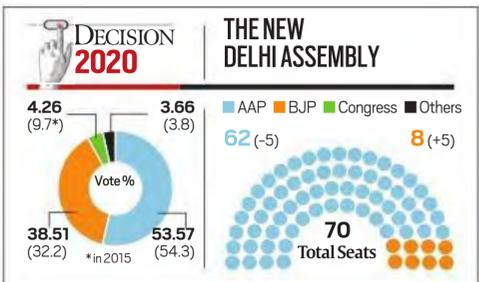


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ARVIND KEJRIWAL THANKING VOTERS AFTER HIS THIRD VICTORY

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## AAP landslide after BJP's goli maaro call, Shaheen Bagh current

Victory nine months after AAP lost all Assembly segments in Lok Sabha polls

MALLICA JOSHI  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

OVERCOMING A high-octane divisive BJP campaign right in the middle of anti-CAA protests that rocked the Capital, Arvind Kejriwal and his Aam Aadmi Party returned to power in Delhi Tuesday for a second five-year term at the head of another landslide. The AAP won 62 of the 70 seats and retained much of its vote share from 2015 when it won 67 seats — its vote share was 53.57%, a marginal drop from 54.34% in 2015.

The BJP, a distant second, won the remaining eight seats as against three in the last Assembly polls, and its vote share climbed from 32.2% to 38.51%.

Blanked, the Congress recorded its lowest vote share — 4.26% — since the first polls for the Delhi Assembly in 1993. Before AAP's winning streak started in 2013, the Congress, under Sheila Dikshit, had ruled

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Delhi for 15 years.

"Dilliwalon, gazab kar diya aap logon ne, I love you... This the birth of a new kind of politics, the politics of work," Kejriwal said, shortly after it became clear that he and his party had been swept back to power.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated him via a Twitter post: "Congratulations

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Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal with his family and party leaders at the AAP headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday. Tashi Tobgyal

## Diminishing returns in states for BJP's hard ideological push

ABHINAV RAJPUT, RAVISH TIWARI & LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

FOR THE BJP, which won a record majority in the general elections barely nine months ago, the verdict in Delhi Tuesday joins the string of electoral outcomes that have fallen much below its expectations.

The outcome for the BJP-led alliances in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand and Delhi indicate a

trend of diminishing political returns for the BJP's hard ideological agenda given how the party has aggressively marketed abrogation of Article 370 and splitting Jammu and Kashmir (during the Maharashtra and Haryana Assembly elections), the Ram temple (Jharkhand elections) and the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (Delhi elections).

Indeed, the BJP, which had secured majority in 65 of the 70 Assembly seats in the Lok Sabha elections in Delhi nine months ago, was optimistic



The BJP office in New Delhi on Tuesday. Abhinav Saha

that the Centre's decision to clear regularisation of unauthorised colonies in the national capital — a move that could benefit 40-50 lakh people — could be the

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## Shots fired at AAP MLA's vehicle in Mehrauli, party worker killed, one injured

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

AN UNKNOWN assailant fired at the vehicle of AAP Mehrauli MLA Naresh Yadav late Tuesday night, leaving an accompanying party volunteer dead and another injured.

According to police, the incident took place at an intersection in Mehrauli. The assailant came "from Kishangarh side" on foot and fled after firing, Additional DCP (South West) Ingit Pratap Singh said. The MLA



Mehrauli MLA Naresh Yadav

was not injured.

The volunteer, Ashok Mann, was taken to Fortis Hospital, where he died. Another volunteer, Harinder, was also injured, police said. Hospital authorities confirmed that two people had been admitted but gave no other details.

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Birth of a new politics, the politics of work, says Kejriwal

SOURAV ROY BARMAN  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE STAGE would not host any speaker until mid-afternoon. But at AAP headquarters Tuesday, the stage was not just the medium, but the message.

"Join the AAP for nation development," said the flexes wrapped around the makeshift stage, erected on the terrace of the party office on Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg in New Delhi.

At 3.35 pm, as he rose to speak, the slogan formed the backdrop for Arvind Kejriwal.

The message could not be clearer. Having achieved the astonishing feat of bagging 90 per cent seats in two elections in a row, the AAP was now once again daring to spread wings, a desire that it had to shelve owing to successive electoral reverses, forcing it to adopt a "Delhi first" policy.

In his speech Kejriwal once again stressed the importance of the *bijli, paani, shiksha* and *swastha* model, the defining theme of his governance model. "Dilliwalon, gazab kar diya aap logon ne, I love you... This the birth of a new kind of politics, the politics of work," he said. But the line that followed could not have been more telling.

"This (AAP's victory) is a great message for not just Delhi, but the country. This politics of work will take India to the 21st Century. This victory is not just of Delhi people, but that of Bharat Mata. This is a victory for

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## Mumbai police chief's family firm got digital project just before polls

SAGAR RAJPUT & SANDEEP ASHAR  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 11

DAYS BEFORE the Maharashtra Assembly polls, the state Home department, led by the then Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, issued an order allotting work of digitisation of Mumbai police's official records to a private company owned by the son and wife of Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay



Mumbai Police Commissioner Sanjay Barve

Barve.

According to official documents accessed by *The Indian Express*, the department, informed Barve's office on October 7, 2019 that the proposal to allot

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## In PDP leader's PSA file: Referred to Geelani book, criticised Amit Shah

BASHAARAT MASOOD  
SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 11

ADVISING PEOPLE to read Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Geelani's autobiography to inspire them to "never give up the dream of education" and criticising the then BJP president Amit Shah's speech are among the reasons cited by the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) administration for invoking the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) against senior



Geelani never gave up dream of education, he told teachers

PDP leader Naem Akhtar.

In September 2016, when schools in the Valley had been shut for almost three months because of curfews and calls for shutdown by separatists, Akhtar, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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## Ahmedabad dresses up for Kem Chho Trump



Beautification work near the Motera stadium. Javed Raja

VAIBHAV JHA, RITU SHARMA & SOHINI GHOSH  
AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 11

IN THE early hours of Tuesday, the White House announced that US President Donald Trump will be coming to India on February 24 for a two-day trip, with wife Melania.

Less than a fortnight to go, their first stop, Ahmedabad, is in a rush to get ready for the visit

that has been awaited since 2017, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi first extended an invite.

Around the swanky Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium at Motera, some roads are being laid and others re-carpeted, a coat of paint is being applied to newly installed railings, while even footpaths are getting new paver blocks.

Touted as the largest cricket stadium in the world after a revamp doubled its capacity to 1.10 lakh people, the Motera stadium

is set to host an event on the lines of 'Howdy Modi', headlined by the PM in Texas in September last year. Sources say the tentative title for the event, likely to be held on February 24 evening, is 'Kem Chho Mr President', 'kem chho' being howdy's equivalent in Gujarati.

Earlier in the morning, the Trumps are expected to begin their tour by visiting the Sabarmati Ashram, Gujarat government sources said.

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Cong wipeout: Zero seats, under 5% vote share, clueless in ideas battle

MANOJ CG NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11



THE Congress's abysmal showing in the Delhi Assembly elections did not come as a surprise to many in the party but the slide in its vote share — leading it to conclude that it could have lost both Hindu as well as Muslim votes — is forcing the central leadership to think how to navigate the minefield of the ideological issues the BJP pushes and the emergence of parties like AAP which take a nuanced centre-right position.

The other challenge for the Congress is that in states where there are strong regional parties, it is increasingly ceding the anti-BJP space to them. And where regional parties are in power, the BJP is squeezing the Congress out.

The Congress, for instance, came third in local body polls in Telangana last month. Same was the case in Odisha. The party met the same fate in West Bengal in the Lok Sabha elections.

In the last few decades, the Congress has struggled to regain lost ground in states where its vote share dipped below 15 per cent, party leaders feel, citing examples of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal among others.

The 22 per cent vote share that the Congress secured in Delhi in the Lok Sabha elections led it to believe that all was not lost in the capital but this hope was shortlived. The party in Delhi, leaders said, is staring at a future like in UP, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, where it has never made a comeback.

Many Congress leaders believe that Arvind Kejriwal showed better political acuity in handling divisive issues like the abrogation of Article 370, the new citizenship law and the protests in its wake.

Despite the AAP's poor showing in the Lok Sabha elections just nine months ago, the party managed to more or less retain the vote share it secured in 2015 Assembly elections. The AAP secured 53.6 per cent of the votes, only a minor dip from 54.3 per cent in 2015. The BJP's vote share, on the other hand, saw a nearly 8 per cent jump from 32.1 per cent to 38.5 per cent, excluding the 1.26 per cent votes polled by allies IJP and JD(U).

Party leaders said the votes secured by the AAP in some of the seats with substantial Muslim population show that the community has leaned towards the AAP. "There was tactical voting...it was understandable...but what worries us more is that increase in the BJP vote share which means our votes have moved to the BJP," a senior leader said.

In Delhi, the Congress got 9.65 per cent of the votes in 2015 which went up to 22.43 per cent

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His first words: This is birth of a new politics, politics of work the entire country," he said.

Gone was the "fear" of getting complacent, "arrogant" that he spoke about in his 2015 victory speech from the balcony of a three-storey building in east Patel Nagar, where the party had its office before storming to power. Kejriwal of 2020 sounded more sure-footed, confident, hopeful.

"The people of Delhi have sent the message that the votes will go to only those who will construct schools. The message is that the vote will go to those building mohalla clinics or provide power round the clock, cheap water in every household, roads... the people of Delhi have, with a lot of hope, given us so many seats. We will have to work hard over the next five years, we will have to work together," he said.

The CM was flanked by his wife Sunita Kejriwal, who could not have asked for a better birthday gift. Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh and AAP national secretary Pankaj Gupta stood smiling, with the party's Delhi convenor Gopal Rai and Raghav Chadha.

In his speech, Rai was more direct in suggesting AAP's national ambitions. "It is not just Delhi, the entire country needs change. The same patriots who live in Delhi can also be found in Bihar, Tamil Nadu. I appeal to party workers to start working across the country to usher in change," he said, emphasising the birth of a "new kind of nationalism — of schools, hospitals, women's safety".

"For the third time in Delhi, the architect of the anti-corruption movement and the man who changed the face of politics in India has defeated the party that has spread hate across the country, Amit Shahji and his entire army, their three speakers and their anti-Constitution politics. AAP and Kejriwal have proved that whenever there has been a war between nafrat and mohabbat, nafrat has lost and mohabbat has won. The whole world was waiting for the past ten days, looking at Delhi. Today, Delhi showed its heart, where love defeats hate and prevails," Rai said.

But as significant as what the CM said was what he did not say: The speech did not target the BJP or its leaders, who have over the past month repeatedly targeted Kejriwal. This is in line with his new approach to politics, where he has tried to keep the focus on governance and avoid direct confrontations with opponents.

Even when BJP leaders had called him a terrorist, Kejriwal's response was aimed not at them but at the public — he told Delhi voters to pick the BJP if they considered him a terrorist, and choose him if they considered him their son.

Another highlight of this approach — the refusal to cede the Hindu nationalist space to the BJP — also found reflection in his speech. "Aaj mangalvaar hai, Hanumanji ka din hai, Hanumanji aap apni Delhi pe kripa barsayi hai, Hanumanji ka bohot bohot dhanyavad, prabhu ka bohot bohot dhanyavad. And we pray that prabhu, in the coming five years, also continues to provide the necessary strength and show us the way so that the two crore people of Delhi, a family, is transformed," he said.

The speech also had a personal touch, with the CM telling the crowd that his family were his biggest supporters, and that it was his wife Sunita's birthday today. He ended the little over six-minute speech with chants

AAP landslide after BJP's goli maaro call, Shaheen Bagh current

to AAP and Shri Arvind Kejriwal for the victory in the Delhi Assembly Elections. Wishing them the very best in fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Delhi."

As the results trickled in, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, summing up the bitter run-up to the vote, said: "Your son was called a terrorist. Arvind Kejriwal was pained by the slur. It was said this (election) was an India-Pakistan match. Hindustan jeet gaya."

The campaign itself was a study in contrast, with the AAP keeping the focus on showcasing its achievements over the past five years and the BJP raising the pitch on national issues such as the new citizenship law, Article 370 and the Ram temple.

As the campaign progressed, anti-CAA protests at Shaheen Bagh became the focal point of the BJP attack, with top leaders accusing the AAP and Kejriwal of fuelling dissent and feeding protesters "biryani". The AAP maintained distance on the issue, with the CM telling The Indian Express in an interview that "everyone has the right to protest but not to inconvenience other people. If you will block a road and cause pain to so many people, it will not be acceptable

in any democracy, any society. Gandhiji would not have accepted this either."

The only AAP leader to have said he "stood" with Shaheen Bagh, Manish Sisodia, came under attack from rivals. During BJP's door-to-door campaign, a video of him saying this was shared with voters across his constituency, Patparganj. "There wasn't a single home in housing societies where BJP leaders had not spread a part of that video, taken completely out of context. The votes from these areas were counted first and those from areas where we have overwhelming support were counted later. This contributed to the anxious moments today when he was trailing for a considerable amount of time," an AAP leader said.

Amid the resounding victory, AAP leaders said they will assess the party's performance in East and North East Delhi where it lost Gandhi Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Rohtas Nagar, Ghonda, Karawal Nagar and Badarpur, in addition to Rohini and Vishwas Nagar where it was defeated in 2015 as well. Overall, the party maintained that the results were in line with its expectations.

Among those who won in the AAP sweep were Atishi,

Raghav Chadha, Dilip Pandey, Satyendar Jain, Kailash Gahlot and Somnath Bharti. The most resounding victory, though, came from Okhla — home to Shaheen Bagh — where incumbent MLA Amanatullah Khan won by a margin of 71,827 votes. From the BJP, the winners included incumbents Vijender Gupta and O P Sharma.

"It seems there were a few seats where BJP's polarisation tactics worked. In some areas, rumours that candidates were building a masjid were spread," said a senior AAP leader while explaining the loss in one constituency.

With Tuesday's victory, the AAP will be in power in Delhi until 2025. The last time the BJP formed a government in Delhi was in 1998, with Sushma Swaraj at the helm.

What Congress lost this time seems to have been gained by the BJP in terms of vote share, since AAP's share remained largely static.

The high-decibel campaign, apart from a barrage of attacks on the CM, saw two DCPs facing action from the Election Commission and three BJP leaders — Anurag Thakur, Parvesh Sahib Singh and Kapil Mishra — being penalised for their com-

Diminishing returns in states for BJP's hard ideological push

"game changer" it needed to take on AAP.

But when the BJP campaign, led by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, began three weeks ago, the focus soon shifted from unauthorised colonies and Central schemes such as Ayushman Bharat to the anti-CAA protests with the attack focused on Shaheen Bagh where women have been sitting on an agitation for almost two months.

Internally, the party was confident the script was working — its own surveys suggested the thrill campaign would help get fence-sitters switch to BJP's side and just days before voting, Shah himself said the party would cross 45 seats.

The BJP held 6,577 public meetings over the past month, including 52 road shows and public meetings by Shah. In around 30 speeches, he urged people to press the lotus button on the EVM so hard that its "current" would be felt at Shaheen Bagh forcing protesters to leave. A similar messaging went out

from the rest of the leaders, with BJP MP Parvesh Saheb Singh calling the Chief Minister a terrorist; Union Minister Anurag Thakur chanting "Desh ke gadaron ko..." as people responded "Goli maaro saalo ko..."; Uttar Pradesh CM saying Arvind Kejriwal was feeding protesters biryani; and Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggesting a conspiracy was afoot to disturb peace in the country.

Clearly, these failed to strike a resonant chord with many voters.

Party leaders admitted that the Delhi results came as a "big shock" as they expected at least 20-25 seats. "We needed a victory to show that there is an approval of the major legislative initiatives we have taken. A better performance was essential for us to face criticism on different issues — not just on the citizenship laws, but also on economic issues," said a senior party MP.

BJP sources said that Delhi verdict is yet another confirmation

since the Lok Sabha results - that they distinguish between their choice for the state and the Centre. In Odisha, which went to polls simultaneously with the Lok Sabha in which the BJP won eight of the 21 seats in the Lok Sabha with 38.4 per cent votes but could manage only 23 of 147 seats (32.5 per cent). Similarly, the BJP which won 11 of the 14 seats in Jharkhand in the Lok Sabha polls could not retain power in the Assembly in elections held six months after.

For all the BJP campaigners' underlining of how Jammu and Kashmir had been stripped of its special status, the party could not win the Rewari Assembly segment in Ahirwal region in Haryana known for its large representation in the armed forces. The BJP also slipped in Nagpur region despite their electoral pitch on Article 370. Likewise, addressing a poll rally in Jamtara (Jharkhand), Yogi Adityanath had told voters that a victory for Congress candidate Irfan Ansari would not add to the cause of building a Ram Temple in

Ayodhya. Irfan Ansari won by about 40,000 votes.

These anecdotal examples apart, the BJP-Sena alliance last year won 29 seats less than what they won contesting separately in 2014. The BJP slipped below the halfway mark in Haryana this time and had to forge a post-poll alliance to form a government while most of its top ministers and state unit chief lost their own seats despite their historic majority in 2014. In Jharkhand, too, the BJP not only lost power but its Chief Minister could not retain his seat despite having run the first full-term government since 2014.

Shah has not yet reacted to the verdict.

BJP's failure to make a dent in Delhi could have an impact on the upcoming elections for the party — it may give more elbow room for its ally in Bihar in its bargaining in seat-sharing and the BJP may have to re-calibrate its strategy in West Bengal. Elections in Bihar are due later this year and West Bengal goes to the polls next year.

of Inquilab Zindabad, Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Vande Mataram. Slogans he began with.

Naeem Akhtar

who was then the state education minister, had said at a teachers' conference: "Everyone should read his (Geelani's) book (Wular Kinaray), wherein he has documented his struggle right from early childhood. Despite immense hardship, he never gave up his dream of education, and his best days were spent as a teacher... Similarly, Mirwaiz (Umar Farooq) too overcame his personal struggle and completed his Ph.D. as an accomplished scholar. He never stopped the journey of education, come what may."

His statement has now been cited by the J&K Police in its PSA

dossier. "His (Akhtar's) leaning towards radical elements can be gathered from this statement dated 27/09/2016 in which he, as an education minister, advised people to read Geelani's book, Wular Kinaray," it says.

The police dossier also makes a reference to Akhtar's statement against the then BJP president Amit Shah. "On 09/01/2019, he termed BJP president Amit Shah's West Bengal speech as an open call for a Hindu Rashtra, and said the saffron party chief has challenged the very idea of India. He further said that BJP is setting up a dangerous game for electoral gains in the country and is playing a communal hatred card (as a) last resort to win elections," it says.

Addressing a public rally in West Bengal, Shah had said the

Citizenship (Amendment) Bill would grant citizenship to Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh refugees.

Reacting to his statement, Akhtar had said: "This is nothing but an open call for a Hindu Rashtra. CAB in itself is laying the foundation of a Hindu Rashtra and exclusion of Muslims and Christians. What Amit Shah has said is communal poison and this is a moment of challenge for right thinking Indians who still believe in the idea of India... What Amit Shah has said negates the essence, letter and spirit of the Constitution of India... Unfortunately, BJP has only one goal, and that is to win elections at whatever cost. The real issues facing the country, including the problems of J&K, besides joblessness, agrarian crisis,

have been thrown into cold storage."

Akhtar, a close aide of former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, is among those detained since August 5 last year, following the Centre's decision to revoke J&K's special status under Article 370. He was booked under PSA last week, a day after PSA was invoked against Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti.

Trump

In its statement announcing the visit, the White House noted that Ahmedabad was in Modi's "home state of Gujarat" and "played such an important role in Mahatma Gandhi's life and leadership of the Indian Independence movement".

From Gujarat, the Trumps will travel to New Delhi, where

the two sides will hold bilateral talks.

The Gujarati diaspora, mostly from the US, is expected to comprise a large chunk of the invited audience at Motera, like at the Texas event. Members of the Dawoodi Bohra community, who are largely Modi supporters, have also been invited.

Gujarat Wakf Board Chairman Sajjad Hira told The Indian Express, "We have been told by our top leaders to bring the Bohra people in their traditional dress for the Motera event and we have started shortlisting names from Surat, Dahod, Vadodara, Ahmedabad and Rajkot. We will also invite religious leaders from our community."

Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) and district administration have reportedly been assigned the task of organising up to 16,000 dignitaries. In a video conference, chaired by the Chief Secretary, the administration was asked to identify the dignitaries who could be invited, apart from other guests.

Deputy Commissioner F J Charpot, who is the 'chief coordinating officer', said the government will soon make public a private portal via which the invited dignitaries can register themselves, to ease security clearances. Charpot said, "The invitees will include educational institutions, NGOs, businessmen, bankers."

The road work around the Motera stadium is being done by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), which is building two new roads and re-carpeting 18, at an estimated cost of Rs 27 crore. Work is also on to ready 13 plots of land within a 2-km radius which can accommodate at least 2,600 buses, 4,700 four-wheelers and 5,000 two-wheelers. "We can add more parking lots if asked to," an AMC official said.

The Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust (SAPMT) said Gujarat Tourism Department Secretary Mamta Verma had discussed with them the protocol followed for earlier VIP visits, including the route taken, duration and itinerary. "No official confirmation has been given, however, if President Trump will visit," said a SAPMT official.

Since Modi took over as PM, several heads of state have visited Ahmedabad as part of their India tour, including Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2014, Japan PM Shinzo Abe in 2017, and Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu in 2018.

— WITH INPUTS FROM KAMAAL SAIED IN SURAT, ADITIRAJA IN VADODARA, PARIMAL DABHI IN GANDHINAGAR

Worker killed

An AAP volunteer said Yadav, who was in an open jeep, was returning home from a temple when the incident took place. AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh tweeted: "Ashok Mann, a party member, was shot dead. The law and order situation in the city is terrifying."

AAP's official handle tweeted, "Shots fired at MLA Naresh Yadav and the volunteers while they were on way back from temple. At least one volunteer has passed away due to bullet wounds, another is injured."

This is the second time Yadav has won from Mehrauli.

A member of Yadav's team told The Indian Express that the MLA was returning from a temple in Kishanghar village around 11 pm when a man walked towards the car and fired. Both the injured, he said, were rushed to the hospital.

Police said an FIR has been registered at Kishanghar police station and a probe is underway.

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RESPONDING TO the report, 'Suicide at hotel: Friends in shock', the mother of the suicide victim has clarified that the police's suspicion that the victim was depressed after his parents separated is incorrect and is denied by her.

# 19 first-timers in new Delhi assembly

SUKRITA BARUAH  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

NINETEEN FIRST-time legislators are on their way to the Delhi Assembly, including former councillors, spouses of former MLAs and former Lok Sabha aspirants.

Of BJP's eight entrants into the Delhi Legislative Assembly, two — Ajay Mahawar (Ghonda) and Abhay Verma (Laxmi Nagar) — are first-time MLAs. However, both are senior hands in the party's Delhi state unit. While Mahawar is the party's district president from North East Delhi, Verma is the state BJP vice-president.

The 17 first-time MLAs from AAP, however, present a diverse set of profiles. Among them are three — Atishi (Kalkaji), Raghav Chadha (Rajinder Nagar) and Dilip Pandey (Timarpur) — who had contested unsuccessfully for the party in last year's Lok Sabha election. While Atishi and Pandey trailed behind both BJP and Congress in the parliamentary election, Chadha had come in second then, behind BJP.



AAP leaders Raghav Chadha and Atishi celebrate their victory. Tashi Tobgyal

"I just focussed on education. Delhi people had already made up their mind about (Arvind) Kejriwal, and they voted for development... I got to work for people and hope to continue to do the same in Kalkaji," said Atishi.

Two other new faces from the party are sitting councillors: Kuldeep Kumar (Kondli) had won

the municipal election from Kalyanpuri in 2017, and Abdul Rehman (Seelampur) had won the 2017 municipal election from Chauhan Banger.

Two of the new elected representatives are spouses of former MLAs. Preeti Tomar, who won from Tri Nagar, is the wife of outgoing MLA from the same constituency



Jitender Singh Tomar. The party had initially named Jitender as their candidate from the constituency but ran into trouble when the Delhi High Court set aside his 2015 election for declaring false information regarding his educational qualification in his nomination papers. Though the party had then fielded Preeti, her husband had taken the lead during

her campaign processions. Dhanwati Chandela, who has been elected from Rajouri Garden, is a three-time Congress councillor. Her family has been associated with various political parties for over 20 years. Her husband, Dayanand Chandela, was elected as the BJP MLA from Vishnu Garden in 2003 and as Congress MLA from Rajouri Garden in 2008.

Rajkumari Dhillon, another woman first-time MLA from AAP, had joined the party after leaving Congress.

Haji Yunus, who upset BJP's sitting MLA from Mustafabad Jagdish Pradhan, is also a first-time MLA. This is the first time AAP has won this seat — in 2013, it had gone to the Congress.

This election's richest candidate, and now MLA, is also a first time MLA from AAP — Dharampal Lakra from Mundka. In his affidavit, he had stated that his sources of income are business, agriculture and interest from deposits, and had declared immovable assets amounting to Rs 288.7 crore.

(With inputs from Jignasa Sinha)

# Once with Cong, minority seats now firmly behind AAP

ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE FIVE minority-dominated constituencies of Matia Mahal, Ballimaran, Mustafabad, Okhla and Seelampur, once considered Congress strongholds, have seen solid consolidation of votes behind AAP. Even in 2015, when the party did not win a single seat, Congress had managed to come second on two seats. However, this time, it finished third, with vote share in single digits, except in Seelampur.

At Matia Mahal, where 70.38% votes were polled, AAP's Shoaib Iqbal, a five-time MLA, got the highest vote share of any candidate, garnering 75.96% votes (67,282). He beat BJP's Ravinder Gupta, who secured 19.24% votes, by a margin of 50,241 votes. "This is a victory of Shaheen Bagh, and a defeat of BJP and NRC," said Iqbal, as trends started suggesting his massive win.

However, Congress candidate Mirza Javed Ali got just 3.85% votes. This is significantly lesser than in 2015, when Iqbal, who had fought on a Congress ticket, secured the second position with 26.75% votes.

Mustafabad was among the three constituencies that the BJP had won in 2015. Then, there was a split in votes between AAP's Mohd Yunus and Congress's Hasan Ahmed, who had gathered 30.13% and 31.68% votes respectively. As a result, BJP's Jagdish Pradhan was able to pull through with 35.33% of the vote share. Here too, Congress was able to secure the second place.

This time, however, Congress became a non-factor. Congress's Ali Mehdi got just 2.89% votes. AAP's

Haji Yunus won by garnering 53.2% votes (98,850), beating Pradhan who got 78,146 votes (42.06%).

At Ballimaran, in 2015, five-time MLA and three time minister Haroon Yusuf from Congress had secured 13.8% votes, even though he finished third. This time, Yusuf got just 4.73% votes. AAP's Imran Hussain, who won from the constituency in 2015 by garnering 59.71% of the total votes, was re-elected Tuesday. This time, Hussain improved his performance by getting 64.65% votes (65,644) beating BJP's Lata (29.03%) by 36,172 votes.

At Okhla, AAP's Amanatullah Khan had swept even in 2015, but the Congress had managed to secure a vote share in double digits when Asif Mohammad Khan finished third with 12.08% votes. But this time, Congress' Parvez Hashmi has managed to garner just 2.59% votes. Khan won by garnering 66.03% votes, ahead of 29.65% polled by BJP's Brahm Singh.

Seelampur is the only constituency among these five where the Congress was able to retain a vote share in double digits. Five-time MLA Chaudhary Mateen Ahmed, who contested from Congress, finished third with 20.24% votes (15.61%). In 2015 too, Ahmed had finished third but the party's vote share was higher at 21.28%.

Here, AAP's Abdul Rehman beat BJP's Kaushal Kumar Mishra by 36,992 votes. Rehman, who got 72,694 votes (56.05%), is a first-timer, while Mishra, who got 35,774 votes (27.58%), had contested unsuccessfully from the seat in the 2013. Rehman will replace incumbent AAP MLA Mohd Ishraque, who received 51.26% of the votes in 2015.

# Dec 16 rape case: SC allows Centre, Delhi govt to seek fresh execution dates

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THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday allowed the Centre and Delhi government to seek fresh dates for the execution of the December 16, 2012 gang-rape-murder case convicts from the trial court.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice R Banumathi also issued notice to the four convicts — Mukesh Singh, Pawan Gupta, Vinay Sharma and Akshay Kumar Singh — on the Centre's plea challenging the Delhi High Court verdict upholding the stay on their execution. On February 5, the High Court gave the convicts one week's time to exhaust their legal remedies and also rejected the government's prayer to allow them to be executed separately.

The bench, which also comprised Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice A S Bopanna, was not initially inclined to issue notice. Justice Bhushan remarked that if the court starts hearing the matter, it cannot be decided

quickly and may end up further delaying the execution.

However, Justice Bhushan told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, "We will keep it pending with liberty for you to approach the trial court to seek a fresh date". In a related development, convict Vinay Tuesday approached the SC against the rejection of his mercy plea by President Ram Nath Kovind. He claimed he suffered "brutal forms of physical and mental torture".

After the SC proceeding, the parents of the victim in the case and the Delhi government Tuesday approached a Delhi court, seeking issuance of fresh death warrants against the four death-row convicts. Additional Sessions Judge Dharmender Rana issued notice to convicts and said it will take up the matter on Wednesday. The victim's parents told the court the convicts were making a mockery of the law and frustrating it.

Tihar Jail authorities also filed a status report before the court, stating that no legal option was preferred by any of the convicts in last seven-day-period, granted by the High Court.

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**EXTRACT OF STANDALONE / CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED ON DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
	Quarter ended 31 December 2019 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31 December 2018 (Unaudited)	Nine months ended 31 December 2019 (Unaudited)	Nine months ended 31 December 2018 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2019 (Audited)	Quarter ended 31 December 2019 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 September 2019 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31 December 2018 (Unaudited)	Nine months ended 31 December 2019 (Unaudited)	Nine months ended 31 December 2018 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2019 (Audited)
Total income from Operations	1,132.18	1,161.12	1,215.89	3,414.13	2,882.31	4,415.10	1,210.95	1,237.36	1,251.72	3,518.16	3,001.23	4,798.43
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & exceptional items)	158.27	137.21	147.48	511.06	391.59	614.94	164.10	133.58	138.79	516.82	396.97	624.02
Net profit / (loss) (before tax & after exceptional items)	158.27	137.21	147.48	511.06	391.59	614.94	164.10	133.58	138.79	516.82	396.97	624.02
Net profit after tax	138.43	87.70	102.77	367.36	*349.09	444.44	142.43	82.82	93.39	369.91	*350.36	449.83
Total comprehensive income	132.63	89.73	101.38	365.15	355.60	436.65	136.64	84.84	92.00	367.70	356.87	442.04
Equity share capital	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05	94.05
Other Equity (Excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	-	-	-	3,855.25	-	-	-	-	-	3,869.93
Earnings Per Share (not annualized)												
(Face Value of ₹10/- each)												
(a) Basic (in ₹)	14.72	9.32	10.93	39.06	37.12	47.25	15.14	8.81	9.93	39.33	37.25	47.83
(b) Diluted (in ₹)	14.72	9.32	10.93	39.06	37.12	47.25	15.14	8.81	9.93	39.33	37.25	47.83

\* Net Profit after tax includes Rs. 84.50 crore for income tax refund for earlier year's Assessments.  
# Includes write back / reversal of Agency Commission during the quarter ended 30th June 2019 payable for foreign projects for an amount of Rs. 84.13 crore.

Notes:  
1. The above Standalone and Consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the audit committee and approved by the board of directors at their meeting held on 11th February, 2020. The Statutory auditors have conducted limited review of the Quarter and Nine Months results ended 31st December, 2019.  
2. The Standalone and consolidated financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) amendment Rules, 2016 and other recognized accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.  
3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended. The full format of the aforesaid financial results are available on the Stock Exchanges website of BSE (www.bseindia.com/corporates), NSE (www.nseindia.com/corporates) and Company's website at www.ircon.org.  
4. Interim dividend of Rs. 13.45 per equity share for the year 2019-20 was approved in 259th BoD held on 11th February, 2020.  
5. Adoption of new accounting standard on Leases - Ind AS 116 - Effective April 1, 2019, the Company / Group has adopted Ind AS 116 "Leases", applied to all lease contracts existing on April 1, 2019 using the modified retrospective method and has taken the cumulative adjustment to retained earnings, on the date of initial application. Accordingly, comparatives for the year ended March 31, 2019 have not been retrospectively adjusted. On transition, the adoption of the new standard resulted in recognition of Right-of-Use asset (ROU) of Rs. 0.73 Crore and a lease liability by the same amount with an adjustment amounting Rs. Nil to retained earnings. The effect of this adoption is insignificant on the profit for the period and earnings per share.  
6. The Parent Company has elected to exercise the option permitted under section 115BAA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as introduced by the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019. Accordingly, the rate of income tax has been changed from 34.944% to 25.168% during the previous quarter ended 30th September 2019. The re-measurement of accumulated deferred tax asset has resulted in a one-time additional charge of Rs. 40.46 crore.

For and on behalf of Ircan International Limited  
S. K. Chaudhary  
Chairman & Managing Director  
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### Extract of Unaudited Financial Results for & up to the Quarter Ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	3 Months Ended 31.12.2019	Corresponding 3 Months Ended 31.12.2018	9 Months Ended 31.12.2019	Corresponding 9 Months Ended 31.12.2018	3 Months Ended 31.12.2019	Corresponding 3 Months Ended 31.12.2018	9 Months Ended 31.12.2019	Corresponding 9 Months Ended 31.12.2018
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
		(Standalone)				(Consolidated)			
1	Income from Operations	5457.77	7115.73	15897.05	19512.71	5459.24	7120.37	15900.49	19529.50
a	Sales/Income from Operations	221.58	220.69	539.70	539.08	221.58	220.69	539.71	539.14
b	Other Operating Income	5679.35	7336.42	16436.75	20051.79	5680.82	7341.06	16440.20	20068.64
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional Items)	226.30	275.08	46.84	772.43	219.38	270.36	26.88	754.28
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items & share of net profit/loss) of joint ventures in consolidated results	226.30	275.08	46.84	772.43	229.29	279.56	49.52	561.38
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	158.82	191.95	61.15	532.69	161.81	196.43	63.83	321.64
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	124.17	190.97	(42.80)	529.76	127.17	195.46	(40.10)	318.73
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs 2 per share)	696.41	734.28	696.41	734.28	696.41	734.28	696.41	734.28
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Basic & Diluted Earnings Per Share.	0.46	0.52	0.18	1.45	0.46	0.54	0.18	0.88

Notes:  
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended ("the Regulation") read with SEBI Circular NO. CIR/CFD/CMD1/44/2019 dated March 29, 2019 ("the Circular"). The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites of BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and under "Financial Information" section of the Company's website www.bhel.com  
2. On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the Government of India, vide the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019, inserted Section 115BAA in the Income Tax Act, 1961, which provides domestic companies an option to pay Corporate Tax at reduced rate, subject to certain conditions. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating this option.

For and on behalf of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited  
Sd/-  
(Dr. Nalin Shinghal)  
Chairman & Managing Director

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# THE SEVENTY NEW MLAs

While 45 incumbents retained their seats, 19 first-time MLAs are set to take oath this time

**BIGGEST WINS**

CANDIDATE	MARGIN
Sanjeev Jha	88,158
Amanatullah Khan	71,827
Rajendra Pal Gautam	56,108
Shoaib Iqbal	50,241
Mukesh Kumar Ahlawat	48,052

**VOTE SHARE**

PARTY	2017 MCD	2019 LOK SABHA	2020 ASSEMBLY
BJP	36.08%	56%	38.51%
AAP	26.23%	18.1%	53.57%
Congress	21.09%	22.5%	4.26%
Other	16.6%	3.4%	3.66%

**NARROWEST**

CANDIDATE	MARGIN
Bhupinder Singh Joon	753
Abhay Verma	880
Pawan Sharma	1,589
Madan Lal	3,165
Manish Sisodia	3,207

Thank you so much sir. I look forward to working closely with Centre to make our capital into a truly world class city.

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Responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had tweeted: "Congratulations to AAP and Shri Arvind Kejriwal Ji... Wishing them the very best in fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Delhi."

49,74,522

The AAP largely held on to its vote share from 2015

35,75,430

BJP's tally in single digits, party cited increase in vote share

3,95,924

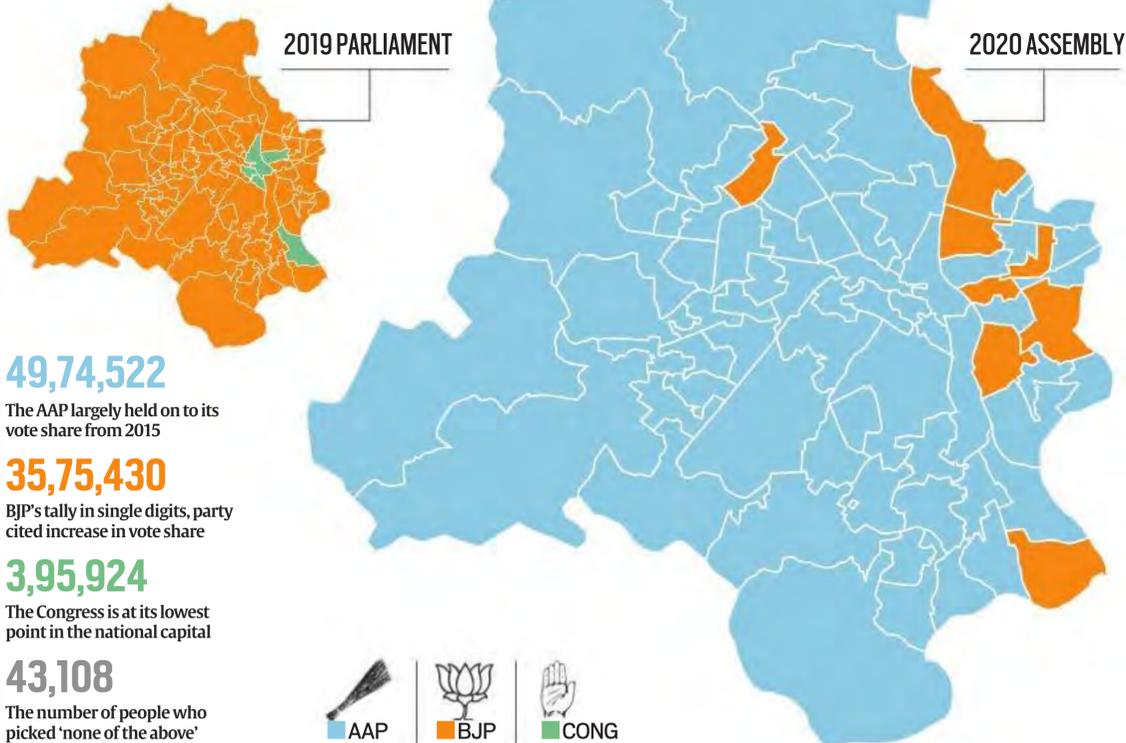
The Congress is at its lowest point in the national capital

43,108

The number of people who picked 'none of the above'

