 50 points) any longer. The overall ranking of India has also improved from 57 in 2018 to 50 in SDGs, which has been attributed to strides made in the sectors of clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, industry, innovation and infrastructure, life on land and peace, justice and social institutions, where India has scored between 65 and 99 points.

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More women have salaried jobs, but fewer women are part of country's workforce

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31

WHILE THE number of women employed in salaried jobs in the country has increased by 8 per cent (from 13 per cent in 2011-12 to 21 per cent in 2017-18) with the addition of 0.71 crore new jobs for female workers, the overall participation of women in India's workforce in on the decline, revealed the Economic Survey released Friday.

According to NSO-EUS and PLFS estimates, female labour force participation rate for productive age-group 15-

59 years shows a declining trend in the country. The female labour force participation declined by 7.8 percentage points from 33.1 per cent in 2011-12 to 25.3 per cent in 2017-18.

Though female labour force participation rate is higher in rural areas than in urban ones, the rate of decline has also been sharper in rural areas compared to urban areas, resulting in increased gender disparity in India's labour market.

In urban areas, female labour force participation more or less remained constant. According to the PLFS, female workforce population ratio for productive age group (15-59 ages) stood at 23.8

per cent (25.5 per cent in rural areas and 19.8 per cent in urban areas) in 2017-18 as compared to 32.3 per cent in 2011-12.

The number of self-employed women in the country has decreased from 72 crore in 2011-12 to 5.54 crore in 2017-18. Women casual labourers have decreased from 3.97 crore in 2011-12 to 2.86 crore, while the share of women employers has remained constant at 0.6 per cent over the years.

The decline of women in the rural workforce has been attributed, among other things, to the decline in subsidiary activities, from 25 per cent in 2004-5 to 5.7 per cent in 2017-18.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 01/DCE/CN/SA/2020 (OT)
Dated: 29.01.2020

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Salem - 636 005 invites e-tender for the following work as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderers/contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted. The cost of the tender form and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available in the website by the way of multiple banks' net-banking and credit card.

Name of the Work	Approximate Cash value in ₹	Earnest Money Deposit ₹	Cost of tender Form ₹	Period of Completion in month(s)	Closing Date @ 15.00 hrs.
Doubling of Track between Salem and Omalur - Collection and Supply of 50mm size Machine crushed hard granite stone ballast between Salem and Omalur.	3,12,43,800.00	3,06,200/-	10,000/-	SIX Months	24.02.2020

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Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Salem

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Tender Notice

Interior work of the TLC building at IUCAA, Pune

The Director, Inter-University Centre for Astronomy & Astrophysics, Savitribai Phule Pune University Campus, Ganeshkhind, Pune - 411007, invites technical & financial bids for " Interior work of the TLC building at IUCAA, Pune", from reputed vendor.

Interested parties may view and download the tender document from Government Central Procurement Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in/> or www.iucaa.in/tenders and the same is also available on IUCAA's website <https://www.iucaa.in/tenders>.

The tender document has to be submitted through CPPP only. IUCAA reserves the right to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reasons.

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NOTICE FOR TENDER

e Tender of Various Equipments in Department of Metallurgy and Materials Science

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For the details of the detailed tender document, interested bidders should visit <http://maharashtra.gov.in/tenders> or www.coep.org.in. Tender submission would be online and the deadline to submit the proposal is 26/2/2019, 12 Noon.

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Sealed tenders in two bid system are invited from the competent and experienced bidder for the following works:

Tender No. Name of Work and Completion Period	Estimated Cost & EMD (Rs.)	Sale/download period upto 15:00 hrs From-To
No. CE/W/5(241)/2020 vide Date of notification 01/02/2020 "Maintenance of Lawns at Admin Building, Temple Junction, Doni Stadium, Near C1 & C2 Swimming Pool, Nursery, Doni Club, Hospital, DRC etc. and Water to Plantation in Donimalai Township and other miscellaneous works for a period of One Year (Job Contract Basis)" with period of completion: 12 months (Including Rainy Season from July to October)	26.11 Lakhs 26107/-	01/02/2020 To 29/02/2020
No. CE/W/5(238)/2020 vide Date of notification 01/02/2020 "Cleaning of PWD road in township for a period of one year (Job Contract Basis)" with period of completion: 12 months (Including Rainy Season from July to October)	37.94 Lakhs 37944/-	03/02/2020 To 02/03/2020
No. CE/W/5(238)/2020 vide Date of notification 01/02/2020 "Maintenance of gardens in Residential Buildings (D1 to D16) in Donimalai Township and other miscellaneous works for a period of one year (Job Contract Basis)" with period of completion: 12 months (Including Rainy Season from July to October)	26.57 Lakhs 26576/-	05/02/2020 To 04/03/2020
No. CE/W/11(53)/2020 vide Date of notification 01/02/2020 "Repair and Maintenance of Auditorium by providing tiling and increasing height of stage at KVG, Donimalai" with period of completion: 06 months (Including Monsoon Period from July to October)	16.80 Lakhs 16800/-	01/02/2020 To 06/03/2020
No. CE/W/15(106)/2020 vide Date of notification 01/02/2020 "Construction of RCC Drain with Cover for Mining Field Office at KIOM" with period of completion: 06 months (Including Rainy Season)	14.23 Lakhs 14500/-	10/02/2020 To 09/03/2020

For accessing the tender document or download from NMDC Limited website <https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmcdtenders/default.aspx>. For any clarification bidders may contact DGM (Civil), by mailing to dgmcivil@nmdc.co.in or by fax message to 08395-274644.

For and on behalf of NMDC Limited
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Down the Rabbit Hole



JOJO RABBIT ★★★★★
Director: Taika Waititi **Cast:** Scarlett Johansson, Roman Griffin Davis, Thomasin McKenzie, Taika Waititi, Sam Rockwell, Rebel Wilson

DIRECTOR TAIKA Waititi, also the scriptwriter of Christine Leunens's novel on which this film is based, also the Hitler of this tale, takes a while getting to what he is doing here. But when he does, oh when he does, Jojo Rabbit bursts through portraying war in all its absurdity — particularly through the eyes of the children at the heart of it.

Jews have horns and are born of eggs. Russians mate with dogs. And Japanese are our allies though, surprisingly, they do not at all look Aryan. Three children navigate through this maze of myths which holds up their world and divides it into "enemy" and "friends". World War II hardly means more to them than these small facts.

What happens though when one of these "facts" hides in a wall in your home, helped by your mother, and she gradually becomes a person and not a caricature.

Anne Frank, The Book Thief, Margot Moon, even *Inglourious Basterds*, and several other known and unknown stories, rest on people "who did what they could", when others were doing what they should not have. Waititi hence is not in virgin territory here, and in the beginning, seems to be veering too far out towards rendering Hitler as a goof who even helps a jittery 10-year-old through "manly" trials like Hitler Youth camps. *Jojo*

Rabbit seems too chary of real evil knocking at the door, and too intent on sheathing it behind inane, laugh-out-loud humour.

However, then the girl in hiding this time, Elsa (McKenzie), steps out of her hole, and the film perceptibly shifts. Jojo (Davis), a small boy trying so hard to be a good Nazi that he has invented Hitler (Waititi) as an imaginary friend, doesn't know how to react to Elsa (McKenzie is particularly good). Jojo does not know what to make of his mother Rosie (Johansson), either, as she does not seem to treat the Fatherland with as much respect as she should.

Jojo Rabbit, of course, is about the gradual friendship between Elsa and Jojo. But it is how Waititi tackles this, mocking the narratives we build about people (any people) different (any different) from us, that makes this special. Rosie is trying to nudge her son that way too, by talking to him about love, dancing, and why this and not war and politics should be on a 10-year-old's mind.

Rockwell puts in a fine performance as an obviously gay Nazi officer given the duties of handling youngsters after losing an eye, who sees clearly the impending doom and why humanity is the only thing that matters. Archie Yates as Jojo's friend Yorki simply steals your heart as the boy who wants to be just a boy.

At one moment in the film, as Elsa loses hope, Rosie tells her, "They will never win. That is your power... As long as you live, they lose."

When all the "Heil Hitlering" is done — and this itself is played for a hilarious scene in *Jojo Rabbit* — that is what will always hold true. **SL**



What Lies Beneath

PARASITE ★★★★★

Director: Bong Joon-Ho **Cast:** Song Kang-ho, Lee Sun-kyun, Cho Yeo-jeong, Choi Woo-shik, Park So-dam

SHALINI LANGER

KOREAN DIRECTOR Bong Joon Ho's latest film, a top Oscar contender, is a subtle and subversive depiction of class. The setting is Korean, and Ho brings out that country's obsession with America, English, North Korea and aspirations succinctly. But in depicting the many layers that divide, and blind, the rich from the poor, the poor from the rich, men from women, and husbands from wives, *Parasite* is universal. And very, very unsettling.

The rich are not all bad, and the poor not all good. However, it is in keeping up appearances, of both goodness and badness, and "not crossing the class line", that we maintain what passes off as societal order. And so it is that the well-to-do Parks welcome into their house, one by one, an entire family who take up various jobs

around their home without them being any wiser to what is happening. The husband (Ho-Song) takes no interest in running the household, the wife's (Jo) worth lies in ensuring that he doesn't have to. That everything from kids' grades to their artistic talents, the cooking to the washing, even the hiring and the sacking, doesn't demand any exertion from him.

