

INTERVIEW

Focus on growth intact, will not let NBFCs collapse: RBI Governor

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'If opinions differ... better I address govt directly, internally'
SHAKTIKANTA DAS
RBI GOVERNOR

DESPITE THE recent spike in inflation, the Reserve Bank of India continues to be focussed on growth, said RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.

Retail inflation jumped to 7.59 per cent in January, the highest print in 68 months, largely due to rising vegetable prices. "With this temporary spike in inflation, we have not shifted our attention from growth. We are still focussed on growth. Because of the spike in inflation, we have decided to take a pause," Das said in an inter-

view Monday (text, Page 17) with *The Indian Express*.
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Foodgrains at all-time high, pressure on procurement

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WITH A bumper wheat output expected, the total foodgrains production in the country is estimated to reach an all-time high of 291.95 million tonnes during 2019-20, said the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoAFW) on Tuesday.

The estimated foodgrains production during 2019-20 will **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

EXPLAINED
Fiscal challenge

ALREADY SADDLED with high stocks of foodgrains, the bumper harvest is a fiscal and political challenge for the Centre. More grains to procure means higher food subsidy and any reluctance on this front will invite farmer ire.

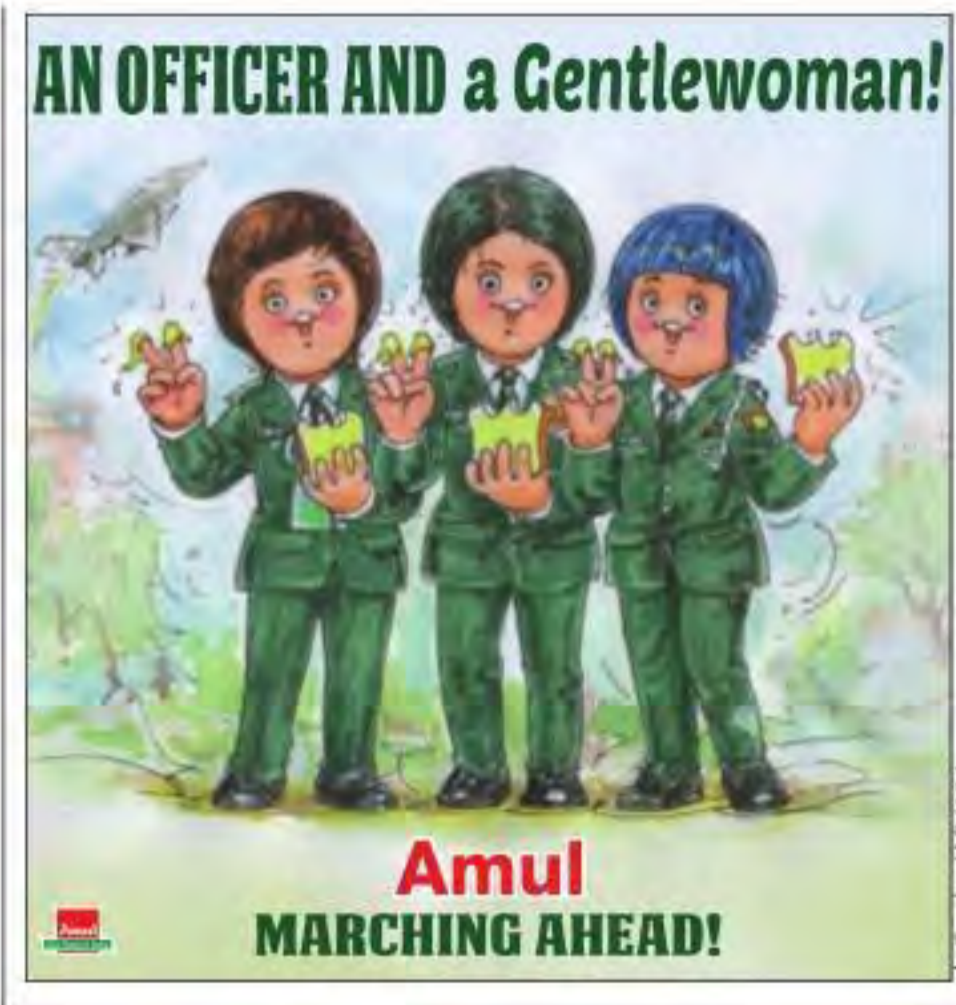
JULKA NAMED CIC

Secretary to President is new CVC; Cong dissents on process

MANOJ CGG
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THE SELECTION of the new Central Vigilance Commissioner and the Central Information Commissioner Tuesday ran into controversy after the government decided on Sanjay Kothari as the new CVC and Bimal Julka as the next CIC despite objections from Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, the Opposition member in the high-powered selection committees headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The panel, by a majority decision, also appointed Suresh Patel as Vigilance Commissioner and Anita Pandove as Information Commissioner. While Kothari, a former Secretary to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), is now Secretary to the President of India, Julka is a former Information and Broadcasting Secretary. He is currently an information Commissioner.
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Voter list of 4 yrs, land records... 15 documents can't prove citizenship