2019 PARLIAMENT

2020 ASSEMBLY



## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

<p><b>NARELA</b></p> <p><b>Sharad Kumar</b> (AAP) 86,262 Neel Daman Khatri (BJP) 68,833 2015: Sharad Kumar (AAP) 59.97%</p>	<p><b>BURARI</b></p> <p><b>Sanjeev Jha</b> (AAP) 1,39,598 Shailendra Kumar (JD-U) 51,440 2015: Sanjeev Jha (AAP) 63.82%</p>	<p><b>TIMARPUR</b></p> <p><b>Dilip Pandey</b> (AAP) 71,432 Surinder Pal Singh (JD-U) 47,288 2015: Pankaj Pushkar (AAP) 51.05%</p>	<p><b>ADARSH NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Pawan Sharma</b> (AAP) 46,892 Raj Kumar Bhatia (BJP) 45,303 2015: Pawan Kumar Sharma (AAP) 51.36%</p>	<p><b>BADLI</b></p> <p><b>Ajesh Yadav</b> (AAP) 69,357 Vijay Kumar Bhagat (BJP) 20,234 2015: Ajesh Yadav (AAP) 51.14%</p>	<p><b>RITHALA</b></p> <p><b>Mohinder Goyal</b> (AAP) 87,940 Manish Chaudhary (BJP) 74,067 2015: Mohinder Goyal (AAP) 56.63%</p>	<p><b>BAWANA (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Jai Bhagwan</b> (AAP) 95,715 Ravinder Kumar (BJP) 84,189 2015: Ved Parkash (AAP) 58.14%</p>
<p><b>MUNDKA</b></p> <p><b>Dharampal Lakra</b> (AAP) 90,293 Azad Singh (BJP) 71,135 2015: Sukhvir Singh (AAP) 57.22%</p>	<p><b>KIRARI</b></p> <p><b>Rituraj Govind</b> (AAP) 86,312 Anil Jha (BJP) 80,658 2015: Rituraj Govind (AAP) 61.66%</p>	<p><b>SULTANPUR MAJRA (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Mukesh Ahlawat</b> (AAP) 74,573 Ram Chander Chawriya (BJP) 80,521 2015: Sandeep Kumar (AAP) 69.50%</p>	<p><b>NANGLOI JAT</b></p> <p><b>Raghuvinder S</b> (AAP) 74,444 Suman Lata (BJP) 62,820 2015: Raghuvinder Shokeen (AAP) 54.64%</p>	<p><b>MANGOLPURI (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Rakhi Birla</b> (AAP) 74,154 Karam Singh Karma (BJP) 44,038 2015: Rakhi Birla (AAP) 46.94%</p>	<p><b>ROHINI</b></p> <p><b>Vijender Gupta</b> (BJP) 62,174 Rajesh N Bansiwala (AAP) 49,526 2015: Vijender Gupta (BJP) 49.83%</p>	<p><b>SHALIMAR BAGH</b></p> <p><b>Bandana Kumari</b> (BJP) 57,707 Rekha Gupta (BJP) 54,267 2015: Bandana Kumari (AAP) 52.14%</p>
<p><b>SHAKUR BASTI</b></p> <p><b>Satyendar Jain</b> (AAP) 51,165 Dr S C Vats (BJP) 43,573 2015: Satyendar Jain (AAP) 48.67%</p>	<p><b>TRI NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Preeti Tomar</b> (AAP) 58,504 Tilak Ram Gupta (BJP) 47,794 2015: Jitender Singh Tomar (AAP) 55.70%</p>	<p><b>WAZIRPUR</b></p> <p><b>Rajesh Gupta</b> (AAP) 57,331 Dr Mahender Nagpal (BJP) 45,641 2015: Rajesh Gupta (AAP) 54.85%</p>	<p><b>MODEL TOWN</b></p> <p><b>Akhilesh P T</b> (AAP) 52,665 Kapil Mishra (BJP) 41,532 2015: Akhilesh Pati Tripathi (AAP) 52.38%</p>	<p><b>SADAR BAZAR</b></p> <p><b>Som Dutt</b> (AAP) 68,790 Jai Parkash (BJP) 43,146 2015: Som Dutt (AAP) 56.60%</p>	<p><b>CHANDNI CHOWK</b></p> <p><b>Parlat S Sawhney</b> (AAP) 50,891 Suman Kumar Gupta (BJP) 21,307 2015: Alka Lamba (AAP) 49.35%</p>	<p><b>MATIA MAHAL</b></p> <p><b>Shoaib Iqbal</b> (AAP) 67,282 Ravinder Gupta (BJP) 17,041 2015: Asim Ahmed Khan (AAP) 59.23%</p>
<p><b>BALLIMARAN</b></p> <p><b>Imran Hussain</b> (AAP) 65,644 Lata (BJP) 29,472 2015: Imran Hussain (AAP) 59.71%</p>	<p><b>KAROL BAGH (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Vishesh Ravi</b> (AAP) 67,494 Yogender Chandoliya (BJP) 35,734 2015: Vishesh Ravi (AAP) 59.80%</p>	<p><b>PATEL NAGAR (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Raaj Kumar Anand</b> (AAP) 73,463 Pravesh Ratn (BJP) 42,528 2015: Hazari Lal Chauhan (AAP) 59.05%</p>	<p><b>MOTI NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Shiv Charan Goel</b> (AAP) 60,622 Subhash Sachdeva (BJP) 46,550 2015: Shiv Charan Goel (AAP) 53.13%</p>	<p><b>MADIPUR (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Girish Soni</b> (AAP) 64,440 Kailash Sankla (BJP) 41,721 2015: Girish Soni (AAP) 57.24%</p>	<p><b>RAJOURI GARDEN</b></p> <p><b>A Dhanwati C</b> (AAP) 62,212 Ramesh Khanna (BJP) 39,240 2015: Jarnail Singh (AAP) 46.55%</p>	<p><b>HARI NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Rajkumari Dhillon</b> (AAP) 58,087 Tajinder Bagga (BJP) 37,956 2015: Jagdeep Singh (AAP) 58.51%</p>
<p><b>TILAK NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Jarnail Singh</b> (AAP) 62,436 Rajiv Babbar (BJP) 34,407 2015: Jarnail Singh (AAP) 55.10%</p>	<p><b>JANAKPURI</b></p> <p><b>Rajesh Rishi</b> (AAP) 67,968 Ashish Sood (BJP) 53,051 2015: Rajesh Rishi (AAP) 57.72%</p>	<p><b>VIKASPURI</b></p> <p><b>Mahinder Yadav</b> (AAP) 1,33,898 Sanjay Singh (BJP) 91,840 2015: Mahinder Yadav (AAP) 62.53%</p>	<p><b>UTTAM NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Naresh Balyan</b> (AAP) 99,622 Krishan Gahlot (BJP) 79,863 2015: Naresh Balyan (AAP) 51.99%</p>	<p><b>DWARKA</b></p> <p><b>Vinay Mishra</b> (AAP) 71,003 Parduyamn Rajput (BJP) 56,616 2015: Adarsh Shastri (AAP) 59.08%</p>	<p><b>MATIALA</b></p> <p><b>Gulab Singh</b> (AAP) 1,39,010 Rajesh Gahlot (BJP) 1,10,935 2015: Gulab Singh (AAP) 54.91%</p>	<p><b>NAJAFGARH</b></p> <p><b>Kailash Gahlot</b> (AAP) 81,507 Ajeet S Kharkhari (BJP) 75,276 2015: Kailash Gahlot (AAP) 34.62%</p>
<p><b>BIJWASAN</b></p> <p><b>Bhupinder S Joon</b> (AAP) 57,271 Sat Prakash Rana (BJP) 56,518 2015: Devinder Sehrawat (AAP) 54.99%</p>	<p><b>PALAM</b></p> <p><b>Bhavna Gaur</b> (AAP) 92,775 Vijay Pandit (BJP) 60,010 2015: Bhavna Gaur (AAP) 55.96%</p>	<p><b>DELHI CANTT</b></p> <p><b>Virender Kadian</b> (AAP) 28,971 Manish Singh (BJP) 18,381 2015: Surender Singh (AAP) 51.82%</p>	<p><b>RAJINDER NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Raghav Chadha</b> (AAP) 59,135 Sardar R P Singh (BJP) 39,077 2015: Vijender Garg Vijay (AAP) 53.39%</p>	<p><b>NEW DELHI</b></p> <p><b>Arvind Kejriwal</b> (AAP) 46,758 Sunil Kumar Yadav (BJP) 25,061 2015: Arvind Kejriwal (AAP) 64.14%</p>	<p><b>JANGPURA</b></p> <p><b>Praveen Kumar</b> (AAP) 45,133 Impreet Singh Bakshi (BJP) 29,070 2015: Praveen Kumar (AAP) 48.11%</p>	<p><b>KASTURBA NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Madan Lal</b> (AAP) 37,100 Ravinder Choudhry (BJP) 33,935 2015: Madan Lal (AAP) 51.55%</p>
<p><b>MALVIYA NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Somnath Bharti</b> (AAP) 52,043 Shailender Singh (BJP) 33,899 2015: Somnath Bharti (AAP) 54.99%</p>	<p><b>R K PURAM</b></p> <p><b>Pramila Tokas</b> (AAP) 47,208 Anil Kumar Sharma (BJP) 36,839 2015: Pramila Tokas (AAP) 56.77%</p>	<p><b>MEHRAULI</b></p> <p><b>Naresh Yadav</b> (AAP) 62,417 Kusum Khatri (BJP) 44,256 2015: Naresh Yadav (AAP) 51.06%</p>	<p><b>CHHATARPUR</b></p> <p><b>Kartar S Tanwar</b> (AAP) 62,411 Brahm Singh Tanwar (BJP) 65,691 2015: Kartar Singh Tanwar (AAP) 54.29%</p>	<p><b>DEOLI (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Prakash Jarwal</b> (AAP) 92,575 Arvind Kumar (BJP) 52,402 2015: Prakash (AAP) 70.61%</p>	<p><b>AMBEDKAR NAGAR (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Ajay Dutt</b> (AAP) 62,871 Khushiram Chunar (BJP) 34,544 2015: Ajay Dutt (AAP) 68.39%</p>	<p><b>SANGAM VIHAR</b></p> <p><b>Dinesh Mohaniya</b> (AAP) 75,345 Shiv Charan Lal Gupta (JD-U) 32,823 2015: Dinesh Mohaniya (AAP) 65.96%</p>
<p><b>GREATER KAILASH</b></p> <p><b>S Bharadwaj</b> (AAP) 60,372 Shikha Roy (BJP) 43,563 2015: Saurabh Bharadwaj (AAP) 53.30%</p>	<p><b>KALKAJI</b></p> <p><b>Atishi</b> (AAP) 55,897 Dharambir Singh (BJP) 44,504 2015: Avtar Singh Kalkaji (AAP) 51.72%</p>	<p><b>TUGHLAKABAD</b></p> <p><b>Sahiram</b> (AAP) 58,905 Vikram Bidhuri (BJP) 45,147 2015: Sahiram (AAP) 62.40%</p>	<p><b>BADARPUR</b></p> <p><b>Ramvir S Bidhuri</b> (BJP) 90,082 Ram Singh Netaji (AAP) 86,363 2015: Narayan Dutt Sharma (AAP) 55.31%</p>	<p><b>OKHLA</b></p> <p><b>Amanatullah Khan</b> (AAP) 1,30,367 Braham Singh (BJP) 58,540 2015: Amanatullah Khan (AAP) 62.57%</p>	<p><b>TRILOKPURI (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Rohit Kumar</b> (AAP) 69,947 Kiran (BJP) 57,461 2015: Raju Dhingan (AAP) 58.62%</p>	<p><b>KONDLI (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Kuldeep Kumar</b> (AAP) 68,348 Raj Kumar (BJP) 50,441 2015: Manoj Kumar (AAP) 50.66%</p>
<p><b>PATPARGANJ</b></p> <p><b>Manish Sisodia</b> (AAP) 70,163 Ravinder Singh Negi (BJP) 66,956 2015: Manish Sisodia (AAP) 53.64%</p>	<p><b>LAXMI NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Abhay Verma</b> (BJP) 65,462 Nitin Tyagi (AAP) 64,629 2015: Nitin Tyagi (AAP) 42.55%</p>	<p><b>VISHWAS NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>O P Sharma</b> (BJP) 65,830 Deepak Singla (AAP) 49,373 2015: Om Prakash Sharma (BJP) 45.16%</p>	<p><b>KRISHNA NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>S K Bagga</b> (AAP) 72,111 Dr Anil Goyal (BJP) 68,116 2015: S K Bagga (AAP) 47.99%</p>	<p><b>GANDHI NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Anil Kumar Bajpai</b> (BJP) 48,824 Naveen Chaudhary (AAP) 42,745 2015: Anil Kumar Bajpai (AAP) 45.24%</p>	<p><b>SHAHADARA</b></p> <p><b>Ram Niwas Goel</b> (AAP) 62,103 Sanjay Goyal (BJP) 56,809 2015: Ram Niwas Goel (AAP) 49.49%</p>	<p><b>SEEMAPURI (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Rajendra P Gautam</b> (AAP) 88,392 Sant Lal (LJP) 32,384 2015: Rajendra Pal Gautam (AAP) 63.04%</p>
<p><b>ROHTAS NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Jitender Mahajan</b> (BJP) 73,873 Sarita Singh (AAP) 60,632 2015: Sarita Singh (AAP) 45.96%</p>	<p><b>SEELAMPUR</b></p> <p><b>Abdul Rehman</b> (AAP) 72,694 Kaushal Mishra (BJP) 35,774 2015: Mohd Ishraque (AAP) 51.26%</p>	<p><b>GHONDA</b></p> <p><b>Ajay Mahawar</b> (BJP) 81,797 Shri Dutt Sharma (AAP) 53,427 2015: Shri Dutt Sharma (AAP) 44.96%</p>	<p><b>BABARPUR</b></p> <p><b>Gopal Rai</b> (AAP) 84,776 Naresh Gaur (BJP) 51,714 2015: Gopal Rai (AAP) 59.14%</p>	<p><b>GOKALPUR (SC)</b></p> <p><b>Surendra Kumar</b> (AAP) 88,452 Ranjeet Singh (BJP) 68,964 2015: Fateh Singh (AAP) 48.71%</p>	<p><b>MUSTAFABAD</b></p> <p><b>Haji Yunus</b> (AAP) 98,850 Jagdish Pradhan (BJP) 78,146 2015: Jagdish Pradhan (BJP) 35.33%</p>	<p><b>KARAWAL NAGAR</b></p> <p><b>Mohan Singh Bisht</b> (BJP) 96,721 Durgesh Pathak (AAP) 88,498 2015: Kapil Mishra (AAP) 59.85%</p>

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Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal addresses workers at the party headquarters after results were announced on Tuesday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

## VICTORY SEALED, AAP GETS BACK TO WORK

# ‘Aap ne gazab kar diya’

As Kejriwal addressed hundreds of supporters at the AAP office, the crowd offered a glimpse into why his party's politics brought many ideologies together

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE TRIUMPH of AAP, Arvind Kejriwal said Tuesday, was the beginning of a new model of politics. In a recent interview with *The Indian Express*, Kejriwal had said AAP's victory would also give birth to a new ideology of "work" — a remarkably amorphous position to take in a country riven by social and political faultlines along religion, caste and language.

On Tuesday, the AAP office was a living testimony of that fluidity, which helps it draw in its fold people identifying with varying schools of thoughts, perhaps best reflected in Kejriwal's speeches beginning and ending with *Bharat Mata ki Jai*, *Inquilab Zindabad* and *Vande Mataram*. And a message for Delhi: "Gazab kar diya aap logon ne."

The milling crowd, which swelled by the minute, comprised "kattar" loyalists of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, individuals "mortified" by the rise of the BJP and staunch opposers of the Citizenship Amendment Act.

Panchali Gupta, a former ad executive, was among the first supporters to reach the AAP office Tuesday. "I was drawn to AAP only six-seven months ago, aghast with the kind of agenda being pushed by BJP. So far, I had been contributing part time; now I plan to devote more time," she said.

Gupta, a resident of Gurgaon, said her part-time contribution revolved around raising funds for the party: "We had a set of drawing room meetings. I managed to raise around Rs 6-7 lakh. Many people who attended our meetings went on to hold their own meetings."

The flexibility in the party's ideological po-



*Praveen Khanna*

(From left) AAP workers celebrate the win; one-year-old Aavyaan Tomar dressed up as Chief Minister Kejriwal at the AAP headquarters; his sister Fairy had dressed up in a similar fashion during the 2015 elections.



*Tashi Tobgyal*



sitioning ensures that Gupta, with her pronounced left of centre leanings, relates to the party as much as Umeshwar, a self-confessed "kattar bhakt of Atal Bihari Vajpayee", does.

Umeshwar, hailing from Bihar's Saran district, said: "I do not relate with the current brand of politics practised by the BJP. Bihar today has a vacuum and Kejriwal can fill that. He just needs to devote a month in the state."

Amid the celebrations, marked by drum beats and the campaign song 'Lage Raho Kejriwal' playing on an endless loop, a handwritten poster stood out bearing the message: "No CAA, NRC AND NPR. NO EVM AND VVPAT,

ONLY PAPER BALLOTS". The face behind the message, Vijay Singh Varun, said he was not a card-holding member of any party.

The retired government employee said: "The CAA-NRC project is not needed at all. For that, we have Census. It will be a complete waste of money, which should be used for developmental purposes. I quite like the stand that Kejriwal took."

Kejriwal has maintained that CAA and NRC would impact both Hindus and Muslims and that the country, going through an economic crisis, does not really need any such initiative. Conversations also provided a glimpse into

the factors behind the complete absence of a split in Muslim votes over CAA, and AAP staying away from the protests at Shaheen Bagh and Jamia Millia Islamia University. "Toh kya ho gaya? The Muslims recognised who was best placed to defeat the BJP," said Mohammad Mustaqam, a teacher from Kondli.

In the sea of disparate ideas also shone bright the faint outlines of a bushy moustache and round-rimmed glasses, that sauntered into the office an hour after Kejriwal arrived.

One-year-old Aavyaan Tomar stood out in the milling crowd, sometimes in a playful mood on his father's lap, or pushing around

blue and white balloons. "His sister Fairy, now aged nine, had played the part after the 2015 win. As a family, we have been associated with the AAP from the very beginning," said Rahul Tomar, his father, who runs a business.

In the evening, as party supporters celebrated on streets by waving the Tricolour as well as the AAP's flag, the newly elected MLAs and senior party leaders held a meeting to assess its win and discuss its strategy for the coming days.

"The party will meet again tomorrow. The second half of today was spent looking at the results and analysing them," said AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh.

## Confrontation to reconciliation, SC ruling helped Kejriwal recalibrate

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

ANGRY, ARGUMENTATIVE, unrelenting. Mellow, cordial, cooperative. These two disparate sets of adjectives capture two variants of the AAP government that Delhi experienced over the last five years.

Separating these two faces is one date — July 4, 2018, when a Supreme Court ruling tilted the balance of power in the capital in favour of the AAP dispensation, and away from the centrally-appointed Lieutenant Governor.

Interacting with *The Indian Express* recently, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said his government could have done much more had there been more clarity on allocation of powers during the first three years, a tumultuous period marked by conflicts with the bureaucracy and Najeeb Jung, the then L-G.

Eleven days after taking over in February 2015, Kejriwal issued an order directing the L-G to route all files on police, public order and land — subjects outside the jurisdiction of the elected government — through his office, which was turned down by Jung. In May 2015, Kejriwal again instructed officials "not to bother the L-G" with files on policy matters. Jung's office countered the order, reminding officials that "all files relating to matters for which the legislative assembly can make law should come to the L-G for final approval".

Soon after, Jung's decision to appoint IAS officer Shakuntala Gamlin as acting Chief Secretary, against Kejriwal's wishes, snowballed into a controversy. Anindo Majumdar, who implemented Jung's order as Secretary of the General Administration Department, found himself locked out of his office.



CM Kejriwal and former L-G Najeeb Jung were often at odds. *Archive*

The next flashpoint was when Jung appointed M K Meena as the chief of the anti-corruption branch, incensing the AAP. The tussle on jurisdiction over ACB would eventually reach the Supreme Court in February 2019, with the court ruling in favour of the Union government, represented by the L-G.

Towards the end of 2015, the acrimony between Kejriwal and the Centre escalated after the CBI arrested Kejriwal's principal secretary Rajendra Kumar in a corruption case. Kejriwal lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling him a "coward and a psychopath".

The first few months of 2016 witnessed more spats. In June, the ACB registered an FIR against Kejriwal over alleged irregularities in deployment of water tankers. The CM "thanked" the PM for "accepting that your fight is directly against me".

In a setback for the AAP, the Delhi High Court on August 4, 2016, stamped the primacy of the L-G as the city's administrator, ruling the government's position that the L-G was bound by its aid and advice as "without substance". Armed with the court order, in August 2016, Jung set up a probe committee under retired justice V K Shunglu to examine decisions taken by the AAP government.

In September, Jung asked Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, who was on an official tour in Finland, to return immediately in the wake of a chikungunya outbreak. In December, Kejriwal called Jung "Hitler", miffed over the appointment of an IAS officer as the member secretary to Delhi Commission for Women.

December 22 marked the end of a chapter, with Jung's resignation as L-G. On December 31, Anil Bajaj took over as the new L-G. His media-shy and reticent nature played a key role in reducing the tension, at least in the public domain, though hostility between ministers and bureaucrats remained high through 2017, and peaked in 2018 following the then Chief Secretary Anshu Prakash's allegation that he was assaulted by AAP leaders during a meeting at the CM's residence.

While Prakash moved the court and senior officials launched protests, taking a non-cooperation stance, Kejriwal and his Cabinet colleagues launched a *dharma* inside Bajaj's office on June 11, 2018. Over the next nine days, the country saw visuals of a sitting CM spending days on a couch.

The power dynamics shifted a month later, with the SC spelling out on July 4 that the L-G was bound by the aid and advice of the elected council of ministers, and that his concurrence was not needed on matters not relating to land, public order and police.

### AAP SCHEMES WHICH STRUCK A CHORD

**POWER SUBSIDY:** Under the 2019 scheme, consumers who use under 200 units of power in a month do not pay any charges. Those who use less than 400 units get a 50% waiver

**FREE BUS RIDE:** Women travelling in DTC and cluster buses will not have to buy tickets. The initial idea was to implement the scheme in Delhi Metro as well but the Metro board is yet to come out with a plan to implement it

**WATER SUBSIDY:** The highly popular scheme assures free water for people who use only up to 20 kilolitres per month. If usage exceeds that, the consumer pays the entire amount

**CCTV CAMERAS:** Stuck in red tape for several months, AAP was able to install over 1.5 lakh CCTV cameras across the city in 2019. The plan is to install at least 1.5 lakh more

**MOHALLA CLINICS:** AAP's flagship programme, under which tertiary healthcare centres are opened in small pockets in the city, became hugely popular

**EDUCATION:** From introducing a free coaching scheme for students from SC/ST communities to a spoken English programme in collaboration with the British Council, from starting new schools of excellence to introducing happiness curriculum in its classrooms, the AAP government kept its focus on education through its five years in power

## From 'achhe beete paanch saal' to black and yellow colours, how I-PAC left its imprint

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

AFTER THE Lok Sabha polls, as AAP reeled under a crushing defeat, a small team of researchers and volunteers from political consultancy firm Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC) quietly got to work, "gathering data and surveying the mood".

A formal announcement came December 14, with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeting: "Happy to share that I-PAC is coming on-board with us. Welcome aboard."

"Ground work started around June (2019). We did work with the Congress during the Punjab Assembly polls, but since AAP was the principal challenger, we were in touch with them as well... We always had that mutual understanding, which later took a more formal shape. It's not about whether they approached us or we approached them," Rishi Raj Singh, director and co-founder of I-PAC, said.

"We are not the flag bearers of any party, our job is to channelise the energy of their cadre and, in a way, ensure the best return for an investment," Singh said about the Prashant Kishor-led firm.

In Delhi, between June and November last year, I-PAC "did ground work and research". "It is not just about the studying one does in the five days leading to the exam, but the classes one attends over the year," Singh said. Citing an example, Singh said I-PAC's first contribution — the "achhe beete paanch saal, lage raho Kejriwal" slogan — came after an analysis of conversations on the ground: "The recurring phrases were 'nahi yaar, actually paanch saal acche gaye, Kejriwal achha kaam



Kejriwal with I-PAC's founder Prashant Kishor, Tuesday. *Express*

kar raha hai, sahi aadmi hai". The final slogan was an outcome of that exercise". He added that composer Vishal Dadlani also leaned in the theme in the party's campaign song.

The AAP then launched an extensive branding exercise around the theme. Subsequently, 15,000 personalised letters, bearing Kejriwal's signature, were sent out to 15,000 influencers in the city, "including doctors, professors, businessmen and teachers".

On the thought process behind the party's adoption of the black-yellow colour theme, shelving its traditional blue, Singh said, "The colour scheme had no previous connection with AAP; that's precisely why we used that. People used to think that saffron would be a BJP banner, blue would be an AAP one. The new colours helped us stand out amid the clutter."



Kejriwal with his wife and children at the party headquarters after results were declared; BJP chief Manoj Tiwari had said in the morning that his party could win 55 seats. Tashi Tobgyal

PARVESH, GAMBHIR COULD EMERGE AS FRONTRUNNERS

Firebrand or popular face: BJP's Delhi overhaul could see change in leadership

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE DELHI BJP is likely to see fresh faces in its organisational set-up when it goes for its next election assignment — the 2022 MCD polls, where it will be facing 15 years of anti-incumbency.

The party's next line of leaders who could hold a chance at becoming the state president are MPs Parvesh Sahib Singh and Gautam Gambhir, former MP Maheesh Girri, and senior leader Ashish Sood.

"If the party wants a firebrand leader, Parvesh can be a choice. He has been backed by top leadership a few times in the past months, including when the Home Minister dared Kejriwal to debate him," said a senior leader.



Gambhir could be considered for his mass appeal. Prem Nath Pandey

But if the party wants a leader with a wider appeal, East Delhi MP Gambhir could be a choice. "Gambhir has the image of an honest person and since Kejriwal makes the election a battle between personalities, the party might think of grooming him for the task in the next polls. He is a popular face, especially

among youths," he said. Girri and Sood have considerable experience in the party.

Another leader said that the party might now look beyond "caste and regional lines" since it is "increasingly obvious" that though these things play a role, they are not the main factor, especially in a cosmopolitan city like Delhi.

Tiwari, who was appointed state president in November 2016, saw quick success by winning the 2017 MCD polls, when the party overcame the massive anti-incumbency of two terms, to leave Congress and AAP behind. He was also credited when the party won all seven seats in the Lok Sabha.

Before Tiwari's appointment as Delhi BJP chief, the unit was dominated by Punjabis, Baniyas, Jats and Gujjars. However, as the population of migrants increased over the past decades — they are estimated to comprise a third of the city's over two crore population — the party felt the need to get a leader to tap that base.

The voting pattern suggests the BJP fared comparatively better in constituencies in the trans-Yamuna regions, such as Karawal Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Rohtas Nagar, Patparganj and Mustafabad, where there is a significant population of Purvanchalis.

Tiwari said the party will review why it failed to meet its own expectations and saw a moral victory in the fact that its vote share has increased since 2015.

"Delhi must have given the mandate after careful thinking. Our vote percentage has increased from 32 per cent to about 38 per cent. Delhi did not reject us and the increase (in vote share) is a good sign for us," he said.

He said the BJP hopes there would be less blame-game and more work in the capital, and congratulated Arvind Kejriwal on the party's victory. "We indulge in politics of development, not politics of hate. We're still against the roadblock in Shaheen Bagh, as we were earlier," he said.



At the Delhi BJP office after results were announced. Manoj Tiwari said BJP focussed on politics of development, not hate. Abhinav Saha

In 8 seats BJP won, 2 go to incumbents, Cong had little role to play

AMIL BHATNAGAR NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

AS AAM Aadmi Party (AAP) swept the Delhi Assembly polls, eight candidates fielded by the party failed to find favour with people. The eight constituencies where the AAP lost to BJP are Ghonda, Karawal Nagar, Rohtas Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Vishwas Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Rohini and Badarpur. Of these, the BJP won in Vishwas Nagar and Rohini in the 2015 Assembly polls too.

Voting patterns show that the Congress had little role to play in the outcome, except in one seat where the dip in AAP's vote share was inversely proportional to the Congress vote share.

In Gandhi Nagar, where Congress fielded former minister Arvinder Singh Lovely, AAP's vote share decreased by 8 per cent as compared to the 2015 polls. The Congress gained 5 per cent votes and the BJP 4 per cent. Sitting MLA Anil Kumar Bajpai, who left AAP to join BJP last year, was the winner in Gandhi Nagar.

In all other seats, the percentage increase in the BJP vote share has been more than the percentage decrease in the AAP vote share, indicating that the BJP gained from votes the Congress lost.

In Laxmi Nagar, the Congress vote share dipped from 17.26 per cent in 2015 to 3.56

per cent in this election as the BJP's vote share went up. BJP's Abhay Verma got about 48 per cent votes and defeated AAP's Nitin Tyagi by a narrow margin of 880 votes.

Incumbent BJP MLA Vijender Gupta managed to retain Rohini, defeating AAP's Rajesh Bansiwala by a margin of over 12,000 seats. In 2015, Vijender defeated AAP's C L Gupta with less than half the margin.

AAP failed to breach East Delhi's Vishwas Nagar, which has been represented by a BJP candidate since the 2013 polls. The winning candidate, Om Prakash Sharma, a businessman, defeated AAP's Deepak Singla by a comfortable margin of 16,500 votes.

Sitting AAP MLA and youth leader Sarita Singh was defeated in Rohtas Nagar by BJP's Jitender Mahajan. In 2015, Jitender had lost to Sarita Singh by a margin of more than 8,000 votes. In this election, Jitender won by a margin of 13,241 votes.

In North East Delhi's Karawal Nagar, AAP candidate Durgesh Pathak lost to BJP's Mohan Singh Bisht, who had earlier represented the seat in 2008 and 2013. BJP's Kapil Mishra, who lost from Model Town constituency this time, had won from Karawal Nagar in 2015 on an AAP ticket.

BJP's district chief of North East Delhi, Ajay Mahawar, won from Ghonda seat, defeating AAP's sitting MLA Shri Dutt Sharma by a margin of more than 27,000 votes.

'Terrorist' jibe, 'goli maaro' slogan, BJP motormouths muted after results come in

SOMYA LAKHANI & JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

ON COUNTING day, two of BJP's most vocal leaders, who had been penalised by the Election Commission — Model Town candidate Kapil Mishra and West Delhi MP Parvesh Sahib Singh — found themselves with little to say. While Mishra lost to AAP's Akhilesh Pati Tripathi by over 10,000 votes, in Singh's Lok Sabha constituency, the BJP lost all 10 seats.

A lead of 90 votes after round one of counting convinced Mishra that he would be the next MLA of the constituency. By round five, it was clear Mishra was set to lose, as AAP's Tripathi was leading with over 10,000 votes. A similar script played out with Hari Nagar's Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga, who lost to AAP's Rajkumari Dhillion by over 20,000 votes.

After a campaign that saw jibes at anti-CAA protesters in Shaheen Bagh and other provocative statements, on Tuesday, both



BJP's Model Town candidate Kapil Mishra and West Delhi MP Parvesh Sahib Singh. Express

Bagga and Mishra were far more muted.

At the Bharat Nagar counting booth, Mishra told *The Indian Express*, "I congratulate Tripathi and AAP. I think we (BJP) couldn't connect with Delhi's janta."

In the run up to the election campaign, Mishra had taken out a pro-CAA rally in Connaught Place, where he chanted the slogan, "desh ke gaddaron ko, goli maaro saalon ko".

On Tuesday he said, "My comment was only about the anti-CAA protests. It was not a part of any campaigning and doesn't reflect the party's ideology."

Bagga, who had spoken of a "surgical strike" in Shaheen Bagh, took to Twitter to congratulate AAP.

He told *The Indian Express*, "It was an AAP wave and we have to accept that... Their policies of freebies won. As far as Shaheen Bagh is concerned, it was an election mudda. Even if there was no election, I would have opposed it."

Singh, who had said protesters from Shaheen Bagh would "enter homes and rape sisters, daughters", tweeted Tuesday: "Accepting the mandate of the people, we will work harder and continue serving the people of Delhi." He could not be contacted for a comment despite repeated attempts.



AAP's Rakhi Birla. The new Assembly has eight women

IN THE ASSEMBLY

WOMEN MLAS

- Rajkumari Dhillion (Hari Nagar)
Atishi (Kalkaji)
Rakhi Birla (Mangolpuri)
Bhavna Gaur (Palam)
Pramila Tokas (RK Puram)
A Dhanwati Chandela (Rajouri Garden)
Bandana Kumari (Shalimar Bagh)
Preeti Tomar (Tri Nagar)

MUSLIM MLAS

- Imran Hussain (Ballimaran)
Shoab Iqbal (Matia Mahal)
Haji Yunus (Mustafabad)
Amanatullah Khan (Okhla)
Abdul Rehman (Seelampur)

(ALL FROM AAP)

NOTA OVER THE YEARS

Table with 2 columns: Year (2013, 2015, 2020) and Total votes. 2013: 49,774 (0.63%) vs 78,76,164. 2015: 35,875 (0.40%) vs 89,42,340. 2020: 43,071 (0.46%) vs 92,54,843.

At its lowest point in capital, Cong admits: Just introspection won't do

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

IN A repeat of 2015, the Congress, which ruled Delhi for 15 years, failed to win a single seat in the assembly polls. While the party got 9.65% of the vote share in 2015, it trickled down to 4.26% this time. Of the 70 Assembly seats, the party did not manage to come second in even one. In 67 seats, 63 of its candidates and four RJD candidates — with whom the party formed an alliance — lost their deposit.

After the 2015 assembly polls, the party had managed to improve its vote share in the 2017 MCD polls (21.09%) and the 2019 Lok Sabha polls (22%). Under the leadership of former Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit, the party came second in five of seven parliamentary constituencies during the Lok Sabha polls.

But the gains made in the Lok Sabha did not have any impact during assembly elections. "People's mandate is against us, we accept it... Our vote percentage (across the elections) has come down from 22% (in 2019 Lok Sabha election) to 5-6%. This is a matter of concern and needs evaluation. The Congress and its Delhi unit have decided to redraw from the



At the Delhi Cong office. Praveen Khanna

grassroots and bring in newer, fresher leadership," Congress's chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said later.

A senior leader admitted: "The party's performance has been the weakest this time. It did not have an agenda and there was no support from the leadership. The number of rallies and public meetings organised by top leaders could

not attract voters. During the entire election campaign, the party kept criticising AAP and BJP instead of focussing on their own issues."

Senior leaders in the party, who have been a part of Dikshit's government, said the Congress needs a complete overhaul. After Dikshit died on July 20 last year, the Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC) was left headless for six months, until Subhash Chopra was appointed to the post in October last year.

Leaders said the party lost crucial time in those six months. "While no one can replace her, we should have at least tried to make up for lost time. We will have to learn to take decisions quickly," said Kiran Walia, a three-time MLA and who also served as Minister of Health and Family Welfare in Dikshit's cabinet from 2008 to 2013.

Another crisis facing the party in the capital is its dwindling cadre strength — something both AAP and BJP heavily rely on to reach every single door. Continuous infighting and lack of trust within the party has also been affecting its performance.

Many also blamed the leadership for not infusing energy into candidates. While BJP and AAP kicked off their campaigns early, top leaders and star campaigners from the Congress

came to the ground only in the last week of polls.

Even during public gatherings, candidates had only one thing to talk about: Work done by Dikshit in Delhi. According to leaders, running a campaign based solely on highlighting Dikshit's achievements had no impact on voters, who want to look ahead, not to the past.

"Jab leadership nahi dikhegi, toh candidate kya karega?," said Mangat Ram Singhal, another Congress leader who worked in Dikshit's cabinet.

The road ahead for the party will need much more than just introspection. All India Congress Committee national spokesperson Sharmistha Mukherjee admitted as much, when she tweeted: "If we are to survive, time to come out of exalted echo chambers! We are again demotivated in Delhi. Enough of introspection, time for action now. Inordinate delay in decision making at the top, lack of strategy and unity at state level, demotivated workers, no grassroots connect — all are factors. Being part of the system, I too take my share of responsibility."

Chopra said, "I worked for 20-21 hours every day, but I am not tired yet. Delhi Congress will continue to fight. Attempts to polarise were made by both parties (BJP and AAP) and they were successful to an extent."

IN REPEAT OF 2015

63 Congress candidates and four RJD candidates — with whom the party formed an alliance — lost their deposit

HIGHEST VOTE SHARE

- Abhishek Dutt (21.42%) Kasturba Nagar
Devender Yadav (19.66%) Badli
Arvinder Singh Lovely (19.14%) Gandhi Nagar
Lowest vote share: Pramod Kumar Yadav (0.84%) — Badarpur

16.66% Vote share below which a candidate loses security deposit
₹10,000 — Amount taken as security deposit

# In Okhla, Amanatullah says voters gave Shah a shock



BJP made Shaheen Bagh an issue, it didn't work: Khan. PTI

ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE AAP recorded a significant victory margin in Okhla, a constituency which includes Jamia Millia Islamia and Shaheen Bagh — the epicentre of protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

AAP's Amanatullah Khan won 66.03% of the total votes polled and by a margin of 71,827 votes, while BJP's Braham Singh got 58,540 votes (29.65%), and Congress's Parvez Hashmi bagged 5,123 votes (2.59%).

In the first two rounds of counting, Khan was trailing marginally behind Singh. But in the third round, Khan picked up a lead of over 3,000 votes. By the fourth round, the margin had increased to over 13,000, and kept widening. While Singh fared better in 17th-19th rounds, Khan had taken a massive lead by then.

Stepping out of the counting centre at Maharani Bagh in the evening, Khan told *The Indian Express*: "This is a win for the public. They trusted us. They voted for the work we did. The BJP tried to fight the elections on communal lines and make Shaheen Bagh an issue, but it didn't work. People voted for development. This is a win for the people of Delhi. They have shocked Amit Shah with 'current' from their votes."

In his speeches, the Home Minister had asked voters to press the EVM button in favour of BJP so that "its current can be felt in Shaheen Bagh".

In 2015, Khan had won the Okhla seat by a margin of 64,532 votes. He had got 62.57% of the votes polled, while Singh had got 23.84%.

(Inputs from Ananya Tiwari)



The women of Shaheen Bagh as results started trickling in, Tuesday. Yashee

## 'SUPPORT NO POLITICAL PARTY'

# At centre of shrill campaign, Shaheen Bagh lets silence speak on result day

YASHEE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

MUCH WAS said and heard about Shaheen Bagh during the campaign for the Delhi Assembly election. On results day, Shaheen Bagh chose its own way to give out its message — silence.

On the morning of February 11, the road leading up to the protest site was lined with people carrying placards. "Today's protest is silent. We don't support any political party" — the posters read.

As TV crews arrived, protesters pointed to the placards taped to their bodies. They were firm, refusing to open their mouths.

Inside the tent, women sat in rows, holding similar placards. Many of them followed the news on their phones, but on mute. The faces were tense, and manners terse.

Outside the tent, people had gathered in batches. One man approached the mediapersons milling around. "Words can be twisted. We won't allow either the victors or the losers to manipulate us," he said.

Mohammed Wasim, a local resident, said, "No politician has spoken up for us. We have to vote for someone. That doesn't mean we support everything that a party stands for," said.

A little way further, Zubair, Mukke and Sameer Khan were

part of a crowd following the results at a tea stall.

On CM Arvind Kejriwal not coming out in direct support of the protests, Mukke said: "We understand that Kejriwal was being diplomatic. He has worked for Delhi. That's what you want from your government."

Sameer Khan said, "CAA and NRC aren't something a state government can fix. It's good that Kejriwal didn't try to gain mileage from a movement that has nothing to do with him."

Suddenly, someone said AAP's Amanatullah Khan was trailing in Okhla, the seat that houses Shaheen Bagh. "BJP will never win from here. They made that choice, not us. They didn't

even try any outreach here," said Zubair.

"The Muslim vote is actually the easiest to win. No one has done anything for us. We'll vote for anyone who says they care about us. But in the BJP's worldview, that's just not an option," said Mohammed Kafeel.

Inside the tent, the crowd had swelled. Men joined the women in neat rows. Now, people had black cloths around their mouths. The atmosphere seemed more relaxed.

Mohammad Sameer said, "Kejriwal has at least not tried to divide people. Whatever work he has done, they are for the people of every community."

Just then, a man barged out

of the tent. Even with the spectacles and a black band around his mouth, it was clear that he was livid. He gesticulated at the 'silent protest' signs, and the crowd immediately scattered, looking shamefaced.

Kafeel, speaking softly, said, "This protest is about making sure our voice isn't silenced forever. If the BJP loses today, we will know at least our fellow citizens understand our concerns. That even if they vote for BJP at the Centre, they aren't blinded by hatred for us. There will be no celebration at Shaheen Bagh irrespective of the results. But I will celebrate the rejection of negative and divisive politics. I think every sensible Indian will."



AAP's Manish Sisodia and BJP's Ravinder Singh Negi amid the counting of votes Tuesday. Somya Lakhani

# Sisodia retains Patparganj, but not before a scare

SOMYA LAKHANI  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

MANISH SISODIA, Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister and the face of the AAP government's education reforms, fought a nerve-racking battle to retain his Patparganj seat on Tuesday.

What was expected to be a cakewalk for Sisodia, arguably the most recognisable face from the party after Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, turned into a nail-biter with BJP's Ravinder Singh Negi coming out ahead in six of the 15 rounds during counting of votes.

While Sisodia eventually got 69,974 votes, Negi got 66,703 votes. At 11 am, inside Patparganj counting centre at the CWG Sports Complex near Akshardham temple, a white board indicated Sisodia was trailing by 1,500 votes. Around noon, when counting of round six was done, the tally indicated that BJP's Negi was leading by 2,182 votes. "Matlab logon ko padhai nahi kamai," lamented an AAP worker.

As Sisodia and Negi paced from one table to another where counting was underway, Sisodia wore a restless look, while Negi sported a saffron jacket and a wide smile for cameras.

By 12.30 pm, the margin had narrowed to 859 votes; half an hour later, it went down to 556.

Just as it appeared that Sisodia might overtake his rival, at 1.20 pm, the margin increased to 1,288. Sisodia sat in a corner with party workers, with a glum expression. At the party headquarters, however, celebrations had begun.

Around 2 pm, Sisodia's luck turned around and he was back in the lead. After round 11, he was ahead by 656 votes, and by the end of round 12, he was leading by 2,073 votes.

Visibly relieved, Sisodia asked, "Arvind ji clear ho gaye kya?" His party workers informed him that Atishi from Kalkaji, Raghu Chadha from Rajinder Nagar and Imran Hussain from Ballimaran were leading. Once Sisodia's victory was confirmed, his supporters chanted: "Shiksha mantri kaisa ho? Manish Sisodia jaisa ho."

Even before the final numbers could be updated, Sisodia left after saying, "People have voted for all the work that Kejriwal has done... The work he did as their son; they have rewarded him by making him the CM third time in a row. I am very happy to be Patparganj's MLA again. There was flip-flop (today) but a lot of work was done in Patparganj. Ye shiksha ki jeet hai."

After this began his victory rally through Akshardham area, where volunteers showered rose petals, danced and sang 'Lage Raho Kejriwal'.

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**Extract of Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2019**  
(Rupees in lakhs, except for the share data and if otherwise stated)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
		Quarter ended		Nine months ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Nine months ended		Year ended		
		31 December 2019	30 September 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 March 2019	31 December 2019	30 September 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 March 2019	
1.	Total income	12,446	10,337	13,515	35,198	35,218	48,469	12,448	10,339	13,526	35,206	35,235	48,490
2.	Net Profit for the period/year before tax	641	246	509	1,109	1,057	1,459	638	245	517	1,106	1,068	1,470
3.	Net Profit for the period/year after tax	413	157	325	712	675	926	406	156	332	705	684	939
4.	Total comprehensive income for the period/year (comprising profit for the period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	411	155	324	706	672	918	404	154	331	699	681	931
5.	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 2 each, fully paid)	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074	1,074
6.	Reserves excluding revaluation reserve as per balance sheet						4,820						4,845
7.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 2 each) (not annualised for quarters / nine months)												
	a. Basic (Rs.)	0.77	0.29	0.61	1.33	1.25	1.72	0.76	0.29	0.62	1.31	1.27	1.75
	b. Diluted (Rs.)	0.77	0.29	0.61	1.33	1.25	1.72	0.76	0.29	0.62	1.31	1.27	1.75

**Notes:**

- The Company doesn't have any exceptional and extraordinary item to report during the above periods.
- The above unaudited financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the Meetings held on 11 February 2020.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Standalone and Consolidated Financial Result for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2019 filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the stock exchange website, [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website, [www.singerindia.net](http://www.singerindia.net).

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 11 February 2020

For Singer India Limited  
Sd/-  
(Rajeev Baja)  
Managing Director

**CCH - 17**  
Form No.4  
Summons in Summary Suit  
(O. 36, R. 2)  
Appendix B  
Hearing: 02.04.2020

**IN THE COURT OF THE Hon'ble ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BANGALORE**  
O. S. No. 5149 /2018

**PLAINTIFF:** I/S  
**LEITZ TOOLING SYSTEMS INDIA PVT. LTD.**  
(A private company limited by shares and incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956)  
Having its registered office at: 486 C, IV Phase, 14 Cross, Peenya Industrial Area, Bengaluru - 560 058  
Represented herein by its duly authorised Signatory Mr. H. R. Kulkarni (DGM - Sales & Marketing)  
**To, MR. ASHISH RAWAT, Proprietor M S Klebstoffe**  
(A proprietorship firm) Aged: Adult, Father's name does not known to the Plaintiff.  
Having his offices at: 10/62-B, 1 Floor, Krishna Tower, Kirti Nagar Industrial Area, New Delhi - 110015, Delhi Code -07  
...Defendant

Whereas, **Leitz Tooling Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd.**, the Plaintiff has instituted the above suit against you under Order XXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 for recovery of Rs. 16,43,921/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty One only), being the principal amount totally owed under the Invoices of the Plaintiff along with interest as on date amounting to Rs. 4,28,771/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One only) and interest pendente lite and also compensation to the Plaintiff for additional tax liability amounting to Rs. 6,89,843/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Three only) on account of your failure to hand over pending C Forms, you are hereby summoned to cause an appearance on **02.04.2020** to be entered for you, within 10 days from the service hereof, in default, whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled, after the expiration of the said period of 10 days, to obtain a decree for any sum, not exceeding the sum of Rs. 27,62,535 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Five only) along with interest pendente lite and costs and additional tax liability on account of your failure to hand over pending C Forms as the court may order.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you the Plaintiff will thereafter serve upon you a summons for judgment at the hearing of which you will be entitled to move the court for leave to defend the suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit or otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 4th day of February 2020.

**Advocate for Plaintiff:**  
**KEYSTONE PARTNERS**  
Advocates and Solicitors  
#35/2, 2nd Floor, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru 560052

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT,**  
Asst Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

# 10 IN PARLIAMENT BUDGET SESSION

## FROM THE GALLERY

### FROM THE CHAIR

**RAJYA SABHA**  
“Thank you for reminding me that I am the Chairman of the House.”

**VENKAIAH NAIDU**, Chairman, responding to Kumari Selja (Congress) who was speaking during the discussion on Budget.

**LOK SABHA**  
“In the Lok Sabha, a question on a specific incident is not allowed. Ask a question on a policy matter.”

**OMBIRLA**, Speaker, to Hanuman Beniwal, Rashtriya Loktantrik Party's Nagaur MP, when he cited the example of a Barmer resident who had remained in jail for 30 years.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Everywhere BJP has lost. People have seen BJP as a party belonging to the upper caste people. They have neglected the tribals and that is why this has happened. I am sure that after the Delhi experience of losing, they will give more attention to tribal people like Shri Arjun Munda.”