The family they hire, the Kims, live in a "semi-basement", out of work but smart, ambitious and willing to cut corners to get ahead. The first to make his way into the Park home is Kevin (Choi), a smart man whose English can rival any university student's but who is held back for lack of a degree. He is hired as the Park

daughter's tutor. He gets his sister (Park) in for the Park son, a little boy whose mother is convinced he has eccentric artistic talent. The sister, Jessica, convinces the Park wife that what her son's scribbles actually indicate is childhood trauma, which "art therapy", costing a little extra, will cure. Kim (a Ho favourite) comes in as the chauffeur and man about the Park house, and his wife ultimately as the housekeeper.

One night when the Parks are on a camping trip, Kim and family decide to have a nice little party at their home. They talk about how nice the Parks are, and whether it's the money that makes them so, or whether it's the fact

that money means they are left with "no resentments". Looking on at the front yard through large French windows, as a storm builds, they are imagining owning a house such as this, when their nightmare starts. Ho, who has also co-written the story, has several surprises and twists up his sleeve. And many metaphors. About parasite, host. Upstairs, downstairs. Loyalty, love. Virtue, vice. Gutter, smell. Casual affluence, deliberate offence. Rain/sun for some, floods/heat for the other. And about the wool we pull over our eyes as we turn the other way, telling ourselves some lies to help us do that.

Ho strips that wool off, thread by thread. Right down to the only truth there is — not education, not degree, not work, but money.

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In Playboy Mode

JAWAANI JAANEMAN ★★★

Director: Nitin Kakkar **Cast:** Saif Ali Khan, Alaya F, Tabu, Kubbra Sait, Kurnud Mishra

Chivalry and Beyond

THE GENTLEMEN ★★★

Director: Guy Ritchie
Cast: Matthew McConaughey, Hugh Grant, Charlie Hunnam, Michelle Dockery

SINCE IT is a Guy Ritchie film, there are a lot of gangsters in varied accents running around good, old England. However, at the heart of it, the posh men, and lords and dukes etc of this film are all running around a small matter here which, in the Ritchie world they inhabit, they should actually be too cool to dirty their hands over.

And since it is a Ritchie film, written and directed by him, there is nothing simple about it, small as it may be. Let's give it a shot: one American, Michael (McConaughey), who has made his way into England high society by way of a Rhodes scholarship, has since made more use of it to build a marijuana business. Now into middle age, he wants to sell it to another American, Mathews (Strong), who is driving a hard bargain. Michael has a loyal muscleman called Ray (Hunnam), who one night is visited by a snoop, Fletcher (Grant, in full de Niro mode, with slicked hair, dark glasses, leather jacket and turtle neck). Fletcher blackmails Ray for lots of millions or he would turn over material gathered by him on Ray and his boss to a sleazy editor. Somewhere, somehow — one suspects because Farrell is so good at this — Ritchie gets that mercurial actor to pitch in as an unnecessary side show.

A lot of wheels move, grinding, sliding against each other, the crux of which is that old world gangsters in suits are better than young bums in bad hoodies; that the old world men dealt in honour, love, loyalty and "good" marijuana, while the new guys (Russians, "Chinamen") have no qualms about heroin or human trafficking; that when men puffed in earlier times, they bonded, now they just wallow in "white man's guilt"; and that media is nothing but a bunch of sleazy guys.

The greatest injustice though is suffered by Dockery. As Michael's beloved wife Rosalind, she seems she can slay enemies and friends alike with just the cut of her accent and her tailored wardrobe. She runs a garage of own, and handles ruffians with more panache than all the men out there. *The Gentlemen* though can't stop being about the men. **SL**



SHUBHRA GUPTA

JAZZ AKA Jasvinder Singh is living it up in London town, alternating between being a near-broke broker and a cool swinger making moves on hot babes. He is single, and man, does he mingle. And then one fine evening, as he tries his trusty pick-up lines on a girl young enough to be his daughter, he learns that he is, in fact, a dad. Whoopsie.

Don't worry, I'm not giving anything away. If you watch trailers, you will know that this is the nub of *Jawaani Jaaneman*, which deposits Saif Ali Khan back into his comfort zone, of the eternal playboy pushing desperately back at advancing middle-age and grey locks, whose revolving bedmates are the only high points of his bench-pressing, weight-lifting, booze-swilling bachelor life.

This familiar character which Khan has made his own (*Ole ole*, that song, pops up as a reminder of how long he's been at it), is given something extra here: a ready-made daughter whom he didn't know existed till she brings him down to earth with demands of a DNA test, locking him into reluctant paternity, and the potential softening of his edges. No question of him blowing her off permanently: this is a Bollywood movie filled with the usual suspects — daddyji, mummyji (Jalal), bhaiyya (Mishra) and bhabhi, so clearly Jazz has no choice but to embrace his new-found papa-hood.

There's a thread justifying Jazz's broker-

hood, involving cockney-accented property dealers, panoramic vistas of the Thames, and booze-swilling old ladies unwilling to budge from their Hounslow apartments, which acts as buffer between the real deal: the growing awareness of the importance of 'family values' in a man who equates marriage with 'death'.

Which just shows the struggle of even new-agey Bollywood when it starts to go down the free-wheeling money-for-nothing-sex-for-free route: it's okay for a leading man (or, horrors, lady) to hanker after multiple sexual partners, but there needs to be a finiteness to it. Most importantly, there needs to be the recognition of just how empty an aging-singleton's life is, at the end of the day. And a redemption.

Is this the movie's way of bringing Jazz back into the family fold (bad boy turning into a responsible, nappy-changing man), or is this the character's arc in the original source-material? (Apparently *Jawaani* is a remake of a Western rom com, which is perhaps why it feels like a Holly-Bolly movie, in the way the characters speak.) The post-interval whiff of moralising finger-wagging makes *Jawaani* dip, as well as the many too-convenient dispatching of potentially thorny problems: there are contrivances here which don't all ring true. There's also a scene with racist overtones: in a movie which is trying to strike a non-judgemental gong for babies out of wedlock, it is off-putting.

Till the film focusses on Jazz and his pursuit of hedonism, it is fun. Jazz is fun. Saif Ali Khan who seems to have pulled himself out of a slump, is clearly having a blast, flaunting

buffed tattooed biceps, and binging Punjabiisms into his patter: when asked who else lives in his apartment, his 'main or menswag' makes us smile. His partner-in-crime, Chunky Panday's nightclub-owner, is fun too (until he's given a drippy scene to help Jazz mend his ways). Kubbra Sait's crack hair-dresser Rhea, Jazz's 2 am friend, is trope-y (just like all BFFs whose shoulder is meant to be leant on), but she fills her part with real feeling. Mishra and Jalal fit right in too.

The one surprise, not exactly in a good way, is Tabu, who shows up in an extended cameo. As Anaya, who had *sambhog* with Jazz in her misbegotten youth, and who has clearly not given him a thought after, she should have been a hoot. But her hippy-tilt-I-die, limp-waving, yoga-loving, chakra-aligning, flaky character never really comes together. *Mamma Mia!*'s Meryl Streep's don't-know-who-your-father-is-mum may have been an inspiration, and Tabu is just the right actor for it, but not when she's given so little to work with.

Debutant Alaya F, daughter of Pooja Bedi, makes up for it by her pleasingly sweet, limpid-eyed insistence on acceptance and, yes, that thing called love which never goes out of vogue. She works well with Saif Ali Khan, who is clearly having a moment: they look as if they could belong, off screen as well.

A little more consistency with the writing, and a re-upping of the fun-meter would have made *Jawaani* super. As it is, it is fun while it lasts.

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BREAKING DOWN NEWS



BY PRATIK KANJILAL

IN THE wee hours today, the UK must have walked out of the European project which it had joined almost 50 years ago. While we slept, British prime minister Boris Johnson must have hailed "the dawn of a new era" which, like most political promises heard these days, means nothing at all. The BBC reports, in detail, that precisely nothing at all will change today, except the withdrawal of the UK from the political institutions of the European Union, which again doesn't mean much. Brexit day only marks the beginning of an 11-month separation period, in which relations between the two parties will be negotiated. Until the divorce settlement is arrived at, it will be business as usual, including the free movement of people.

Nothing much to report here, except the

The Ground Beneath His Feet

Kunal Kamra may not be in air but he was on air, everywhere. And in the UK, a period of separation begins

beery, beefsteaky farewell parties among British expats on the Continent (covered by the BBC; for once, one hopes that the reporters became part of the story), and the trade negotiations which will ensue, which will be much less pleasant. The UK is looking for very low tariff barriers, but is adamant about the European Court of Justice not claiming jurisdiction on any disputes. The world doesn't work like that, but anyway, it's all in the air until the trading partners make public their objectives in the negotiations. Since London has been quite woolly-headed about Brexit, it's going to be all in the air for a while.

Kunal Kamra is absolutely not in the air, but he is on cloud nine nevertheless. This is what happens when a minister gets serious about a comedian. After IndiGo banned Kamra for six months, civil aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri asked other airlines to follow suit. The original point of debate

— whether Kamra had behaved in an "unacceptable" manner in heckling anchor Arnab Goswami on board a flight — was swiftly overridden by the question of whether the minister had crossed a line.

