

**RED FLAGS BY DATA PANEL CHIEF**

## 'Mistrust, attacks may contaminate economic data for next 10 years'

House-listing key step in Census... can't land up at door with cops: Sen

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**Pronab Sen, head of data reforms panel**

AMID RISING instances of field enumerators coming under attack across at least three states for some of the ongoing NSS surveys and gathering mistrust over CAA and NRC, the house-listing operation and the updation of the National Population Register (NPR), set to begin in April for Census 2021, could run into rough weather.

The survey system is already in "deep trouble" and given the increasing instances of such

attacks, conducting household surveys with the Census as the frame would be "very tough" going ahead, Pronab Sen, former Chief Statistician of India and Country Director for the India Programme of the International Growth Centre, said.

"Attacks on field investigators of the NSS (National Sample

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## ENVOYS IN THE VALLEY

The second batch of 25 foreign diplomats, including those from Germany, Canada, France and Afghanistan, at the Dal Lake in Srinagar Wednesday. They are on a two-day visit to assess the situation in Jammu & Kashmir. *Shuaib Masoodi* **REPORT, PAGE 8**

## Project to Barve family company: State govt seeks explanation



The Indian Express report on February 12

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MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 12

THE UDDHAV Thackeray-led Maharashtra government Wednesday took the first step towards reversal of an October 2019 order awarding a project for digitising Mumbai police's official records to a private company owned by the son and wife of Mumbai Commissioner of Police Sanjay Barve.

The government's action came a day after *The Indian Express* reported that the state's home department, under the

## Cong flaunted Sheila's work, now blames her, daughter hits back

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12

A DAY after it was blanked in the Delhi Assembly elections with its lowest vote share ever, a row erupted in the Congress after AICC Delhi in-charge PC Chacko sought to blame the late Sheila Dikshit for the start of the decline in the party's fortunes. He also said "any sensible person would have anticipated the defeat of the Congress in Delhi".

Latika Dikshit, daughter of the

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### KEJRIWAL TO TAKE OATH AT RAMLILA GROUND ON SUNDAY

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former Chief Minister who ruled Delhi for 15 years and in whose name the Congress sought votes this election, struck back, saying

"Mr Chacko should be answering this... how his conscience allows him to say things like this for a person who has passed away".

"I think we all have been brought up in a way that you don't comment on somebody who is gone. I think it speaks volumes about Mr Chacko and I don't think it's worth commenting. She is gone and I am still mourning, it's a great loss to me personally," Latika said.

By Wednesday evening, Congress president Sonia Gandhi had accepted the resignations of

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**2 CASES OF TERROR FINANCE**

## FATF heat on, Pak anti-terror court convicts Hafiz Saeed

Sentenced to five-and-a-half years and given the benefit of reduced sentence

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Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed

AHEAD OF the six-day session of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force beginning Sunday to decide on Pakistan's fate on blacklisting, a Lahore anti-terrorism court convicted Mumbai's 26/11 terror attack mastermind and Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jamat-ud-Dawa founder Hafiz Saeed in two terror-financing cases on Wednesday.

According to court orders reported by *Dawn*, Saeed has been convicted and sentenced to prison for five and a half years and slapped a fine of Rs 15,000 in each case.

Saeed, who in November 2018 was set free from a 300-day-long house arrest, is considered the mastermind and planner of the Mumbai terrorist attack in 2008 which claimed the lives of 166 people. He was declared a global terrorist by the US and UN for his alleged role in the Mumbai attacks. JuD is considered by the US and India to be a front for LeT.

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IN FEB 2019, Pakistan banned JuD and cracked down on activists and seminaries. But in October, FATF held that Islamabad needed to take "extra measures" for elimination of terror financing. Hafiz Saeed's conviction is seen as a step towards that. It isn't clear if this strengthens Pakistan's case.

**LPG PRICE HIKED, STEEPEST SINCE 2014**

LPG price was hiked by a steep **₹144.5 PER CYLINDER** due to spurt in benchmark global rates of the fuel

- To insulate domestic users, government almost doubled subsidy it provides on the fuel
- Domestic LPG users, who can buy 12 cylinders each at subsidised rates in a year, will get more subsidy **P 17**

## Factory output shrinks, spike in retail inflation

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A RENEWED slide in the manufacturing sector forced India's factory output to contract in December even as retail inflation accelerated for the sixth straight month in January, raising fresh question marks over the claims of a turnaround in the country's economic trajectory.

National Statistical Organisation data released Wednesday showed that the Index of Industrial Production contracted 0.3 per cent in

December from a 1.8 per cent growth provisionally recorded a month ago while retail inflation surged to 7.59 per cent in January as against 7.35 per cent in December. The spike in retail inflation was stoked by higher price levels of food items such as vegetables, eggs, meat and fish and fuels.