**SAUGATA RAY**, Trinamool Congress MP, during his speech on the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2019 which was piloted by the Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda.

### ROLL CALL

**PRIME MINISTER:** Present  
**SONIA GANDHI:** Present  
**RAHUL GANDHI:** Present

## SPG only secures PM, CRPF 56 VIPs: Govt

New Delhi: The Special Protection Group (SPG) only has the Prime Minister under its cover while the CRPF secures 56 important people in the country, the government informed Parliament on Tuesday. Without naming Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy in a written reply in Lok Sabha said the SPG protects only one person.

PTI

# Nirmala pays back Chidambaram in avocado coin as Congress, BJP spar over Budget

**ABANTIKA GHOSH**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

IT WAS a case of tit for tat in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman returned former Finance minister P Chidambaram's "avocado" jibe with her own version of "classes and masses".

As Chidambaram looked on with a smile, Sitharaman said while replying to the discussion on the Budget: "When all of us were running here and there to make onions available, who was it that had avocado on his mind? Not the masses certainly."

It was a reference to Chidambaram's taunt some time back after Sitharaman, amid skyrocketing prices of onion, had told the Lok Sabha that she comes from a family where onions don't mean much. Chidambaram had asked, "Does she eat avocados?"

The issue of jobs, reduction in allocation to the rural employment guarantee programme and lack of reliable government data was a recurring theme of the Opposition's onslaught against the government as the discussion on Budget continued

for the second day in the Upper House.

Congress MP Syed Nasir Husain said: "The world knows who peddles fake data and even says untruths in the House. We had said *garibi hatao* (remove poverty); you seem to be saying *garibon ko hatao* (remove the poor). Here our MoS (Finance, Anurag Thakur) is sitting and smiling, but some time ago he was egging people on to shoot. It resulted in two armed men actually shooting (at Jamia Millia Islamia and Shaheen Bagh)."

Taking on the government's 'Stand Up India' initiative, aimed at promoting entrepreneurship, Husain said, "It is now *darao dhamkao* (threaten) India and *garibon ko satao* (frustrate the poor) India. These are all diversionary tactics to use world recession as an excuse to cut funds for the poor, the farmers, and the SCs and STs."

Thakur, whose controversial "goli maro..." remarks during the Delhi Assembly election campaign phase had earned him the Election Commission's ire, was seen smiling.

Even though Sitharaman entered the House just minutes before her own reply, Thakur was not seen taking notes, as is nor-

## First part of Budget session ends, House to meet on March 2

New Delhi: Both Houses of Parliament were adjourned on Tuesday till March 2 as the first part of the Budget session came to an end. The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha will resume the session on March 2. They would remain in session till April 3, during which the Budget will be taken up for passage. The intervening period would enable parliamentary standing committees to examine demands for grants. The session began with an address by President Ram Nath Kovind to a joint sitting of Parliament on January 31.

Several other Cabinet ministers were present but none seemed to be taking note of the sug-

gestions from different speakers.

Calling the Opposition's criticism "fake propaganda for political benefit", BJP member G V L Narasimha Rao slammed the narrative that India's unemployment is currently at a 45-year high. "These are two different surveys, different methodologies that cannot be compared. The truth is 7 million people are now entering the workforce every year. At 1.73 million (jobs created) between 2009 and 2011, it was the lowest in several decades under the UPA — millions of women went out of jobs (as a result). We have engendered — brought in women — into the workforce while you endangered their economic status. Don't spread fake news, don't suffer from selective amnesia," Rao said.

## ECONOMY

**GREEN SHOOTS VISIBLE... ECONOMY NOT IN TROUBLE, SAYS SITHARAMAN**  
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# LS clears Bill to include more tribes in ST category in Karnataka

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE CONSTITUTION (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which seeks to grant Scheduled Tribes status to certain communities in Karnataka, was passed by voice vote in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Moving the Bill for consideration, Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda said, "Certain communities in Karnataka were worried for years because they were not included in the list of Scheduled Tribes... Parivara and Talawara belong to the Nayaka community but they were deprived of ST category due to the lack of synonyms... Now the government has brought this proposal to expand the scope of the synonyms of Nayaka and Siddi communities."

The Bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha during the winter session.

All parties supported the Bill but the Opposition demanded a comprehensive legislation for inclusion of any community in the ST list.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said, "We need a holistic and comprehensive legislation in so far as inclusion of any community in the Scheduled Tribe list is concerned."

Trinamool Congress MP Sougata Ray raised the issue of Maoism in tribal areas. "I want to mention that one of the reasons why Maoism spread in Chhattisgarh is that big corporates like Vedanta and others are trying to grab lands in the tribal areas because tribal areas are rich in minerals. In Odisha also, Malkangiri is full of tribals and full of Maoists. This is, again, because big corporates are trying to grab the land," Ray said.

Earlier, opening the debate, Congress MP Kodikunil Suresh said, "After Independence, there were a number of communities which were included in the Scheduled Caste or the Scheduled Tribe lists. You are not enhancing the reservation facilities. The percentage of reservation has not enhanced."

Shiv Sena member Arvind Sawant and NCP's Supriya Sule demanded that the Dhargar community from Maharashtra also be included in the list. Sawant also raised the issue of assaults on Marathi people in Belgaum in Karnataka.

# Govt in LS: Over 60% drop in detected infiltration along Indo-Bangla border

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

AS PROTESTS over the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) rage across the country, the government on Tuesday told Parliament that detected infiltration through the India-Bangladesh border has dropped by over 60 per cent since 2015.

Indicating that actual infiltration may have also decreased, the government has put out data to show that deportation of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants too has dropped by over 63 per cent.

To a question by BJP's Darjeeling MP Raju Bista on illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and their deportation, MoS (Home) Nityanand Rai said the numbers, as recorded through arrests made by the Border Security Force (BSF) on the India-Bangladesh border, had fallen from 3,426 in 2015 to 1,351 in 2019.

According to the data provided by Rai, figures for infiltration along the Indo-Bangla border stood at 2,075 for 2016, 1,175 for 2017 and 1,118 for 2018.

Rai also informed that the number of those deported to Bangladesh decreased from 5,930 in 2015 to 2,175 in 2019. The figures stood at 5,147 in 2016, 4,706 in 2017, and 3,390 in 2018, according to data.

However, Rai clarified that it is not possible to arrive at the exact number of illegal immigrants in the country. "Illegal immigrants enter the country without valid travel documents in clandestine and surreptitious manner. Therefore, it is not possible to have an ac-



MoS (Home) Nityanand Rai

curate estimate of such illegal migrants living in the country," he said in a written reply. He added that the government was taking all steps to stop illegal immigration.

"The government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which inter-alia includes round-the-clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation post; construction of border fencing and floodlighting; introduction of modern and Hi-Tech surveillance equipments; upgradation of intelligence setup and enhanced coordination with the state governments and concerned intelligence agencies. Technological solutions are being used for vulnerable areas where physical fencing is not feasible on a pilot basis, to begin with, on the Indo-Pakistan border and Indo-Bangladesh border. The technological solutions are based on integration of sensors and surveillance equipment like radars, day and night vision cameras etc. in a network architecture with command and control system," he said.

In a reply to another question, the government told Parliament that it will not send children excluded from the NRC to detention centres if their parents have been included in the register of citizens.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Parliament House on Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

# DMK stalls LS proceedings over Cauvery projects

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

DMK MEMBERS stalled proceedings and trooped into the aisle in the Lok Sabha Tuesday to press for a withdrawal of all hydrocarbon projects in the Cauvery delta area in Tamil Nadu. DMK floor leader T R Baalu got visibly angry when Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury started speaking before he finished. He was seen gesturing to Congress

chief whip Kodikunil Suresh, standing behind Chowdhury, to register his disapproval. This seemed to have an effect as Suresh soon gestured to Speaker Om Birla to allow Baalu to complete. The Chair obliged by letting Baalu resume after a while.

During zero hour, Baalu said that DMK leader M K Stalin, during a visit of the delta area in 2019, had promised to convert it into a protected agriculture zone. He said the same promise had been made by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on Monday. Baalu

pointed out that the Petroleum Ministry had recently issued notices calling for Expression of Interest in 274 places part of the delta area for hydrocarbon exploration.

"I request the Agriculture Minister to kindly prevail upon the Petroleum Minister to withdraw all the hydrocarbon projects, ongoing as well as proposed," he said. Baalu sought a response from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who was present in the House. The Speaker, however, moved on to another matter.

**SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
E-procurement Tender Notice No. 166  
The following tenders and corrigendum notice have been floated through e-Procurement. Tenderers are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in and submit their offers. It may be noted that the offers submitted manually or on paper will not be accepted. Offers sent by post are not entertained.  
**Tender No. T.MC2019040**  
**Description:** Supply of Satellite Reduction Gear Box, Distribution Gear Box, Gear Box for FRM, etc., for the use of Track Machines. **Due Date:** 03.03.2020 **Tender No. T.MC2019041**  
**Description:** Supply of Cross Sliding, Wheel, Vertical, Flow Divider Cylinders, Valves, Crawler Chain Complete, Motorized and non-motorized Wheels, Cables, Lever, etc., for the use of T-28 Machines. **Due Date:** 03.03.2020 **Tender No. T.MC2019042**  
**Description:** Supply of Pump Cylinders for the use of Track Machines. **Due Date:** 05.03.2020 **Tender No. T.MC2019046**  
**Description:** Cardon Shafts, Drive Shafts, Splined Shafts, etc., for the use of Track Machines. **Due Date:** 05.03.2020 **Tender No. T.MC2019047**  
**Description:** Supply of Nave Units (working & Driving) for the use of BCM / FRM Machines. **Due Date:** 05.03.2020 **Tender No. T.MC2019048**  
**Description:** Supply of Hydraulic Motors, Hydraulic Relief / Check Valves and Hydraulic Double/Triple valves, etc for the use of Track Machines. **Due Date:** 10.03.2020  
**Issue of Corrigendum No.1 to the Tender Notice No. 165 (e-Procurement Tender Notice)**  
**Tender Notice No.8 Date:** Tender Notice No. 165 of 21.01.2020 **Tender No. T.MC2019038**  
**Description:** New items are included. **Tender No. T.MC2019039**  
**Description:** Acceptable Make is changed. For complete details, please refer www.ireps.gov.in  
Div.Chief Engineer/ TM/HQ/Secunderabad  
A0204  
For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
BUILDINGS (C&M) CIRCLE, MEDICAL WORKS, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI - 600 005.  
NIT No. 37/2019-20/BCM/MW/CHENNAI Date: 11.02.2020  
FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMP SUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)  
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE  
For and on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Medical Works, Chepaug, Chennai-5 invites tender for the following work at his Office upto 3.00 P.M. on 28.02.2020 in two sealed covers containing, Cover (I) Pre-Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and Cover (2) Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put into one common sealed cover from the experienced and Registered Contractors / Firms in Public Works Department as detailed below. The Pre-Qualification will alone be opened at 3.30 P.M. on the same day.  
Sl. No. Name of Work Appx. value of work including G.S.T. (Rs. in Lakhs) Amount of Earnest Money Deposit Period of Completion Cost of tender documents with GST (in Rupees)  
1. Construction of Building for Centre of Excellence for Rehabilitation in Government Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine at K.K. Nagar, Chennai-63. 2600.00 Rs.13,10,000/- 18 (Eighteen) Months Rs.15,000/- + Rs.1800/- (GST)  
Eligible Registration Class of Contractor : Registered in Class-I in State Level (Rs.75.00 Lakhs and above).  
Cost of Tender Schedule and EMD to be remitted in favour of : The Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings Construction Division-II, Medical Works, Chepaug, Chennai-5.  
All other details including EMD, Qualification criteria are incorporated in the tender documents, which are available in the following website and can be downloaded at free of cost. [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)  
The Tender documents can also be available in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings Construction & Maintenance Circle, Medical Works, Chepaug, Chennai - 600 005 during office hours upto 05.45 PM by remitting cost of Tender Schedule as furnished as above column 6 by remitting through Challan in State Bank of India, Chennai-1 and any Clarification will be entertained during office hours on working days upto 27.02.2020.  
Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Building  
DIPR /849 / TENDER / 2020  
Construction & Maintenance Circle, Medical Works, Chepaug, Chennai - 600 005

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
BUILDING ORGANIZATION  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P.W.D., BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM - 7.  
PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMP SUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)  
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE No. 31/ 2019-20/SEB(C&M)/SLM, Dated. 11.02.2020  
For and on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Salem - 7 invites tender for the following work, at his office upto 3.00 P.M. on 06.03.2020 in two sealed covers containing (i) Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii) Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put into one common sealed cover from the experienced and competent contractors / firms as detailed below. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the Govt. designated website (viz) <http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>. The tender schedule will also be available in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7, from 13.02.2020 to 05.03.2020 upto 5.45 pm. The tenders received will be opened at 3.30 P.M. on 06.03.2020 on the same day in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to be present at that time.  
Sl. No. Name of Work Approximate value of work including G.S.T. (Rs. in Lakhs) Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) Period of Completion  
1. Construction of Salem Government Law College Building with Hostels for Boys and Girls in Salem (South) of Salem District. 8540.00 42,80,000 24 Months  
Contractor class : Registered in Class I in State level / Circle level (Rs.75.00 lakhs and above)  
EMD to be credited : The Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C&M) Division, Salem-7.  
Cost of tender schedule : Document cost : Rs.15000/- (+) G.S.T. 12%; Rs.1800/-  
All other details including qualification criteria are incorporated in the tender documents, which are available in the following website and can be downloaded at free of cost. Any Changes in tender condition will also be published in web site. [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)  
Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., (I/c) Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7.  
DIPR / 841 / TENDER / 2020

**Office of the MANAGING DIRECTOR, Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. DLW, Hydrel Colony, Varanasi-221004**  
**E-Mail ID: semm2puvvnl@gmail.com GST No.: 09AADCP4092M5ZT, Ref: No. 85/PuVVNL(V)/MM-II/EE-I/Date: 11.02.2020, Extension of Tender specification Nos. EAV-60/2019-20, Third Party Inspection for Distribution Transformers Repairing Workshop & Sample Testing of Repaired transformer at the TRW. Due to unavoidable reasons the tender invited through E-Tender No. EAV-60/2019-20 the date of bid opening is hereby further extended and details for the same has been mentioned as below:-**  
**Sl. No.:1, Tender Specification No. :EAV-60/2019-20, Item Name: Third Party Inspection for Distribution Transformers Repairing Workshop & Sample Testing of Repaired transformer at the TRW. Extended date & Time for online submission of tender document: 03.03.2020 Time 15.00 PM, Time for Online opening of tender part-1: 04.03.2020 Time 15.00 PM, Other terms and conditions will remain same. Sd/- (V.D. Ambarbar) Superintending Engineer (MM-II) Office of MD, PuVVNL, Varanasi-221004, "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION", पत्रांक: 85/पू.वि.वि.नि.लि.(चा.)/सा.प्र.-II/अअ-1/विज्ञापन दिनांक: 11.02.2020**

**उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा रिटेण्डर/विस्तारिकरण सूचना प्रतिभागी निविदादाताओं द्वारा निविदा की अर्हता पूर्ण ना किये जाने के कारण रिटेण्डर की गई निविदा संख्या टी-184/2019-20 एवं टी-185/2019-20 दिनांक 15.02.2020 को खोली जायेगी। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा। "राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाएँ"। कृपया वेब साइट [etender.up.nic](http://etender.up.nic) पर सभी सूचना, अन्य संशोधन/विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। पत्रांक 210 वि.पा.मं./प्रे.नं./T-184 & 185/2019-20 दिनांक:- 07.02.2020**

**ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**  
अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय पत्रांक 239/ई0 एन0जी0-24/10 दिनांक 07.02.2020 द्वारा जनपद हाथरस के विधानसभा क्षेत्र सासनी में अग्निशमन केन्द्र के विद्युतीकरण के कार्य, जनपद हाथरस के कार्य, जनपद आगरा, मथुरा, फिरोजाबाद, मैनपुरी, अलीगढ़, हाथरस, एटा, कासगंज में विभिन्न मल्टीपरपज सीड स्टोर टेक्नोलोजी एण्ड डिसेमिनेशन सेन्टर पर फर्नीचर सप्लाय एवं स्थापना के कार्य एवं जनपद आगरा की तहसील फतेहाबाद में भौतिक अवस्थापनाओं को बेहतर बनाये जाने हेतु निर्माण कार्य हेतु ई-निविदाएं टू विड पद्धति पर आमंत्रित की गयी है। अन्य जानकारी, नियम व शर्तें कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। निविदा से सम्बन्धित पूर्ण विवरण तथा कोई संशोधन सूचना आदि परिपद की वेब साइट [www.upavp.in](http://www.upavp.in) अथवा उपरोक्त ई-टेंडरिंग वेब साइट [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in) पर देखी जा सकती है। अधिशासी अधिकारी, उपरोक्त आवास एवं विकास परिषद, निर्माण खण्ड -30, आगरा। पत्रांक:240/ENG-24/11, दिनांक-07/02/2020

**आवश्यक सूचना**  
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 14.02.2020 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे नगर परिषद, भिवानी द्वारा कबाड़ की खुली बोली लगाई जानी है। अनः आप सभी से अनुरोध है कि बोली से पहले मु. राशि 50,000/- रुपए नगर परिषद, भिवानी के कार्यालय में जमा करवाकर अधिक से अधिक संख्या में खुली बोली में भाग लेना सुनिश्चित करें। नोट: बाकी शर्तें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में नगर परिषद भिवानी के कार्यालय में देखी जा सकती है। हस्ता./- कार्यकारी अधिकारी, नगर परिषद, भिवानी। 79818/HRY.

**5 QUESTIONS**  
BJP MP from Beed **DR PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE** speaks to **HARIKISHAN SHARMA** on the Marathwada Water Grid issue that she raised in Lok Sabha  
**What issue did you raise?**  
When BJP and Shiv Sena were in power in Maharashtra, they had sanctioned several schemes which would benefit a large number of people. But, the current government is trying to either withhold or cancel the schemes...The latest example is the Marathwada Water Grid which the current state government wants to cancel. I feel certain schemes should be kept beyond political rivalry.

**How important is this project?**  
Every time I stand to speak in Parliament is for water scarcity...due to extreme climate in Maharashtra, somewhere people are dying of flood and somewhere they are dying of drought. Former PM late Atal Bihari Vajpayee brought the concept of interlinking rivers. The Centre is doing that. It has also taken steps for conservation of groundwater...But when state governments do not do anything on the pretext of lack of funds or anything of that sort, it's very unfortunate....

**What is the cost of the project?**  
The cost of project is very high. The technical sanctions were done. Four districts were chosen...work has started in Jalna and Beed. Beed would require almost Rs 4,000 crore. I understand the amount is huge but you don't have to do everything in one go.

**Has the state government decided to scrap the project?**  
They have not scrapped it, but withheld it...Some say it is due to lack of funds and others say it is because of lack of will.

**Water is a state subject; have you raised the issue with the state government?**  
We did. On January 27, my sister and former state Rural Development Minister Pankaja Munde and I staged a protest to draw the attention of the Maharashtra government towards water crisis in Marathwada. We have taken initiatives and if required, we will continue to raise the issue.

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## MISSING AFTER DEBACLE

ON A day the BJP suffered a rout in Delhi Assembly elections, Home Minister Amit Shah, who had led the party's campaign from the front, was conspicuous by his absence from the Lok Sabha. He did not show up even for the Finance Minister's reply to the debate on the Union Budget. Notably, it was the Home Ministry's Question Hour day in Lok Sabha, which Shah is very particular about attending. "Where is Amit Shah," Opposition members sarcastically asked the BJP camp often during Tuesday's proceedings.

## GANG TALK

HAS THE Home Ministry and police identified any "Tukde Tukde Gang"? Have they drawn up any list of leaders and members of this purported gang? Are they contemplating any action against members of the gang? These queries were posed by Congress members Jasbir Singh Gill (MP from Khadoor Sahib) and Vincent Pala (Shillong) through a starred question in Lok Sabha. "No such information has been brought to the notice of the government by any law enforcement agency," the government's brief written reply stated. But lack of information notwithstanding, it is sure to remain in political discourse, as will be the ostensible "Khan Market Gang".

## READY TO PROPAGATE

THE BJP has got Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reply to the debate on Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in both Houses of Parliament printed as a small booklet to give it maximum reach. The booklet, published by Balasubramanyam Kamarsu, secretary of BJP Parliamentary Party office, has been distributed to party MPs in order to let them use it during the 19-day recess of Parliament, starting Wednesday. The booklet even has empty pages for party MPs to jot down notes on the speech.

## Son of former Arunachal CM Kalikho Pul found dead in UK hostel

TORA AGARWALA  
GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 11

SHUBAMSO PUL, the son of former Arunachal Pradesh chief minister Kalikho Pul, was found dead in the UK on Sunday, confirmed his family members and Arunachal Pradesh Police. Shubamso, a 20-year-old student of law, was found dead in his hostel accommodation in East Sussex's Brighton. He was reportedly studying at the University of Sussex.

"It is a suspected case of suicide but it is too early to say," said Ojingsho Pul, Shubamso's elder brother, speaking on the phone from Delhi. "It has been five-six months that he left for the UK. I last spoke to him on January 26. And his mother had spoken to him on February 8. According to her account, he sounded normal then," said D Pul, Shubamso's stepmother. "However, we do not know what happened."

In 2016, Kalikho Pul was found hanging from a ceiling fan in the CM's official bungalow in Itanagar. His alleged suicide, and the 60-page note which he left behind, was mired in controversy. He became the CM of Arunachal Pradesh in February



Kalikho Pul was found hanging in 2016

2016 but had to give up his position following a Supreme Court judgment of July 13. Kalikho Pul had married thrice. Shubamso was the son of his first wife, Dangwimsai Pul.

"We do not know the cause of death but we are in shock," said his stepmother on the phone from Tezu. "We got the news on Sunday. His elder brother is now in Delhi trying to make his way to the UK to find out what happened," she said.

"I have applied for the visa. As soon as it comes through, I will go to the UK," Ojingsho said.

Lohit SP D W Thongon confirmed Shubamso's date of birth as March 12, 1999. "Our headquarters got the news from the Interpol on Sunday..." he said.

## Oppn: AAP victory a defeat of politics of polarisation, hate

It's more like complete debacle, BJP is becoming stateless, says Mamata

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FROM THE Congress party and Trinamool Congress to the Left and Samajwadi Party to the DMK, opposition parties cutting across ideologies which had been battling against the BJP on Tuesday congratulated the Aam Aadmi Party for winning the Delhi Assembly elections. These parties argued that the verdict was against the "divisive" and "hate" politics of the BJP and a victory of inclusive politics.

Several opposition leaders, including West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee and CPJ general secretary D Raja congratulated Arvind Kejriwal over phone. Almost all opposition parties had been aggressively attacking the BJP over issues such as the new citizenship law, NPR and NRC. And the Delhi elections was the first electoral test for the BJP after na-

tionwide protests against the CAA. "The people have rejected BJP. Only development will work, CAA, NRC and NPR will be rejected," Banerjee said. "This is more like a complete debacle. The BJP is becoming stateless."

While Congress leader Rahul Gandhi congratulated Kejriwal and his party, senior leader P Chidambaram said: "AAP won, bluff and bluster lost. The people of Delhi, who are from all parts of India, have defeated the polarising, divisive and dangerous agenda of the BJP."

"I salute the people of Delhi who have set an example to other states that will hold their elections in 2021 and 2022. If the voters represent the views of the states they came from, the Delhi vote is a booster for the confidence of the Opposition that the BJP can be defeated in every state. Remember, when Delhi voted, millions of Malayalees, Tamils, Telugus, Bengalis, Gujaratis and people who came from other states of

India voted. The Delhi vote is close to an all-India vote than to a state-specific vote. Because Delhi is a mini India," he said.

NCP supremo Sharad Pawar said the Delhi results indicate that "winds of change" are blowing in the country. "The results are not surprising to me. The BJP, as usual, played the communal card to polarise votes, but failed," he said.

Congratulating Kejriwal, DMK supremo M K Stalin said, "This is clear vindication that development trumps communal politics. Federal rights and regional aspirations must be strengthened in the interest of our country."

CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said Union ministers who had called for 'gaalis' and 'golis' have got their answer from the people. The people of Delhi, he said, have given a befitting reply to BJP's politics of hate and violence. "National security means securing lives and livelihoods too, education and health. Abuse and threats to shoot down the elec-

torate in the face of a serious economic crisis in the country, jobs lost, democracy in tatters, all got a fitting rebuff," he said. Raja said the Delhi results was "definitely a verdict against BJP and for its narrative on CAA, NRC and NPR."

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said, "People have shown that the country will be run by 'Jan Ki Baat', not 'Mann Ki Baat'. BJP called Kejriwal a terrorist but couldn't defeat him."

Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav said: "Most Indians are still socially liberal and politically intelligent and are against those that drag religion, which is such a personal issue into politics, for political gains. It is also an auspicious sign and healthy message for the peace and development of the country."

Calling Kejriwal as a leader who heralded development, JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy said people of Delhi have showed that "fascist ideology" will never win their hearts.

## 'BJP respects mandate of Delhi': PM, Nadda congratulate Kejriwal

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

ON A day when the party suffered a huge loss in Delhi elections, BJP leaders congratulated Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and the AAP for their victory and promised the party would work as a constructive opposition in the state.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president J P Nadda took to Twitter to congratulate the AAP, Home Minister Amit Shah, who led an aggressive campaign, remained silent.

The Prime Minister congratulated Arvind Kejriwal for his party's win and wished him "the very best" in fulfilling the aspirations of the people of the national capital.

Nadda tweeted: "The BJP respects the mandate of Delhi. All the workers worked tirelessly in this election and have been engaged in elections day and night. Heartfelt greetings and thanks to all the workers."

"Accepting this mandate, the BJP will play the role of construc-

tive opposition and will prominently raise every issue related to the development of the state. With the belief that the Aam Aadmi Party government will develop Delhi, I Mr. @ArvindKejriwal And congratulate his party," he tweeted.

Union minister Prakash Javadekar, who was in charge of elections in Delhi, said: "The people of Delhi have taken their decision in the assembly elections, we respect that decision and Arvind Kejriwal. Greetings to him and his party. BJP will continue to give voice to the problems of the people and will continue to do their work as a constructive opposition."

More than 200 of its MPs, including several Union ministers, intensively campaigned in Delhi's 70 assembly constituencies. The party had to be contented with eight seats, five more than its 2015 tally.

Putting up a brave front, BJP general secretary Kailash Vijarvargiya noted that the BJP's vote share has risen to 38 per cent and coupled with its allies JD(U) and the LJP this was close to 40 per cent.



## HOUSE MATTERS

Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi at Parliament, on Tuesday. Anil Sharma

## In Kerala, regular surveys hit a wall amid CAA-NRC suspicion: officials

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, FEBRUARY 11

VITAL SURVEYS or census of the Central and state Statistics Departments, including the 78th round of socioeconomic survey, have been impacted by Kerala by the protests against Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA).

Field investigators of the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), under the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, and those of the state Economic and Statistics Department are facing stiff resistance in many parts, especially Muslim-dominated areas, where people have linked regular surveys to the CAA, according to officials.

In some cases, field investigators have been manhandled or threatened by people who have decided against allowing any

survey or census to be conducted in their areas against the backdrop of CAA, the officials said.

Sunita Bhaskar, Deputy Director-General, NSSO, Thiruvananthapuram, said, "There is resistance against the ongoing socioeconomic survey, labour force survey, and urban frame survey in certain areas. People have been misled by campaigns. We are trying to convince them by speaking to people's representatives. Our headquarters have also written to the state government and sought official support for the surveys."

In an attempt to assuage protesters, who are suspicious of questions in these Census or survey forms, Bhaskar said there is no question that can make people suspicious in any way. A few panchayats have passed resolution against these surveys, which have "little to do with NPR or

NRC", due to their "misunderstanding", she said.

This has slowed down the vital surveys, which are required for planning, Bhaskar maintained.

NSSO field officials said most surveys have come to a halt in Kerala's Malappuram district. In Kochi and Kottayam, field work has been stopped in five sample areas due to people's resistance, they said.

"In Thrissur, our field staff was attacked, and in Kollam we were not allowed to speak (to the people)," a senior official of NSSO said. "People shut the door on the field investigators, saying no Central government survey would be allowed in Kerala. They are backed by local leaders of all political parties and other outfits."

These leaders are even advising people to give wrong answers, which would defeat the purpose of the whole exercise,

the NSSO official said.

An official of state Economic and Statistics Department, which is conducting an agricultural census, said one of these field investigators was forced to call the police to escape from a mob which waylaid him during the survey in Kasaragod last week. "We have withdrawn our field staff from certain pockets due to protests and are waiting to see how the situation evolves. Once the sample is allocated for a field office, it is not allowed to go for substitute samples," the official, in Kozhikode region, said.

Besides the census on agriculture, field surveys on finding the standard of living has also hit a wall in certain areas, particularly in north Kerala.

Officials said people in certain areas are reluctant to answer questions on migration in the socioeconomic survey against the backdrop of the CAA.

## Marandi set to return to BJP, announces JVM(P) merger

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA  
RANCHI, FEBRUARY 11

FOURTEEN YEARS after he snapped relations with the BJP, former Jharkhand chief minister Babul Marandi on Tuesday announced his "wapsi" (return) to the saffron party. Marandi announced that his Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (Prajantrik) will merge with the BJP with immediate effect.

"A formal merger ceremony will take place on February 17 at Jagannathpur maidan, which is also known as Prabhat Tara maidan, in the presence of BJP's former president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, present BJP president J P Nadda and BJP vice-president Om Prakash

Mathur," Marandi told reporters. Office-bearers of the party, district presidents and members of the executive committee were present in the JVM(P) meeting when the merger proposal was unanimously passed and approved, he said.

JVM-P has three MLAs, but two of them — Bandhu Tirkey and Pradip Yadav — have rebelled and the meeting during the day decided to expel them from the party. Marandi will be the lone

legislator of the party after doors were shown to the two others.

BJP has 25 MLAs currently in the 81-member Jharkhand Assembly. It lost power to opposition alliance of JMM-Congress-RJD in the recent state polls.

The merger announcement ended speculation about the return of Marandi to the BJP.

The move was triggered by the fact that even after lapse of over two months of elections, the BJP has not appointed its legislature party leader, apparently in the hope of Marandi's return.

"In all, five proposals were unanimously approved by the committees. Two of the important proposals are merger of JVM(P) legislature party with the BJP legislature party and JVM(P)'s merger with the BJP," Marandi said.

## Bhim Army chief moves SC, seeks review of quota ruling

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

BHIM ARMY chief Chandrasekar Azad on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court seeking review of its judgment which said that there was no fundamental right to claim reservation in jobs and promotions.

In his plea, Azad said the ruling suffers from an "error apparent on the face of the record" and that it has "diluted constitutional provisions, and has attempted to interpret provisions of the Constitution in a manner that is contradictory to the law laid down by two Constitution Benches" of the court.

The ruling "has given the states a free hand to completely abolish reservation of SC, ST, OBC and economically weaker sections of society which is also contrary to the protection granted by the Constitution", his plea said.

The petition said: "The judgment is also severely detrimen-

tal to the interests of the other backward classes as well as the economically backward sections of society."

He claimed it "will act as a tool in the hands of the oppressors to further oppress and exploit the SC, ST, OBC and the economically weaker sections, causing further marginalization within society, thereby defeating the endeavour to bring equality between the citizens of this country by the framers of our constitution..."

A two-judge bench of the court in its judgment on February 7 had said that Article 16(4) and 16(4-A) of the Constitution were enabling provisions and it was up to the states whether to exercise the power and provide reservation and that they could not be compelled to do this.

Questioning this, Azad said the ruling "has lost sight of the fact that Article 16 mandates equality of opportunity for all citizens in matters relating to employment or appointment to any office under the State."

## Assam to drop 'Khilonjiya Muslim' from Census

TORA AGARWALA  
GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 11

FOLLOWING A three-hour meeting of the Welfare of Minorities and Development Department with representatives of Assam's Muslim communities on Tuesday, a proposal to rename the 'Khilonjiya Muslim Development Corporation' was put forth, confirmed Assam's Welfare of Minorities Minister Ranjit Dutta.

"The words 'Khilonjiya' and 'Muslim' will be omitted and replaced with the names of the specific communities: Goriya, Moriya, Deshi and Julha," he said.

The corporation which was listed as part of the Assam Budget 2019-2020, will now be called

'Goriya, Moriya, Deshi and Julha Development Corporation.' The Census of the specifically mentioned communities will take place as per plan.

"This was proposed because there is a lot of controversy around the term 'Khilonjiya' or 'indigenous'. And since it is not well-defined, other groups also might claim 'Khilonjiya' status in the Census," said Dutta.

While the Goriyas, Moriyas primarily hail from Upper Assam and Deshis from Lower Assam, the Julha Muslims are known to be migrants from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. "But the Julhas we are specifically looking at in this census are the Julhas who belong to the tea tribes and primarily reside in Golaghat and Jorhat," said Dutta.

## High-level panel finalises report on Clause 6 of Assam Accord

TORA AGARWALA  
GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 11

ON MONDAY, the high-level committee constituted by the Centre finalised its report on suggestions to implement Clause 6 of the Assam Accord, which promises safeguards to "Assamese people".

"We completed the report on Monday, and it has been signed by all members," said retired judge Biplab Kumar Sarma, chairman of the committee, adding that the report will be submitted "very soon". These recommendations will now go to the Home Ministry.

While most members are tight-lipped about contents of the report, a member said on the condition of anonymity that the NRC of 1951 will "probably" be

used as "base year" to identify "Assamese people who are eligible for safeguards".

Clause 6 of Assam Accord states that "Constitutional, legislative and administrative safeguards, as may be appropriate, shall be provided to protect, preserve and promote the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Assamese people".

In February 2019, the Centre appointed a committee to suggest ways to implement Clause 6 of the Accord. However, the invited members refused to participate because Assam was in the throes of anti-Citizenship Bill protests at the time. The current committee, which has 14 members, was constituted via a Ministry of Home Affairs notification on July 15, 2019, and replaced the older one.

In August 2019, the commit-

**EXPLAINED**

### Bid to soothe anger

WITH ASSAM facing vehement opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which people believe poses a threat to their indigenous identity, the central government is now trying to pitch Clause 6 of Assam Accord as a balm to soothe the anger. In fact, on his recent visit to Kokrajhar on February 7, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his government's commitment to implementing the Clause 6 at the earliest.

tee, which includes authors, retired bureaucrats, judges, journalists and AASU leaders, sought public suggestions and mentioned three categories for reservations — "indigenous tribal", "indigenous Assamese" and "other indigenous people of Assam" — through a public notice in newspapers across Assam.

"We have taken suggestions of more than 1,200 stakeholders. We also travelled to various districts of Assam, taking in diverse views of different people and groups," said Sarma.

One of the key questions the

report is set to answer is the definition of "Assamese people" as mentioned in the Clause 6. While the Assam Accord and NRC sets midnight of March 24, 1971 to determine who is a legal citizen, the definition of "Assamese people" eligible for the safeguards isn't spelt out clearly.

"Yes, we have come up with a base year in the report but we must remember that the definition is not so simple. It is a tricky affair and based on a number of factors," said a member of the committee.

Nilay Dutta, a member of the committee and Arunachal Pradesh's advocate general, said "the definition of the 'Assamese people' in the report is applicable specifically to the Clause 6 of the Assam Accord. It does not mean that anyone who is in-

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## HC grants interim relief from arrest to TISS student booked for sedition

OMKAR GOKHALE  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 11

THE BOMBAY High Court on Tuesday granted interim relief to Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) student Urvasi Chudawala who was booked on charges of sedition for allegedly raising slogans in support of JNU student Sharjeel Imam.

Mumbai Police on February 3 booked Chudawala along with 50 others for allegedly raising a slogan in support of Sharjeel, who has been arrested on sedition charges, during an LGBTQ rally at Azad Maidan on February 1. Chudawala on February 7 moved the high court after the sessions court rejected her anticipatory bail plea.

On Tuesday, a single-judge bench of Justice SK Shinde, while hearing the pre-arrest bail plea, extended Chudawala's interim protection from arrest. The bench noted that in the event of arrest, the TISS student should be released on a personal bond of Rs 20,000. It also directed Chudawala to visit the police station on February 12 and 13 between 11 am and 2 pm.

Justice Shinde asked Chudawala not to leave Mumbai and Thane without the court's permission. Chudawala has also been directed to deposit her mobile phone and two SIM cards to the investigation officer Wednesday.

Senior counsel Mihir Desai and advocate Vijay Hiremath, appearing for the TISS student, informed the court that the Facebook account of Chudawala had been deactivated fearing trolling. "Slogans raised in support of

Sharjeel were not the same ones for which he (Sharjeel) was booked under the sedition law. Moreover, the applicant will have to appear for an exam on Friday and pre-arrest bail should be granted," Desai said.

Opposing the plea, public prosecutor Deepak Thakare said the applicant was raising slogans looking at her mobile phone and they were in support of Sharjeel, who was booked for sedition.

Meanwhile, police have submitted in sealed cover an intelligence report based on which the permission for the Queer Azadi March at August Kranti Maidan was refused.

Justice Shinde inquired if police had followed guidelines laid down by the High Court earlier, which require written legal opinion to be taken as a precondition while invoking a sedition case under Section 124A of the IPC. Thakare said while they have not sought an opinion from a law officer from the district and the public prosecutor of the state, police will soon obtain one.

Justice Shinde had earlier appeared as a government pleader in a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking an examination of the legal position on the invocation of sedition charges. The PIL prompted the state to codify guidelines that police should follow before filing a case on charges of sedition. The PIL had come up following the invocation of sedition against a cartoonist, Aseem Trivedi.

In 2015, a set of guidelines were drawn, but they were subsequently withdrawn by the state government.

## Muzaffarpur shelter home case: Home owner Thakur, 5 others get life in jail till their death

Not fit case for adopting reformatory, therapeutic approach, says court

PRITAM PAL SINGH  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

A DELHI court on Tuesday sentenced Brajesh Thakur to imprisonment till his last breath for sexual and physical abuse of minors at a shelter home in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, and held that being the owner of the childcare institution he was expected to display "compassion, sobriety and righteousness".

Additional Sessions Judge (ASJ) Saurabh Kulshreshtha observed that Thakur "not only betrayed the trust and faith of the victim girls but also displayed extreme perversity and monstrosity by committing such abhorrent acts with numerous helpless minors girls".

Therefore, the court ruled, "it is not a fit case for adopting the reformatory and therapeutic approach".

On January 20, the court had convicted 19 people, including Thakur, 55, owner of the shelter home.

Besides Thakur, ASJ Kulshreshtha handed five other convicts life term till their last breath.

Five of them were sentenced to life and six were sentenced to 10-year imprisonment.



Brajesh Thakur

The two others were sentenced to three years and six months in jail, respectively.

The court also imposed a fine of over Rs 30 lakh on Thakur.

Observing that the victims belonged to the poor strata, which justifies the need for grant of varying compensation, the court said that compensation between Rs 5.50 lakh to Rs 10 lakh be paid to them. Some of them were asked to be paid compensation below Rs 1 lakh, keeping in mind the nature of sexual harassment.

Special Public Prosecutor Amit Jindal, representing CBI, had argued that rape is a "crime of lust and power", and considering the "gravity and serious nature of the crimes, they (convicts) do not deserve any leniency". He had argued for maximum punishment provided under the law, rigorous imprisonment for life — meaning the remainder of their natural lives — to send a strong message to the society.

Thakur's counsels, advocates Pramod Kumar Dubey and Nishaank Mattoo, had argued that the convict has no previous criminal record and exhibited exemplary conduct during the period of his incarceration. In the event of a reduced sentence, in all possibility he would come out of jail and "reform himself into a respectable and law abiding citizen in the society", they contended.

The counsel for the other convicts argued that a "reformatory and therapeutic approach (should) be adopted as opposed to an in terrorem [by way of threat/warning] approach while sentencing the convicts, as they are not hardened criminals, and in all probability would reform themselves into respectable law-abiding citizens".

The court did not agree with the convicts' plea for leniency and said, "...In this era, where protection of girl child and emancipation of women are avowed societal objectives, it is lamentable that minor girls housed in a State-sponsored, State-monitored and State-funded children's home

(Balika Grih, Muzaffarpur, Bihar), meant for providing a safe and secure environment to the children/girls in need of care and protection, were subjected to such horrendous acts of rape and sexual assault in that very home. The facts of the case, as have unfolded, do not warrant a lenient approach."

It also observed, "...this is not a case of a single solitary incident of rape, but a meticulously planned and ingeniously executed conspiracy wherein the caregivers, supervisors and administrators in State-sponsored children's home themselves turned into predators, perpetrators of crime and abettors, and repeatedly subjected numerous minor girls to atrocious acts of rape and aggravated penetrative sexual assault over...about four years."

In his 156-page order on sentence, ASJ Kulshreshtha noted: "The convict is not a young boy charged with solitary offence but a mature and experienced politician charged with (a) plethora of crimes and was kingpin of the conspiracy. Further, a person who is the owner of, or who in fact manages and exercises control over the affairs of such a child care institution...is expected to display compassion, sobriety and righteousness..."

## No red flag, social audit idea came up suddenly

SANTOSH SINGH  
PATNA, FEBRUARY 11

BRAJESH THAKUR, who was on Tuesday sentenced to life imprisonment in the Muzaffarpur shelter home sexual abuse case, was seen as a respected man running a Hindi daily in north Bihar, and an NGO that housed a shelter home for girls.

Thakur knew people in position in Muzaffarpur district administration and was a member of the Bihar government's accreditation committee — the government gave his newspaper advertisement without ever checking the number of copies it printed and sold.

The shelter case expose was, thus, more a "coincidental revelation", according to State Social Welfare Department's Additional Chief Secretary Atul Prasad, who was a key person behind unearthing it.

Prasad told *The Indian Express*: "Mohammed Tarique from Tata Institute of Social Sciences had come to meet me in 2017 in connection with the rehabilitation and care concerns of a mentally

challenged beggar, who was allegedly raped and later gave birth to a child. During conversation, I asked whether his team could do a social audit."

Prasad insisted on social audit of all 110 shelter homes, run by the state government and NGOs. "We only facilitated their access to shelter homes. We gave them two mandates: to find examples of best practices, and find ways to improve running of these shelter homes," he said.

During routine conversation, he said, some girls opened up and reported that they had met physical abuse and torture. "Tarique's team was taking extensive notes and finally concluded that 15 home inmates had reported physical abuse, torture and mental harassment. He gave us a detailed report. We toned down the language and kept the findings as they were," Prasad said.

Prasad said: "Despite criticism, we prepared the report — I wrote its foreword and called an all-Bihar meeting and got the first FIR lodged in the case in May 2018." Tarique said: "We just hope the children are able to rebuild their lives and have a peaceful future."

## ANTI-CAA PLAY AT KARNATAKA SCHOOL

### Order on bail pleas of arrested women on Feb 14

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 11

THE ORDER on bail pleas of two women, who were arrested on charges of sedition over an anti-CAA play staged at a school in Karnataka's Bidar district, will be delivered by a local court on February 14. The headmistress of Shaheen Primary School and the mother of a 11-year-old child were arrested on January 30.