Indeed, to throw away the rule book prior to wading in constitutes a perilous intervention, reducing public perceptions of the ministry and the government. But an interview which followed on Friday offered an even more perilous intervention: "administrative encouragement" to airlines to hike fares, to make the aviation industry more sustainable. But the government's first

One prominent anchor weighed in against Kamra, arguing that no journalist should be heckled

duty is to protect the consumer, not companies. What the market charges should be left to the market to decide. The ideal of small government, which this government had professed when it was first elected to office, suggests that the state should intervene only in extreme events, like cartelisation for price-gouging. The alacrity with which airlines followed the lead of Air India in the matter of Kamra suggests that they would take "encouragement" as an instruction, rather than a hint, and this would not be in the interest of consumers.

Liberal opinion in the Kamra matter has been interesting: one prominent anchor weighed in against him, arguing that no journalist should be heckled, whether it is Rajdeep Sardesai (who has been repeatedly targeted by right-wing individuals) or Arnab Goswami. It is admirably decent and even-handed, but seems irrelevant in a political atmosphere which is predominantly

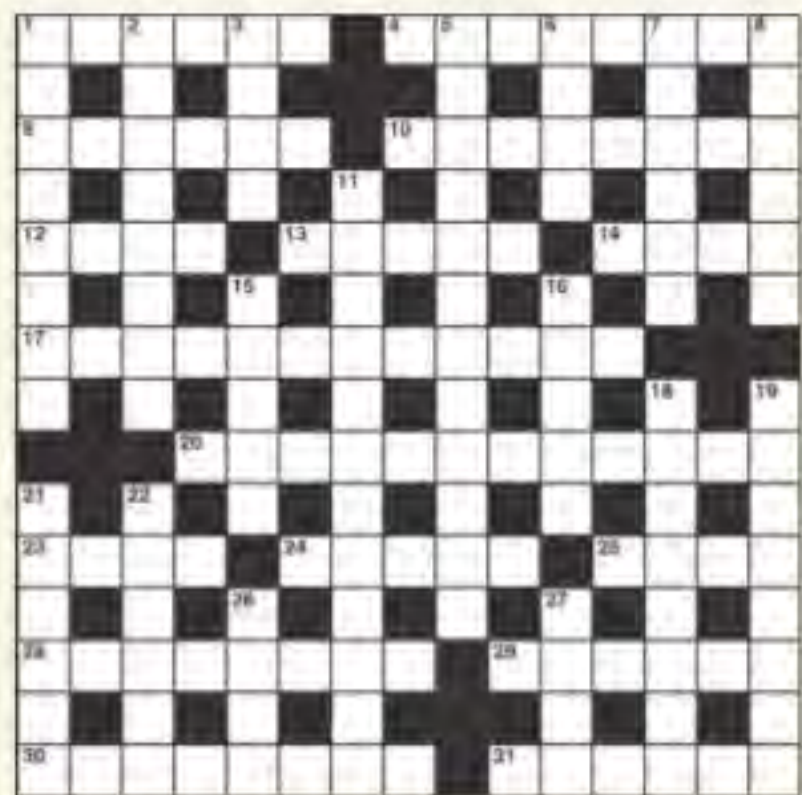
indecent. One recalls *It Can't Happen Here*, one of the American novelist Sinclair Lewis' less read works, which explored the rise of authoritarian sentiment in the US following the Great Depression. Lewis seems to blame the rise of the extremist right partly on the refusal of liberals to deviate from the straight and narrow.

Of course, the case has taken an unusual turn, with the pilot of the flight in which Kamra sought to interact and Goswami failed to respond, writing to the airline to the effect that the incident had been contained, and that in putting Kamra on the no-fly list, his airline had failed to follow the rules.

Anyway, what this incident amounts to is that Kamra has done an Arnab on Arnab. It was not even heckling as advertised, but better described as badgering, an activity that Arnab excels in every evening. And Arnab has responded in an extremely liberal manner, like TV viewers who do not wish to be exposed to his badgering, by keeping his earphones firmly screwed in throughout the incident. Let us not forget Republic TV is not completely reprehensible. It plays an important role in supporting the sales of antacids and blood pressure medication across India and throughout the diaspora.

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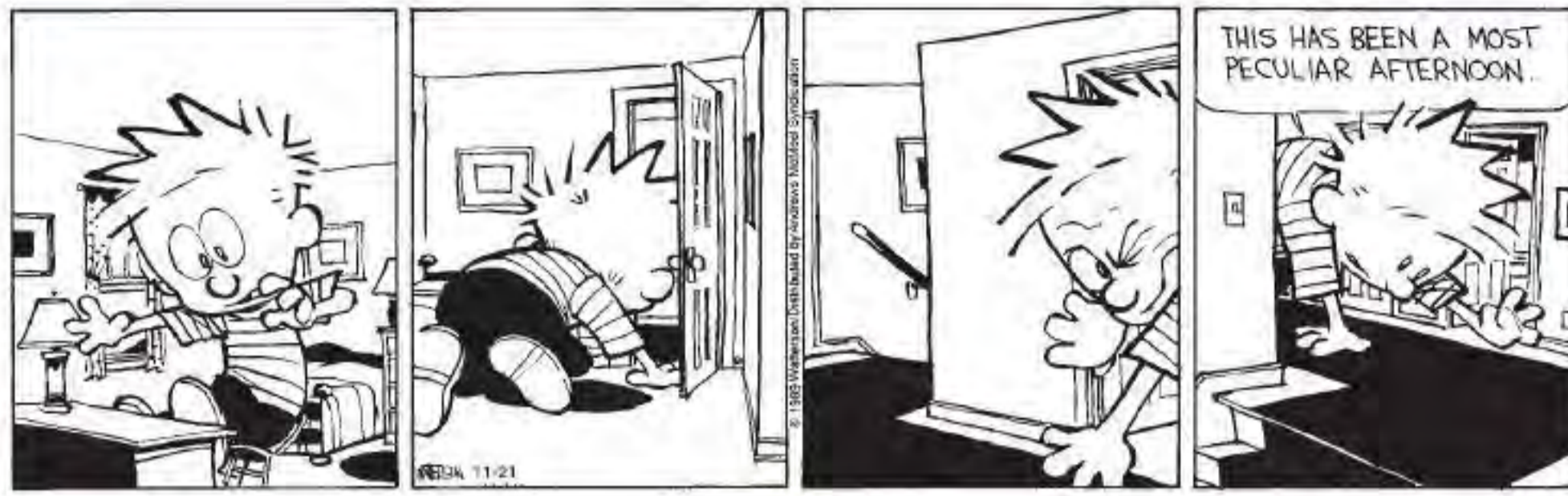
- ACROSS**
- Posted an order to warehouses (6)
 - Nightingale in Tuscany (8)
 - Possibly deduce it's extracted (6)
 - Give sorrow or give rage perhaps (8)
 - Not the end of the team (4)
 - Status of a holy man in church (5)
 - Main departures? (4)
 - There's a lot to be said for having it (4,2,3,3)
 - Small boat may be blown up by pilots (6,6)
 - Spent American notes (4)
 - Steps - quiet ones (5)
 - Jet down the first nine letters (4)
 - French state producing a vine crop (8)
 - Journey to the game (6)
 - A criminal set? (8)
 - Decide to start a colony (6)
- DOWN**
- Riding school discipline is a habit that comes with time (8)
 - Fruit no good for a pudding (4,4)
 - A row about it mounts (4)
 - Having no centre of gravity? (5-7)
 - It's unusual to turn up right on time (4)
 - It's a necessity to want to exist (4,2)
 - Still rings up, nevertheless (4,2)
 - React badly to girl having a free hand (5,7)
 - More than one bargains for on getting into public transport (5)
 - Allowance cut in proportion (5)
 - Blissfully unaware (8)
 - Many diet perhaps, but this could blow them out! (8)
 - Extra-large shock absorber (6)
 - Valiant choir somehow held a note (6)
 - I am repeatedly uplifted by an operatic role (4)
 - Make way for pedestrians (4)

Solutions Crossword 4029: Across: 1 Crack, 4 Relapse, 8 Orb, 9 Task force, EORSHW10 Illness, 11 Omits, 13 Ranged, 15 Stalks, 18 Inert, 19 Call for, 21 Soon after, 23 Nap, 24 Thistle, 25 Style. Down: 1 Crosier, 2 Ambulance, 3 Katie, 4 Resist, 5 Left out, 6 Par, 7 Evens, 12 Idle fancy, 14 Extract, 16 Scruple, 17 Scathe, 18 Inset, 20 Larks, 22 Obi.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

Memory is a complicated thing, a relative to truth, but not its twin - Barbara Kingsolver (5,...,4)

LLIRT **DORSNU**

ASYTT **EORSHW**

SOLUTION: TRILL, TASTY, ROUNDS, SHOWER
Answer: Memory is a complicated thing, a relative to truth, but not its twin

DIFFICULTY LEVEL 5s

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 4106



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Others seem to be pinning their hopes on you, but whether they are wise to do so or not is another matter. At any rate, today's lunar alignments will give you extra scope to explain your needs and desires. First, though, you need to work out what you really and truly want.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