While the deterioration of the growth-inflation mix is bad news, the pronounced contraction in consumer goods production highlights the continuing weakness in demand and, according to analysts, could be a

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### CORONAVIRUS: TWO INDIANS TEST POSITIVE ON CRUISE SHIP OFF JAPAN

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## Accused in mining and forest cases, Ballari baron made Karnataka Forest & Environment Minister

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BENGALURU, FEBRUARY 12

ACCUSED OF illegal mining and forest crimes in 15 cases pending against him since 2012, Anand Singh, a four-time MLA from the iron ore rich Ballari district of Karnataka with business interests in mining and transportation, has been appointed



15 cases are pending against Anand Singh

the new minister for forest, environment and ecology in the six-month-old BJP government in the state led by B S

Yediyurappa.

Singh (53) was made minister of food and civil supplies on Monday, but was given the forest, ecology and environment ministry a day later, after he demanded a change in portfolio, despite the charges of illegal mining and violation of forest laws pending against him from the BJP's previous tenure (2008-13).

"The Vijayanagara MLA was unhappy with food and civil supplies. He was demanding the energy portfolio and was given the forest portfolio as a compromise," said BJP sources.

Singh, a party-hopping legislator, was elected on a BJP ticket from Vijayanagara seat in Ballari in December 2019, after he defected from the Congress along

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## In a year, Mumbaikars spend 11 days in traffic over their commute time: Uber data

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 12

Each year, the average Mumbaikar wastes about 11 days stuck in traffic. The average commute time on Mumbai's major routes is over an hour, more than double the averages of Singapore, Hong Kong and New York. A 30-km trip from the city's international airport to South Mumbai during rush hour can take over one-and-a-half hours as compared to the 45 minutes for the 45-km trip from Shanghai's city centre to its airport.

WHILE IT is well-known that Mumbai's traffic is among the

**AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME BY CAR**

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| MUMBAI    | 66 minutes |
| SINGAPORE | 25 minutes |
| HONG KONG | 26 minutes |
| NEW YORK  | 31 minutes |

worst in the world, researchers are now able to quantify the fall-out. Data scientists at the think tank, IDFC Institute, analysed

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## Father killed by man who raped her, girl says police ignored threat complaint

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FIROZABAD, FEBRUARY 12

SEATED INSIDE her dimly-lit house in UP's Firozabad, the 15-year-old girl recalled her father's last words to her Monday. "He told me, 'Chhotu ne kiya yeh'. I was trying to forget what happened with me... the rape... and just then he killed my father. Police have provided us security now, why couldn't they do it earlier when we told them about the threat?" she asked.

On Monday, the girl's father was shot dead, allegedly by Achman Upadhyay (30) aka Chhotu, who had allegedly raped her last August. The girl's father was returning home Monday

when four men intercepted and shot him, and then fled. They are yet to be traced.

On January 6, the family wrote a complaint via the online complaints portal of the UP government, addressed to the Chief Minister. The complaint, accessed by *The Indian Express*, states that the accused was "pressuring the family to reach a compromise" and had "threatened to kill them". The complaint also said that the family feared for their lives.

The January letter stated that "the accused had run away after the crime but had now returned and has been spotted outside the complainant's house at night a few times... Kindly arrest him at

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## 'I believe that fashion should be democratic. It cannot be only for the rich or the super slim'

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MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 12

AMID THE chatter and bright lights of the Lakme Fashion Week Summer Resort 2020 in Mumbai, as the crowds swelled for the closing show of the day, came news that cast a shroud of shock and silence. Wendell Rodricks was no more. One of India's leading designers, Rodricks died late Wednesday evening at his home in Goa. He was 59. "He passed away peacefully. His partner

Jerome (Marrel) was by his side," said a family member.

Articulate, well-read and affable, Rodricks was the antithesis of everything high fashion. Born and brought up in Mumbai, in a Goan Catholic family, he dabbled in catering before pursuing his passion for fashion design. He studied in Paris and New York before returning to India. In his first show in 1989 under his label, he presented 12 outfits, worn by then supermodel Mehr Jesia.

Indians can thank him for pioneering resort wear — only someone like him could fashion a 'bikini saree'. While on the one hand, he presented plunging necklines and thigh-high slits, he



**WENDELL RODRICKS**  
1960-2020

simultaneously championed the cause of Indian weaves, handloom, khadi and overall sustainability in Indian fashion.

At the 2011 Wills Lifestyle India Fashion Week, he presented his take on the checkered Goan weave, the Kunbi saree. He was also among the first to do away with typical sizing labels for women in Design Space, his store in Goa.

"I believe that fashion should be democratic. It cannot be only for the rich or the super slim. In

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