During the hearing before principal sessions judge, Managoli Premavati Mallikarjuna, senior advocate B T Venkatesh, who appeared for the two arrested women, argued that the case did not involve sedition as defined by section 124 A of IPC. He said dialogues in the play were not intended to cause disaffection or trigger violence against the government and were merely an expression of protest which is safeguarded by the right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19 of the Constitution.

The advocates for the women argued that the line "Hum kagaz nahii dikhaenge" delivered by the 11-year-old child would amount to causing "disapprobation" and not "disaffection".

The advocates argued that there is a fine balance between

freedom of speech and expression and sedition, and that the sedition law in the IPC states that disapprobation — like remarks expressing disapproval of government measures with a view to get them altered without inciting hatred, contempt or disaffection — does not amount to sedition.

The sedition law cannot be applied to the play which lasted barely three minutes — and the dialogues deemed as seditious lasted barely a minute — and was staged by children aged 9 to 12 in a school hall in front of their parents and not at a public gathering, the advocates argued.

"We have argued that the case is one of persecution and not prosecution. It is a politically motivated case to bring disrepute to the institution," senior advocate Venkatesh said.

On behalf of the arrested mother of a student, the advocates argued that she must be released on bail at the earliest to look after her child who is being looked after by a neighbour since she was arrested.

The public prosecutor read out the entire play which has been deemed seditious and argued that the sedition law under the IPC can be applied to the case.



## TEMPLE VISIT

Sri Lankan PM Mahinda Rajapaksa at Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Temple on Tuesday. PTI

## ANTI-CAA PROTEST IN SAMBHAL

### 11 asked to sign Rs 50 lakh peace bond

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LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 11

THE SAMBHAL district administration in Uttar Pradesh has issued notices to 11 persons staging protest against the new citizenship law and the NRC in the Nakhasa police station area, asking them to sign a personal bond of Rs 50 lakh each, stating that peace would be maintained.

The administration has sent the notices under Section 111 of CrPC (magistrate order against any person who is likely to commit breach of peace) on the basis of a report by local police.

"The 11 persons have been told in the notices that police suspect that they may get involved in

violence and therefore a personal bond of Rs 50 lakh and two sureties for the same amount should be taken from each of them," said sub-divisional magistrate, Nakhasa, Rajesh Kumar. He added that the notices would be sent to 24 other people soon.

According to the police, around 500 women are staging a protest round-the-clock at a farm near Hussaina Bagh in Nakhasa police station area since last month. Police have also registered an FIR against unidentified persons under IPC sections 188 (Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) and 505 (statement conducing public mischief), said station house officer, Nakhasa police station, Devendra Singh Dhama. No

arrests have been made case yet.

Dhama added that a few days ago, a report mentioning names of 36 people was sent to the district administration, requesting that these persons should be told to sign a bond to ensure that peace would be maintained under section 107/116 of CrPC. "Among these are women protesters and men helping them. We prepared a list on the basis of a preliminary inquiry," said Dhama.

Two persons died and several were injured in a protest against the new citizenship law in Sambhal on December 19 and 20 last year. As many as 12 FIRs were registered in connection with the violence and 43 people were arrested. Some of the accused have been released on bail.

## No deradicalisation camp in country: Govt in Lok Sabha

DEEPTIMA TIWARY  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday informed Lok Sabha that there are no deradicalisation camps in the country. The statement comes against the backdrop of a statement by Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat last month that children in Jammu and Kashmir were being radicalised and they should be put in deradicalisation camps operating in the country.

To a question in this regard by AIMIM MP Asaduddin Owaisi, Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy said in a written reply, "There is no report of existence of any deradicalisation camps in the country, especially in the Jammu and Kashmir."

Speaking on the radicalisation of youth in Kashmir, Rawat said at an event last month, "These people can still be isolated from radicalisation in a gradual way. But there are people who have completely been radicalised...These people need to be taken out separately, possibly taken into some deradicalisation camps. We have deradicalisation camps going on in our country. Let me tell you, Pakistan is doing the same."

The government on Tuesday also attempted to explain the refusal of European Union diplomats to join a "guided tour" of Kashmir last month. In reply to a question in this regard, Reddy said the diplomats were interested but could not join because of short notice. He also said the government

deliberately kept the group small to ensure it was manageable.

"A select group of countries representing different geographical regions were invited for the visit in order to maintain the group size manageable and broad-based. The HoMs (Heads of Missions) of some of the EU countries welcomed the initiative but regretted due to short notice. They, however, expressed interest to visit the UT of J&K at a later date," Reddy said in a written reply.

He said a group of resident HoMs from 15 countries, namely Argentina, Bangladesh, Fiji, Guyana, Maldives, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Peru, South Korea, Togo, United States and Vietnam visited the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on January 9-10, 2020 and met the civil administration, political leaders, representatives of the civil society, including youth from different ethnic, religious and socio-economic communities, representatives of mainstream media and the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community.

"The visit was organised in view of requests received from foreign Missions based in Delhi with a view to have better understanding of the situation in the UT of J&K. During their visit, the HoMs interacted freely, met different people and could see the prevailing normalcy in the UT of J&K. The HoMs welcomed the organisation of the visit and acknowledged the prevailing normalcy in UT of J&K," he said.

## Uber revokes suspension of man who drove poet to police station

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 11

UBER REVOKED driver Rohit Singh Gaur's suspension Tuesday, a week after he drove a poet to Santacruz police station for allegedly discussing "anti-national" topics over the phone.

An Uber spokesperson said Singh will be made to attend a sensitisation workshop. "Following our internal review, we enrolled the driver for re-sensitisation of our policies and community guidelines," the spokesperson said. Singh, who started driving his car from Tuesday night, said he has received no such information from the Uber team when his suspension was revoked Tuesday morning and that he was not asked to attend any workshop.

On February 5, Singh was driving Jaipur-based Bappaditya Sarkar from Juhu Silver beach to Kurla when he heard him discuss over the phone the ongoing protests at Shaheen Bagh and Mumbai Bagh against CAA, NRC and NPR. Singh reportedly told Sarkar to police station and took police. "He was talking about burning the country, saying he is a Communist, he will make a Shaheen Bagh in Mumbai, I have the entire recording."

Referring to Uber's decision to revoke the driver's suspension, Sarkar said, "It's scary that he is allowed to drive because he publicly said that he'd do it again if the situation arose."

## On bail for spiritual work, convicts of post-Godhra riot case reach MP

MILIND GHATWAI  
BHOPAL, FEBRUARY 11

TWO WEEKS after Supreme Court released them on bail, 13 people who were sentenced to life for their role in a 2002 post-Godhra riot case in Gujarat have reached Indore and Jabalpur, where they will have to engage in social or community service, or spiritual activity, as ordered by the court, until their appeals against conviction are decided.

On March 1, 2002, 23 people were burnt alive in Ode village of Gujarat's Anand district, two days after the Godhra train carnage. The victims had taken shelter in a three-storey residential building to escape a mob that was targeting Muslim homes. The mob shut the doors from outside and

set the building on fire by throwing pouches filled with petrol and kerosene.

In 2012, a special court convicted 23 people, and acquitted 23 others. One of 18 accused sentenced to life imprisonment by the trial court died before his appeal was decided by Gujarat High Court. The HC acquitted three and the remaining 14 convicts moved the Supreme Court to challenge their conviction. On January 28, a bench of CJIS A Bobde and Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant granted conditional bail to 14 people and barred them from entering Gujarat until their appeals against conviction were decided.

While six were told to report to Palasia police in Indore on the first day of each month, the others were asked to report at Civil Lines Police Station, Jabalpur, and

not leave the districts without permission. The court said the appellants should engage in any spiritual programme or do social/community services for a minimum six hours each week. It asked the member-secretary of Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority to produce a certificate that they are regularly engaged.

Indore District Legal Aid Officer Subhash Chaudhary told *The Indian Express* that the authority will help them find employment and a place to live and also finalise a place where they could be engaged in spiritual or community work. Chaudhary met authorities of MY Hospital, Indore, on Tuesday to explore the possibility of engaging the convicts at the government hospital's canteen.

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## Set to lose his home due to loan default, Kerala daily wager wins Rs 12 cr in lottery

VISHNU VARMA  
KOCHI, FEBRUARY 11

A DAILY wager from a tribal community in Kerala's Kannur district has bagged the first prize of Rs 12 crore of the Christmas-New Year bumper lottery of the state government, the result of which was announced in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday.

Rajan Perunnon, a resident of Kurichya colony in Malur panchayat area, had bought the winning ticket from a vendor in Koothuparambu, a town in Kannur district. Accompanied by his family members, Rajan formally handed over the winning ticket to a cooperative bank on Tuesday to kick-start the process of disbursal.

Rajan works as a daily-wage labourer on agricultural land and his wife, Rajani, is a temporary staff at a local anganwadi. The couple have two daughters and a son.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* over the phone, Rajan said he buys lottery tickets every day with the expectation that he will win big. In the past, he said, he won smaller prizes of Rs 1,000, Rs 2,000 and Rs 5,000. The small wins encouraged him to keep buying the tickets, he said.

"There have been many occasions where I have missed out very closely. Recently, I missed out on a Rs 50,000 prize. The series number of my ticket was very close to the winning ticket," he said.



Rajan Perunnon with the winning lottery ticket

As fate would have it, Rajan has won the Rs 12 crore prize at a time when his home is on the verge of being repossessed by a bank due to loan default. He had taken out a loan to build his home and to fund his daughter's marriage. But he had been unable to repay the loan and his house was mortgaged.

"I bought the lottery ticket the day when I had gone to the bank to talk about the loan. I told them that I was looking for a fresh loan from another bank and asked for more time. They (officials) told me to repay the loan quickly. Thankfully, the ticket I bought has won," he said. "I believe in God. That's all I have."

As soon as the prize money gets deposited in his bank ac-

count, Rajan aims to clear his debt and expand his home. He also wants to fund the future education of his younger daughter Akshara, who is currently in Class XII. While his elder daughter Athira is married, his son Vigil is also a daily wager.

As per lottery ticket rules, Rajan is expected to receive Rs 72 crore as prize money after deduction of tax and the agency's commission. The state government claimed that it sold nearly 36 lakh tickets of the Christmas-New Year bumper lottery out of the 40 lakh tickets that were printed. Each ticket costs Rs 300. The government is expected to rake in a profit of Rs 29.93 crores out of the bumper lottery ticket sales this time.

# In UP's Firozabad, rape victim's father shot dead by accused, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 11

A RAPE victim's father was shot dead, allegedly by the accused, in Uttar Pradesh's Firozabad district on Monday, the police said on Tuesday. He was the complainant in the rape case, registered in August last year.

His family members alleged that the rape accused, 30-year-old Achaman Upadhyay, alias Chottu, who the police said had a criminal record, was putting pressure on the family and threatening the victim's father to withdraw the case. He is yet to

be arrested.

The family has alleged that the accused had made a phone call to the rape victim's mother a few days ago and threatened to kill the father if the case was not withdrawn before February 10. They also alleged police inaction in this regard.

The police have denied the allegation.

On Tuesday, Firozabad's Superintendent of Police Sachindra Patel suspended two station house officers for dereliction of duty. The SP also suspended a sub-inspector for "not informing" senior officers about threat calls received by the vic-

tim's family.

An FIR was registered against rape accused Achaman Upadhyay and three unidentified aides on murder charges. Police said a search is on to nab them and announced a reward of Rs 50,000 for information leading to Upadhyay's arrest.

A relative said the victim's father was on way home when the four accused waylaid him. The main accused allegedly fired at him after which the four fled. Local residents took the man to a district hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Family members of the deceased staged a protest at the

hospital and alleged police inaction and failure to provide them security. The police assured them that strict action would be taken against the accused and the errant cops.

A relative of the deceased said the main accused had been frequently seen in the area, but police did not arrest him.

SP Patel said, "As the accused was on the run, we got his property attached after obtaining a court order. We had earlier announced a reward of Rs 15,000 for information leading to his arrest."

In August last year, the victim's father registered an FIR

stating that Upadhyay had raped his daughter. He stated that when she tried to raise an alarm, the accused tied her neck with a scarf.

An FIR was registered at the local police station on charges of rape, attempt to murder and kidnapping. Police also invoked case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) against the accused.

A police officer said, "When the accused was absconding, police attached his property after obtaining permission from a court in November. A chargesheet against him was also filed last year.

# CBI clean chit to ex-spl director Asthana, DSP in bribe, extortion case

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE CBI on Tuesday gave a clean chit to its former special director Rakesh Asthana and DSP Devender Kumar in an alleged bribery and extortion case against the duo and others.

Filing a chargesheet in the case, which was registered on directions of former CBI director Alok Verma, who was then locked in a turf war with Asthana, the CBI has dropped both as accused.

In its chargesheet filed before Special CBI Judge Sanjeev Kumar, the agency has, however, arraigned alleged middleman Manoj Prasad as an accused in the case and said that the probe against his brother — Somesh Prasad — and one Sunil Mittal is yet to be concluded.

No charges have been brought against current Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Samant Goel either. His name had cropped up in connection with the Prasad brothers.

"Investigations have not revealed any role of public servants in the case," a senior CBI officer said when asked about the clean chit to Asthana and Devender Kumar. "As far as some private persons are concerned, one has been chargesheeted, while investigations against others is to continue. The agency is awaiting answers to letters rogatory sent to some foreign countries for ev-



FIR against Rakesh Asthana, others lodged on direction of then CBI chief Alok Verma

idence against them."

On October 4, 2019, The Indian Express had first reported that Asthana is likely to be absolved of all charges of corruption in the case. The investigating officer in the case had prepared a report exonerating Asthana, and it had been submitted to superiors, The Indian Express had reported.

Sources had said that Manoj and Somesh Prasad continue to be under investigation. Sources had also said that after almost a year of investigation under multiple officers, CBI had concluded that there was no evidence to prove that any bribe was ever demanded by or paid to Asthana.

The special judge has kept the chargesheet for consideration on Wednesday.

The agency filed the chargesheet a day before the hearing in Delhi High Court, which had sought the presence of CBI director Rishi Kumar Shukla on February 12 for his as-

sistance in the case related to Asthana and others.

The High Court had sought Shukla's presence after their counsel was unable to specify why they need further time to complete the investigation.

The query was posed during hearing of the CBI's application, which had sought at least one more month to complete the probe. The agency had stated that it had completed the probe and it is being examined by supervisory officers.

This was the third such application filed by CBI since January 2019.

On May 31 last year, the court had granted CBI four months to complete the probe into the case, which also involves Kumar, Manoj and others. A second extension of two months was granted on October 9, 2019, with a clarification that no further extension would be granted.

Asthana, Kumar and Prasad had moved court seeking quashing of the FIR against them. In January 2019, the court had dismissed their plea and said investigation against the four should be completed within 10 weeks.

An FIR registered by CBI on October 15, 2018, when Verma was the agency's director, had alleged that a suspect in the Moin Qureshi case had been forced to pay Rs 2.95 crore to Asthana through the Prasad brothers to water down the case against him. The suspect, Sathish Sana Babu, was made a witness in the case by the CBI.

# HC rejects state review plea in Chhattisgarh graft case

GARGI VERMA  
RAIPUR, FEBRUARY 11

THE CHHATTISGARH High Court has rejected the state government's review petition against its earlier order directing the CBI to probe alleged misappropriation of funds worth nearly Rs 1,000 crore in the state social welfare department.

Citing ineffective action and improper examination by the state, the court upheld its earlier order. The advocate general, however, said the state was willing to challenge the ruling in the Supreme Court.

The bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Parth Prateem Sahu last month ordered a CBI probe into the embezzlement of funds through a society formed by senior IAS officers. The order came on a petition by Kundan Singh Thakur. Thakur said in the plea that he was employed at a government self-help centre on contract basis when he found that he was also shown to be employed at Physical Rehabilitation Reference Centre (PRRC) under the Social Welfare Department. PRRC, which claims to have been involved in the construction of artificial limbs for persons with disabilities, does not exist, said the petition. The petition attached documents to show budgetary provision and release of amount for establishment of PRRC in Raipur district.

The bank accounts for PRRC were operated by a society through State Resource Centre (SRC) under Social Welfare Department, the plea said. "SRC established in 2004 is a society under provisions of the Chhattisgarh Society Registration Act, 1973, but has never been audited since," the petition said.

In the order on review petition, the court said, "...we have referred the matter to CBI because the SRC was manned by officers at the level of Chief Secretary and despite direction by court the matter was not properly examined and effective action was not taken by the state authorities."

Accusing the state of "doing nothing" to investigate the matter, the court justified handing over the case to CBI.

Advocate General Sateesh Chandra Verma said the state will challenge the decision in Supreme Court. "The court has said that since the officers involved were of the level of chief secretary, the CBI should investigate. We are going to challenge that," he said.



During a shutdown in Srinagar on Tuesday, the bandh call was given by separatist outfits on the 26th death anniversary of JKLF founder Mohammad Maqbool Bhat. Authorities snapped mobile Internet services in Kashmir. It was later restored. Shuaib Masoodi

# Assam NRC list data goes offline from official website

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GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 11

ALL DATA of the final list of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) has been made offline from its official website due to non-renewal of contract with the IT firm Wipro, prompting the Opposition Congress to doubt it as a "malafide act".

The complete detail of exclusion and inclusion of bonafide Indian citizens in the NRC was uploaded on its official website 'www.nrcassam.nic.in' after the final list was published on August 31, 2019.

However, the data was not available for the last couple of days and it created panic in the public, mostly among the people excluded from the list as the rejection certificates were yet to be issued.

When contacted, NRC State Coordinator Hitesh Dev Sarma accepted that the data have been made offline, but refuted the allegation of any "malafide" intent in it.

"The cloud service for the huge set of data was provided by Wipro and their contract was till October 19 last year. However, this was not renewed by the earlier Coordinator. So, the data got offline from December 15 after it was suspended by Wipro. I assumed charge on December 24," Sarma told PTI.

He said the state coordination committee had decided to do necessary formalities in its meeting on January 30 and wrote to the Wipro in the first week of February. "Once Wipro makes the data live, it will be available for the public. We hope that people will be able to access it in the next 2-3 days," Sarma said.

Reacting to the development, Leader of the Opposition in Assam Assembly Debabrata Saikia wrote to the Registrar General of India and requested him to look into the matter urgently. "It is a mystery as to why the online data should vanish all of a sudden, especially as the appeals process has not even started due to the go-slow attitude adopted by the NRC Authority. There is, therefore, ample scope to suspect that the disappearance of online data is a malafide act."

The final NRC was published by excluding 19,06,657 persons. A total of 3,11,21,004 names were included out of 3,30,27,661 applicants.

# PSA dossier on Mehbooba only slander; no solid argument: daughter Iltija

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SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 11

TERMING THE Public Safety Act (PSA) dossier against former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti as "slander", her daughter Iltija Mufti said that the BJP "tasted power for a second time in Kashmir" — after the death of Mehbooba's father Mufti Mohammed Sayeed — only because her mother was "daddy's girl", one of the terms used in the dossier against the PDP chief.

Iltija said the police dossier and the "grounds of detention" under the stringent PSA should be objective, with solid arguments. Even if the administration had to accuse her mother of "something serious", they should have been at least dignified, she said.

"As a daughter, it is very painful for me to see such slander against my mother. It is appalling," Iltija told The Indian Express. "They accuse my mother of being a 'daddy's girl' — they used it to slander her — but had she not been a 'daddy's girl' BJP would not have come to power again after Mufti-sahib's death. My mother was unabashedly and unapologetically a 'daddy's girl', and that is why BJP tasted power for the second time. We all know she honoured Mufti-sahib's commitment. Otherwise she was dithering for a good three months — she didn't want to part of this (PDP-BJP) alliance."

Iltija said the BJP's "vitriol and communal hatred" shows up in the dossier. "A legal document should have more solid grounds, but all these charges are baseless.



Mehbooba Mufti, Iltija Mufti



It is also so demeaning; imagine words such as hot-headed, insidious, machinations, scheming, divisive personality..."

Iltija also pointed out that the police have compared Mufti with Kota Rani, the last woman Hindu ruler of Kashmir from the 14th century. The PSA dossier against Mufti states: "The subject is referred for her dangerous and insidious machinations and usurping profile and nature by the masses as 'Daddy's girl' and 'Kota Rani'", based on profile of a medieval queen of Kashmir, who rose to power by virtue of undertaking intrigues ranging from poisoning of her opponents..."

Iltija pointed out that when Mufti was the Chief Minister in the PDP-BJP coalition government she was hailed as "Jhansi ki Rani" and called "nari shakti (woman power)", but today "she is whatever historical figure you have invoked".

She also said, "It (police dossier) brings up her marital status. Is it a crime if a woman is married and divorced? What has a woman's marital status got to do

with PSA? Is there no dignity left any longer?"

Iltija also said if Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visits to his mother are signs of obedience, why is it a problem if her mother was her father's obedient daughter.

On "material evidence" presented by the district magistrate in the 'grounds of detention', Iltija said, "Are we going to use tweets as statements to slap PSA on someone? There are tweets on highway ban. My mother is a politician. Tomorrow if the streets of Delhi are in bad shape and a politician there issues statements that people face trouble because of it (bad road), would you put them in jail? There is one tweet on triple talaq. My mother voiced concern. The government is purposely blurring the line between government policy and Indianism. So today they say your (PDP's) green flag reflects radicalisation. The Indian flag has green in it; are you saying even the Indian flag is anti national? What is this colour-coding and dog whistling?"

# FROM PAGE ONE Mumbai police chief

the digitisation work to CrispQ Information Technologies Pvt Ltd (CITPL) for five years had been accorded the government's approval. CrispQ had offered its services pro bono. The letter further directed the Police Commissioner's office to finalise the number of units and files that could be covered under the work.

Police officials confirmed the government's communication had been processed, but said the project had not been initiated owing to "technical issues".

CrispQ Information Technologies was set up on December 10, 2014 by Sanjay Barve's wife Sharmila Barve and

their son Sumukh Barve, who hold 10 per cent and 90 per cent, respectively, in the company.

When contacted, Mumbai Commissioner of Police Sanjay Barve told The Indian Express the company had offered its services pro bono. "The software being offered is free and it can be used by the Mumbai police for its benefit. There is no question of any financial gains," he said.

However, arbitrariness in the way the project has been handed over to a private player has raised concerns in the bureaucracy. Neither did the government e-tender the project nor call for proposals from multiple players, said a bureaucrat, who did not

wish to be named. "Giving a sensitive government project of such size takes a new company to a different league, and helps it while bidding for projects in the future. There is a potential conflict of interest," the bureaucrat said. Another retired police officer, who too did not wish to be named, said handing over a project of this nature also raises issues of confidentiality.

CrispQ is engaged in the business of developing software products including web, mobile and desktop applications; technology for efficient manipulation of big data; SaaS models among other things. The company's registered office is at Marine Lines in South Mumbai. According to company records, it commenced business only in 2018-19. For fiscal 2019, the company reported a profit of Rs 4.53 lakh on total revenues of Rs

10.56 lakh. Documents accessed by The Indian Express show CrispQ first approached the government with the proposal on September 30, 2019. The model code of conduct for the Assembly polls, held on October 24, had come into force on September 21. The company's letter, directly submitted to Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Sanjay Kumar, offered to provide a paperless office system through a software called Notesheet Plus on a pro bono basis to the Mumbai Police. A copy of the letter was also marked to the Chief Minister's office.

The letter, which bears Sumukh's signature, states, "We're pleased to offer our platform - Notesheet Plus - to Mumbai Police on pro bono basis for a period of five years for up to 100 office units, 10k members across office units, 50K files,

and upload space of 5 terabyte... In case additional quota are required, we'd be happy to consider increase in these quotas also on a pro bono basis."

Notesheet Plus, the letter said, was a digital paperless cloud-based web application, designed keeping in mind the diverse needs of government departments, offices, and undertakings. "It saves paper, requires no storage space, and eliminates courier and delivery delays, with inward and outward registers in-built in the system," it said.

Within the next seven days, the department approved the proposal. Since the project involved carrying out work free of cost, officials confirmed that approval from the state's finance department or the Chief Minister's office was neither required nor sought. The department later issued an official

communication to Barve's office asking him to finalise the resource quota (number of units, files, etc) that could be covered under the work in consultation with the company based on the requirement of various police units.

Mumbai Police officials said the software would have allowed the digitising of all police records, complaints and service records of officers. The total strength of the Mumbai Police is around 50,000 employees.

The decision to digitise was taken after consultants PriceWaterhouse Coopers advised Mumbai police to go paperless to speed up the movement of files within the department and increase efficiency.

Barve, who retires February 29, said CrispQ approached the government directly. When asked if the software had been

tested earlier and was suitable for the needs of a large force like the Mumbai Police, Barve said, "Similar services are being provided in the US as well. CrispQ has been set up to provide services for the Indian market. There is no violation of service rules as the company was not getting any pecuniary benefit."

When contacted, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Sanjay Kumar said, "The proposal was sanctioned on a pro bono basis. It has no cost implications. We get several such letters from companies offering to take up projects under the corporate social responsibility." He said he was unaware the company belonged to Barve's son and wife.

Former Chief Minister Fadnavis said the proposal was totally pro-bono and had gone through a proper channel. "So far as the timing (of the proposal) is

concerned, I don't have knowledge of it," he said.

CrispQ Information's Director Sumukh Barve said there was no monetary transaction whatsoever. "The offered system has not been implemented yet due to technical reasons. However, once the technical issues are resolved, the system can be implemented pro bono, as per the customised needs of the user," he said.

According to the records, the company had on August 12, 2019 passed a resolution to increase its share capital to Rs 1 crore from Rs 1 lakh. The records show that in September 2019, the company passed a resolution to raise up to Rs 25 crore through bond/debentures, preference shares and private placement of its shares.

INPUTS FROM KHUSHBOO NARAYAN



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# THE DELHI MODEL

AAP scripts a win with an inclusive civic agenda as counter to BJP's hyper-nationalism

THE DELHI ASSEMBLY election result is an affirmation of the Aam Aadmi Party's welfarist political agenda trumping the hyper-nationalist narrative of the BJP. The AAP chose to seek votes on the basis of its record in office and refused to be drawn into any debate on national issues. Calling itself a post-ideology solution-driven political group, it projected an inclusive civic agenda and claimed backing from its record in office. It defined nationalism in these terms — good classrooms and health camps make for good citizens and a secure nation. Voters were convinced.

It wasn't an easy battle for the AAP as it sought a third successive win in Delhi, a city-state where the Centre controls public order, land and services, including the power to appoint senior civil servants. If the footsoldiers of the party went from door to door spreading the message of governance, their strongest asset was their leader Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Under whom the government had delivered on most of its promises including providing subsidised public goods, mainly electricity and water, as well as raising the quality of public education and healthcare. In the time of a sputtering economy, even the few hundred rupees saved through subsidies and welfare schemes would have endeared voters in Delhi to the AAP. Beyond its record in office, the party's near-sweep of Delhi owes to Kejriwal's tactical smartness in refusing to be drawn into a debate on the divisive and contentious issues that the BJP raised during the campaign. In fact, in the first phase of his term when he defied Prime Minister Narendra Modi almost every other day and was himself locked in a bruising battle with Raj Bhavan, Kejriwal quickly realised the diminishing returns of such a strategy. He changed tack and de-Modi-ised his discourse. That's why when the BJP sought to inject hyper-nationalist rhetoric into the election, the AAP countered with its government's work in education and healthcare. Kejriwal skillfully avoided the identity trap the BJP had laid for him in a highly polarised discourse. Overall, the AAP's success in nearly replicating its 2015 win tells a remarkable story of political resilience, hard work and tactical acumen.

For the BJP, the Amit Shah-led high voltage campaign against Shaheen Bagh failed to fetch returns. The entire brass of the BJP, including much of the Union Cabinet, 200 MPs and leaders from neighbouring states including Adityanath, were fielded in the campaign. The anti-citizenship law protests in Shaheen Bagh were turned into a talisman of nationalism and a counter to the AAP's governance-as-ideology politics. Clearly, few were impressed. In the absence of a strong state leader, the party, once again, leaned on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to win Delhi which it last won in 1993. But as the Assembly elections after the BJP's spectacular Lok Sabha win in 2019 show, there are limitations to that strategy. Brand Modi may not have diminished but it doesn't seem to enthuse fence-sitting voters when the playground is the state — which means interesting times ahead.

## COUNT ZERO

The Congress, which ruled Delhi for three terms straight, scores a duck yet again by failing to tick any boxes at all

NO NAME, NO story, only faded glory. This is the recipe for disaster that the Congress took to the Delhi polls, in which the grand old party has been kept firmly out of the assembly for the second time running. The party offered no name with brand recall that the voter could identify as a future chief minister. The AAP had a clear advantage with Arvind Kejriwal who, to the voter, looks like a man who can get a cable fault repaired and help a little old lady across the street with equal facility. The BJP also suffered from the same deficit, and had no candidate who was clearly identified as a chief ministerial candidate. It did have a narrative, a story for the big screen which some read as nationalism and others as an unhealthy obsession with enemies of the nation — a blood, guts and glory blockbuster. The AAP's narrative, on the other hand, was local and immediate, focused on civic issues, public safety and the quality of urban life, and held out the promise of an incrementally better future.

In sharp contrast, the Congress had no story set in either the present or the future. The appeal of its slogan, which echoed in the streets and on social media for days, was purely historical: "Phir se Congress wali Dilli (Once more, the Delhi of the Congress)". The era of Sheila Dixit was indeed extraordinary, a period in which civic infrastructure was built at a cracking pace and the metro rail became the lifeline of the city. But to focus exclusively on that amounted to the tacit admission that the party had no vision for the future.

In his victory speech, while cleverly weaving in references to Bharat Mata and Hanuman, Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal welcomed the birth of a new politics: "Kaam ki raajneeti (the politics of work)." This is exactly where the Congress has faltered in the capital, failing to show any signs of life except at the time of elections. If it wishes to make a comeback, it should discard slogans that hark back to the past, think energetically of the future, and project a vision that self-interested urban voters find credible.

## CLASS APART

Bong Joon-Ho and his film, 'Parasite', lifted the Oscars from being reduced to a drab affair

NO HOST, NO politics, no "diversity", no surprises, the 95th Academy Awards stuck to a safe and tested script. Till, amidst a bitter US election season highlighting the class divide, it had a moment. On Sunday night, four of the most prestigious Oscars went to a film that placed class in one's house, heart, mind, even nostrils — in a tale from the other end of the world that was very, very universal. And that is what makes Bong Joon-Ho a breath of fresh air — much more than the Mexican directors Hollywood wholeheartedly celebrates.

Bong's films (*The Host*, *Okja*, even *Snowpiercer*) carry the sensibility of home, of a society with very Asian concerns, and a very different view of right and wrong. As recently as October, asked about *Parasite*'s Oscar chances, Bong indicated he wasn't really sweating about it. "The Oscars are not an international film festival. They're very local," he said, even skipping the usual Academy rounds made by directors to showcase films. Up on that starry stage on Sunday night, Bong looked very much like an artist who belonged. He preferred to speak in Korean, chided the Academy (again) for stumbling at "the one-inch-tall barrier of subtitles", expressed unfiltered delight at his unprecedented four wins, and declared his plans to drink till the morning — none of that vegan, Earth-loving, apologetic rambling of Joaquin Phoenix.

As for that class divide, Bong, a sociology student, has indicated it remains intrinsic to his art, once saying, "Before it's a massive, sociological term, capitalism is just our lives." On Oscar night, he paid ode to two other outliers in that room, Martin Scorsese and Quentin Tarantino, fellow directors who may have paved new paths but stumbled often at the Academy door. In forcing that door open, Bong has given the much-battered Academy, which saw its viewership drop to 20 per cent from a year ago, a chance to reinvent. Next up is said to be HBO's six-part *Parasite* series, and Mark "The Hulk" Ruffalo in starring role.



SUHASH PALSHIKAR

A FIRST REACTION to the Delhi outcome is simply that of relief — voters chose to treat this as just an assembly election and not as an India-Pakistan confrontation. They refused to equate the BJP with India. Relief also because the crowds chanting "goli maro saalonko" were probably not representative of the *aam* voter. Elections often have a tendency of bringing out the worst in irresponsible politicians, confident that they can make the voters match their own malice and vice. Delhi has probably ducked the issue of responding to this tendency. But has it really negated that tendency?

To be able to put the outcome of Delhi elections in perspective, three things need to be noted. One, that this was not an election on which the fate of national politics hinged — after all, it was an election to the Assembly of a union territory where the elected government is severely constrained by statutory provisions. But the BJP sought to make this election disproportionately important. That makes the failure of the BJP look even more impressive. Two, notwithstanding what the spin doctors may say about improved vote share, winning margins and so on, the BJP squarely lost and the Aam Admi Party won handsomely. The BJP must realise that its all-too-powerful national leadership seems repeatedly unable to deliver at the state level and that shrill rhetoric does not necessarily win elections.

Three, these elections happened in a rather extraordinary context, which has an all-India relevance. In deciphering the outcome, without taking away the credit from the AAP's record over the past five years, it is necessary to go beyond the Delhi-specific fallout and look for the larger meaning of the result.

In discussing election outcomes, the term mandate is thrown around somewhat loosely. The "mandate arguments" gain popular currency particularly when the result is rather one-sided. However, often enough, mandates are read into outcomes post-facto and even crafted post-facto. Therefore, instead of rushing to declare the victory of performance or drawing satisfaction from rejection of the BJP's deeply divisive stand, we need to estimate who will craft a mandate and in which way. It would be hard to deny

AAP win provides relief, hope. But by ignoring ideological questions, party remains within BJP's framework

It is not just Kejriwal's tactical silence on critical issues raised by the BJP. The Delhi elections also underscore how the popular imagination of a good CM candidate (or for that matter a good political leader) is being shaped. By reciting Hanuman Chalisa, Kejriwal didn't just exhibit his piety, he opened up new tests for future politicians. Nobody should grudge Kejriwal or any other political leader a personal space to hold and practice her religious and spiritual beliefs; but by making that into a public virtue, are we not implicitly shifting the criteria of both a public worker and the public sphere? This insistence of holding your faith on your shirtsleeves characterises the BJP's Hindutva.

that this outcome throws up mixed signals. It does not reflect the "national mood" in an electoral sense and yet, there is an eerie reflection of the national mood in this result.

The only way one can make sense of AAP's victory can be in terms of its performance. Re-election, therefore, not just endorses what the government did but also symbolises the fact that voters do reward parties for their performance while in power. But perhaps the more significant signal is about what the voters did not buy. The election was happening in the backdrop of the anti-CAA agitation, the assault on students of JNU and Jamia Millia Islamia and of the unregulated venom being poured by important BJP leaders. Every effort was made to turn the voter into a cynical instrument of communal division. In that sense, the choice before the voters was between governmental performance and an open invitation to uncivilised, divisive animus. A straightforward reading of the result would assure us that the voter did not choose animosity over performance.

That is where the romance with the Delhi outcome must halt. During the campaign, the BJP continuously sought to trap Kejriwal into taking a position on the CAA, nationalism and Shaheen Bagh protests. It was tactically clever of Kejriwal not to fall into that trap. This allowed him to retain his electoral base. This also begs two questions: What really is/was his stand on these issues? We will probably never know. Or, post-results, he may muster courage and formally dissent from the BJP's position. But the more nagging question is: If he had indeed taken a stand in favour of the protests during the campaign, would voters still vote for AAP? Was it because of the ambiguity of Kejriwal's stand that the voters could vote for him despite their continuing love affair with Narendra Modi? Because this would mean that state parties should refrain from taking a stand on critical issues about national identity and the nature of nationalism in order to make local electoral gains. Such a strategy would ensure victories of state parties in state elections and yet facilitate BJP victories in national elections. This is not merely about the separation of the menus and platforms in state and national elections. This is about opening up passages of popular approval for

the ideas and views the BJP propagates. If so, we shall soon experience a misleading political scenario where many states witness a rejection of the BJP without necessarily discarding the agenda the BJP represents.

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While the AAP's victory is a small window to let fresh air in, for that opening to be durable and real, we need to address two questions. First, does the defeat of BJP mean disapproval of its divisive stand? Second, is the alternative to the BJP to be necessarily a softer copy of the BJP itself?

While the outcome of Delhi's election does not give a convincingly affirmative answer to the first question, it portends the possibility of an affirmative answer to the latter. That is where we encounter a deep paradox when reading the Delhi outcome. It rebuffs the BJP and facilitates a respite for its opponents but at the same time, the outcome actually hints at the possibility that discourse and agenda would continue to be determined by the BJP. Parties wanting to seriously pose a challenge to the BJP can do so only within what this writer has long been describing as the new "middle ground".

One suspects that the ground on which the BJP operates remains more or less intact. It may be well that instead of over-reading the mandate, the Delhi outcome is seen as a small, tentative step towards reshaping the battleground that BJP currently seems to be controlling.

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NO LEGISLATION IN the recent past has triggered so much unrest and apprehension among people as the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) of 2019. It has led to protests, which have spread like bush-fire across the country, involving all sections of the society from university students to the common man, eminent citizens, members of civil society, leading Bollywood personalities and women in particular.

The angst against the Act can be gauged from the fact that for over 57 days, women with small children are sitting on a round-the-clock dharna at Shaheen Bagh braving all odds. Many state assemblies, in an unprecedented move, have passed resolutions opposing the CAA. The government is not willing to take a step back nor has it shown any inclination to open a dialogue with the protestors to allay their fears. Meanwhile, as many as 144 petitions have reportedly been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the constitutional validity of the Act. Thus, all eyes are now set on the Supreme Court. What has made the situation worse is the death of a child at Shaheen Bagh.

The SC is the custodian of the Constitution, and the last hope of a citizen against the tyranny of the state. It is hoped that the Court will rise to the occasion and meet the challenge posed before it in terms

## OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COURT

In ruling on Shaheen Bagh protests, Supreme Court can rescue its image

of the Constitution, and more particularly, its Preamble, and will not fail the nation as it did in the ADM Jabalpur case. By a majority of 4:1 it was held in *ADM Jabalpur* that a person has no right to move a court for enforcement of right to personal liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution, upon being detained under a law providing for preventive detention. This judgment haunted the Supreme Court for 41 years, until it was overruled by a nine-judge bench in 2017.

Of late, with the greatest of respect to the Supreme Court, an impression has been created that the judiciary is skirting issues involving the fundamental rights of citizens, and that it is showing reluctance to deal with such issues promptly. The challenge to the CAA, which is at the core of agitations throughout the country, has not been treated by the SC with the urgency it deserves. The nation is burning, and yet the Court has constituted a nine-judge Bench to deal with the Sabarimala case, which was neither so urgent nor required to be given precedence.

Is it for the SC to find a solution for the difficulties, actual and imaginary, faced by the commuters, or is it for the law and order agencies working under the Centre? Should those agencies who are fully empowered to deal with a situation like this be allowed to shift the onus on to the shoulders of the

Supreme Court? But now that the matter has reached the SC, let this opportunity be not allowed to slip by to make clear to all and sundry, to those in power, as to what are the rights guaranteed by the Constitution to the citizens, and when, how, and in what circumstances they can be asserted, keeping in view the fact that every citizen has the right to fight for his rights and fight till the end.

Unfortunately, in the last few years, the image of the SC has taken a beating. It has suffered at the hands of its own. While, a sitting chief justice fell short of facing impeachment, the image of another suffered badly on account of charges of sexual harassment. Before that, the judges themselves directly approached the media, and went public against their own chief justice, accusing him of putting democracy in peril. We presently have a chief justice who enjoys the reputation of being devoted to the cause of justice. We hope he and his colleagues will rise to the occasion and to the hopes and aspirations of beleaguered citizens. Let me end by quoting poet James Russell Lowell:

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide/In the strife of Truth with Falsehood/For the good or evil side.

The writer is a former judge of the Delhi High Court



## FEBRUARY 12, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

ASSAM FOREIGNERS THE CENTRE ASKED the Assam government to initiate immediate steps for preparing and maintaining correct and complete electoral rolls. This is in pursuance of the decision taken at the discussions with a delegation of the All Assam Students Union last week that names of foreign nationals would be removed from the electoral rolls before holding elections in Assam, taking care to ensure that Indian nationals are not harassed.

INDO-UAE TALKS AT TWO-MAN OFFICIAL team from India will be in the UAE capital next week to discuss with the government of that country the

problems thousands of Indians are facing as a result of its decision to implement its labour law. If the UAE Government goes ahead with its plan to implement the law strictly, thousands of Indians residing there — most of them Keralites — will have to return to their homeland en masse. The deadline for the departure of illegal residents is February 21.

IRAN ANNIVERSARY ASSOME 50 American hostages marked the 100th day in captivity, tens of thousands of Iranians celebrated the first anniversary of the nation's revolutionary regime with a parade through Teheran. The crush was so great that a grandstand collapsed and an unspec-

ified number of persons were injured. Teheran Radio said roads leading to the parade route were filled with people as far as the eye could see.

GROMYKO VISITS INDIA WHILE NO HARD agenda has been drawn up for the talks that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko is to have with the Indian government in Delhi during the next two days, the Afghanistan question and the situation in the region are bound to be discussed by the two sides at length. Gromyko's is the first visit by a ranking Soviet dignitary to a country in this region after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"In a heart-warming example of tolerance and interfaith harmony, a 200-year-old temple in Balochistan has been returned to the local Hindu community."  
—DAWN

## Gandhi then, Gandhi now

Mahatma's philosophy remains relevant in resilience, imagination of young India



KRISHNA KUMAR

'MAHATMA GANDHI'S Clock' is the title of a recent poem by the noted Hindi poet, Rajesh Joshi. The poem starts by telling Gandhi that his clock has stopped. The next few lines, in rough translation, are: "We are citizens of a period which has neither memories nor dreams/ The tidal waves raised by a fistful of salt/ have retreated/ Dead fish, snails and crabs litter the sand". The despair is not difficult to explain.

Joshi lives in Bhopal. As a city, it received more generous state support than any other city for artistic and literary activities. Historically too, Bhopal had inherited a unique ethos of cultural confluence. None of this could help Bhopal survive the onslaught of polarising politics. In the latest parliamentary election, Bhopal's choice of its representative was not affected by the candidate's declared appreciation of Gandhi's murder. Silence and fear descended on the city's creative people. Joshi is among the few that have broken this silence through poetry. His despair is understandable, but his idea that Gandhi is no longer a living memory may not be true. Things happening in different parts of India suggest that Gandhi is enjoying an afterlife.

Throughout the 150th year of Gandhi's birth, event organisers have been asking invited panelists to address the question: "Is Gandhi still relevant?" At school programmes, children have been asking supplementary questions like: "Is there any proof that non-violence still works?" or "Did Gandhi always stick to the truth?" or "Why was he against modern technology?" Answers to such questions are not easy to formulate, but one can sense a common answer in the voices of youth these days.

Three voices from Pondicherry University come to mind. At its 27th convocation held on December 23, 2019, the president of India was the chief guest. A student, Karthika B Kurup, who was to receive a gold medal for obtaining the top rank in M.Sc. in electronic media, decided to boycott the function as a gesture in support of students' protest in other campuses. She said: "The government must understand how strong the sentiment is by seeing people like me, students, foregoing our valuable, hard-earned moments." Another student, A S Arun Kumar, who was to receive his Ph.D. decided to miss the convocation because he felt he could not rejoice when so many young people were so angry. A third student to stay away from the convocation was S A Mehala who was to receive her Ph.D. in anthropology. Referring to the protests, she said, "This is why we are educated. We study so we can reason and question".