It's a good day for traditional pursuits, like shopping or dealing with other financial issues, or fixing up your home. The overwhelming emphasis of your planets is on work rather than play, so stay busy. Even in leisure activities you'll want to do your best.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon now brings a real change of heart in emotional connections which have grown stale over recent times. It will be pleasant indeed to feel more alive again, as the breath of love enters into your psychic arteries. Don't let everyday concerns block or obscure such wonderful feelings.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You will certainly require much help and assistance, if only because certain people now owe you a debt of gratitude. If anybody feels guilty about the way they have treated you, exploit it to the hilt. After all, they should have thought about their actions first.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

This is one of those rare times when partners must be allowed to go their own way. You will have to learn to trust people, even if your past experience shows that they are likely to make a hash of things. Maybe they have now learnt their lesson. But perhaps you can also offer them the right assistance.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Your solar chart is certainly a rather special one at the moment. I have spoken about favourable chances and opportunities over the past few weeks. Now, today's Lunar picture will set you a sort of celestial exam to see how far you are prepared to go.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

You won't be able to make decisive moves financially, or in terms of material security, until after Mercury resolves its current set of changeable aspects. You might imagine that you've all the time in the world, but deep inside you know the clock is ticking away.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

You can go into battle over almost any personal matter if you wish, and the chances are that you will win. But winning the war is a different matter, and you should think very carefully before tangling with anyone who you may need to rely on in future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

The time is fast approaching when no one will be able to impose any restrictions on you, but that's not how it feels just now. Indeed, the typical Sagittarian should be feeling particularly hemmed in by half-understood emotional feelings. Perhaps you need to go back to first principles before you start anything new.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You should take advice from friends and close associates, even on drawn-out domestic dramas. You must also realise that other people do take their beliefs and principles very seriously, so don't expect them to compromise. If they want to be different, then so be it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

If you can accept other people as they are then you will probably get on a great deal more easily than in the past. This is very much a period in which people must all listen to each other with courtesy, otherwise tempers are bound to fray - and arguments will erupt.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Whatever else has been happening, it is very useful to spend time at home, or otherwise making more of an effort to get on with family members. Your travel stars are still extremely strong, so you should consider a good break and a nice, long rest.

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No.	Name of item	Date & Time
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER NATIONAL HIGHWAY DIVISION, RANCHI
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P.R.224655 Road(19-20):D Executive Engineer National Highway Division, Ranchi

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In the matter of
OA No. 275/2019
STATE BANK OF INDIA APPLICANT
Vs
PANKAJ KUMAR & ORS. DEFENDANTS

To,
D-1 Sh. Pankaj Kumar S/o Sh. Rameshwar Dass, Flat No. 1, 3rd Floor, Plot No. 425-D, Ghaziabad, U.P. Also At: 220-H, Ram Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.
D-2 Sh. Manoj Bhatti S/o Sh. Rajveer Singh Bhatti, III B-97, Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP-201001

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Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 23rd day of Dec., 2019.

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21 BODY & MIND



Looking on the bright side may be good for your health

'From teenagers to people in their 90s, all have better outcomes if they are optimistic'

Gracia Lam/NYT

JANE E BRODY

MY HUSBAND and I were psychological opposites. I have always seen the glass as half-full; to him it was half empty. That difference, research findings suggest, is likely why I pursue good health habits with a vengeance while he was far less inclined to follow the health-promoting lifestyle I advocated.

I'm no cockeyed optimist, but I have long believed that how I eat and exercise, as well as how I view the world, can benefit my mental and physical well-being.

An increasing number of recent long-term studies has linked greater optimism to a lower risk of developing cardiovascular disease and other chronic ailments and to fostering "exceptional longevity," a category one team of researchers used for people who live to 85 and beyond.

Admittedly, the relationship between optimism and better health and a longer life is still only a correlation that doesn't prove cause and effect. But there is also now biological evidence to suggest that optimism can have a direct effect on health, which should encourage both the medical profession and individuals to do more to foster optimism as a potential health benefit.

According to Dr Alan Rozanski, one of the field's primary researchers, "It's never too early and it's never too late to foster optimism. From teenagers to people in their 90s, all have better outcomes if they're optimistic."

Rozanski is a cardiologist at Mount Sinai St Luke's Hospital in New York who became interested in optimism while working in a cardiac rehabilitation programme early in his career.

In an interview, he explained, "Many heart-attack patients who had long been sedentary would come into the gym and say 'I can't do that!' But I would put them on the treadmill, start off slowly and gradually build them up. Their attitude improved, they became more confident. One woman in her 70s said her heart attack may have



TO ASSESS YOUR LEVEL OF OPTIMISM, CONSIDER THESE

- In uncertain times, I usually expect the best.
- I'm always optimistic about my future.
- Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad.

OR, ASSESS YOUR DEGREE OF PESSIMISM WITH THESE

- I hardly ever expect things to go my way.
- I rarely count on good things happening to me.
- If something can go wrong for me, it will.

been the best thing that had happened to her because it transformed what she thought she could do."

In a major analysis of 15 studies involving 2,29,391 participants, published in September in *JAMA Network Open*, Rozanski and colleagues found that people who ranked high in optimism were much less likely to have a heart attack or other cardiovascular event and had a lower mortality rate from any cause than did pessimistic participants in the studies.

"The data are very consistent," he said. "In every case, there was a strong relationship between optimism and a lower risk of disease. Optimists tend to take better care of their health. They are more likely to exercise

and eat better and are less likely to smoke."

Rozanski added, "There's also a biological effect. Pessimists bathe their bodies in damaging stress hormones like cortisol and norepinephrine all day long. Pessimism increases inflammation in the body and fosters metabolic abnormalities like diabetes. Pessimism is also on the way to depression, which the American Heart Association considers a risk factor for cardiovascular disease."

Another researcher, Julia K Boehm, a psychologist at Chapman University in Orange, California, said: "Optimism promotes problem-solving. It helps people deal with challenges and obstacles in more effective ways. Optimists tend to pursue strategies that make a rosy future a reality. Their hearts are not constantly pounding."

In contrast, she said, "Pessimists tend not to be open to the possibility of favourable outcomes, and the fight-or-flight response they experience amps up bodily systems that over a long period of time wear the body down."

Boehm and colleagues examined the association of optimism with three health behaviours — physical activity, diet and cigarette smoking — and found that more optimistic individuals were more likely to engage in healthier behaviours. Their findings were published in 2018 in *Circulation Research*.

Lewina O Lee, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, and colleagues analysed several decades of data from women in the Nurses' Health Study and men in the Veterans Affairs Normative Aging Study.

They found that, on average, those with higher levels of optimism, as measured by an assessment tool called the Life Orientation Test, lived longer. Among the most optimistic study participants, the women had a 50 per cent greater chance of surviving to age 85.

In an interview, Lee said that optimists are better able than pessimists to reframe

challenging circumstances and react to them in less stressful ways. They're also more likely to embrace a can-do attitude toward life and persist in trying to overcome obstacles rather than think there's nothing they can do about a bad situation, she said.

Although the evidence indicates that a person's outlook on life tends to stay stable over time, given the potential health benefits of optimism, I asked Rozanski if there might be a way to foster greater optimism in chronic pessimists.

He cited the tenets of cognitive behavioral therapy, which can help people develop better coping skills and counter negative thoughts.

"Our thinking is habitual, not conscious, so the first step is to learn to catch yourself when thinking negatively and make a commitment to change how you look at things," he advised. "Recognise that the way you are thinking is not necessarily the only way to think about a situation. Just that thought alone can decrease the toxic effect of negativity. Step two is to substitute a better thought that is credible."

Rozanski likened the practice to increasing muscle strength, "gradually building a 'muscle' of positive thinking, for example, by trying to feel more grateful."

I also asked these experts whether there's a downside to optimism. The answer: not if it's realistic and fosters views and outcomes that are within the realm of possibility.

Taken to the extreme, however, they cautioned that undue optimism may prompt some people to ignore potential threats and take foolish chances, while people who harbor a modest degree of pessimism may be better prepared emotionally to accept negative outcomes, like losing one's job, home or spouse.

On the whole, though, optimists tend to be happier people who are better able to bounce back from a serious loss and perhaps even parlay it into a vocational, emotional or financial gain.

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SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

Early-life screen time linked to less physical activity in children



Children who spend more than three hours daily on smartphones and television screens grow up to be less physically active as they enter school age, according to a study. The study, published in *The Lancet Child and Adolescent Health* journal, involved more than 500 children in Singapore. It suggests that adhering to the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines to limit screen time to one hour per day, or less among children aged two to five years, may promote healthier behaviours in later life. Screen viewing is increasingly prevalent but excessive screen time in childhood has been linked to a range of health problems, including increased risk of obesity, and reduced cognitive development.

[20-50 YEARS]

Even low levels of air pollution may be bad for your heart



Short-term exposure to low levels of air pollution is associated with a higher risk of sudden heart problems, especially among older people, according to a study. Researchers from the University of Sydney found that over 90 per cent cases of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) occurred at PM 2.5 levels lower than the World Health Organisation (WHO) guideline, a daily-average of 25 microgrammes per cubic metre. The study, published in *The Lancet Planetary Health* journal, shows an association between OHCA and exposure to gaseous pollutants such as those from coal burning or mining, bushfires and motor vehicles. The study was of data from Japan, chosen for its superior monitoring, population density and relative air quality, researchers said.