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GUWAHATI, FEBRUARY 18

AS MANY as 15 documents which included voter lists of four years, a parent's NRC clearance, land revenue payment receipts, certificates from the village headman attesting to permanent residency and marriage, ration card, PAN card and bank passbook have been rejected by the Gauhati High Court as proof of Indian citizenship.

In an indication of the challenges that lie ahead in an NRC exercise, Jabeda Begum alias Jabeda Khatun, of Guwahati village in Tamulpur of Baksa district, submitted these documents to back her claim of citizenship after being declared "a foreigner of post-1971 stream" by a Foreigners Tribunal in May 2019.

She lost the challenge with

the High Court ruling that she "failed to prove her linkage with her projected parents and her projected brother".

To be considered an Indian citizen in Assam, one has to prove either she or her ancestors have been living in Assam before 1971, the Assam Accord cut-off date.

To make it to the NRC (the final list has since been rejected by the Assam government), one had to submit documents that established pre-1971 ancestry. Two sets of documents (List A and List B) were admissible. List A had documents establishing that the person or their ancestors lived in Assam prior to 1971 (NRC of 1951, pre-1971 voter lists etc). People born after 1971 could submit List B documents (PAN card, birth certificate etc) to link themselves to a pre-1971 ancestor.

Jabeda Begum's advocate Ahammad Ali said she is "about **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

25 broken CCTVs in Jamia's Rs 2.66-crore damage bill to HRD

ARANYA SHANKAR
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JAMIA MILLIA Islamia suffered damage to property worth Rs 2.66 crore during police action inside its premises on December 15 last year, according to an estimate submitted by the university to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).

This included damage to 25 CCTV cameras worth Rs 4.75 lakh.

Over the last few days, several video clips from Jamia's CCTV footage have been released, which show uniformed



CCTV grab of security personnel smashing a camera

personnel raining lathis on students as well as damaging property, including hitting CCTV cameras with lathis, in the university library.

Police have maintained that **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Don't move Pak out of terror fund grey list, key group tells FATF

SHUBHAJIT ROY
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AHEAD OF the Financial Action Task Force's plenary session which is going to take a final decision Friday, a sub-group tasked to review Pakistan's case has recommended that Islamabad should continue to be in the "grey list" for its failure to check terror funding. It has stopped short of recommending the country for the black list.

Despite efforts by Pakistan to get out of the grey list and India's efforts to push it to the black list, the global terror financing watchdog's International Co-operation **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Rs 2,000 cr for airport in Jewar, Rs 500 cr for one in Ayodhya: UP

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, FEBRUARY 18

THE UTTAR Pradesh government set aside Rs 2,000 crore for development of the Noida International Greenfield Airport in Jewar area of Gautam Buddha Nagar and Rs 500 crore for an airport in Ayodhya in its annual Budget on Tuesday.

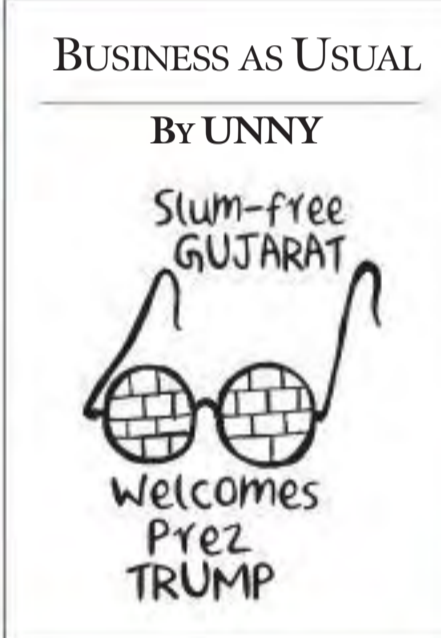
Tabling the Rs 5.12 lakh crore Budget for 2020-21 in the Assembly, State Finance Minister Suresh Khanna said, "The operation of the (Jewar) airport is expected to begin in 2023". He said "provision of Rs 500 crore has been made for Ayodhya airport,



Yogi Adityanath with Suresh Khanna. Vishal Srivastav

while Rs 92.50 crore provision has been made for airports under the regional connectivity scheme."

Addressing a press conference later, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "Ayodhya mein **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



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