No statement about the aim of education could be more succinct. That is why Pondicherry University should feel proud of having such students. More likely, they will be criticised as being politically moti-

vated. Anticipating such criticism, Debsmita Chowdhury, a gold medalist of Jadavpur University, made it clear that she had never been associated with any politics. She tore up a copy of the Citizenship Amendment Act while on the dais to receive her gold medal for topping her subject, international relations. She justified her action by saying that the Act is against humanity and the Constitution.

The statements made by these students carry an unmistakable imprint of Gandhi. His arguments against the exercise of power without adequate moral consideration were quite similar. The students are also reminding us what Gandhi meant by truth. As a word, "truth" is so familiar, and its customary meaning, that is, fidelity to facts, so common, that we seldom stop to consider the purpose it served for Gandhi. He used it as an encompassing ethical concept, a symbolic representation of an amalgam of certain values. Some of these are derived from tradition; others reached him through his education, legal practice and political experience. In the first category, we can recognise values like honesty, gratitude and courage to follow one's conscience. To the second category belong justice, equality, rule of law and dignity of the individual. The two categories come together in Gandhi's idea of truth and its association with non-violence.

His statements like "Truth is God" convey, on the one hand, the importance of continuous struggle to pursue these values, and, on the other hand, the necessity of undying faith in them. Why non-violence was so crucial a factor in Gandhi's politics has to do with the status that truth enjoys in it. If truth is a desirable common pursuit, the struggle it involves cannot be sustained in an atmosphere of violence and fear. The ethical contest Gandhi invites all sides to enter forbids the use of fear: Arousing it is as bad as becoming its victim. The victor must prove moral superiority to the satisfaction of the loser. That is why Gandhi's politics is essentially an educational activity.

In circumstances when faith in these values is facing repeated blows, it helps to remember and study Gandhi. Indeed, it is hard not to miss Gandhi these days, as a source of solace and the energy to maintain one's faith in these values. You feel as if someone had imagined our present pain and had worked out a cure for it. It is not easy to articulate the nature of this pain. Those who feel it can't understand the others who don't. Our political system is negotiating a difficult bend. There is great volatility everywhere, and the new, speedy technology of communication has exacerbated it.

The terrible clash between competitive nationalist identities that led to the holocaust has not slowed down or stopped. Infected by this competition, India is busy reorganising its self-projection. Gandhi's attempt to grasp and define the meaning of being Indian faced serious obstacles in society and politics. The values he had used as basic elements of his vision of India's future faced relentless conflicts. They continue, and so does Gandhi's search and struggle.

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CR Sasikumar

## Shun fiscal adventurism

It's a relief that the FM did not succumb to the temptation of spending our way out of the growth slump. Economy needs structural and governance reforms



DUVVURI SUBBARAO

IN THE RUN-UP to the budget, there was enormous pressure on the finance minister to launch a fiscal stimulus so as to pump-prime the economy. That she did not succumb to the temptation is a big relief as any attempt to spend our way out of the growth slump would have been a futile endeavour; worse, it would have triggered deeper problems down the line.

Fiscal stimulus enthusiasts should note that there is already considerable stimulus in the system. It has long been known that the true fiscal deficit is higher than what the government's books show. To her credit, the finance minister took a step towards transparency by admitting to off-balance sheet borrowings of 0.8 per cent of GDP for both the current and next fiscal year — acknowledging that the fiscal deficit would actually be higher at 4.6 per cent and 4.3 per cent of GDP respectively. This is already excessive. Add to this the unrealistic projections of revenue growth and disinvestment proceeds for next year and we have a potentially unsustainable fiscal situation. Any stimulus on top of this would have been clearly unwarranted, and for many reasons.

Fiscal pressures will undermine the Reserve Bank of India's struggle to revive investment by bringing down long-term interest rates. It could result in a sovereign ratings downgrade and jeopardise efforts to attract foreign capital. It can stoke inflationary pressures, something we cannot afford

when inflation is above the RBI's target rate. And most importantly, it can lead to pressures on the external sector. The balance of payments crisis of 1991 and the near crisis of 2013 in the wake of taper tantrums were, at their heart, a consequence of extended fiscal profligacy.

The supporters of a fiscal stimulus will raise several counter-arguments. They will argue that our debt-to-GDP ratio is low in international terms. The data don't bear this out. In any case, our experience as well as research shows that international comparisons of debt-to-GDP ratios, without reference to other parameters, are misleading. The supporters will argue that we do not need to worry because our debt is mostly in domestic currency unlike that of many emerging economies. That didn't protect us from previous crises, and there is no reason to believe that it will protect us from the next one, especially as our foreign debt is proportionally higher than before. They will also argue that our foreign exchange reserves are robust and a balance of payments crisis is improbable. Such complacency is misplaced. We should not forget the lesson that in good times any amount of forex reserves looks like it is too large, but in bad times no amount of reserves is large enough.

As much as the headline fiscal deficit numbers are a cause for concern, the underlying quality of fiscal consolidation is a bigger concern. Conveniently off the radar, the revenue deficit, far from coming down, is actually going up. This year, more than two-thirds of what the government is borrowing is going to finance current expenditures like salaries, pensions, interest payments and subsidies. That ratio will rise to three-quarters next year. This is simply unsustainable as it will increasingly crowd out capital expenditure.

Another dimension of the quality of fiscal consolidation is the combined fiscal position of states which is in fact the big ele-

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phant in the room. Together, states spend one-and-a-half times more than the Centre. Studies show that how efficiently states spend their money has a much greater development impact as compared to the Centre. And states are not doing a good job. In its latest annual report on state finances, the RBI raised several red flags on state finances — states' increasing weakness in their own revenue generation, their unsustainable debt burdens and their tendency to retrench capital expenditures in order to accommodate fiscal shocks such as farm loan waivers, power sector loans under UDAY and a host of income transfer schemes. The market will penalise mismanagement of public finances; it does not care who is responsible — the Centre or states — for an unsustainable fiscal stance.

On top of all these concerns, by far the biggest fear about a fiscal stimulus, especially in a vigorous democracy like ours, is that it is tempting to plunge into a spending programme saying it is a one-off and will be withdrawn when the pressure eases. Experience shows that it is very difficult to bail out. As Milton Friedman famously said, there is nothing more permanent than a temporary government programme.

What the economy needs for a sustained turnaround is kickstarting private investment. And a necessary condition for inspiring investor confidence is implementation of structural and governance reforms. This will be a long-haul. But, as Mao Zedong said, even a thousand-mile journey has to start with a first step. That the budget did not launch the journey is a big disappointment. But, at least, the budget did not make a bad situation worse by embarking on fiscal adventurism. It's better, as Keynes said, to be roughly right than precisely wrong.

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Mishra, the AAP has lost the confidence of the people. Forget the number of seats, the vote share of the party proves this," it said.

## A DIFFERENT BHARAT

THE RSS HAS dedicated the latest issue of its mouthpiece, *Organiser*, to the building of the Ram temple following the government announcement about the formation of a trust to oversee its construction. It has argued that the building of the temple paves the way for revival of "civilisational Bharat" and shows the world how to resolve contentious issues amicably and democratically.

"The creation of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust is a historic step not just for the 'management and development' of the proposed temple but an action in the direction of reviving the civilisational Bharat that aspires to guide the world about managing contradictions in a peaceful and democratic way... The way government and the entire society, barring some murmuring about the review petitions which were rejected by the Supreme Court, responded to the judgement is not just a symbol of democratic maturity but also a manifestation of the civilisational wisdom of our society," the *Organiser* has said in an editorial.

It has said that the inclusion of a Dalit in the trust has shown that the Hindu society

is united. The editorial has also argued that temple construction shows how diverse paths lead to the "same almighty".

"The revival of Ram Temple is meant to resurrect this civilisational message of diverse paths leading to the same Almighty and all those paths being true and respectable. When the exclusionary and violent ideologies are trying to vitiate the atmosphere on some or the other pretext, let the Shri Ram Temple be a symbol of this civilisational message of Bharat. We should join the process and strengthen it in whichever way possible, and take this civilisational message of inherent unity manifested in diversity forward," the editorial has said.

## PAPER PROOF

THE *ORGANISER* HAS also continued to discuss the controversy over the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens. Involving the Coronavirus crisis and reminding readers how India rescued 324 of its citizens from China as against Pakistan which left its citizens there, an article written by Ummenandra Farzana has pitched for Muslims to be ready to show documents.

"There are, of course, quite a few Muslims, among the 324 Indians rescued from West Bengal among them. I am sure

they were only too relieved and happy to show their passports (documents!) while boarding the aircraft. We, law-abiding citizens, do have to show some or the other document at every necessary point in life. Why fuss over it?" the article has said.

It has also expressed happiness at Muslim women holding the Indian Constitution in CAA-NRC protests. "It also arouses great hope in me to see Indian Muslim women clinging to our Constitution for the first time. In the wake of the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, everyone, from Shaheen Bagh in Delhi to Park Circus in Kolkata, seems to have reinstated their faith in the Indian Constitution," Farzana has said.

Calling it a "paradigm shift" in the approach of the community, she has added, "Those who had earlier subscribed to the logic of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board and had proclaimed the primacy of Sharia over the Indian Constitution, are now encouraging women from their families to participate in demonstrations, in the name of the Indian Constitution. Albeit a little delayed response, it gives me immense pleasure to watch this awakening in Muslim women, who had, for a long time, been marginalised by patriarchy within the family and the community."

Compiled by Deeptiman Tiwary

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## AFTER THE WIN

THE MASSIVE MANDATE to the AAP in Delhi will have two major national repercussions. First, it may change the narrative of politics — people may prefer the party which provides quality schools, hospitals, electricity and drinking water. Second, the AAP may set its national outreach agenda. This is the right time for the party to spread to neighbouring states.

SS Sangwan, Rohtak

## COURT'S DUTY

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'HC distances itself from PSA arrests, says not right forum' (IE, February 10). The PSA is a draconian law. The power to appoint the chairperson of PSA advisory board, which was once with the judiciary, was transferred to a committee of bureaucrats through an ordinance. This increased the chances of arbitrary and prejudiced procedures. The judiciary, as the guardian of fundamental rights, cannot distance itself from its duty to check prejudice.

Manjul Chaudhary, Kangra

## NORMALCY LIES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'A bizarre case' (IE, February 11). Slapping of the PSA on two ex-CMs belies the Centre's claim of normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP-led government at the Centre is testing the patience of the people with its undemocratic moves. If everything is normal in Jammu and Kashmir, why are mainstream leaders

## LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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are treated like criminals? The government seems to be misleading the country about ground realities in J&K.

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

## VIRUS IMPACT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The battle in Beijing' (IE February 11). The recent outbreak of coronavirus is a global health emergency, and every nation is expected to join hands in the fight against this deadly virus. The epidemic has brought much of China to a virtual standstill and the impact of this will be felt beyond the country's borders. The Chinese state is preoccupied with this crisis at home and this has opened up a new phase of possibilities in the global economy and geopolitics.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

**TELLING NUMBERS**

**Winter rainfall in excess in several states, Mizoram top**



**Rain in Lucknow on January 8. UP received 142% rainfall over normal in December-January.**  
 Vishal Srivastav

IN DECEMBER 2019, 13 states and Union Territories recorded excess/large excess rainfall. In January 2020, this rose to 22 states and Union Territories, according to data tabled in Parliament by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Rainfall is excess when it is 20-59% higher than normal for the period, and large excess when it is over 60% higher than normal.

Mizoram recorded the highest departure, at 296% above normal between December 2019 and January 2020. Normal rainfall in Mizoram during this period is 10.8 mm, whereas the actual rainfall received was 42.8 mm. Mizoram is followed by Tripura, where normal rainfall is 7.9 mm and which received 26.7 mm, marking a departure of 239%, and then by Uttarakhand (217%), Chhattisgarh (167%), Manipur (164%), Uttar Pradesh (142%), Jharkhand (142%), West Bengal (122%), Punjab (119%) and Madhya Pradesh (99%).

Out of the 26 states and Union Territories for which the ministry pro-

**RAINFALL DURING DECEMBER 2019-JANUARY 2020**

State	Actual (mm)	Normal (mm)	Departure
Mizoram	42.8	10.8	296%
Tripura	26.7	7.9	239%
Uttarakhand	131.7	41.6	217%
Chhattisgarh	29.6	11.1	167%
Manipur	33.5	12.7	164%
UP	29.6	12.2	142%
Jharkhand	29.5	12.2	142%
West Bengal	26.3	11.8	122%
Punjab	45.9	21	119%
MP	21.2	10.7	99%

vided information for, the lowest departure was recorded by Arunachal Pradesh, whose actual rainfall (58.5 mm) was 24% more than the normal of 47.2 mm.

The ministry said no state reported a loss of crops due to excess rainfall in the months of December 2019 and January 2020.

**THIS WORD MEANS**

**THANATOTHERISTES, REAPER OF DEATH**

Newly identified cousin of Tyrannosaurus rex

SCIENTISTS AT the University of Calgary and Royal Tyrrell Museum have found that a dinosaur fossil, found in Alberta in Canada in 2010, belongs to a new species of tyrannosaur. They have named it Thanatotheristes, which means "reaper of death". Tyrannosaurs were one of the largest meat-eating dinosaurs to have ever lived, with very large and high skulls, and the best known among them is the *Tyrannosaurus rex*, celebrated in the *Jurassic Park* series.



**Thanatotheristes degrootorum.**  
*Julius Scotonyi, Royal Tyrrell Museum*

the upper and lower jaw bones. Until last year, the specimen lay in a drawer at the Royal Tyrrell Museum.

Thanatotheristes preyed on large plant-eating dinosaurs such as the horned xenoceratops and the dome-headed colepiocephale. The research suggests that tyrannosaurs did not have one general body type; rather different tyrannosaur species evolved distinct body sizes, skull forms and other such physical features.

The scientists named the genus and species *Thanatotheristes degrootorum*, after John and Sandra de Groot who found the fossil in 2010. They identified it from fragmentary fossil parts of the skull and

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**SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER**

**AAP 2.0: The challenge ahead**

Despite the rollout of several so-called freebies by the AAP government, Delhi's fiscal deficit is the lowest in the country. Sustaining its fiscal health, however, will require more revenue generation in future

**UDIT MISRA**  
 NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE AAM Aadmi Party (AAP) routed its closest rival, the BJP, for the second successive time in Delhi's Assembly elections on Tuesday. Many of AAP's detractors, especially in the BJP, have repeatedly argued that AAP solely relies on offering fiscally-ruinous "freebies" to the voters and luring them to vote for AAP. Its supporters, on the other hand, argue that AAP's policy choices — with stress on improving provisioning of public education and public healthcare — present a new model of governance, and point out that under AAP, Delhi has not only grown faster than the India average but also increased its share to the national GDP.

Where does the truth lie? Has the AAP government run its schemes by borrowing money from the market and increasing fiscal deficit? Or has it run one of the most fiscally-prudent governments in India? More importantly, is the AAP model sustainable?

**What are the schemes that are referred to as the "freebies"?**

- The most recent example was the AAP government's decision to allow free bus rides for women in Delhi. But it was not the first time nor the only scheme that involved the government subsidising a section of the society.
- Since 2015, when it came to power with 67 (out of 70) seats, AAP has provided:
  - Subsidy for those using less than 400 units of electricity; moreover, there has been no hikes in power prices over 5 years and Delhi now has the lowest electricity tariffs among the metropolitan cities of the country.
  - Free water for families that use less than 20,000 litres a month; the number of such families has almost trebled as a result.
  - Private schools have had to return the increased fee they charged "arbitrarily"; these schools now also provide 25% seats for students from marginalised backgrounds.
  - The government provides a loan of up to Rs 10 lakh to every student so that no student has to leave studies; it has also started a scheme of waiving up to 100 per cent fee for children of extremely poor families.
  - The government provides free treatment, medicines and test facilities in nearly 200 mohalla clinics, apart from free surgeries in empanelled hospitals; the government also bears the expenditure for the treatment of road accident and fire burn victims.
  - The minimum wage for every worker has been raised from Rs 9,500 to Rs 14,000.
  - Similar increases have been seen in the salaries of guest teachers in schools, honorariums of Anganwadi and Asha healthcare

workers as well as the pensions of senior citizens, *divyangs*, and distressed women.

This is not a complete list but the maximum stress of these schemes is towards education and healthcare provisioning by the state government.

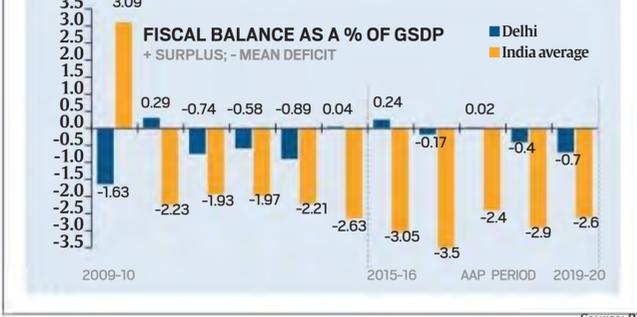
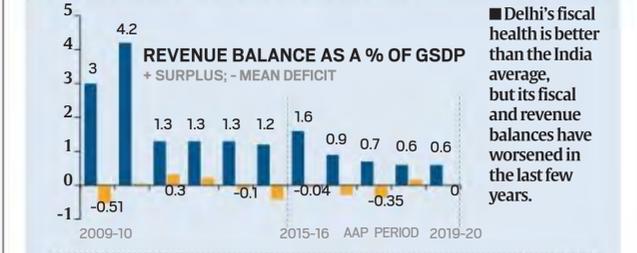
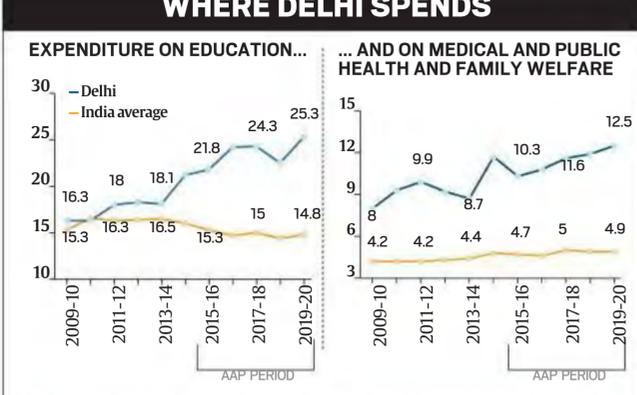
**OM MARATHE**  
 NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 was the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, established by the United Nations to promote equal access to and participation in science for women and girls. While some of the greatest scientists and mathematicians have been women, they remain under-represented in comparison to their male counterparts in higher studies involving science, as well as among the top scientific achievers.

**Researchers and achievers**

According to a 2018 fact sheet prepared by UNESCO on women in science, just 28.8% of researchers are women. It defines researchers as "professionals engaged in the conception or creation of new knowledge". In India, this drops to 13.9%.

Between 1901 and 2019, 334 Nobel Prizes have been awarded to 616 Laureates in



zoomed. The line graphs are taken from the Reserve Bank of India's latest study of state finances. They show how Delhi's expenditure on education and healthcare shot up when AAP took over. The spike in Delhi is in stark contrast to the attention these sectors received on an average across all other states.

**Has this not ruined Delhi's fiscal health?**  
 Yes, and no. That's because this can be answered both ways.

**How wide is the gender gap in science?**

Physics, Chemistry and Medicine, of which just 20 have been won by 19 women. The double Laureate is Marie Curie, one of just three women who have won in Physics and one of just five in Chemistry, while 12 women have won the Medicine Nobel.

In 2019, the American mathematician Karen Uhlenbeck became the first woman to win the Abel Prize, following 16 male mathematicians. The Fields Medal so far has also been awarded to only one woman mathematician, the late Maryam Mirzakhani of Iran, as opposed to 59 men since 1936.

**Women in science courses**

UNESCO data from 2014-16 show that only around 30% of female students select STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)-related fields in higher education. Female enrolment is particularly low in information technology (3%), natural science, mathematics and statistics (5%) and engineering and allied streams (8%).

In India, a 2016-17 NITI Aayog report

compared female enrolment in various disciplines over five years, until 2015-16.

In 2015-16, 9.3% of female students in undergraduate courses were enrolled in engineering, compared to 15.6% across genders. Conversely, 4.3% of female students were enrolled in medical science, compared to 3.3% across genders. Then, at master's and doctoral levels, female enrolment remained lower than overall enrolment, and also fell behind for medical science in three of the five years.

"This reflects that moving up from UG to higher degree and research programmes, the restricted presence of women in higher studies and research in science becomes evident for broader range of disciplines," the report said.

Broadly, women showed a preference for arts; however, female enrolment in science streams rose from 2010-11 to 2015-16.

The report found that in over 620 institutes and universities, including IITs, NITs, ISRO, and DRDO, the presence of women was 20.0% among Scientific and Administrative Staff, 28.7% among Post-Doctoral Fellows,

and 33.5% among PhD scholars.

**Why the gender gap**

Various studies have found that girls excel at mathematics and science-oriented subjects in school, but boys often believe they can do better, which shapes their choices in higher studies. In 2015, an analysis of PISA scores by OECD found that the difference in maths scores between high-achieving boys and girls was the equivalent of about half a year at school. But when comparing boys and girls who reported similar levels of self-confidence and anxiety about mathematics, the gender gap in performance disappeared — when girls were more anxious, they tended to perform poorly.

The NITI Aayog report said, "The problem of entry of women in science is not uniform across disciplines. Interventions geared to popularising subjects such as Engineering or the Physical sciences or Chemistry among female students at the school level in both urban and rural areas might be helpful in changing mind-set."

**Why Maharashtra sugar mills are paying cane fair price in parts**

**PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS**  
 PUNE, FEBRUARY 11

THIS SUGARCANE crushing season in Maharashtra, more than half the 136 mills that have entered the season have forged an unusual agreement with farmers. It enables the former to pay the government-declared Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for cane purchased in three instalments.

**What is FRP and how should it be paid?**

Before the start of the crushing season, the Commission of Agriculture Cost and Pricing (CACP) declares the season's FRP, calculated after taking in consideration the cost of production. FRP is linked to recovery — the amount of sugar produced by crushing 1 tonne cane, expressed as a percentage. The higher the recovery, the higher

be the sugar produced, and thus the higher the FRP too. At present, the basic FRP at 10% base recovery is Rs 275 per quintal, with every 0.1% increase in recovery resulting in an increase of Rs 2.75 in the FRP.

The Sugarcane Control Order of 1966 mandates that mills pay the basic FRP within 14 days of purchase, failing which mills are to pay 15% per year interest. Sugar commissioners are empowered to recover pending dues by attaching properties of errant mills. The assured scheme of payment had over the years made cane a preferred crop among growers across the country.

While the law mandates payment within 14 days, the payment schedule has not been rigorously followed. During the 1990s, sugar millers in Maharashtra used to meet at the start of the season and take a call about payment depending upon their finances. The first instalment mostly used

to be paid within 14 days of cane delivery, which was usually around 70-80% of the FRP, and the second instalment was paid in April when the mills ended their crushing operations. Depending on the availability of funds, another payment was made during Diwali ahead of the next crushing season. The total realisation of farmers depended on the finances of the mills which ensured that at least the basic FRP was paid.

Since the start of the farmers' movement by former MP Raju Shetti, the payment schedule underwent a major change. At the start of the crushing season, the farmers' union in its Oosh Parishad (Cane Conclave) used to make demands for payment, which often was Rs 100-200 above the FRP. Mills had to accede to the demand to prevent disruption in transportation of cane. The first instalment was always the full FRP, while later instalments covered demands made by the farmers.

**How do mills generate capital to pay their growers?**

Sugar mills pledge their stock of sugar and avail of working capital from banks to pay their growers as well as to fund their operations. Based on the valuation of sugar (at present Rs 3,100 per quintal), banks issue loans to the tune of 75% of the current valuation.

**Why did mills feel the need to get into agreements?**

During the 2014-15 season, 20 mills in Maharashtra's Nanded division had defaulted on payment of basic FRP. Prahlad Ingole, a farmer leader, approached the Aurangabad Bench of the Bombay High Court with demands including payment of 15% interest on late payment of FRP. The court eventually asked the sugar commissioner to start the process of calculation of interest. Shekhar Gaikwad, the then sugar

commissioner, started the process in 2019 and appointed government auditors to calculate the interest. The Cooperation Minister, while hearing a similar case relating to mills in Kolhapur and Sangli, however, gave a stay on calculation on interest.

Given the financial implications, mills took the cue from the Sugarcane Control order and started making formal agreements with farmers for part-payment. The order mandates payment of FRP within 14 days of cane delivery if there is no agreement otherwise. This leeway is now being used by the mills to get their farmers to sign agreements that would allow mills to pay 75% of the FRP as the first instalment and the rest in subsequent instalments. Of the 136 mills that have entered the crushing season in Maharashtra, 76 have got into such agreements. The payment clause was put in the cane registration forms that farm-

ers sign and submit to the mills. The trend, started by mills in Marathwada, is now being followed across the state.

**What are the ramifications of such an agreement?**

It has not gone down well with many farmers' leaders. They claim the agreement would not stand the test of law as it leaves a farmer without the necessary standing to argue for a fair agreement. In this case, many have said the agreement clause was put in the forms farmers have not read properly, but mills have denied this and said it was only a small section of farmers who were insisting on full payment of FRP. Financial constraints, mills claim, make it impossible for them to pay the full FRP at one go. Until these agreements are challenged in any court of law, mills in Maharashtra will continue to pay their growers as per these agreements.

# 2 municipalities in Amaravati region to be developed to stop dropping land prices

**REENIVAS JANAYALA**  
HYDERABAD, FEBRUARY 11

THE ANDHRA Pradesh government will develop Mangalagiri and Tadepalli — two significant areas in the Amaravati region — as model municipalities for farmers and those who gave their land for the development of the state's capital, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy told a delegation at his residence on Monday.

After coming to power, the YSRC government had passed a Bill in the Assembly that made way for three capitals in the state, instead of Amaravati being the only one — as was envisaged by the previous regime under Chandrababu Naidu.

The government said developing the two municipal areas would lead to increase in the value of land, which fell following the government's decision on three capitals.

The government also denotified 13 villages which were under the erstwhile capital region and merged them with the Mangalagiri and Tadepalli municipalities.

In two separate government orders, the government merged Atmakur, Nowluru, Bethapudi, Yerrabalem and Chinakakani into the Mangalagiri Municipality in Guntur District. While Prathuru, Vaddeswaram, Penumaka, Ippatam, Mellempudi, Chirravuru, Gundemeda and Undavalli were merged into the Tadepalli Municipality.

At Monday's meeting, while reiterating that Amaravati will only be developed as the state's Legislative capital, Jagan told the delegation that Rs 1,100 crore was being allocated to develop both municipalities with a significant portion of the investment going towards civic infrastructure.

An official said Jagan assured the farmers that with this decision, the development will in the

region will be similar to that of a capital city.

"No farmer will face any injustice from the government. We are going to consider the requests you put in front of us. After laying roads in the two municipalities and development of infrastructure, the area will be automatically developed and the farmers themselves can sell their lands for good prices. In the next 2-3 months, development work in the Amaravati region will also take place and before that, the farmers can come up with their issues and requirements in their villages. The government will certainly consider them," Jagan is said to have told the delegation, according to those present at the meeting.

Siva Reddy of the Amaravati Parirakshana Samiti, comprising farmers and landowners, said Jagan assured that their grievances would be looked into. "The CM said that the government won't do injustice to anyone. He said the government's intention is to develop all districts and Amaravati will be continue to be the Legislative Capital," he said.

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister B Satyanarayana, who also met the farmers' delegation, said that Amaravati is not Vijayawada or Guntur; it comprises basic villages with fertile agricultural lands. "To develop these lands and make constructions to provide minimum basic infrastructure, we have to spend Rs 2 crore on every acre and also require over Rs 1 lakh crore, as told by the previous government itself. In the last five years, Chandrababu Naidu has spent only Rs 5,674 crore, of which, Rs 2,297 crore are yet to be repaid as loans. If we invest at least 10 percent of this expenditure on Visakhapatnam, the city will yield a lot of opportunities for future generations, who needn't go to other states in search of jobs," he said.

# Govt notifies medical equipment as 'drugs'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

THE UNION Health Ministry has notified that medical equipment would qualify as "drugs" under Section 3 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with effect from April 1, 2020. Medical equipments under this definition include implantable medical devices such as knee implants, CT scan, MRI equipment, defibrillators, dialysis machine, PET equipment, X-ray machine etc. This, the ministry hopes, will ensure these equipments follow quality standards.

The move comes in the wake of years of controversy about faulty hip implants of JSJ.

"In pursuance of sub-clause (iv) of clause (b) of Section 3 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, the Central Government, after consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, hereby specifies the following devices intended for use in human beings or animals as drugs with effect from the April 1, 2020," the notification read. The manufacture, import and sale of all medical devices will now need to be certified by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation.

# Errors in extradition order: Malya lawyers

**ADITI KHANNA**  
LONDON, FEBRUARY 11

LIQUOR BARON Vijay Mallya on Tuesday appeared before the Royal Courts of Justice here for his appeal against extradition to India to face fraud and money laundering charges amounting to Rs 9,000 crore, where his lawyers claimed "multiple errors" in a magistrates' court's order.

The 64-year-old former Kingfisher Airlines boss, who remains on bail since his arrest on an extradition warrant in April 2017, avoided the usual scrum of reporters at the court entrance and went in with his lawyers separately. "I'm just here to listen," he said, when asked for a comment.

Justice Stephen Irwin and Justice Elisabeth Laing were told by Mallya's barrister that Chief Magistrate Emma Arbuthnot's verdict in favour of extradition in December 2018 was flawed and also questioned the admissibility



Mallya outside the Royal Courts of Justice on Tuesday. Reuters

of some witness statements submitted by the Indian government.

Clare Montgomery opened her arguments to try and establish that Mallya had no fraudulent intentions when he sought bank loans for his now-defunct Kingfisher Airlines as he is no "fly by night figure but an immensely wealthy man" who was not running any sort of "ponzi scheme" but a reputable airline, which fell

into economic misfortune along with other Indian airlines.

In what she described as a "very dense case", which has proved extraordinarily difficult to manage as there are "any number of rabbit holes" to go down, Montgomery said: "She (Arbuthnot) did not look at all of the evidence because if she had, she would not have fallen into the multiple errors that permeate her

judgment."

The hearing is scheduled for three days with Mallya's barrister to lay out her oral arguments, with the Crown Prosecution Service on behalf of the Indian government set to counter on Wednesday. A verdict may be handed down at the end of the hearing on Thursday.

Representatives from the Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation were present in court as Montgomery once again sought to raise questions over whether the CBI behaved "properly in bringing charges" against Mallya under former Special Director Rakesh Asthana, who she said may have been guilty of "misconduct".

Judge Irwin intervened to question whether she could re-enter these claims, which had already been rejected at the magistrates' court level and sought clarifications on where the law may have been wrongly applied by the Chief Magistrate.

Mallya had received permission to appeal against his extradition order signed off by former UK home secretary Sajid Javid last February only on one ground, which challenges the Indian government's prima facie case against him of fraudulent intentions in acquiring bank loans.

The High Court has already accepted Judge Arbuthnot's conclusions on all other aspects of the extradition case, including so-called "extraneous circumstances" of Mallya being pursued by the Indian authorities for political reasons of a clash between the ruling BJP and Opposition Congress.

Some other grounds invoked in last year's hearing claimed Mallya would not receive a fair trial in India, which was also dismissed as the judges upheld Arbuthnot's ruling on the matter that the wide media interest in the Mallya case would ensure justice.

Mallya remains on bail involving a bail bond worth 650,000 pounds and other restrictions. PTI

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Transmission System: 400 KV Double Circuit Line from Siliguri to Purnea (A1) and Purnea to Muzaffarpur (A2), and 220 KV Double Circuit Line from Muzaffarpur to Muzaffarpur (B5E) (A6).  
2. Beneficiaries of the Transmission System:  
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a) West Bengal State Electricity Board  
b) Damodar Valley Corporation  
c) Bihar State Electricity Board  
d) Grid Corporation of India Ltd  
e) Power Deptt. Govt. of Sikkim  
f) Jharkhand State Electricity Board  
3. Transmission Line Length  
a. Siliguri - Purnea : 320 ckt-kms  
b. Purnea - Muzaffarpur : 478 ckt-kms  
c. Muzaffarpur - Muzaffarpur (B5E) : 48 ckt-kms  
4. Approved Capital Cost of the Project (This includes apportioned cost of special tools, establishment, contingencies & IDC):  
Rs 736.03 Crores  
5. Authority which has Approved the Capital Cost: Ministry of Power  
6. Scheduled date of Commercial Operation : 01.07.2006  
7. Actual date of Commercial Operation : 01.09.2006  
8. Capital Cost as on the date of commercial operation : Rs 649.62 Crore  
9. Details of Tariff  

Name of the transmission System	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
400 KV DC Siliguri - Purnea (A1)	11674.61	11355.53	11793.18	11074.14	10716.26
400 KV DC Purnea - Muzaffarpur (A2)					
220 KV DC Muzaffarpur - Muzaffarpur (B5E) (A6)	7002.67	6962.91	6496.71	6414.71	6383.32

  
10. A copy of the above Petition can be downloaded from the website of the Petitioner at [www.powerlinks.co.in](http://www.powerlinks.co.in).  
11. The suggestions and the objections, if any, on the above Petition may be filed by any person including the beneficiary(ies) before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chanderkot Building, 3rd & 4th Floor Janpath, New Delhi - 110001 with a copy to the Petitioner (E-mail: [pankaj.prakash@tatapower.com](mailto:pankaj.prakash@tatapower.com)) within 30 days of publication of this notice.  
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a) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited  
b) BSES Rajdhani Power Limited  
c) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd.  
d) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited  
e) Punjab State Power Corporation Limited  
f) Harviana Power Purchase Centre  
g) Delhi Transco Limited  
h) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited  
i) Chandigarh Electricity Department  
j) Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited  
k) Jammu And Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited  
l) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited  
m) Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited  
n) North Central Railway  
o) West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited  
p) Grid Corporation of Orissa Ltd  
q) Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd  
r) Bihar State Power Holding Company Limited  
s) Damodar Valley Corporation  
t) Power Department, Government of Sikkim  
u) Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited  
v) Jammu Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited  
w) Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited  
x) New Delhi Municipal Council  
3. Transmission Line Length  
Muzaffarpur - Gorakhpur : 520 ckt-kms  
4. Approved Capital Cost of the Project (This includes apportioned cost of special tools, establishment, contingencies & IDC):  
Rs 440.75 Crore  
5. Authority which has Approved the Capital Cost: Ministry of Power  
6. Scheduled date of Commercial Operation : 01.07.2006  
7. Actual date of Commercial Operation : 01.08.2006  
8. Capital Cost as on date of commercial operation : Rs 386.17 Crore  
9. Details of Tariff  

Name of the transmission System	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
400 KV DC Muzaffarpur - Gorakhpur (A3)	6531.97	6619.58	6737.70	6518.54	6312.88

  
Proposed Year-wise Transmission Charges (Rs in Lakhs)  

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
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b) Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.  
c) Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.  
d) Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd.  
e) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Vidyut Bhawan  
f) Power Development Deptt. Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir  
g) Chandigarh Administration  
h) Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd.  
i) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd.  
j) Punjab State Electricity Board  
k) Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd.  
l) Delhi Transco Ltd.  
m) North Central Railway, Allahabad  
n) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd.  
o) BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd.  
p) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd  
q) New Delhi Municipal Council  
3. Transmission Line Length  
a. Gorakhpur - Lucknow : 492 ckt-kms  
b. Bareilly - Mandola : 472 ckt-kms  
4. Approved Capital Cost of the Project (This includes apportioned cost of special tools, establishment, contingencies & IDC):  
a. Gorakhpur - Lucknow : Rs. 216.57 Crore  
b. Bareilly - Mandola : Rs. 219.43 Crore  
5. Authority which has Approved the Capital Cost: Ministry of Power  
6. Scheduled date of Commercial Operation:  
a. Gorakhpur - Lucknow : 01.07.2006  
b. Bareilly - Mandola : 01.07.2006  
7. Actual date of Commercial Operation:  
a. Gorakhpur - Lucknow : 01.08.2006  
b. Bareilly - Mandola : 01.05.2006  
8. Capital Cost as on Date of Commercial Operation  
a. Gorakhpur - Lucknow : Rs. 188.61 Crore  
b. Bareilly - Mandola : Rs. 181.40 Crore  
9. Details of Tariff  

Name of the transmission System	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
400 KV DC Gorakhpur - Lucknow (A4)	3539.10	3428.73	3639.77	3530.46	3430.03
400 KV DC Bareilly - Mandola (A5)	3467.15	3358.23	3654.82	3470.84	3409.33

  
Proposed Year-wise Transmission Charges (Rs in Lakhs)  

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
400 KV DC Gorakhpur - Lucknow (A4)	2286.77	2254.57	1991.59	1971.30	1966.74
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10. A copy of the above Petition can be downloaded from the website of the Petitioner at [www.powerlinks.co.in](http://www.powerlinks.co.in).  
11. The suggestions and the objections, if any, on the above Petition may be filed by any person including the beneficiary(ies) before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chanderkot Building, 3rd & 4th Floor Janpath, New Delhi - 110001 with a copy to the Petitioner (E-mail: [pankaj.prakash@tatapower.com](mailto:pankaj.prakash@tatapower.com)) within 30 days of publication of this notice.  
Place: New Delhi (Yogesh Kumar Luthra)  
Date: 07.02.2020 CEO & ED - Powerlinks Transmission Limited

# 18 THE WORLD



**BRITAIN**  
**QUEEN'S OLDEST GRANDSON SET FOR DIVORCE**  
 Queen Elizabeth's oldest grandchild Peter Phillips and his wife Autumn have separated and will divorce, a spokesman said Tuesday, piling more misery on Britain's most famous family. Phillips, 42, and his Canadian wife Autumn will share custody of their two daughters and both remain in Gloucestershire, southwest England. Phillips is the son of Princess Anne.

## TOP OF THE WORLD



Antonio Guterres

**PAKISTAN**  
**UN chief to visit Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib during Pak visit**

**United Nations:** UN chief Antonio Guterres will visit the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, the final resting place of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev, in Kartarpur during his visit to Pakistan next week. The UN Secretary-General will arrive in Islamabad on Sunday on a four-day visit and will hold bilateral meetings with PM Imran Khan and Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on that day and speak at an event on sustainable development, climate change and peacekeeping. Guterres will "travel to Kartarpur to visit a holy site, Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib," Deputy spokesperson Farhan Haq said.

**USA**  
**Number of US troops injured in Iran attack goes up to 100**

**Washington:** The US military on Monday disclosed a more than 50% jump in cases of traumatic brain injury stemming from Iran's missile attack on a base in Iraq last month, with the number of service members diagnosed climbing to over 100. No US troops were killed or faced immediate bodily injury when Iran fired missiles at the Ain al-Asad base in Iraq in retaliation for the US killing of Revolutionary Guard General Qassem Soleimani in a drone strike in Baghdad on Jan 3.

**PHILIPPINES**  
**Manila notifies US of plan to end security pact**

**Manila:** The Philippines notified the United States on Tuesday it would end a major security pact allowing American forces to train in the country, in the most serious threat under President Rodrigo Duterte to their 69-year treaty alliance. Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. said in a tweet that Manila's notice of termination of the Visiting Forces Agreement was received by the deputy chief of mission at the US Embassy in Manila. The termination would take effect after 180 days unless both sides agree to keep it. Locsin signed the notice on the order of Duterte, who has often criticised US.



**IRAQIS WAKE UP TO SNOW FOR 1ST TIME IN DECADE**

Snow in the old city of Mosul, Iraq. Many Iraqis awoke to a sight not seen in over a decade — their cities covered in snow — on Tuesday. It was a rare moment of respite during which residents took selfies and children played in parks, lobbing snowballs before the fluffy flakes disappeared and the white cover dissolved into grey puddles. *Reuters*

**IS's ambitious South Asia branch is security threat to neighbours of Afghanistan: UN**

**YOSHITA SINGH**  
 UNITED NATIONS, FEBRUARY 11

THE ISLAMIC State group's South Asia branch remains active, ambitious and threatening, and has established contacts with other terrorist groups like Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and has the potential to exacerbate the security threat to nations neighbouring Afghanistan, a UN report has warned. According to the report, the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant-Khorasan (ISIL-K) came under severe military pressure

from the security forces of Afghanistan and Taliban fighters towards the end of 2019, leading to its virtual expulsion from what had been its Afghan headquarters in Nangarhar Province. The ISIL-K was formed on January 10, 2015 by a former Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) commander and was established by former Taliban faction commanders "who swore an oath of allegiance" to IS and its slain leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. The group has claimed responsibility for numerous attacks in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. The 10th report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL (Da'esh) to international peace and security and the range of United Nations efforts in support of Member States in countering the threat said that even though the Afghan authorities took custody of more than 1,400 people, including ISIL-K fighters and their dependants, the terrorist group remains a threat to regional security. "Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant-Khorasan remains active, ambitious and threatening. It continues its online recruitment

and propaganda, for which it also conducts outreach activities in religious and academic institutions in Afghanistan, including Kabul University," it said. "It has established informal contact with other terrorist groups, including Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and Lashkar-e-Islam, which regularly mount attacks on border posts of Pakistan. The approach of Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant-Khorasan has the potential to exacerbate the security threat to countries neighbouring Afghanistan," the report said. **PTI**

**Rohingya boat capsizes in Bay of Bengal, 16 dead**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
 DHAKA, FEBRUARY 11

AN OVERCROWDED boat carrying about 125 Rohingya refugees from Bangladeshi camps sank early Tuesday in the Bay of Bengal, leaving at least 16 dead, Bangladesh officials said Tuesday. The coast guard, navy divers and other rescuers recovered the bodies of 14 women, one child and a man after the wooden boat capsized off St Martin's Island, the top elected official on the island told *The Associated Press*. Noor Ahmed told *AP* by phone from the scene that some 62 refugees on the boat survived. They were wooed by traffickers



Refugees wait after their boat capsized, in Teknaf, near Cox's Bazar. *Reuters*

to get on the boat from various points as it was heading for Malaysia, he said. Iqbal Hossain, additional police superintendent in Cox's Bazar, said the overcrowding of the boat had caused it to capsize.

**Nepal suspends licence of hotel where 8 Indians died**

**YUBARAJ GHIMIRE**  
 KATHMANDU, FEBRUARY 11

NEPAL'S GOVERNMENT has suspended the licence of Panorama resort in Daman, a tourist destination near Kathmandu, where eight Indian tourists including four children died last month after inhaling carbon monoxide. The decision, taken by the secretary of the Ministry of Tourism, said the operation of the resort, bar and other services would be barred for three months. They

were also instructed to take adequate safety measures and upgrade service facilities. Eight people from two families from Kerala had inhaled carbon monoxide while using a kerosene heater in a single room with its windows shut on January 21, leading to their death in a Kathmandu hospital, 45 km away from Daman. The hotel, run by Fortuna International Private Ltd, has also been asked to have itself classified based on service facilities when it resumes operations.