[50+ YEARS]

Parkinson's disease may be linked to disordered brain cells at birth: Study

People who develop Parkinson's disease before the age of 50 may have been born with disordered brain cells that went undetected for decades, according to a study that paves the way for a potential drug to treat the condition. Parkinson's occurs when brain neurons that make dopamine, a substance that helps coordinate muscle movement, become impaired or die. Symptoms, which get worse over time, include slowness of movement, rigid muscles, tremors and loss of balance.



Although most patients are 60 or older when they are diagnosed, about 10 per cent are between 21 and 50 years old, according to the research published in the journal *Nature Medicine*. "Young-onset Parkinson's is especially heartbreaking because it strikes people at the prime of life," said a researcher. "This exciting new research provides hope that one day we may be able to detect and take early action to prevent this disease in at-risk individuals".

DIET DIARY

Indulge yourself, but only with the darkest variety of chocolate



BY ISHI KHOSLA



THE UNIVERSAL expression of love, goodwill and festivity has been chocolate, nutty treats, and beverages like wine. Prepared with endless varieties, flavours and shapes, and packaged beautifully, chocolates have made exotic gifts for centuries.

Chocolates contain more than 400 different compounds. Chocolates, particularly the dark variety, have been found to contain polyphenolic compounds called flavanols. These include catechins, epicatechins, procyanidins and many others. These phenolic compounds are also found in other fruits and vegetables, wine and tea etc. Flavanols are also known for their special health benefits, including anti-oxidant activity, preventing oxidation of bad LDL cholesterol, anti-cancer effects, lowering blood pressure and inhibition of platelet activity and inflammation. They also boost the immune system.

Other benefits of chocolate include their mood-elevating and stress-relieving effects. Chocolate is believed to boost serotonin and endorphin levels in the brain. The cocoa tree's scientific name is *Theobroma Cacao*, as *Thebrome* means "the food of Gods". While all cocoa powder, dark chocolates, white chocolate and milk chocolate come from the cocoa tree, the difference in their composition and processing gives them their unique characteristics.

Cocoa beans, when cracked, are called nibs. These are powdered and the heat generated melts the fat (cocoa butter). The sus-

pension is called chocolate liquor. For making cocoa powder, the fat is squeezed out and remaining solids are dried into a powder called cocoa. Cocoa powder does not contain much fat and gives the same benefits as dark chocolates.

Chocolate liquor can be solidified with cocoa butter, without the addition of sugar, to form unsweetened chocolates, also called dark or bitter chocolates. Dark chocolates have a higher percentage of cocoa solids, at least 75 per cent with a little added sugar. In unsweetened varieties of dark chocolates, cocoa solids may be as high as 98 per cent. It is these varieties which have been used in research studies and found to have cardio-protective and health benefits.

White chocolate is purely cocoa butter, sugar, flavour, milk and contains no cocoa solids and therefore, provide no special health benefits, unlike dark chocolates.

So next time you indulge yourself, ensure you go for the darkest varieties and look for the highest percentage of cocoa solids. If the label says hydrogenated fats, give it a miss. Remember, you get about 500 kilo calories in a 100 gm bar of dark chocolate and you can get most of the "flavonoid" benefits from brightly-coloured vegetables and fruits for only a fraction of that.

Author is a clinical nutritionist and founder of www.theweightmonitor.com and *Whole Foods India*

Fruits, vegetables, tea consumption linked with lower Alzheimer's risk

People who had the most flavonols in their diet were about half as likely to develop Alzheimer's

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ELDERLY PEOPLE with diets rich in flavonols — a group of antioxidants found in fruits, vegetables, and tea — may be less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease, a new study suggests.

Researchers followed 921 people without dementia for about six years, starting when they were 81 years old, on average. During the study, 220 people were diagnosed with probable Alzheimer's disease. People who had the most flavonols in their diet were about half as likely to develop Alzheimer's than those who consumed the least, the study found.

"Eat your fruits and vegetables, particularly dark leafy greens, and drink some tea every now and again," said lead study author Dr Thomas Holland of Rush University in

Chicago. "A healthy diet that contains various fruits and vegetables is critical for continued health, especially brain health," Holland said by email.

Flavonols are a type of flavonoid, phytochemicals found in plant pigments that are known to have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, researchers write in *Neurology*. While some previous research has linked flavonols in general to a lower risk of Alzheimer's disease, less is known about the impact of flavonols specifically.

For the current study, researchers asked participants to complete annual questionnaires detailing how often they ate certain foods. They also did cognitive tests and other assessments each year to determine if participants had developed Alzheimer's disease.

The study team used the dietary information to tally each person's total average consumption of four flavonols in particular:



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kaempferol, which is found in kale, beans, tea, spinach and broccoli; quercetin, in tomatoes, kale, apples and tea; myricetin, also in tea, as well as wine, kale, oranges and tomatoes; and isorhamnetin, in pears, olive oil, wine and

tomato sauce.

People in the study who had the lowest total amount of flavonols in their diets consumed an average of about 5.3 milligrams a day, compared with 15.3 milligrams for peo-

ple with the highest flavonol consumption.

While 15 per cent of people who ate the most flavonol developed Alzheimer's disease, this rose to 54 per cent among those who consumed the least. This difference remained even after researchers accounted for other risk factors for Alzheimer's like diabetes, a prior heart attack or stroke, or high blood pressure.

Overall, people with the highest flavonol consumption were 48 per cent less likely than those with the lowest to develop Alzheimer's disease during the study period.

In addition, when researchers looked at the four different types of flavonols, they found that the highest intakes of either isorhamnetin or myricetin were tied to 38 per cent lower odds of developing Alzheimer's, while the highest consumption of kaempferol was tied to a 51 per cent lower risk. Quercetin intake, however, didn't appear to be tied to Alzheimer's risk.

The study wasn't designed to prove whether or how different foods might impact the development of Alzheimer's disease.

Still, the results add to evidence suggesting that flavonols might be one way people can try to minimise their risk, said Dr Glen Finney, director of the Geisinger Memory and Cognition Program in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

"Eat your fruits and vegetables, particularly dark leafy greens, and drink some tea every now and again"

"Eating a healthy and diverse diet along with good socialisation, physical exercise and keeping mentally active are important for brain health and can make a difference," Finney, who wasn't involved in the study, said by email.

"Keeping normal blood sugar levels and blood pressure on the low end of normal range are also important for brain health," Finney added. "While dementia is an increasing risk as we age, it isn't inevitable and there are things people can do to reduce their risk."

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Pakistan beat Afghanistan by six wickets to set up ICC U-19 World Cup semifinal against India on February 4.

Oops, they did it again

Another tie, another Super Over and it's Tim Southee again--New Zealand lose sixth Super Over



The first-ever tied-T20I to be decided in Super Overs was between West Indies and New Zealand in Auckland in 2008, which they lost. This was to become a trend as New Zealand continued to lose games that went beyond the wire. So far, they have been part of 6 such games and lost 5. Add the only 50-over match to be decided via Super Over—the 2019 World Cup final—and there is adequate proof to suggest the Kiwis' deep-lying vulnerability in games that go into Super Over. Worst still, in many of the matches, the Kiwis had no business in letting the contest drift into such an eventuality. Over to New Zealand's Super Over syndrome.

CAPTAIN FLOUNDERS
New Zealand vs West Indies (Auckland), 2008
Super Over target (chasing): 26 runs
Fall guy: Daniel Vettori

The New Zealand skipper volunteered to bowl the first-ever Super Over, but with the disastrous implications. Chris Gayle, his future Royal Challengers Bangalore teammate creamed three sixes and a four to plunder 25 runs. The Kiwis didn't have the ammo, and Sulieman Benn, the beanpole left-arm spinner, ended their response in four balls. But New Zealand could have finished the game in the stipulated overs, but for a wayward over by Tim Southee, who in the years to come

would turn out to be their Super Over tragedy. West Indies required six off the last two balls with the No 9 and 10 at the crease, but Southee's harmless half-volley found the fence. It then required a lung-busting intervention by Jacob Oram to prevent the last ball from crashing into the point fence.

SOUTHEE SLIPS UP
New Zealand vs West Indies, 2012 T20 World Cup, Kandy
Super Over target (defending): 15 runs
Fall guy: Tim Southee

On a sluggish strip in Kandy, New Zealand thought they had enough runs to defend, but Tim Southee got them off to the worst possible start. A six off a no-ball. Though he responded strongly, conceding not a single boundary in the four balls, a low full-toss off the fifth ball, was all Marlon Samuels required to wrap up the match. As in the first match, New Zealand had themselves to blame for the swamp they found themselves waddling. At one stage, they required only 27 runs off 24 balls with six wickets intact. But they managed only 13 off the next 18 balls, which meant they required 14 off the last over. Ross Taylor took them close, they needed two off the last ball, and they seemed they would sneak in. But Dwayne

Smith's direct hit from the deep caught Doug Bracewell short of the crease.

MALINGA, TOO HOT TO HANDLE
Sri Lanka vs New Zealand, 2012 T20 World Cup, Kandy
Super Over target (chasing): 14 runs
Fall guys: Tim Southee, Brendon McCullum and Martin Guptill

Six shots, six mishits. Brendon McCullum and Martin Guptill were frozen by the sheer pace and skill of Lasith Malinga. No, none of them were his trademark curling yorkers, but wide full balls. But still, they cracked. This time, though, it wasn't the usual narrative of them squandering an advantage, but a case of them forcing the match into a shootout with some smart death-over bowling. Southee, conceded seven in the 18th, James Franklin dismissed Tillakaratne Dilshan and Thisara Perera in the next, before Southee kept his nerves (for a change) in the last over.

SOUTHEE, EXPENSIVE AGAIN
New Zealand vs England, Auckland 2019
Super Over target (chasing): 17 runs
Fall guy: Tim Southee

Two yorkers, two nearly yorkers and two yorkers gone wrong. Jonny Bairstow blasted a pair of sixes off the two misfired yorkers to lift England. The latter's looked shaky in defence, Chris Jordan was wayward, but England's agile fielding sprung to their rescue. Especially Eoin Morgan, who ran back to pluck a stunning catch to dismiss Tim Seifert. One boundary is all they managed. Could New Zealand have pouched the match before? Yes. Jimmy Neesham bled 10 off last balls.

SHARMA, SIX ON DEMAND
New Zealand vs India, Hamilton 2020
Super Over target (defending): 18
Fall guy: Tim Southee, Ross Taylor

Incredibly, New Zealand keeps entrusting Tim Southee with Super Over duties, and invariably he comes up the second best. On this occasion at least, he seemed on a mission to atone, only for Rohit Sharma to spoil his night. Requiring to defend off the last two balls, Southee's nerves snap, yet again, as Rohit creams successive sixes. But you could empathise with him, for he couldn't have in this spot if his batsmen had done their job. If they can't knock 9 off the last over, 2 off the last three balls, Southee shouldn't be held scapegoat for this defeat.

OH STOKES
England vs New Zealand, Lord's World Cup 2019 final
Super Over target (chasing): 16
Fall guy: Not Tim Southee

On the grandest of stages, with the grandest of prizes on the line, New Zealand crumbled. First, they let Ben Stokes a teehold into the dying contest. Then, when push came to shove, they panicked. After scoring nine off the first two balls, they seemed on course, but they managed just five off the next three. Over to Martin Guptill, who is run out pursuing the second run. A tie didn't suffice as England had a better boundary country. A most unfortunate method to arrive at a conclusion, but weren't they responsible for this fate? Why would they send a batsman averaging 20 in the campaign to plunder the Super Over? A tactical blunder. Or a choke?

BRIEFLY

Harmanpreet, bowlers star as India thrash England



Canberra: Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur struck an unbeaten 42 following a fine bowling performance to set up India's thrilling five-wicket win over England in the first match of the women's triangular T20 series here on Friday. Indian spinners—Rajeshwari Gayakwad (2/19), Deepti Sharma (2/30) and left armer Radha Yadav (1/33)—restricted England to 147 for seven in stipulated 20 overs, while right-arm medium pacer Shikha Pandey (2/33) accounted for two at the Manuka Oval. Harmanpreet took the run chase deep after the Indian top order, including the 15-year-old Shafali Verma (30), Smriti Mandhana (15) and Jemimah Rodrigues (26)—squandered good starts. Veda Krishnamurthy (7) and Taniya Bhatia (11) also failed to stay on the crease as England bowlers struck at regular intervals.

With six needed off the last over, Harmanpreet, whose innings was studded with five boundaries until then, hit a towering six to take India to 150 for five and end the match in style with three balls to spare.

BRIEF SCORES: England women: 147/7 in 20 overs (Heather Knight 67, Tammy Beaumont 37; Rajeshwari Gayakwad 2/19) lost by five wickets to India Women: 150 for 5 in 19.3 overs (Harmanpreet Kaur 42 not out, Shafali Verma 30).

RP Singh and Madal Lal named in CAC

New Delhi: RP Singh, Madan Lal and Sulkashana Naik were on Friday appointed members of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) by the Indian Cricket Board (BCCI). The CAC's immediate task will be to pick replacements for outgoing selectors MSK Prasad and Gagan Khoda. "The term of appointment will be for one year," BCCI Secretary Jay Shah said in a statement.

The CAC, which is also supposed to pick the head coaches for the national teams, was not in existence ever since Kapil Dev, Anshuman Gaekwad and Shantha Rangaswamy stepped down in October last year after conflict of interest allegations were levelled against them.

Initially, former opening batsman Gautam Gambhir was to be one of the CAC members but was not eventually considered as he is a serving Member of Parliament, making way for Singh. The 34-year-old from from Uttar Pradesh is the youngest ever CAC member. Lal is 68 and Naik is 41. Earlier this week, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly had said that the Board was looking for Gambhir's replacement in the CAC while Lal and Naik were certainties.

AGENCIES

Black Cap-itation

Freezing at the crunch again, Kiwis unravel to lose second consecutive game in Super Over against India



New Zealand needed just seven from the last over but lost four wickets as the game finished in a tie forcing a Super Over. Seifert's run-out was the second dismissal. AP

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YET AGAIN, New Zealand snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. Yet again, they had a final-over meltdown. Yet again, they lost in a Super Over: 'Repeat offenders' usually never learn.

Chasing 166 for victory, the Kiwis went into the final over needing seven runs with seven wickets in hand. Their slip-up was inexplicable. Two days ago in Hamilton, they had failed to knock off nine runs in the final over with six wickets in hand. Four dot balls had sapped the momentum out of their victory pursuit. On Friday in Wellington, the hosts hit just one boundary in the final over and lost four wickets to go down 4-0 in the T20 International series. A Devon Loch analogy might not be out of place.

In Hamilton, India had Mohammed Shami to bowl the final over. Here, Shardul Thakur was their only option. Both Jasprit Bumrah and Navdeep Saini had finished their quotas. Thakur had given away 27 runs in his previous three overs. But he removed a well-set Ross Taylor off his very first delivery—a well-disguised slower ball that Taylor mistimed and holed out to Shreyas Iyer at deep mid-wicket.

Daryl Mitchell's job was to take a single and give the strike to Tim Seifert, batting on 57 off 39 balls. But as Thakur bowled length, Mitchell cleared the in-field and got a four over mid-off. Three runs required off four deliveries and the Kiwis seemingly had the game in the bag. Not quite, for Mitchell and Seifert tried to steal a bye but ran into KL Rahul's promptness and accuracy from be-

hind the stumps. A direct hit accounted for Seifert. Mitchell Santner came and took a single next ball. Thakur had been mixing it well, keeping the batsmen guessing.

Still, two off two favoured the hosts. Then again, New Zealand seemed unsure and nervous. Mitchell failed to pick a knuckle ball and skied it to Shivam Dube at mid-off. So it came down to the final delivery. Virat Kohli's field placements had been precise. Thakur bowled a wide yorker and although Santner threw his bat at it, the ball went quickly and straight to Sanju Samson at sweeper cover. Santner was run-out as he attempted an improbable second.

That New Zealand imploded in the final over in consecutive matches despite having their most experienced batsman, Taylor, out there in the middle was unexpected. Taylor, a veteran of 99 Tests, 228 ODIs and 99 T20Is, himself would be upset with this back-to-back failure. But the fans didn't mind. They had another Super Over.

Super Over

New Zealand picked their two half-centurions, Seifert and Colin Munro, to bat, while Bumrah took the ball for India. Two dropped catches notwithstanding—Iyer and Rahul couldn't hold on to skiers—the hosts had 13 runs on the board. In Hamilton, they had failed to defend 17 and yet again Tim Southee was their preferred choice to bowl the Super Over. Rahul took a six and four off Southee on the first two balls to all but seal the deal for India. He departed on the third ball but the batsmen had crossed and Kohli was on strike. The India captain warmed up with the shot of the match—soft hands and impeccable placement for a couple past the bowler. In

the Super Over, where bludgeoning is apparently the only template to fall back on, Kohli lit up the show with his lightness of touch. He pulled the next delivery to the deep mid-wicket boundary as India won with a ball to spare. Four wins on the spin.

"There's something new I have learnt in the last couple of games... When the opposition is playing well, you stay calm till the end and try to come back. We couldn't have asked for more exciting games. We had never played Super Overs before and now we have won two. It shows the character of the team. Initially we thought of opening with Samson and KL in the Super Over, but then KL told me I should bat because of the experience and the options I will bring," Kohli said at the post-match presentation.

Pandey shines

Earlier, Manish Pandey shone during his 36-ball 50 not out. At 88/6 in the 12th over, India were in trouble. But Pandey showed excellent game awareness and took the innings deep. He played out the spinners, Santner and Ish Sodhi who had four wickets between them for 52 runs in their combined eight overs. Sodhi's three wickets had put the visitors under serious pressure.

Pandey's batting slot, at No. 6 after Shivam Dube, had raised a few eyebrows. The Karnataka batsman deserves a promotion after this knock. With Thakur, he added 43 runs for the seventh wicket, which in the context of the game, proved vital. Thakur contributed well for his 15-ball 20 on top of his final-over exploits. He did enough to be adjudged the Man of the Match, although Pandey, too, was a strong contender.

Samson, however, flattered to deceive.