**Voting ongoing in New Hampshire primary as top Democratic hopefuls seek clarity**

**STEVE PEOPLES, KATHLEEN RONAYNE, THOMAS BEAUMONT & HUNTER WOODALL**  
 MANCHESTER, FEB 11

WITH VOTING underway across the state, Democrats looked to New Hampshire on Tuesday to reset the party's presidential nomination fight and bring clarity to a young primary season that has been marred by dysfunction and doubt. There were new signs of tur-



(Clockwise from top) Leading contenders Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg, Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren

bulence hours before polls closed. Flailing former front-runner Joe Biden announced plans to leave the state early. After the chaotic Iowa caucuses failed to perform their traditional function of winnowing the race, it fell to New Hampshire to begin culling the Democratic field, which still features almost a dozen candidates. For Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, the vote was an opportunity to build on his dominance of the party's left flank. A repeat of his strong showing

in Iowa could severely damage progressive rival Senator Elizabeth Warren, who faced the prospect of an embarrassing defeat in a state that borders her home of Massachusetts. While Sanders marches forward, moderates are struggling to unite behind a candidate. After essentially tying with Sanders for first place in Iowa, Pete Buttigieg, the 38-year-old former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, began his day as the centrist front-runner. **AP**

**Trump admin proposes \$1.5 billion to ensure Indo-Pacific free of 'malign' China influence**

**LALIT K JHA**  
 WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 11

THE TRUMP administration has proposed \$1.5 billion in budgetary allocation for 2021 fiscal for the strategic Indo-Pacific, which it said was part of its efforts to ensure that the region remains free, open, and independent of "malign Chinese influence." China has been trying to spread its influence in the Indo-Pacific region. To counter Beijing, the US has been pushing for a broader role by India in the strategically important region. Beijing lays claim to huge

**EXPLAINED**  
**Efforts part of larger US focus on China, Indo-Pacific**

THE TRUMP administration had declared from the outset that it wanted to pull US troops out of "endless wars" in the Middle East. Recently, the Pentagon chief also acknowledged that the US was shifting its military focus towards China. The US sees China's military movements in the South China Sea and its growing influence in the Indo-Pacific as a threat to Washington's own interests. The latest move seeking to allocate funds to enhance US influence in the region is an extension of this larger shift in focus.

swathes of the sea in the South China Sea where it has set up military facilities and artificial islands.

The White House in its budgetary proposal for the financial year 2021, beginning Oct 1, 2020,



Thai Army Chief Gen Apirat Kongsompong at a press conference in Bangkok. *Reuters*

**Thai Army Chief: Gunman who killed 29 was not treated fairly in land deal**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
 BANGKOK, FEBRUARY 11

THAILAND'S ARMY commander said Tuesday the soldier who killed 29 people in a shooting rampage had not been treated fairly in a land deal involving his commander and such arrangements would have to be halted. The gunman killed his superior officer and the officer's mother-in-law, stole weapons and a vehicle and headed to a shopping mall in a northeastern city where he holed up for hours before security officers killed him. "The perpetrator did not receive fair treatment from his superior and the relative," General Apirat Kongsompong said at a news conference in Bangkok. "They were involved in a land purchase deal that had gone wrong. We will investigate further about who else is involved in the issue."

**WHAT BEGAN AS AN INTRICATE CONSPIRACY THEORY HAS NOW SURFACED IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, CRIMINAL CASES, & MERCHANDISING**

**What happens when QAnon seeps from the Web to the offline world**

**MIKE MCINTIRE & KEVIN ROOSE**  
 FEBRUARY 11

A CITY council member in California took the dais and quoted from QAnon, a pro-Trump conspiracy theory about "deep state" traitors plotting against the President, concluding her remarks, "God bless Q". A man spouting QAnon beliefs about child sex trafficking swung a crowbar inside a historic Catholic chapel in Arizona, damaging the altar and then fleeing before being arrested.

And outside a Trump campaign rally in Florida, people in "Q" T-shirts stopped by a tent to hear outlandish tales of Democrats' secretly torturing and killing children to extract a life-extending chemical from their blood. What began online more than two years ago as an intricate, if baseless, conspiracy theory that quickly attracted thousands of followers has since found footholds in the offline world. QAnon has surfaced in political campaigns, criminal cases, merchandising and at least one college class. Last month, hundreds of QAnon enthusiasts gathered in



A rally for QAnon in Washington last year. *NYT*

public office in the United States have promoted or dabbled in QAnon, and its adherents have been arrested in at least seven episodes, including a murder in New York and an armed stand-off with police. The FBI cited QAnon in an intelligence bulletin last May about the potential for violence motivated by "fringe political conspiracy theories". Matthew Lusk, who is running unopposed in the Republican primary for a Florida congressional seat and openly embraces QAnon, said in an email that its anonymous creator was a patriot who "brings what the fake news will not touch without slanting". As for the theory's more extreme elements, Lusk said he was uncertain whether there really was a paedophile ring associated with the deep state. "That being said," he added, "I do believe there is a group in Brussels, Belgium, that do eat aborted babies."

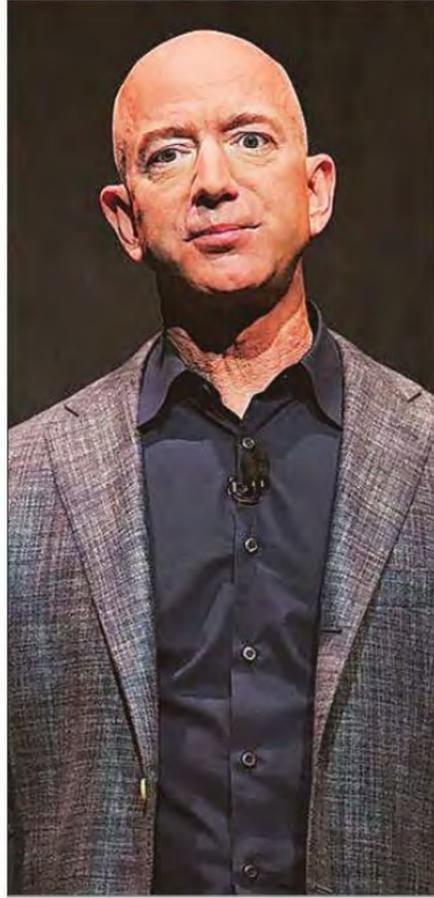
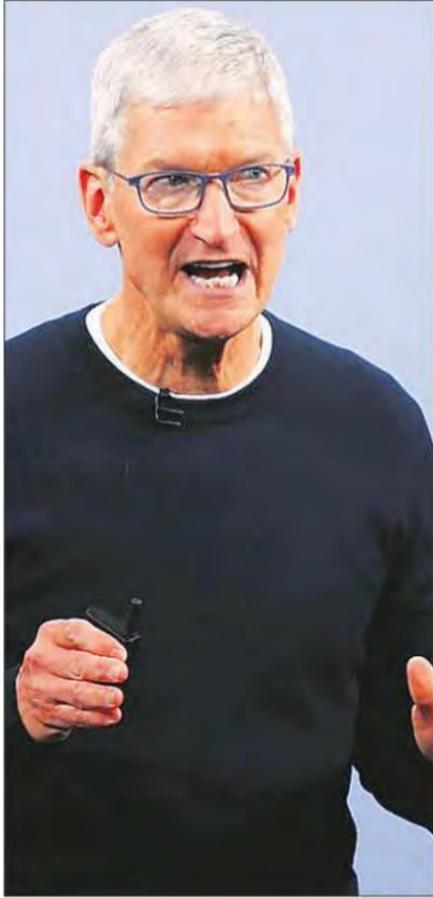
The seepage of conspiracy theories from the digital fever swamps into life offline is one of the more unsettling developments of the Trump era, in which the President has relentlessly pushed groundless conspiracies to reshape political narratives to his liking. In promoting fringe ideas about deep state schemes, Trump has at times elevated and encouraged QAnon followers — recirculating their posts on Twitter, posing with one for a photo in the Oval Office, inviting some to a White House "social media summit". QAnon began in October 2017, when a pseudonymous user of the online message board 4chan

started writing cryptic posts under the name Q Clearance Patriot. The person claimed to be a high-ranking official privy to top-secret information from Trump's inner circle. Over two years and more than 3,500 posts, Q — whose identity has never been determined — has unspooled a sprawling conspiracy narrative that claims, among other things, that Trump was recruited by the military to run for office in order to break up a global cabal of pedophiles, and that special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation would end with prominent Democrats being sent to Guantanamo Bay. **NYT**

## MANAGEMENT IN THE 2020s

## Meet the new boss

What it takes to be a CEO in the 2020s



From left: Apple CEO Tim Cook, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, Google CEO Sundar Pichai and Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella. Reuters

ON PAPER this is a golden age for bosses. Chief executives have vast power. The 500 people who run America's largest listed firms hold sway over 26m staff. Profits are high and the economy is purring. The pay is fantastic: the median of those CEOs pockets \$13m a year. Sundar Pichai at Alphabet has just got a deal worth up to \$246m by 2023. The risks are tolerable: your chances of being fired or retiring in any year are about 10%. CEOs often get away with a dreadful performance. In April Ginni Rometty will stand down from IBM after eight years in which Big Blue's shares have trailed the stockmarket by 20%. Adam Neumann got high in private jets and lost \$4bn before being ousted from WeWork last year. The only big drawback is all those meetings, which eat up two-thirds of the typical boss's working hours.

Yet CEOs say the job has got harder. Most point the finger at "disruption", the idea that competition is more intense. But they have been saying that for years. In fact the evidence suggests that, as America's economy has become more sclerotic, big firms have been able to count on cranking out high profits for longer. Nonetheless, bosses are right that something has changed. The nature of the job is being disrupted. In particular, CEOs'

mechanism for exercising control over their vast enterprises is failing, and where and why firms operate is in flux. That has big implications for business, and for anyone climbing the corporate ladder.

Few subjects attract more voodoo analysis than management. Even so, studies suggest that the quality of an American firm's leadership explains about 15% of the variance in profitability. But boards and headhunters struggle to identify who will do a good job. Perhaps as a result, they tend to make conservative choices. About 80% of CEOs come from within the company and over half are engineers or have MBAs. Most are white and male, although that is changing slowly.

This tiny elite faces big changes, starting with how they control their firms. Ever since Alfred Sloan shook up General Motors in the 1920s, the main tool that CEOs have wielded is the control of physical investment, a process known as capital allocation. The firm and the CEO have had clear jurisdiction over a defined set of assets, staff, products and proprietary information. Think of "Neutron" Jack Welch, who ran General Electric between 1981 and 2001, opening and shutting plants, buying and selling divisions, and ruthlessly

controlling the flow of capital.

Today, however, 32% of firms in the S&P 500 of big American firms invest more in intangible assets than physical ones, and 61% of the market value of the S&P 500 sits in intangibles such as research and development (R&D), customers linked by network effects, brands and data. The link between the CEO authorising investment and getting results is unpredictable and opaque.

Meanwhile the boundaries of the firm, and the CEO's authority, are blurring. Uber's 4m drivers are not employees and neither are the millions of workers in Apple's supply chain, but they are mission-critical. Big firms spent \$32bn last year on cloud services from a few powerful vendors. Factories and offices have billions of sensors pumping sensitive information to suppliers and customers. Middle-managers talk business on social media.

Even as CEOs' authority is being re-

defined, a shift is under way in where firms operate. Generations of bosses have obeyed the call to "go global". But in the past decade the profitability of multinational investment abroad has soured, so that returns on capital are a puny 7%. Trade tensions mean that CEOs face the prospect of repatriating activity or redesigning supply chains. Most have only just begun to grapple with this.

The last change is over the purpose of the firm. The orthodoxy has been that they operate in the interests of their owners. But pressure is coming from above, as politicians such as Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren call on CEOs to favour staff, suppliers and clients more; and from below, as both customers and young workers demand that firms take a stand on social issues. Alphabet has faced rolling staff protests.

CEOs are experimenting, with underwhelming results. Reed Hastings at Netflix preaches radical autonomy. Staff

decide their expenses and do without formal performance reviews, an idea that at most firms would cause chaos. Others assert authority by reviving the 1980s cult of celebrity. Sometimes it works: Satya Nadella has rebuilt Microsoft using "empathetic leadership". Often it does not. Mr Neumann's stint as WeWork's party-animal-in-chief ended in fiasco. Jeff Immelt, the ex-boss of General Electric, has been accused of "success theatre" by making himself a jet-setting star as its cashflow fell by 36%.

Keen to show they are engaged, bosses are publicly weighing in on issues like abortion and gun control. The danger is hypocrisy. Goldman Sachs's boss wants to "accelerate economic progress for all", but it faces a huge fine for its role in the 1MDB corruption scandal in Malaysia. In August 181 American CEOs pledged to serve staff, suppliers, communities and customers as well as shareholders. This is a promise, made during a long economic expansion, that they will not be able to keep. In a dynamic economy some firms have to shrink and shed workers. It is silly to pretend there are no trade-offs. Higher wages and more cash for suppliers mean lower profits or higher prices for consumers.

## The very model of a modern CEO

What, then, does it take to be a corporate leader in the 2020s? Every firm is different, but those hiring a CEO, or aspiring to be one, should prize a few qualities. Mastering the tricky, creative and more collaborative game of allocating intangible capital is essential. A CEO must be able to marshal the data flowing between companies and their counterparties, redistributing who earns profits and bears risk. Some firms are ahead—Amazon monitors 500 measurable goals—but most CEOs are still stuck clearing their email inboxes at midnight. Last, bosses need to be clear that a firm should be run in the long-term interest of its owners. That does not mean being crusty or myopic. Any sensible business should face up to the risks from climate change, for example. It does mean avoiding mission creep. CEOs in the 2020s will have their hands full with their own company, so forget trying to run the world too. And if, in between meetings, you find time to smoke weed at 40,000 feet, don't get caught.

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## HONG KONG AND THE MAINLAND

## Keep out

The coronavirus is fuelling tensions in protest-racked Hong Kong

"THERE IS no reason for measures that unnecessarily interfere with international travel and trade." So declared the World Health Organisation's chief, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, on February 3rd after several countries, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, had closed their borders with China or (like America and Australia) announced that foreign citizens who had recently visited China would be barred from entering. Yet many people in Hong Kong want the territory to seal itself off from the Chinese mainland. Their demands are putting new political pressure on the territory's leader, Carrie Lam, after months of pro-democracy unrest.

As *The Economist* went to press, 21 people in Hong Kong had been detected with the virus, of whom seven were from the mainland. Six of the others were Hong Kong residents who caught it while travelling in China. They included a man whose death, attributed to the virus, was announced on February 4th. It was the first such fatality in the territory and only the second outside the Chinese mainland (the other was in the Philippines). The remaining eight cases involved infections that occurred in Hong Kong itself.

Mrs Lam has responded with ever-tighter controls. On January 27th visitors from Hubei, the province where the virus was discovered, were banned from entering Hong Kong. On January 30th six of 14 border check-

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points were closed. Hong Kongers who had travelled to Hubei were ordered into quarantine centres. The mainland's government also imposed restrictions, stopping the issuing of permits for tourist trips to Hong Kong. The number of mainlanders arriving at border posts other than the airport fell by 90% compared with two weeks earlier. Mrs Lam said that closing the border entirely would be "discriminatory", but four days later she announced that remaining entry points, apart from the airport, two road bridges and a cruise terminal, would be closed from February 4th. On February 5th she announced that anyone arriving from the mainland would be quarantined for 14 days and the cruise terminal would be shut.

For some Hong Kongers, these measures have not been enough. On February 3rd around 3,000 non-essential medical staff working in public hospitals went on indefinite strike—the biggest such action in the health system's history. Their demands include the full closure of the border. The following day their ranks swelled to 7,000. They have vowed to continue their strike, despite Mrs Lam's measures.

She is in murky political water. The strikers belong to a recently formed union with links to activists who have been at the forefront of the anti-government unrest that has roiled the territory since June. Other pro-democracy unions have threatened to join them, including one for bus drivers.

The central government, however, would not be happy with a total ban. It accused America of sowing fear when it became the first country to bar foreign travellers coming from China. China's acting ambassador to Israel compared such controls to the turning away of Jewish refugees during the Holocaust. The embassy later apologised, saying there was "no intention whatsoever to compare the dark days of the Holocaust with the current situation".

But many Hong Kongers are fearful. Memories are still fresh of SARS in 2003, a disease caused by another coronavirus discovered in China. That outbreak infected



Passengers at the West Kowloon high-speed railway station in Hong Kong on January 26. Reuters

about 1,750 people in Hong Kong and killed almost 300. Mrs Lam, not least, will be mindful of events that year. Public anger over the government's perceived hesitancy in handling SARS fuelled unrest caused by a proposed national-security bill. The crisis even-

tually prompted the central government to replace Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's first post-colonial leader.

Mrs Lam appears to have retained the central government's backing during the past few months of turmoil in Hong Kong's

streets. But in a territory where distrust of the government runs deep, it is unlikely that her response to the new coronavirus will boost her abysmal ratings at home.

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In continuation to this office IFB issued vide this office letter No. SE-XV-TENDER/PMGSY-II/Batch-I/2019-20-14071-14150 dated 22.01.2020, the following dates is postponed due to administrative reasons.

Sr. No.	Division/District	Package No.	Name of work	Starting date for downloading of Bid	Deadline for submission of Bid	Opening date of Bid
1	Una/Una	HP-12-167	L056-Old Saloh-Bhadori road	14.02.2020	06.03.2020 upto 10:30 A.M.	06.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.
2	Una/Una	HP-12-169	L059-Panjawar-Bathori to Lalri Nagal Kalan Jatpur road	14.02.2020	06.03.2020 upto 10:30 A.M.	06.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.
3	Una/Una	HP-12-170	T14-Upgradation of Link road Una Takka to Upper Kotla Kalan via Shiv Mandir Ajnoli	14.02.2020	06.03.2020 upto 10:30 A.M.	06.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.
4	Bangana/Una	HP-12-171	F19-Kuryala to Jhalera via Dangersa Rainsari road	14.02.2020	06.03.2020 upto 10:30 A.M.	06.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.
5	Bangana/Una	HP-12-176	F15-Doul Talehra-Sanhal road	14.02.2020	06.03.2020 upto 10:30 A.M.	06.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.
6	Bangana/Una	HP-12-178	F14-Daul to Madanpur-Jogipanga Lamlehri Uperli road	14.02.2020	06.03.2020 upto 10:30 A.M.	06.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M.

The other conditions shall remain unchanged.  
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Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost Rs.	Earnest Money Rs.	Tender fee including GST Rs.	Time of completion	Last date and time of online submission of the bid
1.	Replacement of damaged flooring, doors, white washing and painting work including minor repair work of Type II/New H-154, Type III/B-45, Type II/G3, Type III/B-67, Type III/B-49 and Type III/100 (KG) at FRI. (Tender ID No. 2020_ICFRE_537531_2)	2,45,100/-	4,900/-	590/-	30 days	19.02.2020 up-to 3.00 PM
2.	Replacement of damaged floor in one room by granite flooring, making plinth protection and distemping work in Xylarium-II (Main Building) at FRI. (Tender ID No. 2020_ICFRE_537763_2)	2,87,600/-	5,800/-	590/-	30 days	19.02.2020 up-to 3.00 PM

1. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and [www.fri.res.in](http://www.fri.res.in).

2. The bidder who has already submitted tender fee and EMD need not to submit it again physically. They may upload the scanned copy of the same.

Head, Engineering Cell  
Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

### TAMILNADU CEMENTS CORPORATION LIMITED

(A GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU UNDERTAKING)  
L.L.A. Building, II Floor, 735, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002

#### TENDER NOTICE

e-tender Reference No.	NAME OF THE WORK	Value (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Due Date
46/2019-20	Transportation of Dry Fly Ash through bulk tankers from Mattur Thermal Power Station, Mattur to Anyaluru Cement Works, Anyaluru Dist.	5,79 Crores	2,00,000	12.03.2020
47/2019-20	Transportation of imported Coal through open trucks from Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL), Kallitragam, Kaur to Anyaluru Cement Works, Anyaluru Dist.	121 Lakhs	1,00,000	12.03.2020

Important Note: A pre-bid meeting for the e-Tenders 46/2019-20 and 47/2019-20 will be held on 20.02.2020 at 3.00 pm & 4.00 pm respectively at TANCEM, Corporate Office, No.735, L.L.A. Buildings, II Floor, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002. The details are available in [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in), Compendium / Addendum to this publication if any would appear only on the above website. (DIPR/825/TENDER/2020) MANAGER (TECHNICAL)

### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SILCHAR

(An Institution of National Importance)  
Assam - 788 019  
Phone : (03842) 244879, Web Site: <http://www.nits.ac.in>  
Fax : (03842) 224797, EPABX:233841-5100/5101

#### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-tender invited from experienced and financially sound contractor/agency for the following work:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time of Completion	Cost of tender documents (In Rs.)	Last date for submission of E-Tender
1	Construction of Director Bungalow at NIT Silchar.	1,27,12,478/-	2,54,250/-	8 Months	2,500/-	
2	Leveling, drainage & gate work at Cricket & Football ground NIT Silchar.	1,14,88,442/-	2,29,769/-	6 Months	2,500/-	26.02.2020 upto 4.00 PM
3	Construction of Coffee shop (2 nos) at Boys Hostel No. 9 NIT Silchar.	29,95,551/-	59,911/-	60 Days	1,000/-	
4	Construction of Coffee shop at Aryabhata (PG) Hostel NIT Silchar.	14,97,494/-	29,950/-	60 Days	1,000/-	

The detailed tender notice may be seen at Institute website <http://www.nits.ac.in>, [www.tenderwizard.com/NITS](http://www.tenderwizard.com/NITS) & Institute notice board. Sd/- Registrar

### MP POORV KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD.

BLOCK NO. 7, SHAKTI BHAWAN, RAMPUR, JABALPUR (M.P.)  
CIN : U40109MP2002SGC015120  
Tel No:0761 2702473, Fax No.0761-2660048

#### ONLINE TENDER

No. CGM/PUR/EZ/GM-III/3728  
Online Tender is invited for following items:-

Sr. No.	T.S. No. DISCOM/ EZ/PUR	NAME OF ITEMS	APPROX VALUE (RS IN LAKHS)	TENDER FEE (IN RS)	DATE OF OPENING OF TENDER
1	1070 (E-Tender No. 2020_PKVVCC_78790_1)	For AMC and Onsite Support of Non-IT Equipments Installed at Data Center Jabalpur under RAPDRP Project for a period of 2 Years	85.65	2240.00	28.02.2020

Pre Bid meeting will be held on 17.02.2020 at 12.00 Noon.  
For other details visit our website- [www.mpezc.co.in](http://www.mpezc.co.in) & [mptenders.gov.in](http://mptenders.gov.in)  
SAVE ELECTRICITY C.G.M. (PURCHASE)

"विजली संबंधी शिकायतों के निराकरण के लिए 1812 डायल करें"

### Government of Jammu & Kashmir

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION, SRINAGAR

Telefax No. 0194-2496089, E-mail Id: [xenmhchdk@yahoo.in](mailto:xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

#### GIST of e-Tender

NIT No.: MHCHD/TS/2019-20/130/e-Tendering  
Dated: 07.02.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, e-Tenders are invited from the Original equipment manufacturers of Lifts or their authorized dealers/representatives or Registered/reputed and experienced Firms for the following works:-

Name of Work	Estt. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (Lacs of Rs.)	Time of Completion (In months)	Position of AAA/ Funds
Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of One (01) No. 08 Passenger (G+2) Lift and One No. 13 Passenger (G+3) Lift including AMC for 05 Years post normal Two Years of Warranty period at Library cum PG Block and Hostel Block of SP College, Srinagar.	40.00	1000/-	0.80	2 months	Demanded

- Downloading of Bids:** The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), Set of Terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website: [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from 07.02.2020 (18.00 hrs.) and can be downloaded from 07.02.2020 (18.00 hrs.).
- Uploading:** The bidders shall deposit their bids in Electronic format on the above website from 08.02.2020 (10.00 hrs.) to 28.02.2020 (15.00 hrs.) in Two (02) covers.
- Opening of Bids:** The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 29.02.2020 at 14.00 hrs. or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
MHCHD, Srinagar.

No. MHCHD/TS/5649-60 DIPK-NB-2577M Dt.: 07.02.2020

उ. प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु कार्य/ आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदाओं को आमंत्रित करेगा (जी.एस.टी.) में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से आमंत्रित की जाती है, निविदा के प्रथम भाग (अन-लाइन) में निविदा मूल्य तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.एफ.आई.टी./ बैंक गारंटी के माध्यम से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, मुगदाबाद के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, मुख्य शाखा मुगदाबाद में संचालित चालू खाता सं.- 10896364702, IFSC Code- SBIN 0000682 (MICR No. 110024101) में जमा कर विवरण निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ संलग्न प्रपत्र में सूचीआर नं., बैंक का नाम, खाता सं., निविदा सं., जारी करने वाले बैंक अधिकारी तथा निविदादाता द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित प्रति, इन्कम टैक्स, पेन नं., जी.एस.टी. पंजीकरण प्रपत्र की छायाप्रति, अनुभव सम्बन्धी प्रपत्र तथा पात्रता की अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें अवश्य होने चाहिए अन्यथा को स्थिति में निविदा का भाग-2 (दर) विचारणीय नहीं होगा। निविदा सभी प्रपत्रों सहित खुलने की तिथि निर्धारित दिनांक को 13.00 बजे तक ई-माध्यम से प्राप्त की जायेगी और उसी दिन ई-माध्यम से प्रथम भाग 15.00 बजे तथा प्रथम भाग के परीक्षणोपरान्त द्वितीय भाग खोला जायेगा। उक्त तिथि को अवकाश होने पर निविदाओं अगले कार्यदिवस में निर्धारित समय पर खोली जायेगी। आमंत्रित निविदाएं केवल ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट 'http://etender.up.nic.in' पर ही खुलने के दिनांक को सायं 13.00 बजे तक ही download/ Submit की जा सकेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र उपरोक्त पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर निविदा submit करने की दिनांक व समय तक उपलब्ध रहेंगे। दरों की वैधता निविदा खुलने की तिथि से कम से कम 90 दिन होनी चाहिये। अन्य नियम व शर्तें विभाग के निर्धारित नियम व शर्तें उ.प्र. पावर कारपोरेशन लि. के फार्म ए/बी के अनुसार होंगे जिन्हें किसी भी कार्य दिवस में अधीक्षक/अधीक्षक/अधीक्षक/अधीक्षक को विना कोई कारण बताये सुरक्षित रहेगा। निविदा संबंधी निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि जमा करने संबंधी उक्त पे-इन-रिस्पर निविदा खुलने से एक दिवस पूर्व इस कार्यालय को अनिलान्डन (sectcmbd@gmail.com) उपलब्ध कराना अनिवार्य है, अन्यथा को स्थिति में निविदा नहीं खोली जायेगी। निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि के जमा होने के संबंध में बैंक स्टेटमेंट की उपलब्धता पर जांचोपरान्त ही निविदा का भाग-2 खोला जायेगा। (अ) अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा खुलने की दिनांक- 29.01.2020: 1. ई-निविदा संख्या- 254/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल, रामपुर के अन्तर्गत 220 केवी उपकेन्द्र, रामपुर पर एयर लीकेज रोकने हेतु मल्टीफावर सिस्टम के

### CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

##### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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

- Supplying, laying, jointing, testing and commissioning of Second row of 2000 mm dia nominal diameter Mild Steel Spirally welded pipes at different locations between Chemberambakkam Water Treatment Plant and Poonamallee by-pass Road junction near Saveetha Dental College - Cont.No. CNT/WSS/NCB/I&A/31958/2019-20 - Bid security - Rs.6.88 Lakhs.
- Phase I - Package 25- Supply and laying of 750mm dia CI force main from Tondiarpet 'B' pumping station to Tondiarpet 'F' New sewage pumping station in Area V - Cont.No. CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/Phase-I/0598/2019-20 - Bid security Rs.5.63 lakhs.
- Availability and Cost of Bid document in the form of CD (in person) : Sl. No. (1) 13.02.2020 to 05.03.2020 Sl. No. (2) 13.02.2020 to 16.03.2020 - Grievances Redressal & Facilitation Officer, CMWSS Board, (Telephone: 044-28451300, Extn. 217) for Rs.5,250/- (including GST) through Website: [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)
- Date of Pre-bid meeting: Sl.No. (1 & 2) 21.02.2020 at 11.00 A.M
- Bids will be received upto 03.00 PM and opened after 3.30 P.M for Sl.No.(1) on 06.03.2020 & for Sl.No.(2) on 17.03.2020

DIPR/825/Tender/2020 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CONTRACTS & MONITORING)

### GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

##### BUILDING ORGANIZATION

##### OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P.W.D., BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM - 7, PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT / LUMP SUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM) SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE No. 27/ 2019-20/SEB/C&M/SLM, Dated : 11.02.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Salem-7 invites tender for the following work, at his office upto 3.00 PM, on 27.02.2020 in two sealed covers containing (i) Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii) Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put into one common sealed cover from the experienced and competent contractors / firms as detailed below. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from this Office, designated website ([viz](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)) <http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>. The tender schedule will also be available in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7, from 13.02.2020 to 26.02.2020 upto 5.45 pm. The tenders received will be opened at 3.30 P.M. on 27.02.2020 in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to be present at that time.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work including G.S.T. (Rs. In Lakhs)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit.	Period of Completion
1.	Construction of Administrative block, VIP Guest house and Entrance Arch etc., to the 'Advanced Institute for Integrated Research in Livestock and Animal Sciences' at Thalaivasal Koot Road in Salem District.	1705.00	Rs. 8,63,000	18 Months

Contractor class : Registered in Class I in State level / Circle level (Rs.75.00 lakhs and above)  
EMD to be credited : The Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C&M) Division, Salem-7.  
Cost of tender schedule : Document cost - Rs.15000/- (+) G.S.T. 12%; Rs.16500/-

All other details including qualification criteria are incorporated in the tender documents, which are available in the following website and can be downloaded at free of cost. Any Changes in tender condition will also be published in website: [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)

Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., (i/c) Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7.  
DIPR/ 839 /TENDER/2020

### CORRIGENDUM

Some modification/correction has been done with reference to the tender notice of different packages issued vide this office letter No. 17094-17103 on dated 18.01.2020 published in different newspapers on dated 19.01.2020 to 20.01.2020.

Sr. No.	Read as	Instead of
1.	L145-Construction upgradation of road from Kuru Nallah Magarwari Bami Ki Bainsk Bajhot Ghariach road at 0/0 to 6/000 under PMGSY Stage-II. (SH- Removal of formation deficiency, C/o Retaining structure, M/T, C.D. Work & C/o RCC Slab culverts, 4.00 mtrs span, V-Shape side drain, PCC Parapets, P/F Logo, sign boards i/c 5 yrs routine and AMP after completion of 5years routine maintenance under PMGSY Batch-I).	L145-Construction upgradation of road from Kuru Nallah Magarwari Bami Ki Bainsk Bajhot Ghariach road at 0/0 to 6/000, (SH- Removal of formation deficiency, C/o Retaining structure, M/T, C.D. Work & C/o RCC Slab culverts, 4.00 mtrs span, V-Shape side drain, PCC Parapets, P/F Logo, sign boards i/c 5 yrs maintenance and periodical renewal under AMP etc).

Package No. HP-11-102	Package No. HP-11-102
(a) Construction Cost = 552.76 Lakhs	(a) Construction Cost = 571.23 lacs
(b) Maintenance cost = 33.46 lacs	(b) Maintenance cost = 74.26 lacs
(c) Uploading date = 15.02.2020	(c) Uploading date = 05.02.2020
(d) Opening date = 19.03.2020	(d) Opening date = 06.03.2020
(e) Bid Security = 11.72 lacs	(e) Bid security = 12.91 lacs

The Cement/Steel/Explosive materials etc. shall be arranged by contractor at his own level.  
The other terms and conditions will remain the same.

Superintending Engineer,  
3rd Circle, HPPWD, Solan.

### BORDER ROADS ORGANIZATION

#### REGISTRATION/RENEWAL OF SUPPLIERS/FIRMS IN 19 BRTF OF PROJECT DANTAK FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 CAT 'A'/B' ITEMS

Applications are invited from eligible enlisted suppliers of BRO and enlisted/ un enlisted suppliers working with other Govt. departments meeting eligibility criteria for issue of enquiry documents for procurement of stores.

Applications are invited for Registration/Renewal of Suppliers/firms for the year 2018-19, interested firms are requested to apply in following category alongwith the under mentioned documents :- Hardware, Electrical, Sanitary, Stationary/ Computer Stationary, Constructional stores, Tentage & Tarpaulin, Cat 'A' Spares, Tyre/Tube, Battery & Misc Stores/ Items.

- Form No. 03 Registration form
- Dealership Certificate (if any)
- Copy of Trade License
- Income Tax Pan Card
- Estate Tax Return Verification form
- IGST registration
- Copy of registration in registration of firm
- Details of partnership deed if any
- Photograph of Proprietorship
- Signature of Proprietorship
- Mandate form from respective bank
- Certificate that only original firm and no sister firms are applying for the registration process
- AD code (including dealer code) which is issued by bank
- IEC Code (Import/Export Code)
- LUT or bond paper
- HSN Code (Harmonic systems) it is part No of Item when supplied

All above details to be handed over to board of officer on or before 20 Feb 2020 at HQ 19 BRTF, Phuntsholing (Bhutan) for consideration of enlistment.

Sd/-  
(Prateek Narula)  
Lt Col  
OC, 1055 Fd Wksp (GREF),  
Presiding Officer

davp 10901/11/0030/1920

### HARYANA GOVERNMENT

#### TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER
1.	KURUKSHETRA DEVELOPMENT BOARD, KURUKSHETRA	CLEANING AND SWEEPING WORK TO BE EXECUTED INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF BRAHMASAROVAR, SANNEHIT SAROVAR AND JYOTI-SAR ALONGWITH APPROACH ROADS TO THESE SAROVARs	CLOSSING DATE 22.02.2020	1 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01744-270187, 294505 kdbkr@gmail.com
2.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KATHAL	PROVIDING OF MANPOWER VARIOUS SERVICE UNDER OUT SOURCING POLICY IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KATHAL	08.02.2020 18.02.2020	3.76 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	94161-88848/ mckathal@gmail.com
3.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, SONIPAT	SUPPLY OF THE GREEN CHARA, BHUSSA, PRALI FOR NANDISHALA IN VILLAGE KISHORAKUMASPUR AND HARSANA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, SONIPAT.	CLOSSING DATE 27.02.2020	EMD 10000	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	semsonenpat@gmail.com
4.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ATELI MANDI	CONST. OF STREET FROM RAJARAM TO H/O DAYARAM WARD NO. 5 ATELI MANDI, + 3 OTHER WORKS	11.02.2020 24.02.2020	19.24 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9812892869 secy.mcaate@gmail.com
5.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF WATER SUPPLY IN PALAN VIHAR FOR TWO YEARS UNDER MCG.(YEAR 2019-2021)	07.02.2020 14.02.2020	93.36 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a> TENDER NO 2019_HRY_114703_1	ee2@mcg.gov.in
6.	HVPNL PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF ODSG FOUNDATIONS, ODDT AND ALLIED CIVIL WORKS FOR 02 NOS. 66 KV BAYS TO ACCOMMODATE 66 KV DOUBLE CIRCUIT TEPLA (200 KV) - 12 CROSS ROAD, AMBALA CANTT. AT 220 KV S/STN. TEPLA.	07.02.2020 17.02.2020	19750/- FOR GENERAL 9875/- FOR SOCIETY	<a href="https://www.hvnpn.org.in">https://www.hvnpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
7.	H.S.A.M., HISAR	IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING SODIUM LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS WITH LED LIGHTS IN OGM/ EXTENSION MANDI NGM AT UCHANA(2 MONTHS) + 1 OTHER WORKS	10.02.2020 25.02.2020	24.43 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a> TENDER NO 2020_HBC_117739_1 + 1 OTHER	98121-00311/xenelexhisar2018.hsamb@gmail.com
8.	HSAM BOARD, PANIPAT	REPLACEMENT OF G.I. SHEETS OF COVERED SHED NO. 2 IN NGM AT SAMALKHA	11.02.2020 25.02.2020	8.89 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	0180-2661236 xenprp2019.hsamb@gmail.com
9.	HSAM BOARD, FATEHABAD	SPECIAL REPAIR OF P.H.C. CUM-D.H.O. OFFICE BUILDING SITUATED IN N.V.M. AT FATEHABAD (DEPOSIT WORK OF HORTICULTURE DEPTT.). (4 MONTHS).	10.02.2020 27.02.2020	6.04 LACS	<a href="https://tenders.hry.nic.in">https://tenders.hry.nic.in</a>	99924-52803/xenhsambfatehabad2018@gmail.com
10.	HARYANA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED	CREATION OF 132KV LINE BAY FOR 2ND CIRCUIT OF 132KV HUKMAWALI - BHATTU SOTTER LINE AT 220KV SUB-STATION HUKMAWALI.	08.02.2020 22.02.2020	2.92 LACS	<a href="https://www.hvnpn.org.in">https://www.hvnpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
11.	UHBVN DULHUKOTE	HIRING OF CRANE FOR LOADING & UNLOADING OF HEAVY MATERIAL UPTO 12 TON CAPACITY IN VARIOUS STORES/ THWS/ TRWS OF UHBVN	CLOSSING DATE 02.03.2020	2 LACS	<a href="http://www.uhbvn.org.in/web/portal/tenders">www.uhbvn.org.in/web/portal/tenders</a> Tender ID: 2020_HBC_117711_1	9316274618 sestoresubnddulhukote@gmail.com
12.	DHBVN, HISAR	PROCUREMENT OF 11 METER LONG PCC POLES, NIT NO. 648/DH/M/XEN/MM DATED 05.02.2020	05.02.2020 27.02.2020	5.94 CRORE	<a href="http://www.dhbvn.org.in">www.dhbvn.org.in</a>	805988695
13.	THE BALLABGARH COOP MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD	SUPPL OF PVC COPPER FLEXIBLE WIRE SINGLE CORE PVC INSULATED SIZE : 300 SQ.MM MAKE-FINOLEX/ POLYCYAB	11.02.2020 20.02.2020	Rs. 800		

## SECTOR SCAN INFRA LENDING

### ‘Over 50% of projects sanctioned by lenders went to five states; AP gets highest investment’

GEORGE MATHEW  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 11

ANDHRA PRADESH accounted for the highest share (11.8 per cent) in total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions followed by Tamil Nadu (11.5 per cent). Maharashtra was dethroned to the third spot in 2018-19. It topped the list in the previous year (2017-18), bagging 23.3 per cent of the projects but could get only 10.9 per cent share in 2018-19, according to a RBI study.

Altogether, investment plans of 988 projects were made during 2018-19 aggregating to Rs 253,705 crore as against 955 projects with investment intentions totalling Rs 207,673 crore in 2017-18, said the RBI study on private corporate investments. As much as 52.3 per cent of the projects were taken up in five states — Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Telangana.

Gujarat (9.9 per cent), Telangana (8.2 per cent), Rajasthan (6.8 per cent) and Uttar Pradesh (6.2 per cent) were the other states that got the maximum project investments. Data for the last five years (2014-15 to 2018-19) revealed that 56 per cent of the projects were taken up in six states — Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu — indicating their locational advantages over other states and the skewed nature of investments.

The total project cost sanctioned by banks and financial institutions increased markedly to Rs 1,25,305 crore in the first six months of 2019-20 from Rs 86,607 crore in the first six months of 2018-19. Total loan amount contracted for capex purpose through the ECB channel increased significantly from Rs 39,833 crore to Rs 61,833 crore in H1 of 2019-20. “The planned or envisaged capex from all sources based on the pipeline projects sanctioned in all preceding years points to a noticeable improvement in 2019-20. The investment cycle appears to be poised to gain momentum in the short to medium term, but its sustainability needs to be watched closely,” the RBI study said.

During 2018-19, banks and FIs sanctioned 414 project proposals of the private companies with a total cost of Rs 176,581 crore, the RBI study says. “There are 535 companies, which did not avail of any financing from the banks/FIs, but contracted loan amount of Rs 76,515 crore through ECBs/FCCBs. Similarly, 39 companies did not avail of any bank finance or ECBs/FCCBs but raised Rs 609 crore for their capex needs through domestic equity issues,” the central bank report said.

The average cost of projects sanctioned in a period tends to be driven by the na-

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ture and profile of this tail reflecting the relative presence of outliers (large values). The size-wise distribution of projects showed a marginal increase in the number of mega projects (Rs 5,000 crore & above) from three in 2017-18 to five in 2018-19 along with an increase in their combined share in the total project cost.

Industry-wise, the infrastructure sector, comprising power, telecom, ports and airports, storage and water management, special economic zone (SEZ), industrial, biotech and IT park, and roads and bridges, recorded a surge in its share to 58.5 per cent in 2018-19 from 51.8 per cent in 2017-18, despite significant fall in the share of its largest component — power sector. “Ports and airports have witnessed a remarkable surge in aggregate cost of projects sanctioned by banks/FIs. Out of 5 projects sanctioned in 2018-19, four were new and one was for expansion and modernisation, the RBI said.

According to the RBI, the share of cement projects in the aggregate project cost, which rose sharply from a meagre 0.6 per cent in 2017-18 to 5.7 per cent in 2018-19, may facilitate the infrastructure sector to expand in the forthcoming years. Total project cost (and number of projects) in the cement industry rose markedly from Rs 1,068 crore in 2017-18 to Rs 10,138 crore in 2018-19 (from three to eleven projects respectively), it said.

Of these 11 projects sanctioned in 2018-19, eight were new and three were for expansion and modernisation. However, industry groups like metal and metal products, and construction demonstrated lacklustre momentum in activities in 2018-19 as revealed from their significant reduction in aggregate project cost as well as number of projects and this slippage is likely to impact the growth for some time.

A look at the purpose-wise pattern of projects indicates that investment in green field (new) projects occupied the largest share (76.9 per cent) in the total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and FIs during 2018-19, followed by expansion and modernisation of existing projects constituting 19.7 per cent of the total project cost, which is an increase in its share vis-à-vis 2017-18, the RBI said.

## CORPORATE AFFAIRS MINISTRY TO NCLAT IN FRESH AFFIDAVIT ON IL&FS ISSUE

### ‘DEA warned about redemption risks to AMCs, capital adequacy issues in nearly 1,500 NBFCs’

AASHISH ARYAN  
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THE DEPARTMENT of Economic Affairs (DEA) raised “red signals” about the possible collapse of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) in September 2018 and the impact it would have on the economy, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has said.

Days later, on October 1 that year, the government moved the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), seeking to supersede the IL&FS board and appoint a new board in its place. The government’s plan was approved by the NCLT on October 2.

In a fresh affidavit filed with the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), the MCA has said the DEA had then warned about the risk of redemption on all asset management companies (AMCs) that had exposure of Rs 2,800 crore or more to bonds of IL&FS, which could subsequently force these AMCs to sell government securities.

“Hence government securities will face a huge selling pressure so either bond yields

**EXPLAINED**  
**E** Financial institutions may challenge MCA plan on cut-off date

IN THE fresh affidavit, the MCA has proposed that the cut-off date for payments to banks, mutual funds, and other welfare funds be set at October 15, 2018, with no repayment thereafter.

The move is likely to be challenged by these financial institutions which will have to forgo interests of over 16 months if the plan, as proposed by the MCA, is approved by the NCLAT.

will shoot up to 8.30-8.50 per cent levels or the RBI (Reserve Bank of India) has to do the OMO (open market operations). If RBI opts for OMO, then the government spending amount will be reduced by an equal amount,” the DEA had said in a note to the MCA.

Further, the DEA had also warned that the licenses of almost 1,500 non-banking financial companies (NBFC) could be cancelled as they did not have adequate capital. Furthermore, mutual funds, which were the main buyers of corporate funds had completely stopped buying,

Of this, the new board at IL&FS has managed to complete the sale of its wind energy assets, thereby leading to a debt resolution of Rs 4,300 crore. As reported by *The Indian Express*, the new board, which took over in October 2018, is also facing troubles getting the a final resolution plan approved, despite having shelled out nearly Rs 100 crore in legal and other fees.