I was prepared to bat an No 6: Pandey

Wellington: Throughout the home season, the 30-year-old Pandey has been batting lower down the order, particularly at numbers five and six. "I have no choice. I have to be good with it. I have to start preparing my mind as a no. 6 batsman because normally I bat up the order, no. 3 or no.4. Here with the competition up the top, you just have to wait for your chances," the right-handed batsman said.

"Today was the opportunity and I've been preparing myself as to how to bat at no. 6 and what kind of shots I can play, what kind of bowlers, and how many overs are left. It's not an easy position to bat," he said. PTI

With Rohit Sharma not playing this game, he got an opportunity to open the innings. His six against Scott Kuggeleijn was gorgeous but the wild slog that followed bordered on the atrocious. Against Sri Lanka in Pune earlier this month, Samson had perished failing to pick a wrong'un. On Friday, he threw his wicket away in the second over, when he had 20 overs to bat.

When New Zealand batted, Bumrah bowled an excellent first spell. Munro's 47-ball 64 and his 74-run wicket partnership with Seifert were threatening to take the game away from India. But Kohli's team thrives on its never-say-die spirit.

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INDIA	165/8
KL Rahul c Santner b Sodhi	39 (26b, 3x4, 2x6)
S Samson c Santner b Kuggeleijn	8 (5b, 1x6)
V Kohli c Santner b Bennett	11 (9b, 2x4)
S Iyer c Seifert b Sodhi	1 (7b)
S Dube c Bruce b Sodhi	12 (9b, 2x4)
M Pandey not out	50 (36b, 3x4)
Washington Sundar b Santner	0 (3b)
S Thakur c Southee b Bennett	20 (15b, 2x4)
Y Chahal c Seifert b Southee	1 (2b)
N Saini not out	11 (9b, 2x4)

■ Extras: (b 2, lb 3, nb 1, w 6) 12
Fall of wickets: 1-14 (Samson, 1.3 ov), 2-48 (Kohli, 4.3 ov), 3-52 (Iyer, 6.3 ov), 4-75 (KL Rahul, 8.4 ov), 5-84 (Dube, 10.2 ov), 6-88 (Sundar, 11.3 ov), 7-131 (Thakur, 16.3 ov), 8-143 (Chahal, 17.5 ov)

■ Bowling:

T Southee	4-0-28-1
S Kuggeleijn	4-0-39-1
M Santner	4-0-26-1
H Bennett	4-0-41-2
I Sodhi	4-0-26-3

NEW ZEALAND 165/7

M Guptill c Rahul b Bumrah	4 (8b)
C Munro run out	64 (47b, 6x4, 3x6)
T Seifert run out	57 (39b, 4x4, 3x6)
T Bruce b Chahal	0 (3b)
R Taylor c Iyer b Thakur	24 (18b, 2x4)
D Mitchell c Dube b Thakur	4 (3b, 1x4)
M Santner run out	2 (2b)
S Kuggeleijn not out	0 (0b)

■ Extras: (lb 7, w 3) 10
Fall of wickets: 1-22 (Guptill, 4.2 ov), 2-96 (Munro, 11.4 ov), 3-97 (Bruce, 12.1 ov), 4-159 (Taylor, 19.1 ov), 5-163 (Seifert, 19.3 ov), 6-164 (Mitchell, 19.5 ov), 7-165 (Santner, 19.6 ov)

■ Bowling:

S Thakur	4-0-33-2
N Saini	4-0-29-0
J Bumrah	4-0-20-1
Y Chahal	4-0-38-1
Washington Sundar	2-0-24-0
S Dube	2-0-14-0

■ Match tied (Ind win in Super Over)
There's something new I've learnt in the last couple of games. When the opposition is playing that well, you've just got to stay calm in the game, observe what's happening and if an opportunity comes your way, you capitalise on it.

VIRAT KOHLI

RARE FEAT

07 It was India's seventh successive victory in an overseas T20I. They had beaten West Indies 3-0 last year.

04 It was the first time India beat New Zealand away four times on the spin in any format of the game.

SHOE GETS THE BOOT

How this decision democratises running shoes

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WORLD ATHLETICS concluded that new technology incorporated in the soles of road and spiked shoes provided a performance advantage.

Why is this being called the democratisation of the running shoe?

Shoe companies can no longer develop cutting-edge footwear custom-made just for elite international athletes, without first releasing it in the open retail market where anyone can buy it. From April 30, 2020, a new shoe must be in the market for four months before it can be used in competition. This amendment to the rule governing competition shoes means everyone (who can afford it) can buy and use the very same shoe an elite athlete wears, say, at the Olympics or the World Championships. One of the biggest criticisms when Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge ran a sub-2 hour marathon in October was of the Nike Vaporfly shoes not being available in the mass market. As of now, by the time the latest iteration reaches the stores, shoe giants would have already developed the next version for elite athletes, which meant the large majority of runners were a technological cycle behind. But according to the new rules, if a shoe is not available in the market four



Kipchoge has been the flagbearer of the shoes, wearing them to set a world record, win an Olympic title and go under two hours in 'marathon'.

months before it is first used in a competition, it will be deemed a prototype - meaning it can't be used at championships or races.

Will the sole get slimmer? Yes it will.

The most striking feature on Kipchoge's Nike pair was the thickness of the sole, made of patented foam. The new rules, however,

strike at the very sole of the shoe. They specify that the maximum thickness should be not more than 40 millimetres. In the case of spikes used by sprinters, it is limited to 30 millimetres.

What about carbon fibre plates in shoes?

They can be used, but with restrictions. The sole of the shoe must not contain more than one rigid plate or blade made from carbon fibre or any other similar material which assists in reducing the fatigue of runners or gives any other advantage, the new rules state. The one rigid plate can be placed in more than one area of the shoe but needs to be in the same plane and located sequentially. World Athletics' internal working group which reviewed shoe technology ruled. When it comes to sprinting shoes, an additional plate is allowed but its sole purpose is for attaching spikes.

Which company is most affected?

World Athletics did not name any specific brand when it issued modified rules for competition shoes. Yet, it is clear that the advances made by Nike and the publicity, some of it negative, around Kipchoge breaking the two-hour barrier in Vienna in a controlled environment (he had a team of dedicated pacemakers and was the only competitor) while wearing Nike forced World Athletics to have a re-look at shoe technology.

could raise concerns that it might threaten the integrity of the sport".

WA will now establish an expert working group to guide future research into shoe technology and to assess new shoes that emerge on the market. Nike did not immediately respond to Reuters' request for comment on the decision.

"It is not our job to regulate the entire sports shoe market but it is our duty to preserve the integrity of elite competition by ensuring that the shoes worn by elite athletes in competition do not offer any unfair assistance or advantage," WA President Sebastian Coe said in a statement.

"As we enter the Olympic year, we don't believe we can rule out shoes that have been generally available for a considerable period of time, but we can draw a line by prohibiting the use of shoes that go further than what is currently on the market while we investigate further. "I believe these new rules strike the right balance by offering certainty to athletes and manufacturers as they prepare for Tokyo 2020, while addressing the concerns that have been raised about shoe technology." "SECRET WEAPON" Nike unleashed the Vaporfly in 2016 and various versions have quickly come to dominate the elite and "serious recreational" side of road running.

World Athletics puts the brakes on Nike Vaporfly

REUTERS
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SOME VARIANTS of Nike's Vaporfly running shoes have been outlawed for elite competition and strict limits on the technology developed for any future shoes introduced after World Athletics announced significant changes to its rules on Friday. The sport's governing body (WA) said that with immediate effect and for elite competition only, road shoes must have soles no thicker than 40mm and not contain more than one rigid, embedded plate.

The Vaporfly variants used by Eliud Kipchoge to run the first sub-two hour marathon and by fellow Kenyan Brigid Kosgei to smash the women's marathon world record both contained triple carbon plates inside thick, ultra-compressed foam, said by Nike to help improve running economy by up to four percent. The new rules also state that, from April 30, any shoe used in elite competition must have been generally available to the public for four months - putting paid to the use by Nike and others of prototypes by their athletes in major races. There will also be new rules governing the construction of track spikes. WA's review concluded that the new technology "may provide a performance advantage and

Thiem song

After 'Sweet Caroline' helps put churning stomach to rest, Austrian outlasts GenNext rival Zverev to book finals clash with Djokovic

AFP/AP
MELBOURNE, JANUARY 31

LOCKED IN an even-as-can-be Australian Open semifinal, Dominic Thiem looked up at his guest box, patted his belly and stuck out his tongue, as if to indicate he was feeling sick. He shook his head. He winced.

Whatever might have been going on, Thiem turned out to be just fine - well enough to play, well enough to win. The 26-year-old Austrian reached his third Grand Slam final overall and first at Melbourne Park by using his baseline bullying and big-moment bravado to beat Alexander Zverev 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4) on Friday night.

"I was feeling nerves, I think. I was putting so much energy, so much effort in, so my stomach was not ready for that. I think it was rebelling a little bit," Thiem said, laughing about what happened. "But all good. I sometimes have it when I have tough matches."

Thiem said a burst of 'Sweet Caroline' during a stadium lights malfunction helped calm his nerves.

The Austrian fifth seed was 0-1 down in the third set to Alexander Zverev when the semi-final was halted for nine minutes to fix a light which had gone out behind the baseline. But Thiem said the Neil Diamond classic, played to entertain the crowd during the delay, reminded him of good times on skiing holidays with friends.

"I like this song," he said. "I felt like I was in Austria on skiing holidays, because that's where they play that song all the time. That loosened me up a bit."

Clutch game

The key to Thiem's victory over No. 7 Zverev was the same as the key to his previous win, over No. 1 Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals: coming through in the clutch. Thiem went a combined 5 for 5 in tiebreakers in those matches.

"I was going for it. Could have also missed them," he said about some of his shots Friday. "I was brave, but also lucky that I made these."

The No. 5-seeded Thiem's opponent in the title match Sunday will be No. 2 Novak Djokovic, the defending champion, who eliminated Roger Federer on Thursday.

The women's final is Saturday, with two-time major champion Garbine Muguruza of Spain taking on 14th-seeded Sofia Kenin of the United States. It is Muguruza's fourth Grand Slam final and the 21-year-old Kenin's first.

Djokovic, 32, will be appearing in his record eighth Australian Open final and 26th Grand Slam final overall. While Thiem eyes his first major trophy, Djokovic is going for No. 17, which would move him within three of Federer's record of 20. Rafael Nadal, with 19, is the only other man ahead of Djokovic.

Thiem's two previous major finals came on the red clay of the French Open, where he was the runner-up to 12-time champion Nadal each of the last two years. Now he will face a similar challenge: Djokovic owns a record seven titles from the hard courts of the Australian Open. Zverev's take on Thiem's form? "He's playing the best tennis of his life," said Zverev, who was making his debut in a Slam semifinal.

Thiem never had been past the fourth round in Melbourne until now. But he's morphing into a superior hard-court player - and one in rather fine form at the moment, with three consecutive wins over top-10 opponents, including No. 1 Nadal in the quarterfinals and, now, Zverev.

"He flattens his shot out much more. Before, he was a complete clay-court player. A lot of movement, a lot of running around, stuff like that," Zverev said. "Now he has a complete hard-court game."

He also saved 9 of 14 break points in the semifinal. "In the important moments, I didn't play my best. He did," Zverev said. "That's where the match kind of went his way."

Thiem shook off a shaky start and pulled



Dominic Thiem overcame Alexander Zverev 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(3), 7-6(4) to reach his first Australian Open final on Friday. Reuters

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Kenin v Muguruza: The 750-1 final that nobody saw coming

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SERENA WILLIAMS dominated talk before the Australian Open but Saturday's women's final is between unseeded Garbine Muguruza and unheralded Sofia Kenin - a 750-1 longshot of a championship match that nobody predicted.

After a tournament of surprises, the 21-year-old Kenin can even supplant Williams as the top-ranked American if she manages another plot twist by beating Spain's Muguruza in Melbourne.

The 38-year-old American legend Williams was attempting to equal the record 24 Grand Slam titles of Australian Margaret Court, but she lost in the third round to China's Wang Qiang. Reigning champion Naomi Osaka went out at the same stage to 15-year-old sensation Coco Gauff, who was promptly turfed out herself by fellow American Kenin.

Six of the top 10 seeds exited in the third round, seemingly blowing the tournament open for Australia's world number one Ashleigh Barty.

But step forward Moscow-born 14th seed Kenin once more, who showed remarkably few nerves in her first Grand Slam semi-final on Thursday as she broke home hearts in straight sets. Even if she loses the final, Kenin will reach a career-high nine in the world, rising from her current position of 15th.

If she beats Muguruza - and she did so in their only previous meeting, at the China Open in the autumn - she will leapfrog Williams into seventh in the rankings.

"After this week, she is a top-10 player, she deserves that respect and she deserves the recognition," said the beaten Barty, the latest to succumb to the fiery Kenin. "She's played an exceptional tournament, she's had an exceptional last 12 months."

Kenin won her first WTA title only 12 months ago in Hobart and added two more during the season with the determination and aggression that has become her trademark in the past fortnight.

"I've always had that, no matter who I'm playing, where I'm playing, I'm going to fight for it," said Kenin, who moved to the United States from Russia as a baby with her family.

Muguruza roars back

The 26-year-old Muguruza will be the next to try to tame Kenin. British bookmakers William Hill said the odds of a Kenin-Muguruza final were 750-1 before the Australian Open began.

They make Muguruza the favourite because she has experience of the biggest occasions, having won the French Open in 2016 and Wimbledon in 2017.

But this is her first final in Melbourne and she is ranked 32 in the world after her form tailed off alarmingly in the past 18 months. The Venezuelan-born Spaniard began her Australian Open campaign with a viral illness and lost the first set of her first match 6-0 to American qualifier Shelby Rogers. But with the illness on its way out and with Conchita Martinez back as her coach as of November, Muguruza has hardly looked back.

Unseeded for the first time at a Grand Slam since 2014, Muguruza beat three top-10 seeds in reaching the final. She fought back in both sets in her semi-final against fourth-ranked Simona Halep to defeat her fellow former world number one 7-6 (10/8), 7-5.

Muguruza is not one for exuberant celebrations and she gives as little away in her post-match comments. So it was left to Halep to say that the Spaniard has the quality to be the world's top-ranked player once more - but with one caveat.

"If she can play every day like this, she can be number one for sure," said the 28-year-old Romanian, also a French Open and Wimbledon champion, following their hard-fought semi-final. "But it's tough to do that. The consistency on tour - it's the most important thing and the toughest one."

Mladenovic-Babos reclaim title

Tímea Babos and Kristina Mladenovic have combined to win their second Australian Open women's doubles title in three years.

The pair routed top-seeded Hsieh Su-wei of Taiwan and Barbora Strýcová 6-2, 6-1 on Friday under a closed roof on Rod Laver Arena because of the extreme heat in Melbourne.

It was a third consecutive final at Melbourne Park for Babos of Hungary and Mladenovic of France, who were runners-up last year, and their sixth Grand Slam final.

They won the 2018 Australian Open and the 2019 French Open and were also runners-up at Wimbledon in 2014 and the U.S. Open in 2018. Babos and Mladenovic are on a roll as a team, finishing last year strongly by defending their WTA Finals title with a victory over Hsieh and Strýcová in the final.

"We both lost pretty early in the tournament in singles. It's tough because we are competitors (and) it's not always easy to kind of stick around and keep working and believing," Mladenovic said. "It's the beginning of the season, so you expect much of yourself."

"It makes it just so much easier to have your best friend by your side because you can fulfill those long days of work with a best friend or family around, I'm very grateful."

Babos summed up their Melbourne Park success, saying: "There's something about Australia and this amazing court that we love."

There was some consolation for Hsieh, who regained the world's No. 1 doubles ranking from Strýcová even in defeat.

Far from a classic

The contest saw moments of beauty, baseline bullying and big-moment bravado in the form of the Thiem's merciless forehand and Zverev's overhead winners. But the majority of the match between the nervous first-time Aus Open semifinalists was riddled with missed opportunities and puzzling shots.

IRREGULAR SERVICE

Alexander Zverev's service has been his biggest weapon this tournament. The tally of 72 aces is the fifth most, and the 22-year-old's first serve percentage of 79% was the highest. Against Stan Wawrinka in the quarterfinal, Zverev's first serve percentage was 80, and he won 76% of the points. Against Rublev a round earlier, the first serve percentage was 75 and points won 91.

Against Thiem, he recorded a first serve percentage of 81, hitting 103 of the 127 serves into court, but his success rate plummeted to 68. Zverev consistently bombarded his opponent with a first serve with an average speed of 201kmph, but often failed to construct the point win.

DROP DOWN

He did it often during his win over Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinal - most notably to make it 1-1 in the deciding tie-breaker - and Thiem's curious choice of pulling out the drop shot remains a mystery. A botched drop shot resulted in his second break of serve in the first set, another helped Zverev escape a break attempt in the second. Another weak drop helped Zverev put the third set on serve. What worked in Thiem's favour was the fact that his opponent had a similarly bad shot selection, and worse drop shot; Zverev recorded three unforced errors with a backhand drop. On the Melbourne hard courts, the ball is seldom low enough to go for a drop, and even if the connection is sweet, the bounce gives ample time for the opponent to rush in. The weak drop shots by both were thus easily dispatched.

BUTTERFLY EFFECT

23 break points earned, nine break of serves exchanged, 73 unforced errors and hundreds frayed nerves. The fortitude of both players was severely tested. The exchange of breaks to open the match set the tone, and Zverev won the see-saw first set. Then the German, who was sending in first serves at a rate of 90%, opened the third game of the second set with two double faults, and two more unforced errors handed Thiem the break and the control. Zverev also suffered the first minibreak in the fourth set tiebreaker with a massive fault on his second serve and then hit another horrendous overhead volley.

Thiem wasn't faring much better. And the Austrian admitted as much in the presser: "I was feeling nerves, I think. I was putting so much energy, so much effort in, so my stomach was not ready for that. I think it was rebelling a little bit... I sometimes have it when I have tough matches."

In fact, so bad were the butterflies in his stomach that Thiem asked for a coke in a paper cup at the end of the third set.

BIG-GAME HUNTER

4 Number of seeded players Dominic Thiem has beaten at the Australian Open, including No. 29 Taylor Fritz, No. 10 Gael Monfils and No. 1 Rafael Nadal before his semifinal win over No. 7 Alexander Zverev.