In its latest affidavit, the MCA has again proposed a revised distribution framework, which envisages that from the monies being recovered, the first payments should be done to all financial and transaction, the legal counsels, the resolution consultants, and independent valuers. Along with this, the money should also be used to cover the costs for advertisements, audit, and of meetings, the MCA has proposed.

For other creditors, whether senior secured, secured, or unsecured, all payments should be done only till October 15, 2018, and thereafter no payment requests should be entertained, the MCA has said in its affidavit to the NCLAT.

The new board, the MCA has said, has also proposed that

about while 55 companies in the ‘Green’ category could be released from the interim injunction put in place by the NCLAT on October 15, 2018, the time period for resolution for about 105 other companies should be extended further by at least 270 days from when-ever the new resolution plan is approved.

To simplify the resolution process of IL&FS and its 348 subsidiaries, the new board of the company had classified all the companies into three groups namely Green, Amber, and Red, based on their capability to service debt obligations.

At the time of classification, companies which could service their debt obligations to both secured and unsecured creditors were placed in the ‘green’ category, while those which could service their debt only to the secured or senior secured creditors were placed in the ‘amber’ category. The group companies of IL&FS which were in no position to service their debt to either secured or unsecured creditors were placed in the ‘red’ category.

The NCLAT had, in October 2018, imposed a moratorium on debt-repayments.

## CORPORATE RESULTS

### IDBI Bank Q3 loss widens to ₹5,763 crore

New Delhi: IDBI Bank has posted a thirteenth consecutive quarter of losses with its net loss widening to Rs 5,763 crore for December quarter from Rs 4,186 crore a year ago as a result of the bank’s migration to a lower corporate tax regime. As a result, the bank had to reverse deferred tax assets, which resulted in a one-time hit of Rs 6,273 crore on its balance sheet. Were it not for this reversal, IDBI would have posted a net profit of Rs 418 crore in Q3FY20. **FE**

### Mahindra net falls 85% on low demand

Mumbai: Mahindra has reported a 85 per cent plunge in its consolidated net profit at Rs 200 crore in the quarter to December 2019 due to lingering demand crisis. However, revenue fell only 4 per cent to Rs 25,303 crore. On a standalone basis also, net profit fell 73 per cent to Rs 380 crore in the reporting period while revenue fell 6 per cent to Rs 12,120 crore. **PTI**

## ‘Coronavirus unlikely to impact Indian port operators’

The coronavirus outbreak in China is expected to have a minimal impact on Indian ports due to low China-related throughput they handle, Moody’s Investors Service said



On the cruise shipping side, the quarantine of ships in Hong Kong and Japan will reduce the activity

## MANUFACTURERS WILL LIKELY SEEK ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF SUPPLY FOR COMPONENTS TO THE EXTENT THAT SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS IN CHINA PERSIST

**CREDIT NEGATIVE**  
The outbreak is credit negative for Asia-Pacific’s port operators as it is disrupting supply chains and lowering discretionary consumer spending, which will reduce the throughput growth of Asia-Pacific’s ports in 2020

**Extended factory shutdowns** in China and containment measures in Asia-Pacific countries have hit manufacturing and logistics sectors in China because of shortage of workers and manufacturing parts, creating knock-on effects for global supply chains

**LESS THAN 5%**  
The share of China-linked container cargo is less than 5 per cent by volume for Indian ports

**On the bulk handling side,** domestic ports handle “negligible” volumes linked to China and are unlikely to be impacted

**Shipping companies** like AP Moller-Maersk and CMA CGM SA recently announced blank sailings — reducing vessel calls to China — reflecting weakened output from China and low global trade activity because of the outbreak

**Containment measures** by countries will lower cruise docking at terminals and therefore the revenue derived from this business activity

Source: Moody’s/PTI

## RBI planning umbrella entities for retail payment systems with paid-up capital of at least ₹500 cr

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
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THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to set up a new pan-India new umbrella entity (NUE) or entities focussing on retail payment systems with a minimum paid-up capital of Rs 500 crore.

The proposed entity will set up, manage and operate new payment systems especially in the retail space comprising of, but not limited to ATMs, white label PoS, Aadhaar-based payments and remittance services, develop payment methods, standards and technologies, monitor related issues and internationally, take care of developmental objectives like enhancement of awareness about the payment systems.

It will operate clearing and settlement systems, identify and manage relevant risks such as settlement, credit, liquidity and operational and preserve the integrity of the system, monitor retail payment system developments and related issues in the country and internationally to avoid shocks, frauds and contagions that may adversely affect the system and the economy in general, the RBI said in its draft framework for authorisation of pan-India NUEs.

As per the RBI, no single promoter or promoter group should have more than 40 per cent investment in the capital of the entity. The promoters should upfront demonstrate capital contribution of not less than 10 per cent — Rs 50 crore — at the time of making an application for setting up of the en-

ty. The promoter or the promoter group shareholding should be diluted to a minimum of 25 per cent after 5 years of the commencement of business. A minimum network of Rs 300 crore should be maintained always, the RBI said.

The entity eligible to apply as promoter or the promoter group for the NUE should be owned and controlled by residents’ with 3 years’ experience in the payments ecosystem as Payment System Operator (PSO) or Payment Service Provider (PSP) or Technology Service Provider (TSP). “The shareholding pattern should be diversified. Any entity holding more than 25 per cent of the paid-up capital of the NUE will be deemed to be a promoter,” the RBI said.

The NUE should conform to the norms of corporate gover-

nance along with ‘fit and proper’ criteria for persons to be appointed on its board. The RBI retains the right to approve the appointment of directors as also to nominate a member on the board of the NUE.

“The application for setting up the NUE should contain a detailed business plan covering the payment systems proposed to be set up or operated along with other documents to duly establish its experience in the payments ecosystem. A proposed organisational strategy in terms of fulfilling its responsibility as an umbrella entity should also be given in the business plan. Such an entity will be a company incorporated in India under the Companies Act, 2013. The Company may be a ‘for-profit’ or a Section 8 company as may be decided by it.

## Green shoots visible ... economy not in trouble: Sitharaman

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 11

CITING SEVEN indicators as signs of green shoots in the economy, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the economy is not in trouble and the economy is moving forward with the measures being taken by the government.

Detailing the green shoots, Sitharaman said global sentiment in favour of India, net positive foreign portfolio investment, national infrastructure pipeline, growth in Index of Industrial Production, Purchasing Managers’ Index, forex reserves, gross GST revenue collection over Rs 1 lakh crore during last three months and upbeat secondary markets are supporting growth, adding that the government is constantly in touch with industry, MSMEs and other stakeholders.

“There are seven important indicators which show that there are green shoots in the economy...economy is not in trouble,” she said while replying to a debate on the Union Budget in Lok Sabha.

The Finance Minister further said the recent steps announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are important and the proposed Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Product (RoDTEP) scheme, which will replace the existing Merchandise from India Scheme (MEIS), will provide incentives for exporters.

“I am glad to say that in the recent announcement, the RBI not just looked at monetary policy as an instrument because monetary policy has its own limitations...the marginal or the incremental benefit that we are getting from monetary policy is now plateauing and therefore our central bank, much to the credit, I would like to recognise this fact, has come out with very creative solutions so that the economy is driven towards growth,” she said.

Holding the key policy rate unchanged in its monetary policy meet on February 6, the RBI announced a cash reserve ratio (CRR) exemption on incremental retail loans in the automobile, housing and the MSME sectors until July 31, 2020. It also decided to introduce long-term repo operations to facilitate the transmission of monetary policy actions and flow of credit to the economy.

The minister said textiles and all other sectors, which currently enjoy incentives up to 2 per cent over MEIS, will transit to RoDTEP. “In effect, RoDTEP will more than adequately incentivise exporters than the existing schemes all put together,” Sitharaman said,



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman outside Parliament on Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

adding RoDTEP “will more than adequately compensate and incentivise exporters than all the existing schemes put together.”

Sitharaman said the global sentiment is favourable as foreign investors continued to show confidence in India. There was net FDI of \$24.4 billion in April-November 2019-20 as compared to \$21.2 billion in the previous year, she said. The finance minister said the forex reserves are at an all-time high and the stock market is upbeat, adding that the government’s focus is on four engines of growth which include private investment, exports, private and public consumption.

With regard to public investment, she said, the government in December announced a National Infrastructure Pipeline which proposes investment of Rs 103 lakh crore for infrastructure development across the country in the next four years (till 2024-25). To boost consumption, the government has increased the Minimum Support Price of all mandated rabi and kharif crops for 2019-20.

She further said the fiscal deficit was higher during the UPA regime “when the economy was managed by competent doctors”. The minister was referring to remarks of former finance Minister P Chidambaram on Monday that the “economy was perilously close to collapse and was being attended by incompetent doctors.”

In her reply in Rajya Sabha later in the day, she said the government won’t repeat mistakes of UPA government, listing the twin balance sheet crisis faced by the banks and the mounting NPA and fleeing defaulters. She also said that the free trade agreements (FTAs) entered into by the UPA are hurting the country.

## UNVEILS THREE 5G PHONES — GALAXY S20, GALAXY S20 PLUS, AND GALAXY S20 ULTRA

### Samsung plays on nostalgia with Galaxy Z Flip, launches 5G flagship phones

SNEHA SAHA  
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SAMSUNG HAS announced the new generation Galaxy S-series phone — Galaxy S20 — at the company’s ‘Unpacked’ event in San Francisco. With the launch of this phone, Samsung is celebrating 10 years of the Galaxy S-series. Thus, the naming scheme has been changed from Galaxy S11 to Galaxy S20.

The company has unveiled three 5G phones under the new flagship series namely Galaxy S20, Galaxy S20 Plus, and Galaxy S20 Ultra.



The Samsung S20 series. Sneha Saha

decade, 5G will completely change how we communicate and how we experience the world around us,” said TM Roh, president and head of mobile communications business,

Samsung Electronics. “As all three Galaxy S20 variants come with 5G connectivity, Samsung is providing a next-generation device for transforming people’s lives. With an incredible, AI-powered camera, you can capture the moments as they happen and connect more seamlessly with the people you love,” he added.

The Galaxy S20 includes a “signature camera design” along with a punch-hole camera design on the front which increases the screen space for an improved multimedia experience like gaming, watching movies, and more.

slightly bigger and bulkier than the S20 and includes an extra camera on the back and a bigger battery. The Galaxy S20 includes three rear cameras while the S20 Plus comes with four image sensors, primary being a 64MP sensor for both.

The Ultra is the first Samsung phone to come with a big sensor, which according to the company, will help capture better low-light pictures.

Another key highlight for the Ultra is the super-resolution zoom up to 100X.

phone called the Galaxy Z Flip, which was the star of the event.

The Galaxy Z Flip comes with a big screen that folds into half, like a clamshell. When folded the Galaxy Z Flip turns into a small square-shaped glass piece that can slide smoothly inside the jeans pocket. The bezels on the tall screen are minimal and that enhances the front design of the phone. The Z Flip includes two rear cameras, a single selfie camera, a big battery, and a powerful processor under the hood. Both the Galaxy S20 series and Galaxy Z Flip can make way to India very soon.

The author is in San Francisco on the invite of Samsung India





AGE NO BAR

A new documentary series on the teen climate activist Greta Thunberg is in the works. Produced by BBC Studios, it will capture the Nobel Peace Prize nominee's role in climate activism and her campaign against global warming.

# Return of the Titans

Lakme Fashion Week kicks off today in Mumbai with big names on the ramp and a bigger thrust on sustainability

EKTAA MALIK

IT'S THAT time of the year again when Mumbai hasn't turned into the sweltering sauna it usually is, the weather is primed for a new wardrobe, and the Indian fashion fraternity is happily in the mood to oblige. The Lakme Fashion Week Summer Resort 2020, (LFWSR 20) in partnership with IMC Reliance and Nexa kicks off today at the Jio Garden in Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex, a bigger and more expansive venue than St Regis, which hosted the Autumn-Winter edition in 2019. The line-up this year has some big names returning to Mumbai, while the young, newer ones continue to lead from the front. We spoke to textile revivalist Ritu Kumar, and designer Manish Arora, who are both displaying in Mumbai after a long hiatus. They talk about their respective collections, sustainable fashion and using fashion as a medium of change.

Weaving a New Tapestry

Ritu Kumar has been one of the few vocal supporters of our dying handlooms and textiles. And she has not restricted herself to just Indian weaves. Her quest for documenting and reviving varied weaves has taken her to many countries. For LFWSR 20, Kumar has partnered with Lenzing and has used their new age fabric Ecovero for the collection titled 'Nature's Origami', which is a culmination of four stories — artist Mrinalini Mukherjee's exhibit at the MET, Neo origami, flora and fauna, and Sundarvan. "Owing to Mrinalini's work with knotted textiles, the capsule encompasses fabric manipulation and the revival of age-old textile techniques. At the crossroads where modern chevron meets classic florals, you will see lace and layered surfaces in Neo origami".

The collection is also a departure from Kumar's usual favourite — embroidery. While we see prints emblazoned on Jodhpurs, lungis and straight silhouettes, the embellishments have been kept to a minimal. "For the first time, we have steered very clear of embroidery. The idea of origami is an allusion to self-sustained crochet techniques that have been practised in convents in Andhra Pradesh for a long time. We have tried to incorporate them in several ways — from restructuring the thread in the weaves in the form of a knit to plaited accents on the garments in turn giving them a three-dimensional look," explains Kumar, who works from

Delhi. "Nature's Origami" would be an interesting collection to see as Kumar has always championed the cause of Indian handwoven textiles, and here she is working with a new fabric that's machine made. "I was quite convinced after I heard that they (Ecovero Lenzing) consciously make efforts to get the wood from reliable sources and also use the bi-products of viscose like sulphates as well as the chemicals that are disposed off in a responsible way. I think it is a good initiative to be able to source a fabric that gives a rich look that viscose does; especially the top end of the fabric which almost looks like silk. I think it is a necessity to have something like that which doesn't have to be polyester," she adds.

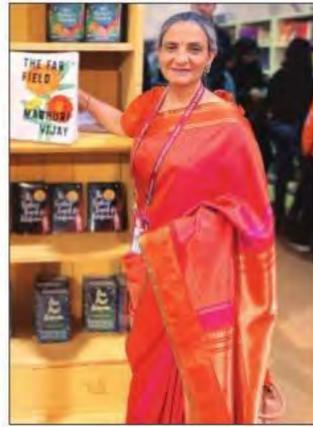
Colour Me Pop

Manish Arora is known for his love of loud pop colours, bold Indian prints, oversized accessories and a melodramatic flair that dominates everything possible. Now, Arora is presenting a collection dedicated to the LGBTQIA community, titled 'We Are Family'. "It is eclectic and colourful and is inspired by the LGBTQ community, which is all about happiness, joy and celebration," says the Delhi-based designer.

Arora has often championed the cause of the LGBTQIA community, and feels that the Indian fashion fraternity has always done the same. "It is about celebrating the extraordinary and saluting the spirit of a tribe that redefines their destiny by daring to defend their dream. This is a collection that fuels their passion and provides a passage for their creativity in an explosion of colour. A family that bonds beyond the biological, a borderless, gender fluid, inclusive assemblage that embraces the creative energies of LGBTQIAI artistes, performers, Instagram activists, club kids and beauty monsters," he stresses. We see a lot of coral pinks, peaches, mint green, bleached blues, fuchsia pink and lemon yellow. Arora's favourite, the neon green will be conspicuous by its absence. One can expect a lot of ruffles, sequined embroidery, bold prints paired with long skirts, jackets, tunics and shirt dresses made with cotton, taffeta and silk. Think volume, flair and drama. Arora feels that in this digital age, everything is possible, given the high levels of awareness, and of course social media. Sustainable fashion and awareness about LGBTQIA, too, is all possible through increasing awareness. "Today the Indian consumer is fashion conscious and is ready to re-define fashion on the global stage owing to globalisation. The strength and reach of social media has now empowered a world that is digital and which offers an influential platform to the happenings around the world," he says.



Manish Arora (left); one of his designs that will be on display at Lakme Fashion Week



Mita Kapoor  
Photo courtesy: JCB Literature Foundation

## 'First and foremost, I'm a reader'

Mita Kapur, the new literary director of the JCB Prize for Literature, on inclusive literature and her vision for India's richest literary award

PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI

IN NOVEMBER last year, Mita Kapur, 53, founder of Siyahi, a leading literary consultancy, was announced as the literary director of the annual JCB Prize for Literature, the richest Indian award for literature at Rs 25 lakh. Kapur, who will have a two-year tenure, assumed responsibilities in January, succeeding writer Rana Dasgupta, who'd helped launch the Prize in 2018.

What is your vision for the upcoming editions of the JCB Prize?

I hope to build on the strong foundations of the Prize and continue to intensify the quest for excellent Indian writing. As the Prize matures, we strive to make it more inclusive, welcoming fiction written in English or translated from Indian languages from a wide spectrum of publishers. Apart from books already translated into English, we aim to engage in conversations with major players in language publishing to see what their recommendations are for translations into English. If we could facilitate excellent translations of some of these books, we can create more readership for the stories. Since the core idea of the prize is to introduce readers to the finest of Indian contemporary fiction in English, what better way than to add to the library of available titles? Through this approach, we would encourage an industry that looks for the best of writing that is accessible to everyone. I also hope the Prize encourages readers to look at India's literary culture as a whole — in translation, in Indian languages, and, in English.

You come with a formidable reputation as a literary consultant, a festival producer (of Mountain Echoes, the literature festival in Bhutan, among several others) and a writer. How do you see these experiences coming together in your new role?

First and foremost, I am a reader. I am not a reader who only goes for a specific genre/type of books. If something about a book on the shelf catches my eye — whether it is the blurb, the title, or even the cover — I will pick it up. It is my love for books and writing that has dictated my entire career and for all the initiatives that Siyahi has spearheaded. It is with this love that I approach my role as the literary director, and every action that I take will be dictated by that.

Mountain Echoes completed a decade in 2019. When you look back, what are the significant ways in which publishing and reading in the subcontinent have changed?

The festival has had a significant impact that can be measured by the fact that book sales in Bhutan have multiplied four to five times from the point where we began, there are a larger number of writers writing in Bhutan and have been published in India as well, there are more bookshops now and all institutions, schools, and colleges have their own book clubs. Literary events have acquired the energy and frequency that was not there before.



Ritu Kumar (left); one of her designs that will be showcased at Lakme Fashion Week

## Making the Shift

**RAGINI AHUJA, FEBRUARY 15:** After a stellar show at Lotus Makeup India Fashion Week in Delhi, it will be exciting to see what the Delhi-based NIFT graduate showcases in Mumbai.

**KUNAL RAWAL, FEBRUARY 16:** The young Mumbai designer is unstoppable. He got the whole other Kapoor *khandaan*, led by Arjun Kapoor, and other A-listers sitting in his front row last season. And now, he is putting up an off-site show, where he will present his photo-chromatic line.

**PANKAJ AND NIDHI FEBRUARY 15:** The designer duo has had an exciting last year, with their debut in the couture space. The duo has been producing path breaking collections consistently.

**AMIT AGGARWAL, FEBRUARY 16:** The rise and rise of Amit Aggarwal continues. He showcased Lumen last year in Mumbai, and this year, he will be doing the Lakme Absolute Grand Finale, at an off-site show. And we all know that Kareena Kapoor will be the showstopper.



A design by Pankaj and Nidhi

## Weaving Continuity

How architecture in Kashmir, over the years, knitted together cultures, traditions and religions

SHINYVARGHESE

THE SILK Route that connected Kashmir with Central Asia not only enriched the Valley with the trade that took place in carpets, shawls and saffron, but also gave it a multicultural aesthetic. This dynamism of economics and culture created an environment of inclusion that manifests in the architecture of the land. Be it the eighth-century Martand Sun Temple near Anantnag or the 200-year-old shrine of Peer Dastgeer Sahab, what binds centuries of history is the common thread of Kashmiri craftsmanship and syncretism.

A recent exhibition in Delhi, organised by INTACH, J&K Chapter, Department of Tourism, Kashmir and India International Centre, Delhi, displayed the "Sacred Architecture of Kashmir", showing how spiritual traditions continued in form and structure. Drawings and photographs on panels explained how common design elements linked Buddhist

and Sufi shrines to Hindu temples and Islamic mosques.

"Kashmir was a centre of Hinduism and when Ashoka arrived around third century CE, he brought in Buddhism. Even the medieval temples were different in form and space compared to the rest of India. When Islam arrived, it had a very different grammar from Iranian and Turkish architecture. It is the regional experience of Kashmir that lent it a unique identity, very different from anything in the world," says senior architect Hakim Sameer Hamdani, of INTACH, J&K Chapter.

As part of several empires and outreach, be it Gupta, Kushan or Gandhara, Kashmir internalised the architectural and cultural experience, in a language that's uniquely Kashmiri, says Hamdani. As he points to the panel about the Martand Sun Temple, he references the influence of Greek architectural elements in the columns, the pedestal and the arches. It's Kashmir's most prominent exam-



Inside the Peer Dastgeer Sahib shrine  
Photo courtesy: INTACH, J&K Chapter

ple of a peristyle (continuous porch of columns). Built by Karkota Dynasty king, Lalitaditya, its influence shows in the pyramidal top common to many temples in Kashmir. It also wasn't uncommon to see rectangular quadrangles in the central courtyard surrounded by cubicles all around in temples.

This spatial layout seeps into the Khanqah-i-Maulla shrine in Srinagar too. This wooden Sufi hospice built in the late 14th century was constructed by Sufi saint Mir Sayed Ali Hamdani. The panel at the exhibition tells of how it resembles the Buddhist chaitya halls while the ceiling of the central chamber is supported on wooden columns, seen in temples of medieval Kashmir. The multi-tiered pyramidal roof, crowned by a spire, echoes the architectural tradition of a Hindu and Buddhist past.

Even as Islam came into Kashmir around 14th century, the kings chose to blend in and the architecture speaks of that native process. The Jamia Masjid in Srinagar went through numerous fires and restorations, though it kept to the original plan from the 15th century. Unlike any other mosque of the Islamic world with domes and minarets, the pyramidal roof surfaces here yet again. With a courtyard that resembles Char Bagh, wooden colonnades that support the ceiling, and pinja

kari detailing, this architectural marvel has been preserved effectively by INTACH. "Architecture is a tool to understand history," says Hamdani. Referring to the way buildings later took on Islamic elements of domes and minarets, he says, "People travelled and saw a different nature of Islamic architecture. It was a question of novelty. As each new mosque and new building comes up, the skyline of Kashmir will change. But how do we perceive it? How do we move ahead with a respect for the past?"

With his team at INTACH, they restored the Peer Dastgeer Sahib shrine after the fire of 2012. "We were able to replicate all of it as before, so much so the spiritual head felt that nothing about it had changed. He still worshipped by the same window as he did before the fire. The fire seemed to have been only a memory," says Hamdani. The original katam-band ceilings, papier-mache surfaces, and the brick and wood structural restoration happened alongside as prayers continued.

"We aim to show the continuity, where one faith melted into the other. Unfortunately, we still don't have a crafts museum that honours the culture and tradition of the state. We hope the contents of this exhibition will soon turn into a book," says Saleem Beg, Convener, INTACH, J&K Chapter.

## SNAP SHOTS

### Nod to the Publisher

CHENNAI-BASED publishing house Karadi Tales has made its way into the shortlist of the London Book Fair International Excellence Awards 2020. The awards, slated to take place on March 10 in London, celebrate publishing success through 16 categories including best publishing ambassadors and innovative publishing. It has nominated Karadi Tales, an award-winning independent children's book publishing



house, for the Audiobook Publisher of the Year Award, much like last year. Its partner company Karadi Path has been shortlisted

for the Education Initiative Award and the Educational Learning Resources Award.

### Taking Flight

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC exhibition "Maharaja of the Skies — An Indian Heritage" at Nehru Centre in Worli, Mumbai, will trace the rich history of the national carrier Air India, from February 13-16. Organised by the Society for Culture and Environment, the exhibition has



been divided into 10 sections comprising its beginning, art collection, booking offices, in-flight services, and even the story of an in-flight wedding that took place on the aircraft.

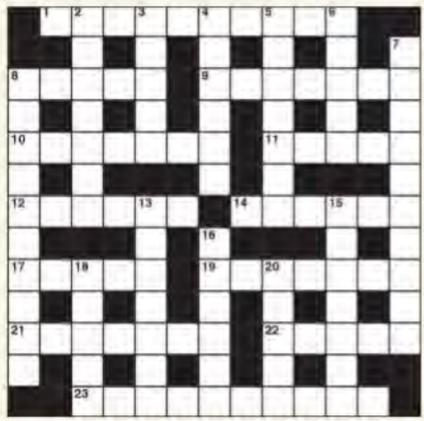
### Off the Court

IFWE keep going by the current spate of international clothing brands opening their doors in India, no one would need to head overseas to shop. We have had Uniqlo and Tiffany enter the Indian market, and now British athleisure brand Fred Perry has opened their first ever store in India at DLF Promenade, Delhi. Housing a range of polo shirts, sneakers, track pants, jackets and sweatshirts, the store is a one stop shop for all sporting needs. Three-time Wimbledon champion Fred Perry launched the brand in 1952 and designed the first Fred Perry pique tennis shirt. The twin tipped t-shirt with a dou-



ble line on the collar has become a go-to uniform for most tennis players. The laurel wreath, which is a signature of the brand, has become a leitmotif for everything tennis in the UK. The 1100-sq-ft store is a starting point for the brand, which has plans for expansion in the country.

## CROSSWORD 4039



- ACROSS**
- 1 A metal ring damaged in the harness (10)
  - 8 Clean break or cut (5)
  - 9 One who has a strong hand in clubs? (7)
  - 10 Half-a-dozen found a place and stayed (7)
  - 11 Exhausted, as a wrestler may be (3-2)
  - 12 In pain father is brave (6)
  - 14 One's occupation may require this regular payment (6)
  - 17 Woman of fifty-one had become unsettled (5)
  - 19 Mail awaiting dispatch to a colonial settlement (7)
  - 21 Round figures? (7)
  - 22 Quick way to dry a step (5)
  - 23 Entertaining form of tapestries (10)
- DOWN**
- 2 A name is confused - result of this? (7)
  - 3 Buy one a drink for medicinal purposes (5)
  - 4 No society for a nonentity (6)
  - 5 Lavish praise (7)
  - 6 Make an excellent start, and do even better (5)
  - 7 He explains what is foreign to us (10)
  - 8 More than one very big ship in the naval order (10)
  - 13 Get the news about the plant (7)
  - 15 Hard workers, the sort to come up about one month (7)
  - 16 An even chance the matador will try to avoid (4-2)
  - 18 Poor soul I make King of France (5)
  - 20 A test devised for flavour (5)

**Solutions Crossword 4038:** Across: 1 Abduct, 4 Shelve, 9 Madeira, 10 Thumb, 11 Stein, 12 Orpheus, 13 Disinterest, 18 Reserve, 20 Court, 22 Sleep, 23 Ostrich, 24 Oldest, 25 Blends. Down: 1 Almost, 2 Dodge, 3 Chianti, 5 Het up, 6 Laurels, 7 Emboss, 8 Pay on the dot, 14 Instead, 15 Recital, 16 Presto, 17 Etches, 19 Ropes, 21 Union.

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



## CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



## 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.

We always admire the other person more after we've tried to \_\_\_\_\_. - William Faulkner (2,3,3)

**BYZOO**      **BIRYDH**

**LMYIS**      **ELMUBJ**

**SOLUTION:** BOOZY, SLIMY, HYBRID, JUMBLED. Answer: We always admire the other person more after we've tried to do jobs job.

## Difficulty Level 2s

**Instructions**  
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



## SUDOKU 4117

**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

## SOLUTION SUDOKU 4117



**भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**

**Notice Inviting E-Tender**

E-tenders are invited on behalf of Chairman, AAI for granting the following licenses at Jaipur Airport:

**Name of facility :** Airport Restaurant License Tender ID-2020\_AAI\_42721\_1, E.M.D.: ₹ 3,01,000/-, Minimum Reserve Licence fee Per Month + Applicable Tax: ₹ 4,19,000/- PM + Applicable Taxes, Period of Licence : Up to 31.03.2020, Tender Cost: ₹ 25000/-, Period of Tender Sale: 12.02.2020 to 18.02.2020. Tender documents indicating full details of the licence are available on [www.aai.aero](http://www.aai.aero) & <https://tenders.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

**Airport Director, Jaipur**

**REGISTRATION OF VENDORS AT ARMY DENTAL CENTRE (R&R), DELHI CANTT-10**

Vendors are invited to get themselves registered with Army Dental Centre (R&R), Delhi Cantt-10 for all procurements of Medical/Dental Stores, /Services (AMC/CAMC/Repair) of ADC (R&R) for the FY 2020-2021. Application forms will be available with OIC Med Stores, ADC (R&R) between 1000hrs to 1300hrs on all working Days. Last Date for submission of application is 29 Feb 2020.

**Commandant Army Dental Centre (R&R), Delhi Cantt**

**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, DELHI**

4th Floor, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.

UIN No. 69/2019

**Bank of Baroda** Vs **Mr. Saroj Kumar Swain & Oths Respondents**

Applicant

To,

1. Mr. Saroj Kumar Swain (Since Deceased) Being Represented Through his Legal Heirs a. Mrs. Geeta Tyagi/W/o Late Mr. Saroj Kumar Swain b. Master Sameer Swain/S/o Late Mr. Saroj Kumar Swain

Also at: 5/135, Kehar Singh Estate, Post Mehrauli, Saidulajab, Delhi-110030 & 7/133, Kehar Singh Dhanori Niwas, Saidulajab, Near Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030

2. M/s Shubhkamna Buildtech Private Limited 197-E, Pocket-IV, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi-110091

Also A-80, Sector-2, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 43,85,967/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on 24.05.2020 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 04<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Yours faithfully  
for Registrar (04.02.2020)

**कार्यालय प्राचार्य**

**शासकीय दन्त चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, रजबंधा मैदान, मरही माता मंदिर के सामने रायपुर (छ.ग.)**

फोन नं. 0771-2222990, वेबसाइट [www.govtdentalcollegeraipur.in](http://www.govtdentalcollegeraipur.in)

क्रमांक/699/जीडीसी/का.अ./2019-20 रायपुर/दिनांक 7.02.2020

**निविदा सूचना**

शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, रायपुर के लिये वर्ष 2019-2020 में ग्रंथालय के उपयोग हेतु जर्नल्स के क्रय हेतु मोहरबंद निविदायें, निर्माताओं तथा उनके अधिकृत विक्रेताओं (Dealers or sub-dealers) से आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा महाविद्यालय की वेबसाइट [www.govtdentalcollegeraipur.in](http://www.govtdentalcollegeraipur.in) से डाउनलोड किये जायें। इसके लिये राशि 500=00 बैंक ड्राफ्ट (राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक का) जो शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय रायपुर (छ.ग.) के नाम पर देय हो संलग्न करना अनिवार्य है अथवा राशि रु. 500=00 बैंक ड्राफ्ट (राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक का) तैयार कर महाविद्यालय से दिनांक 02/03/2020 तक निविदा प्राप्त किया जा सके है। जो वापसी योग्य नहीं है।

निविदा बिक्री की अंतिम तिथि 02/03/2020 समय 5:30 बजे सायंकाल तक निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 04/03/2019 समय 5:30 बजे सायंकाल तक निविदा खोलने की तिथि 05/03/2020 समय दोपहर 12:00 बजे निविदा जमा करने का स्थान शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, रायपुर निविदा खोलने का स्थान शासकीय दंत चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, रजबंधा मैदान मरही माता मंदिर के सामने, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

हस्ता/-  
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**APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FROM 2020-21**

**Notice No. : CMPDI(HQ)/IAD/2019-20/01**

Online Expression of Interest (EOI) are invited through e-tender on CIL's e-procurement portal (<https://coalindia.tenders.nic.in>) from Firms/LLP's of the Chartered Accountants/Cost Accountants for empanelment of Internal Auditors for Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL), Ranchi and its Regional Institutions situated at Asansol, Dhanbad, Ranchi, Nagpur, Bilaspur, Singrauli and Bhubaneswar for audit throughout the year 2020-21 with a provision for yearly renewals for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23. For complete details of documents to be submitted by the firm, terms of reference, scope of work of Internal Audit, audit fees, selection criteria, etc. please visit Tender section of our website <https://www.cmpdi.co.in>

**WESTERN RAILWAY - RATLAM DIVISION**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

**e-TENDERING NOTICE**

No. W/623/51/NIT Date: 04.02.2020

Sr. No., e-Tender No. & Name of Work	Approx. Value	Earnest Money to be Deposited
1. RTM/2019-20/161	₹ 1,49,80,530.83	₹ 42,900/-
2. RTM/2019-20/162	₹ 1,49,80,530.83	₹ 2,25,000/-

Indore - Dewas - Ujjain Section - Hiring of 9.00 MT Capacity of truck for track maintenance and other transportation work for SSE/P/Way/South Ujjain under Jurisdiction of ADEN (West) Section. (For Two Years).

2. RTM/2019-20/162 Nagda - Maksi & Maksi - Dewas Section - Repair of Platform Surface at Bhatiusda, Piplod Bagla, Unhel, Aslaoda, Nalkher, Pingshwar, Tajpur, Tarana Road, Ranayala Jasmia Stations.

**Approx. Quantity:** As per tender schedule for each. **Completion Period:** 24 Months for SI.No.1 and 10 Months for SI.No.2. **Similar type of Work:** Not Applicable for SI.No.1 and Any Civil Engineering Works for SI.No.2. **Date of Uploading on Website:** 04.02.2020 for each. **Date of Opening of Tender:** 20.03.2020 for each. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions are available at website [www.treps.gov.in](http://www.treps.gov.in)

**Divisional Railway Manager (W/A) Western Railway, Ratlam Division**

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(A Statutory Authority under Ministry of Railways, Government of India)  
Unit No. 702-B, 7th Floor, Connaught Tower-I, DMRC Building, Aiyerji Gate, Delhi-110002

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**  
(RFP Notice No. RLDA/RFP/CT-21 of 2020 Dated 05.02.2020)

Rail Land Development Authority invites proposals through e-tendering single stage Single cover bidding system from reputed consultancy firms for "Engagement of Consultant for Providing Architectural and Real Estate Consultancy Work for Re-Development of Loco Colony at Gaya" as per following details:

The Estimated cost for the work is Rs. 12 Lakh.

The schedule of important dates, Fees and contact person(s) are as follows:

(1) Fees	(2) Due Date(s) & Time	(3) Contact Person(s)
1. Registration Charges: Rs. 2,500/- (Non-refundable) for E-procurement portal of RLDA.	1. Commencement of downloading of e-bid document: 07.02.2020 at 18:00 hrs.	1. Sh. Balak Ram Nagi General Manager/BD E-mail: gmbd@rlda.railnet.gov.in Tel: 011-23232854 Fax: 011-23232835
2. Tender processing fee: Rs. 0.05% of Estimated cost (minimum Rs. 550/- Max. Rs. 5,000/-) exclusive of all taxes (Non-refundable)	2. Last date of downloading of e-bid Document for participation/ submission online: 06.03.2020 upto 14:00 hrs.	2. Sh. Amit Kumar Jain JGM/ARCH E-mail: amit3b@gmail.com Tel: 011-23232854
3. Bid Document Fee: Rs. 2,000/- plus GST @12% + Rs. 2,240/- (Non-refundable)	3. E-bid Due Date/last date of submission of e-bid (the "Bid Submission Date"): 06.03.2020 upto 15:00 hrs.	3. For e-bid queries: Mr. Suraj Singh E-mail: tvbeldosak80@gmail.com (ITL Ltd.) Mob: 9599653865
4. Earnest Money Deposit Rs. 24,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Thousand Only) (Refundable) in the manner as prescribed in Bid Document.	4. Opening of e-Bids: 06.03.2020 at 15:30 hrs.	

1. For complete details, visit website [www.rlda.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.rlda.indianrailways.gov.in) or [www.tenderwizard.com/RLDA](http://www.tenderwizard.com/RLDA).  
2. Any Compendium/Addendum to this publication, if any, would be hosted on above mentioned websites only and will not be published in newspapers. **DGM/Tender**

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**

**SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA, SRINAGAR - 190011**

**IMPORTS SECTION NOTICE**

Subject:- Procurement of Roche - Point of Care Device Cobas-h232 Cardiac Reader on Reagent Rental Basis for Cardiology from M/S Roche Diagnostic India Pvt. Ltd.

SKIMS intends to procure Roche - Point of Care Device Cobas-h232 Cardiac Reader on Reagent Rental Basis from M/S Roche Diagnostic India Pvt. Ltd. for the Department of Cardiology being their proprietary item as claimed by the Company M/S Roche Diagnostics GmbH Germany.

In this connection, objections (if any) from Companies Manufacturing/ Marketing, such equipment capable of delivering the same result as intended from the above equipment, regarding the proprietary nature of the above item should be communicated within 15 days on the above mentioned E-mail ID/ Fax after which the claim of the Company who has claimed for the proprietorship of the said item shall be accepted.

Sd/-  
Asstt. Material Management Officer, Imports.

No.: SIMS 324 Cobas 2019-528-33-4224-76  
Dated: 11.02.2020

**PDPM**

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design & Manufacturing Jabalpur  
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Dumna Airport Road, Jabalpur (M.P.)-482005

**Tender Notice**

Tender Ref : No. IIITDMM/P&S/2019-20/04 Dated : 12/02/2020

Institute invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for Library management Software (KOHIA) and Complete RFID System. Last date for submission of tender is March 19, 2020. For further details and tender document please visit our website [www.iiitdmj.ac.in](http://www.iiitdmj.ac.in)

**Registrar**

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (POWER WING)**

**CORRIDGENDUM-1 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

**NIT No. : 552/P-44/Vol.XII Dated-20/01/2020**

Name of the office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System, Planning & Design (TS) Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh-160002, Tele Fax-0172-2654468

Name of work: Design, Manufacture, Assembly, Testing before dispatch, Supervision of erection, Testing & Commissioning of 6 no. 145 KV SF-6 Circuit Breakers.

Last date and time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents	02/03/2020 upto 17:00 Hours
Last date and time of submission of bids	16/03/2020 upto 11:00 Hours
Date and time of Opening of Bids	16/03/2020 from 15:00 Hours onwards

For cost of specification, Earnest Money Deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website [www.bbmb.gov.in](http://www.bbmb.gov.in) and [www.bbmbproc.abcpurchase.com](http://www.bbmbproc.abcpurchase.com)

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क्रमांक.-ओप्रस/आइएमसी/भण्डार/क्रय/2020/78/परपोड़ी, दिनांक: 07-02-2020

**निविदा सूचना**

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। जिसमें ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट के स्थान पर मैन्युवेल पढ़ा जायें।

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**MECHANIZED CLEANING WORKS**

E-Tender Notice No. : AP\_Mech\_01\_2020 dated: 07-02-2020. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: E-Tender No. AP-MECH-01-2020 Name of work: Mechanized cleaning (external & internal) water topping of Coaches at washing Pit, Intensive Cleaning of coaches in pit lines, Mechanized cleaning and water topping of platform return trains, Pad locking, Mechanized cleaning of Pit line, sick line and Depot premises along with garbage Disposal of Alipurduar Division, N.F. Railway for a period of 03 (three) years. Tender Value: ₹12,43,60,718.04/-, Earnest Money: ₹7,71,800/- Cost of Tender Document: ₹10,000/- Last date & time of submission of tender: 05-03-2020 at 15.00 hrs. & opening of E-Tender: 16.00 hrs. of 05-03-2020. For details please visit in our website [www.treps.gov.in](http://www.treps.gov.in)

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## DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**  
You can work with your horoscope, rather than waiting around while fate makes up your mind for you. The only way to cope successfully with your current transits is to build as broad a basis of support as you can. Your social relationships will act as a safety net, preserving you from a promised hard landing.

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**  
I am sure that a loved one has been all too ready to pursue a cavalier approach. It has been easy to dodge personal issues by immersing yourself in work or some other worldly ambition, but perhaps you do now need to face up to intimate, deeply emotional questions.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**  
Push yourself to the limit. The best estimation of your prospects indicates that you must make up for lost time in addition to coping with fresh responsibilities. Don't fall back on old excuses to avoid facing your destiny. Have courage, Gemini.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**  
Certain doors may now have to be closed. I am not telling you to turn your back on opportunity, but I do think that you should be more selective in future. Concentrate your energy on areas which are bound to bring success, and avoid time-wasting offers.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**  
You are almost certainly unaware of deeper planetary movements which are even now affecting the most hidden recesses of your psyche. But do be assured that for the rest of the year, authority, tradition and stability are the keywords in your personal life.

**VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**  
There's no rest for the wicked, as the old saying goes. There's no rest for you either, so you may as well recognise that relaxation will be in short supply. Keep your nose to the grindstone and get as much done as you can. The more you do now, the more time of you'll have later on.

**LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**  
All you have to do is be yourself. Easy advice, I know. I also realise that this may be the hardest thing in the world to achieve, but there's no harm in trying, is there? The general planetary picture is very optimistic, so set off with a song in your heart.

**SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**  
There's been a great deal of talk lately about the need to save face. This is a concept which means a great deal to you, and people you live with had better recognise this. The best way to placate you is to make you feel that you've won - even if you haven't.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**  
Reassuring relationships connect Mars, Jupiter and other helpful planets. In plain language this means that personal relationships dovetail with overseas links. A perfect time for a long-distance trip perhaps? You should certainly pay special attention to all foreign connections.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**  
The benevolent planet Jupiter balances the aggressive planet Mars. The result? Well, for a start I'd say you're being set up for an increase in your earnings. Luck doesn't come into it. Instead it's all thanks to your own hard work. Give yourself a pat on the back.

**AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**  
It will be a rare individual who doesn't recognise that every difficulty conceals a host of benefits. There is so much going for you at the moment that you may finally have your cake and eat it. Other people may be envious of what they see, rightly or wrongly, as your good fortune.

**PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**  
There is good in everyone and a bright side to every offer. In many respects you will fare better than most people, if only because what is awkward for them comes perfectly naturally to you. May I remind you that this is no time for moral back-sliding, so stiffen that back-bone.

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YUVRAJ SINGH

**How New Zealand pulled a fast one**

ON MOST away tours during his captaincy, MS Dhoni used to complain about the lack of a genuine seam bowling all-rounder. Virat Kohli was better placed with Hardik Pandya, a lower-middle-order batsman who could consistently clock 140 kph-plus. However, in New Zealand, Kohli got a idea about the problem Dhoni faced.

With Pandya injured, he had to bank on pacers Shardul Thakur and Navdeep Saini — to get the balance right. The selectors had picked Shivam Dube as Pandya's replacement but the Mumbai player's not-too-impressive performances prompted Kohli to keep him out. With Jasprit Bumrah being off-colour, India were found wanting in wicket-taking threat as well as economy. The Kiwis, on the other hand, had experienced seam bowling all-rounders in Colin de Grandhomme and James Neesham. They bowled crucial overs in the ODI series and de Grandhomme on Tuesday also scored a crucial and blistering unbeaten 58 from 28 deliveries, making the 297-run chase a cake-walk in the end.

Here's looking at both the team's pace departments which made the vital difference in the end:

**NEW ZEALAND SEAMERS: TALL & ON TARGET**

- Tim Southee: 29 overs** (185 runs, 4 wickets)
- Hamish Bennett: 29 overs** (199 runs, 6 wickets)
- Kyle Jamieson: 20 overs** (95 runs, 3 wickets)
- Colin de Grandhomme: 21 overs** (105 runs, 3 wickets)
- James Neesham: 25.3 overs** (154 runs, 2 wickets)

The hosts were missing the injured Trent Boult, Matt Henry and Lockie Ferguson, but those available did a commendable job. While veteran Tim Southee had four wickets at an economy rate of 6.38, Hamish Bennett scalped six, including the 4/64 he delivered at Mount Maunganui on Tuesday. Apart from the duo, the 6ft-8in Kyle Jamieson emerged as another impressive seam bowling prospect from the New Zealand camp. He generally operates in the early-to mid-130 kph range and made a spectacular start to his ODI career and claimed three wickets from two matches.

**INDIAN SEAMERS: INEXPERIENCED & INEFFECTIVE**

- Jasprit Bumrah: 30 overs** (167 runs, 0 wickets)
- Mohammed Shami: 9.1 overs** (63 runs, 1 wicket)
- Shardul Thakur: 28.1 overs** (227 runs, 4 wickets)
- Navdeep Saini: 18 overs** (116 runs, 0 wickets)

Leggie Yuzvendra Chahal emerged as India's leading wicket-taker for the series with six scalps in two matches. Left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja, who featured in all three encounters, was effective in cutting down runs but got only two wickets while Kuldeep Yadav was expensive in his sole outing. The Indian seamers between them bowled almost 86 overs and took just five of the 19 New Zealand wickets to fall. Thakur conceded over eight runs an over in the first and third match of the series. Saini was smashed for 68 runs in his eight overs on Tuesday, an economy rate of 8.50.

SHIVAM SAHA

**INDIA: 5-0 IN T20Is, NEW ZEALAND: 3-0 IN ODIs**

**Reverse sweep**

Kiwis hit back after loss in the shortest format to win final ODI and complete whitewash



**EXPRESS IN NEW ZEALAND**

**SANDIP G**  
MOUNT MAUNGANUI, FEBRUARY 11

WEARIED AND knackered, Virat Kohli plunged onto a wooden chair on the patio of the Carrus pavilion at the end of the match. Beside him, stood a few of his equally weary colleagues and support staff. At the other side of the pavilion, demarcated by a tiny aisle with an ornate carpet, the New Zealand cricketers were exchanging hugs and bright smiles.

The last time both teams were here, the scenes were symmetrical opposite. The Indians were exuberantly celebrating their 5-0 triumph while the New Zealand enclosure was draped in mourning. Little would either team have foreboded that at the exact venue a week later, the emotions would be vastly different. India punched New Zealand 5-0 in the T20Is; the hosts counter-punched the visitors 3-0.

Two whitewashes each—if this were a best of three tennis game spread across different surfaces, the two-Test series would provide an intriguing finale. India won the hard-court leg, New Zealand the clay-surface test. Beckons now the examination on grass.

A perfunctory glance at the results would convince the cricketing world that New Zealand are a poor T20 side but a terrific ODI team. The opposite could hold true for India. But neither assumptions could be further from the truth. New Zealand aren't as bad a 20-over side as the log-book shows; neither are India a terrible 50-over unit as the scoreline blares.

Of the eight matches, at least five were closely fought, where the outcome could have gone either way. But the fact remains that India were ruthless in closing out close games in the T20Is, just as New Zealand were clinical in clutching the key phases in the ODIs. The disparity might not have been huge—this would hurt Kohli the most. That they were not out-run by a remorseless winning machine, but his own team let New Zealand out-muscle them. Such defeats leave men ruing than cussing.

It was not like the last time India were clean-swept, by a strong West Indies side in 1989. But by a side that was evenly-matched on paper but demonstrated more vigour and ambition. Maybe, for New Zealand, the re-annihilation after the successive Super Oval losses instilled combativeness, the same trait that India had emblazoned under Kohli's leadership. "They played with a lot more intensity after the T20 series. They deservedly won 3-0, and we have to think about a lot of aspects of the game going forward," Kohli admitted during the presentation ceremony, where a faint smile replaced his grimace.

**Fielding lapses**

One of it could be fielding, which on Friday was a throwback to the 80s. It was as if the balmy wind had injected lethargy into the Indian fielders. Suddenly, they were slow to dive around and intersect the boundaries, lethargic in aborting the stealthy singles and twos, reluctant to anything barely adventurous, and inaccurate and wasteful with their throws, especially from the inner circle. Insidiously, they let off the pressure.

Such glaring sloppiness was uncharacteristic of modern-day Indian sides, with re-



Tom Latham's solidity and Colin de Grandhomme's blitz took New Zealand home with an unbeaten partnership worth 80 in the third and final ODI. AP

newed emphasis on fitness drills and spot-specific fielding. Several times, Kohli lost his composure. He gestured animatedly at Navdeep Saini for not attacking a miscued ball that fell inches short of him. Saini had barely moved from his spot at square leg.

Kohli had no doubts whatsoever that fielding made the biggest difference between the two teams. "All three games, the composure and the way we fielded wasn't good enough for international cricket. The way we came back was a positive for us. In the field, we weren't good enough at all," he said. Later, Yuzvendra Chahal seconded his captain. "We didn't put enough effort on the field," he complained. His grouse was legitimate, as each time he piled on the pressure, the fielders would make some faux pas and release it. His plea to the deep-fielders to attack the ball more would go unheeded.

Prithvi Shaw symbolised the fielding ineptitude. The run out was comical, in that he hardly accelerated in the home stretch. It was far from a guillotine throw, but he was so

slow that Tom Latham had enough time to gather the ball and affect the run out. And Shaw was caught at least a foot away from the crease. Later, he mistimed a half-hearted leap at the boundary. It might have been a difficult catch, but he could have easily intervened and prevented a six.

Not just immobile fielding, the other typical 90s pangs too resurfaced. Like a bunch of confused openers. Both Shaw and Agarwal made their ODI debuts in this series, but neither of them hardly looked the part. Agarwal, supremely judicious in Tests, has been unusually jumpy and fidgety. Shaw would let the rush of blood moments rein over him. The absence of Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma was acutely felt. But then, he could't complain much about injuries New Zealand had Kane Williamson injured for the first two ODIs, besides long-term absentees Trent Boult and Lockie Ferguson.

**Kohli's missing form**

Kohli's own indifferent form—he man-

**Did not show composure: Kohli**

Mount Maunganui: India captain Virat Kohli on Tuesday berated his bowlers for their mediocre performance as he tried to explain the team's first ODI series whitewash in over three decades, saying that the visitors lacked composure all through. "The games were not as bad as the scoreline suggests. It boils down to those chances that we didn't grab," Kohli said. "With the ball, we were not able to make breakthroughs, we were not at all good on the field. We haven't played so badly but when you don't grab those chances, you don't deserve to win," he added. "Batsmen coming back from tough situations was a positive sign for us, but the way we fielded and bowled, the composure wasn't enough to win games." Kohli lauded New Zealand for bouncing back after the T20 hammering. "New Zealand played with lot more intensity. We didn't deserve to win because we did not show enough composure." PTI

aged only 75 runs in the ODIs, his worst in any series in five years—worsened the crisis. Appallingly, he has been batting with an unprecedented recklessness. He batted bizarrely in Mount Maunganui. So early in the innings, he stepped out and heaved Tim Southee over long-on. It was a deliberately ploy to unsettle him after the bowler had successively beaten him. The method worked, but then he wasted his wicket with an ill-opportune slash. For yet again, India fumbled when one of big three (Kohli, Dhawan and Rohit) didn't register a big score. The flimsiness of the top-order was to an extent neutralised by the comeuppance of KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer. But down the order, they still lacked the firepower. A classic case unravelled on Tuesday, when India lost its momentum at the death. In the last 10, they eked out only 74 runs, which's middling in this day and age, where the norm is getting between 90 and 100 runs.

Like death-over batting, bowling in the final stretch too is a concern. With Jasprit Bumrah a few rungs beneath his best, the deficiencies of Navdeep Saini and Shardul Thakur have been ruthlessly exposed. It could be that New Zealand conditions are difficult to master—with the odd ground dimensions and the sustained wind. But they blew away an opportunity to stake their claims. Thakur, for his recently-developed variations, was wayward. Saini's nerves flapped in extreme pressure situations. Consequently, the leaked 87 in the last 10 in Hamilton, 48 in the last five in Auckland, and 72 in the last seven in Mount Maunganui.

All of these ate into Kohli, who was a distraught man by the end of the series. By the end of the game, he was sneering and scowling, and mocking his own fielders. Typically, it reflected on his fretfulness on the field. He could take consolation from the fact that no significant 50-over series is on the horizon. But the rebuilding process since the World Cup has been stuttering. The gripping No 4 issue has been solved, but more concerns have surfaced, which if not redressed could potentially hamper their ambitions of 50-over supremacy.

The immediate concern, though, would be the looming Test series. But Kohli, like New Zealand's stand-in skipper Tim Southee, averred that his team would carry no baggages into the five-day games. But for now, he had only so much energy left in him to plunge onto the chair. Weary and knackered.

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NZ vs Ind

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INDIA 296/7 IN 50 OVS

**P Shaw run out (de Grandhomme/†Latham)** 40 (42b, 3x2, 2x6)

**M Agarwal** b Jamieson 1 (3b)

**V Kohli (c)** Jamieson b Bennett 9 (12b, 1x6)

**S Iyer** c de Grandhomme b Neesham 62 (63b, 9x4)

**KL Rahul †** c Jamieson b Bennett 112 (113b, 9x4, 2x6)

**M Pandey** c Santner b Bennett 42 (48b, 2x4)

**R Jadeja** not out 8 (7b, 1x4)

**S Thakur** c de Grandhomme b Bennett 7 (6b, 1x4)

**N Saini** not out 8 (6b, 2x4)

**Extras:** (b1, 6w) 16

**Fall of wickets:** 1-8 (Mayank Agarwal, 7 ov), 2-32 (Virat Kohli, 6.4 ov), 3-62 (Prithvi Shaw, 12.1 ov), 4-162 (Shreyas Iyer, 30.3 ov), 5-269 (KL Rahul, 46.4 ov), 6-269 (Manish Pandey, 46.5 ov), 7-280 (Shardul Thakur, 48.2 ov)

**Bowling:**

**T Southee** 9-0-59-0

**K Jamieson** 10-0-53-1

**H Bennett** 10-1-64-4

**C de Grandhomme** 3-0-10-0

**J Neesham** 8-0-50-1

**M Santner** 10-0-59-0

NEW ZEALAND 300/5 IN 47.1 OVS

**M Guptill** b Chahal 66 (46b, 6x4, 4x6)

**H Nicholls** c †Rahul b Thakur 80 (103b, 9x4)

**K Williamson (c)** c Agarwal b Chahal 22 (31b, 2x4)

**R Taylor** c Kohli b Jadeja 12 (18b, 1x4)

**T Latham †** not out 32 (34b, 3x4)

**J Neesham** c Kohli b Chahal 19 (25b, 1x4, 1x6)

**C de Grandhomme** not out 58 (28b, 6x4, 3x6)

**Extras:** (b1, 1b2, w6, nb2) 11

**Fall of wickets:** 1-106 (Martin Guptill, 16.3 ov), 2-159 (Kane Williamson, 27.1 ov), 3-186 (Ross Taylor, 31.5 ov), 4-189 (Henry Nicholls, 32.5 ov), 5-220 (James Neesham, 39.3 ov)

**Bowling:**

**J Bumrah** 10-0-50-0

**N Saini** 8-0-68-0

**Y Chahal** 10-1-47-3

**S Thakur** 9-1-0-87-1

**R Jadeja** 10-0-45-1

**NZ won by 5 wkts, 17 balls to spare**



Since moving to No.5 against Australia at home last month, KL Rahul's scores have been 80, 88 not out, 4 and 112. AP

**MISSING TARGETS**

**One reason for India's whitewash: Match-winner Bumrah's form**

**SANDIP G**  
MOUNT MAUNGANUI, FEBRUARY 11

STUMBLING ON his follow-through, Jasprit Bumrah agonisingly watched the ball vanish over the midwicket fence. Martin Guptill's thunderous pull came as a blow to the bowler. Bumrah fell flat on the strip and stared in anguish, before Virat Kohli dragged him back on his feet and consoled him. But Bumrah seemed beyond consolation, as he dragged himself to the top of his run-up. This was unusual. India's star pacer is known to always fashion a smile even when he gets hit. This was a worrying sign for Bumrah, and also for India.

**One wicket in six matches**

**ADAM ZAMPA, NO.10 BATSMAN:** Let's start with the wickets, the most tangible, though not the most definitive, indicator of a bowler's form. Since his comeback from the lower-back stress fracture, Bumrah has picked just one wicket in six games. The only wicket was Australia's No 10, Adam Zampa. The bowlers who used to strike every 29th ball has now gone wicketless in the last four games, his longest wicket drought in any form of the game. The number, in isolation, is not alarm-

ing, but it bewilders because it's Bumrah, the man who seemed inscrutably faultless until a few months ago. In that vein, he's a victim of the gold standard he had set. It's akin to considering that Kohli has hit a rut when he hasn't scored a hundred in 10 innings. Or like Lionel Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo going goal-less for five games on the spin.

**Lack of wicket-taking threat**

**NO MAGIC DELIVERIES:** Let's move on to a more ranking worry—the dearth of wicket-taking deliveries he has bowled in this format since the lay-off. Bumrah can whip up spontaneous magic, out of nowhere on any pitch, sometimes taking the pitch out of the equation, against some of the most destructive batsmen, with the new ball as well as the old one. It's that rare gift. But in this series, he has been unable to dust up magic deliveries. He has been quite ordinary. Like a striker who has suddenly developed clumsy feet. Worse still, he has not quite looked like he could take a wicket, whereas at his sharpest, he looks like taking one off every ball.

**Loss of control**

**MISDIRECTED YORKERS:** Let's probe his lengths. One of the fundamentals of Bumrah's success in white-ball cricket has



Since his comeback from a lower-back injury, Bumrah has only dismissed Australia's No.10 Adam Zampa. AP

been his mastery of various lengths, allied with the ability to conceal his plans. But in this series, somehow, he has lost this immaculate control. For instance, when he tries to go full, he gets fuller, comfortably drivable for the batsmen. When he goes short, he gets shorter. Like the Guptill six that took him wide of mid-on — a knockout punch from 20-odd yards out. When he tries back-of-a-length, the line goes off-kilter. When he tries the yorkers, irrefutably his biggest strength, it goes either too leg-sidish or too off-stumpish. Often, he has struggle to land them too. It has been rarely so with Bumrah. But it has been his narrative arc in this series.

**No longer miserly**

**ECONOMY RATE OF 5.56:** Let's reflect on his economy rates. In these six games, he has conceded an average of 5.26 runs an over.

There were two fine exhibitions of thrift in Rajkot and Bangalore, where he conceded just 3.49 and 3.80. Even 5.26 is decent by modern-day yardsticks. However, in this series, it shot up to a 5.56, his most in any ODI series. But Bumrah is neither a keep-one-end-up stock bowler nor an enforcer, but an outright executioner. And his dearth of wickets has only amplified the leaking of runs.

**Unable to stamp mark**

**NO ZIP OFF THE SURFACE:** Let's talk of the Bumrah influence in the series. There were several typical moments for him to stamp his mark.

Like when he returned for the second spell in the third match. The contest was still on a knife's edge, with New Zealand requiring 81 runs off 72 balls. Both Jimmy Neesham and Tom Latham were struggling with their timing. One would expect Bumrah to inflict the match-defining blow.

He did bowl well — his two overs conceding seven runs — but at that stage India required wickets. He often delivers in such crunch situations, but didn't. The pair saw him off and tore into Shardul Thakur and Navdeep Saini.

So what then is exactly ailing Bumrah? There are few apparent signs. All the usual quirks — run-up, action, release and wrists — haven't altered, as it sometimes happens when bowlers return from serious injuries. It's not a speed issue either — a case of him bowling with deliberate restraint to preserve himself for the Tests — as he has been consistently rattling 140kmp.

There's still that hunger and passion, but somehow he has lost his fabled zip off the surface. Somehow, the ball doesn't leap off

the surface dramatically. True that most of the surfaces in the series were bereft of lightning pace. But such factors used to hardly ever bother or hinder him.

He has made the ball explode even off anaesthetised surfaces.

Maybe, it could be the calculated caning he received from Kane Williamson in Hamilton, when the Kiwi skipper scientifically dissected his bowling with artful batting. Such setbacks could take time to heal — like a batsman whose morale is wracked by a hostile spell of fast bowling.

A sense of trepidation could kick in. Suddenly, you are not the player you once were. And Bumrah clearly was not the bowler one knew.

Bafflingly, he looked perfectly deceptive in the T20 series, where his spells were indispensable in orchestrating the 5-0 triumph. Maybe, the intense calendaring had taken a toll on his body. Maybe, his body has not yet fully attuned to the rigours of the 50-over format.

By the end of the match, though, Bumrah had regained his cheery demeanour. He had ridden the momentary phase of angst. He would hope the barren spell too shall pass. And how he conquers the storm would be the fascinating narrative waiting to unfold.

## Post U19 final fracas: Two Indians, five in all charged

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TWO INDIANS — Akash Singh and Ravi Bishnoi — and three Bangladeshi players have been charged by the ICC for their involvement in the unsavoury incidents just after the U-19 World Cup summit clash in Potchefstroom, South Africa on Sunday. Akash and Bishnoi and three Bangladeshi players — Md. Towhid Hridoy, Shamim Hossain and Rakibul Hasan — were found guilty of breaching ICC Code of Conduct after a few players from both sides nearly came to blows after Bangladesh beat India by three wickets to win their maiden U-19 World Cup title. “Five players have been found guilty of a Level 3 breach of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Support Personnel... (they) were charged with violating Article 2.21 of the code, whilst Bishnoi received a further charge of breaching Article 2.5,” the ICC said in a statement. “All five players have accepted the sanctions proposed by ICCU-19 Cricket World Cup Match Referee Graeme Labrooy,” it added.

Some of the Bangladeshi players got carried away with their celebration after their historic win over India in the final. While their captain Akbar Ali apologised for the “unfortunate incident”, his Indian counterpart Priyam Garg felt it is something that should not have happened. The Bangladesh players were overtly aggressive while fielding with their lead pacer Shoriful Islam sledging the Indian batsmen after every delivery. As Bangladesh approached the winning runs, Shoriful was seen swearing multiple times openly on camera. As soon as the match ended, it became tense with Bangladeshi players rushing to the ground and most of them still displaying aggressive body language. “India’s Akash accepted the charge of breaching Article 2.21 and has received a sanction of eight suspension points, which equates to six demerit points, which will remain on his record for two years,” the ICC said.

Compatriot Bishnoi accepted the charge of breaching Article 2.21 and has received a sanction of five suspension points, which equates to five demerit points. “Bishnoi also accepted a level 1 charge of breaching Article 2.5 for a separate incident during the match, where he used language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter following the dismissal of Avishkek Das in the 23rd over,” said the ICC. “For this he received a further two demerit points meaning seven demerit points will remain on his record for the next two years.”

Bangladesh’s Towhid Hridoy accepted the charge of breaching Article 2.21 and has received a sanction of ten suspension points, which equates to six demerit points, which will remain on his record for two years. Shamim Hossain accepted the charge of breaching Article 2.21 and has received a sanction of eight suspension points, which equates to six demerit points, which will remain on his record for two years. Rakibul Hasan accepted the charge of breaching Article 2.21 and has received a sanction of four suspension points, which equates to five demerit points, which will remain on his record for two years.

All charges were levelled by on-field umpires Sam Nogajski and Adrian Holdstock, third umpire Ravindra Wimalasiri as well as fourth umpire Patrick Bongni Jele. Level 3 breaches carry a minimum penalty of four suspension points and a maximum penalty of 12 suspension points. The points will be applied to the forthcoming international matches the players are most likely to participate in at either senior or U-19 level. One suspension point equals a player being ineligible for one ODI or T20I, U-19 or A team international match.

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# Rank-turner to pull rank

In the all-important final group match against Bengal, hosts Punjab lay out ‘substandard’ pitch

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY  
KOLKATA, FEBRUARY 11

BENGAL HOLD the edge going into their final group league match against Punjab in Patiala starting Wednesday. They are on 26 points and a win or a draw with a first-innings lead will take them into the knockouts. And even if they concede the lead, Bengal will still have a superior quotient than their rivals.

Punjab, on 24 points, must win outright to reach the quarterfinals, for a first-innings lead doesn’t itself guarantee them a place in the quarterfinals. Other results will have to go in their favour in that case.

To eliminate the chance factor, the hosts have laid out a rank-turner, a pitch that Bengal head coach Arun Lal described as “substandard”.

This has been Punjab’s preferred template for home matches at the back-end of the group league stage. In the previous game also, they did the same and routed Andhra inside two days. A total of 36 wickets fell in that game, spinners accounting for 31 of them.

As reported by this paper, after the match, the BCCI had asked for an explanation from its neutral curator Ishtyaque Khan. Wednesday’s game will be played on a different surface and the BCCI has changed the neutral curator, replacing Khan with Sunil Chauhan. But the Bengal coach is far from convinced.

“I don’t think there’s much difference in the wicket. To me, it’s still not suitable to play a Ranji Trophy match. It appears to be totally in favour of one aspect, which is spin. It’s not suitable for first-class cricket. In first-class cricket, you want the medium pacers to bowl and spinners to come in contention on the third and fourth day,” Lal told *The Indian Express*.

The pitch looks dry and Lal has doubts with regards to proper rolling of the surface. According to him, a pitch very lopsided in favour of the spinners narrows the gap between the two sides.

“I think we have a much better team. But when you come and play on a track which is substandard, then the gulf between the two teams narrows down. That’s where we do not benefit. Then it’s a little bit of lottery. But if you play on a good track, then the better team and skills prevail. You have to play good cricket over four days. But if a match ends in two days, the whole thing just turns around. We prefer to play on a good wicket but even then we are prepared.”

### Steely Bengal

During his playing days, Lal was regarded as the ultimate fighter in domestic cricket. Little wonder then that Bengal have shown steel under his charge. The last match against Rajasthan in Jaipur was a case in point, where Bengal had conceded a 118-run first innings lead but bounced back to win the match, chasing 320 in the fourth innings. Bengal teams of earlier vintage would have thrown in the towel, but the current lot embraced the pressure and refused to be defeated.

Weather played spoilsport in three home matches at the Eden Gardens. That Bengal still have one foot in the knockouts speaks volumes for their improvement this season. When Lal became the team mentor last term, he had found a fractured dressing room. The team’s collective fitness level had been average. After becoming head coach, he changed the team culture.

“We worked very hard on fitness. We worked for two months. They (players) ran 25 rounds (every day), they did an enormous amount of fitness training,” Lal said. The yo-yo test, too, has been introduced and now almost every player in the squad is 17-plus on the yo-yo scale.

Bengal also thrived on team effort. Abhishek Raman started off with back-to-back hundreds, Manoj Tiwary scored his maiden triple century in first-class cricket



Punjab coach Munish Bali (left) and captain Mandeep Singh will be looking for an outright win against Bengal. *Express file*

**I think we have a much better team. But when you come and play on a track which is substandard, then the gulf between the two teams narrows down. That’s where we do not benefit. Then it’s a little bit of lottery. But if you play on a good track, then the better team and skills prevail. You have to play good cricket over four days. But if a match ends in two days, the whole thing just turns around. We prefer to play on a good wicket but even then we are prepared.”**

ARUN LAL,  
BENGAL HEAD COACH ON THE PATIALA TRACK

during the season, the experienced Anustup Majumdar stood up to be counted in the middle order when his team needed him, rookie fast bowler Akash Deep made rapid strides, and young all-rounder Shahbaz Ahmed shone bright both with the bat and ball.

The left-arm spinner bagged his maiden hat-trick in first-class cricket against Hyderabad. Against Rajasthan in the last game, his unbeaten half-century in the second innings eventually proved to be the difference between the two teams.

Last season, a cloud hung over Ahmed’s career when he found himself at the receiving end of maiden politics. Complaints had been lodged against his proof of residence — Ahmed is originally a Haryana boy — as he played club cricket in Kolkata. Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) president Avishek Dalmiya’s intervention — he was the state association joint-secretary then — came to the youngster’s rescue. A season down the line, Ahmed is almost undroppable from the Bengal squad. Also, he has a Rs 20 lakh IPL contract with Royal Challengers Bangalore.

As for Punjab, they will unleash their spinners and will go for an outright win. The toss is going to be very important. Then again, over the next few days, the Patiala pitch is likely to attract the biggest attention.

## Sarfaraz’s streak, the only silver lining for Mumbai

DEVENDRA PANDEY  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 11

FOR THE second year running, Mumbai head into their last Ranji Trophy league game with disillusionment. For the second time in 12 years, they haven’t made it to the knockout stage. They will play Madhya Pradesh, who are even worse off than them in terms of points (11 to Mumbai’s 14), in a game where nothing much is at stake barring the proverbial pride and honour. Non-Mumbai fans will probably see their decline as the democratisation of Indian cricket and how it has seen the rise of ‘smaller’ teams, but it would be a hard pill to swallow for Mumbai’s cricketing ecosystem.

This debacle should hurt. They had big names like Ajinkya Rahane, Prithvi Shaw and Suryakumar Yadav for the initial games, but still lost two matches against Railways and Karnataka.

Not that their bowling was much better. Questions were raised after the 41-time Ranji champions couldn’t remove the No. 8 and No. 9 batsmen against Saurashtra last week in a must-win game. Kamlesh Makvana and Dharmendrasinh Jadeja batted out 40 overs to ensure it was Saurashtra who took three points and qualified for the knockouts. Mumbai coach Vinayak Samant, a former player, says he can’t change the past but will instead look ahead after a dull season which saw Mumbai eking out just 14 points from seven games.

“We can’t do anything now, whatever has happened has happened. I will take this game with a lot of pride. It will be a chance for many young players. We want to go out there and play with the same intensity and give it a last shot. We have plenty of time to think about what happened and how it happened. But first we have four days left and I want youngsters to grab it,” Samant said. The selection committee has made a few changes to the squad for the last game. Mumbai have dropped opener Jay Bista, who flattered to deceive; he looked in touch but never produced the runs. Aditya Tare found some form but a lot depends on the in-form Sarfaraz Khan and Suryakumar Yadav.



With an average of 186, Sarfaraz Khan’s scores in the last three matches read 301\*, 226\*, 78 and 25. *Ganesh Shirsakar*

The onus will be on them to carry the bulk of the batting burden. With an average of 186, Khan’s scores in the last three matches read 301\*, 226\*, 78 and 25. He has scored 745 runs in five games and achieved a stunning comeback to Mumbai cricket. Mumbai will also miss injured seamer Tushar Deshpande in their last league encounter.

Unless this season, Madhya Pradesh will look to do what Railways and Karnataka did — upset Mumbai, though their top order too has consistently disappointed. Only three batsmen have scored centuries this season and bowlers too have turned out ordinary performances. Madhya Pradesh will also be without the services of their ace pacers Avesh Khan, who is yet to return to India after the A trip to New Zealand, and Ishwar Pandey, who has been rested. Samant says he can’t take any team lightly and Mumbai will take this game like any other. “They are a good side and we can’t take them lightly. The pitch looks dry, so spinners will hold the key. There will be bounce as well,” he said.

## RANJIROUNDUP

ELITE GROUP A, B  
Top five qualify for quarterfinal

	M	W	L	D	T	PTS
Gujarat	7	4	0	3	0	29
Saurashtra	7	3	1	3	0	28
Andhra	7	4	1	2	0	27
Bengal	7	3	1	3	0	26
Karnataka	7	3	0	4	0	25
Punjab	7	3	2	2	0	24
Uttar Pradesh	7	2	0	5	0	20
Tamil Nadu	7	2	2	3	0	19
Vidarbha	7	2	2	3	0	18
Delhi	7	2	1	4	0	18

**At Patiala:** Punjab v Bengal  
An outright win for either team will be enough to qualify.

**At Bengaluru:** Karnataka v Baroda  
Baroda’s out. Karnataka will advance with a win or a draw with first-innings lead.

**At Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh v Himachal  
Good news: Uttar Pradesh is still not out. Bad news? Even a bonus-point win alone won’t guarantee a berth in quarters. They need other results to go their way.

**At Rajkot:** Saurashtra v Tamil Nadu  
Tamil Nadu’s outside chances are just like Uttar Pradesh’s.

**At Hyderabad:** Hyderabad v Vidarbha  
Two-time defending champions Vidarbha have a decent quotient, but like UP and Tamil Nadu they need a bonus-point win and a prayer.

**At Delhi:** Delhi v Rajasthan  
Like most above, Delhi need a bonus-point win and a lot more prayers.

**At Nadiad:** Gujarat v Andhra  
Inconsequential, since both teams are already through.

**At Mumbai:** Mumbai v Madhya Pradesh  
Also inconsequential, but in a more painful sense.

ELITE GROUP C  
Top two qualify for quarters

	M	W	L	D	T	PTS
J&K	8	6	0	2	0	39
Odisha	8	5	2	1	0	35
Services	8	5	2	1	0	33
Haryana	8	4	2	2	0	30
Maharashtra	8	4	3	1	0	28

**At Jammu:** J&K v Haryana  
Win or draw (with first-innings lead), J&K goes through. Haryana’s chances are extremely slim.

**At Cuttack:** Odisha v Jharkhand  
Only a win can send Odisha through.

**At Raipur:** Chhattisgarh v Services  
Services need a bonus-point win for themselves and misery for others.

**At Baramati:** Maharashtra v U’khand  
Same for Maharashtra.

**At Guwahati:** Assam v Tripura  
Inconsequential.

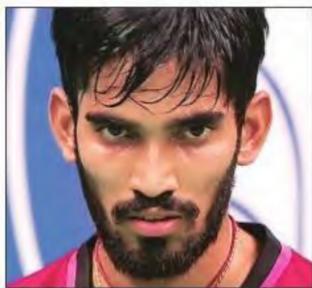
PLATE GROUP  
Table toppers advance

	M	W	L	D	T	PTS
Goa	8	6	0	2	0	43
Puducherry	8	6	1	1	0	41
Chandigarh	8	3	0	5	0	36
Meghalaya	8	4	3	1	0	27
Bihar	8	3	1	4	0	27

**At Barasat:** Mizoram v Goa  
A win will be enough for Goa.

**At Puducherry:** Puducherry v Nagaland  
A win, and Goa’s loss, will take them through.

## [SPORTS BAR]



### Srikanth leads the way at Asian Team C’ships

Kidambi Srikanth spearheaded India’s 4-1 mauling of Kazakhstan in their opening group match to brighten their chances of reaching the quarterfinals of the Asia Team Badminton Championships on Tuesday. Former world number one Srikanth, the up and coming Lakshya Sen and Subhankar Dey won their respective singles matches easily. Srikanth took just 23 minutes to beat Dmitry Panarin 21-10 21-7 while Sen was even quicker, notching up a 21-13 21-8 win over Artur Niyazov in 21 minutes. Dey beat Khatimurat Kulmatov 21-11 21-5 in 26 minutes in the third singles. World Championship bronze medallist B Sai Praneeth, who was not fielded in the singles on Tuesday, teamed up with Chirag Shetty in the doubles, but lost to the Kazakh pair of Niyazov and Panarin 21-18 16-21 19-21.

### Poonacha leads India’s march in Bengaluru

National champion Niki Poonacha recorded the biggest win of his career by knocking out Lucas Rosol from the Bengaluru Open on Tuesday. The 24-year-old wild card entrant won 6-4 2-6 6-3 in one hour and 45 minutes in the opening round of the USD 162480 hard court ATP Challenger tournament. “I am thrilled to have reached this stage of a Challenger event which was my dream since the last year,” said Poonacha. In the other upset of the day, last edition’s runner-up Saketh Myneni sent sixth seed Evgeny Donskoy of Russia packing with a 6-3 6-3 win, while qualifier Abhinav Shanmugam prevailed over the fancied Daniel Masur of Germany 7-5 6-3.

### Aman takes lead, quiet start for Shubhankar

Aman Raj of Patna took early advantage with a seven-under-65 even as Shubhankar Sharma made a quiet start in the opening round of the TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship 2020 on Tuesday. Asian Tour regular Aman mixed eight birdies with a lone bogey to lead by two shots. Bengaluru’s Chikkarangappa and Gurugram-based Veer Ahlawat were in tied second with rounds of five-under-67 at the second event of the 2020 TATA Steel PGTI season. Star attraction Shubhankar made a sedate start with a one-over-73 to be placed tied 54th.



Rio bronze medallist Sakshi Malik was humbled by two-time Cadet World Champion Sonam Malik during a recent trial in the 62kg category. *Express*

### Struggling Sakshi seeks another Olympic trial

Struggling Sakshi Malik is desperately seeking another round of trials to remain in contention for a Tokyo Olympics berth as she gears up for the upcoming Asian Wrestling Championships in non-Olympic category. The Rio Olympic bronze medallist was humbled by two-time Cadet World Champion Sonam Malik during the trials in the 62kg category. The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has already made it clear that it may hold fresh trials if the performance of the winners are not satisfactory at the tournament in Italy and the Asian Championship. Sonam had lost the first round of the ranking series event in Rome but if she manages to finish on the podium during the Asian Championship, beginning February 18 in New Delhi, the WFI perhaps won’t stop her from competing at the Asian Olympic qualifier in March. “I am hopeful for another round of trials. If I qualify in that I will have two more chances, the Asian World Olympics qualifiers and the World Olympics qualifiers. I want to qualify in the two key tournaments,” Sakshi said.

### Chennai, Kerala to meet in southern derby

Defending champions Chennai City FC will take on Gokulam Kerala FC in the return leg of the Southern I-League derby on Wednesday. Two wins on the trot have boosted Chennai’s campaign. A slender win over the Indian Arrows and a dramatic stoppage-time victory against Churchill Brothers in Margao have revitalised the Lions’ season. A victory against Gokulam won’t just give them the bragging rights of having completed a double over the Malabarians but would also take their tally to 17 points and put them in a better position.

### Mumbai out to clip Goa’s wings in ISL

FC Goa will look to extend their winning run and continue the fight for pole position when they host Mumbai City FC in a Hero Indian Super League match on Wednesday. FC Goa head into the fixture on the back of three successive wins. A recent change in coaching staff, with Clifford Miranda taking over as interim coach from Sergio Lobera, has made a positive impact. FC Goa scored a convincing 4-1 win over Hyderabad FC in their last game. With 33 points in their kitty, Goa have four more points than third-placed Bengaluru FC but are level with table-toppers ATK. Given Goa’s head-to-head disadvantage against ATK, Goa cannot afford to drop any more points in their final two games of the league stage.



### World rapid champ Humpy settles for draw

World rapid champion Koneru Humpy (in pic) and fellow Indian Dronavalli Harika settled for contrasting draws in the fourth round of the Cairns Cup chess tournament in America. Humpy was held to a 37-move draw by Kateryna Lagno of Russia in a Grunfeld Defence game while Harika could not force a win against American Irina Krush in a Paulsen Sicilian game on Monday. Humpy and Lagno shared the point in a quiet game while Harika and Krush battled it out for 44 moves before signing the peace treaty. World champion Ju Wenjun posted her first win in the 10-player tournament, getting the better of Valentina Gunina in 59 moves. Former world champion Mariya Muzychuk held leader Nana Dzagnidze in a Richter-Rauzer encounter, leaving the latter still at the top of the standings.

# Oskar goes to the Olympics

With skateboarding set to make its debut in the Olympics at Tokyo, a Swede known for his creative routines might be the sport's breakout star

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OSKAR ROZENBERG nonchalantly drifts around the skate park before unleashing a series of high-energy tricks — mounting a wall, sliding down a railing with his arms outstretched, vaulting a stairwell, accelerating into a ramp and giving it some air.

"I'm just warming up," the two-time skateboarding world champion and Olympic hopeful says over his shoulder as he floats away.

His long, dark hair flowing beneath his black cap and over his hoodie, the 23-year-old Rozenberg is in his element, and in his own world... as he seeks out every line, every dip and every hollow of the indoor park to satisfy his creative needs.

He gets particularly excited talking about his current favorite trick, the backside nose blunt. "You go up on the edge of the

quarter pipe, you do a backside 180 turn and you land on the nose. Then you pop in, back into the transition," Rozenberg said. "It's such a flowy trick. It's just vibey."

If that's akin to a foreign language, it might not be six months from now.

Skateboarding is coming to the Olympics for the first time at this year's Tokyo Games and Rozenberg, a stand-out Swede in a field mostly dominated by Americans and Brazilians, might be its breakout star.

"Oski," as he is fondly referred to, is a skateboarder best known for his outrageous creativity and for thinking on his feet, or, in his case, his wheels. He will arrive in Tokyo as the world champion of the Vans Park Series Pro Tour after his win in Salt Lake City in September.

"He is spontaneous," said John Magnusson, who works for the Swedish Skateboard Association and will be Rozenberg's coach in the run-up to the Tokyo Games.

"He maybe has the first two tricks planned and then he goes for whatever. When Oski flows it all together, he is unbeatable because he is that good."

Rozenberg's strength may yet prove to be his weakness when it comes to the Olympics. The edgy, rebellious, somewhat under-world pursuit of skateboarding is about to enter the mainstream, joining the more structured world of traditional sports.

It will freshen up the Olympics, for sure, and appeal more to younger viewers, but will the popularization of skateboarding mean it loses its counter-cultural status? There are also concerns that judging in the Olympics will be more about box-ticking rather than a desire for expression and creativity, potentially dampening its appeal... and the medal chances of Rozenberg, with his off-the-cuff style.

He thinks, however, that skateboarding being added to the Olympic program has "more pos-



Oskar Rozenberg first came across skateboarding at the age of 9, when he and his father bumped into friends at a newly-built skate park in Malmo, Sweden. AP

**A lot of other sports are about jumping a centimetre longer or a centimeter higher than what you did last year. But skateboarding is the opposite of that. There is so much you can do. I think it will actually bring a new aspect to sports.**

**OSKAR ROZENBERG**  
ON THE DYNAMICS OF THE SPORT

itives than negatives."

"It pushes the sport into a different direction it hasn't really been in before," Rozenberg said. "It's kind of new territory."

"A lot of other sports are about jumping a centimeter longer or a centimeter higher than what you did last year. But skateboarding is the opposite of that. There is so much you can do. I think it will ac-

tually bring a new aspect to sports." Rozenberg first came across skateboarding at the age of 9, when he was on a bike ride with his father and bumped into friends at the newly built skate park in Malmo, Stapelbaddsparken.

He tried it out, went back the next day, and "was there every day for four years."

"I think what attracted me the most was the group of people and how everyone took care of each other, and how all of a sudden I was able to hang out with people five or 10 years older than me," Rozenberg said. "There wasn't an age barrier. Everyone was just hanging out."

He liked the easy-going nature of skateboarding. "When I was playing football, I remember being a bit sick of it, always having to come to practice on time and do this or that in practice," he said. "Skateboarding was the complete opposite. It's like everything was on your own conditions."

Rozenberg attended a one-of-a-kind high school, Bryggeriets Gymnasium, that had skateboarding on the curriculum and was located inside one of the top skate parks in Malmo. Rozenberg said this background means he has a "different story" to the big skaters from America who grew up in California and had "all the best skate spots, all the best parks, all the contacts that you need in terms of sponsors."

"I think a lot of skaters who are coming up right now who are from Europe are adding a new dimension to skateboarding," he said. "The skate spots here are so different to the skate spots in America, so that naturally forms a different environment, a different type of skater." Rozenberg's idols include Tony Hawk, a skateboarding pioneer from the 1980s who had a series of computer games... one of which Rozenberg remembers completing on one New Year's Eve. Another is modern-day American skater Grant Taylor.

## Cilic, Coric to line up for Davis Cup tie against India

**SHAHID JUDGE**  
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 11

Croatia are expected to field their top players - Marin Cilic and Borna Coric - and against India in their Davis Cup World Group qualifier in Zagreb next month.

This is the seventh time in as many years that the Indian team has made it to the qualifier stage of the elite team competition, but is yet to make it to the World Group. The tie will be played on March 6 and 7, with the Croatians set to field the same team that won them the 2018 title.

"We can confirm that our team captain Vedran Martić expects to have the same team we had against France in the 2018 Davis Cup finals in Lille," Igor Rajkovic, the press officer at the Croatian Tennis Association told *The Indian Express*. "It means the singles rubbers should be contested by Borna Coric and Marin Cilic."

It is still unclear who will be nominated for the doubles match, as Croatia has three players ranked in the Top 20 as of this week - Ivan Dodig, Mate Pavić and Nikola Pietrangeli. The official nomination will be published 10 days before the tie."

As such, the singles rubbers will be contested by former world no. 12 Borna Coric (currently ranked 31) and 2014 US Open champion Marin Cilic (currently ranked 37, but who has reached as high as No. 3 in the

world). As for the sole doubles rubber, Dodig, the world no 10 (former no. 4) is the highest-ranked player from the Balkan country in contention for the tie, along with no. 15 Pavić (former world no. 1) and world no. 20 Mektić (formerly no 5).

The All India Tennis Association (AITA), who have named a six-member team for the five-man tie, has also named its strongest team available. However, only one Indian singles player in the current line-up has been in the top 100 before, and the highest-ranked doubles player is Rohan Bopanna at 41.

The Indian line-up includes former world no. 75 Prajnesh Gunneswaran (currently at 124), Sumit Nagal (126) and Ramkumar Ramanathan (180). As for the doubles rubber, Bopanna leads the line followed by world no. 56 Divij Sharan and India's sixth-highest ranked doubles player, veteran Leander Paes (124), who is on his farewell season.

Paes, now 46, was part of the tie when the two countries clashed in the Davis Cup back in 1995 - the only previous encounter between the two teams. The former world no. 1 doubles player had pulled off an upset over Goran Ivanisevic to help the hosts earn a 3-2 win at New Delhi.

Since then though, Croatia has won the title in 2005 and 2018 while the Indians, this time, will hope to pull off an upset to make it to the World Group for the first time since 2011.



The singles rubbers will be contested by former world no. 12 Borna Coric, and 2014 US Open champ Marin Cilic (in pic). Reuters

## Ronaldo, Ibrahimovic set for Italian Cup clash

**AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE**  
MILAN, FEBRUARY 11

CRISTIANO RONALDO and Zlatan Ibrahimovic are set to go head-to-head in Thursday's Italian Cup semi-final, first leg between Juventus and AC Milan at the San Siro. Both Ronaldo and Ibrahimovic scored at the weekend in defeats as Juventus fell 2-1 at Hellas Verona, while AC Milan threw away a two-goal lead in a 4-2 defeat by city rivals Inter. "It wasn't the result we wanted," said the 35-year-old Ronaldo despite becoming the first Juventus player to score in 10 successive league games, just one game short of the Serie A record.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner has scored 23 goals in all competitions this season. Ibrahimovic, 38, has scored three goals since re-

turning to Milan last month.

The Swede headed in the second goal on Sunday after setting up the first, but Inter hit back with four second-half strikes.

"I showed that I can still make a difference, even at 38," he said. But Inter striker Romelu Lukaku will be looking to upstage the two other former Manchester United players against Napoli in the other last-four first leg on Wednesday.

Gennaro Gattuso's Napoli, despite their current slump, ousted holders Lazio in the quarter-finals. "There's a new king in town," a jubilant Lukaku wrote on Twitter after scoring the fourth goal for Inter in Sunday's derby.

"We run this town." The Belgian was replying to Ibrahimovic's pre-derby post saying that "lions don't compare themselves to humans".

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