

Death toll 13; 250 are injured | Homes and shops set on fire | Kejriwal meets Amit Shah

Mob, courtesy Delhi Police

Right under police nose, men with rods, sticks assault, set homes ablaze, check ID cards, smash CCTVs

DIPANKAR GHOSE & SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

IN EMBATTLED neighbourhood after neighbourhood in north-east Delhi, which has been in the grip of violence for three days, one story played through Tuesday from morning to midnight — groups of young men armed with sticks and rods looking for a fight, setting shops and homes owned by Muslims on fire. All right under the nose of the police who either stood as silent spectators, looked the other way or were plain missing when they were most needed.

The death toll from the violence touched 13 by tonight, including a Head Constable who succumbed to bullet injuries, and 12 civilians, most of whom also died of bullet injuries.

The day saw a flood of bloodied men being rushed to GTB hospital, many of whom were severely assaulted by violent mobs. The Rapid Action Force and Central Reserve Police Force arrived in the area only around 3 pm and were repeatedly pushed back by those armed with sticks and stones. The situation remained tense until late tonight with SOS messages being sent out from Muslim neighbourhoods of being walled in and people locking themselves inside their homes.

Right through the day and into the evening, *The Indian Express* reporters witnessed several specific examples where the mob ruled the street as police stood right next to them:

■ Between 7 am and 12 noon, across the lanes and bylanes of Maujpur, Babarpur, Kabir Nagar, West Jyoti Nagar, Gokulpuri, *The Indian Express* witnessed young men bracing themselves for what they described as "action". Collecting metal rods, breaking chunks of brick into smaller pieces. "We can't repeat last night's mistake," said a 21-year-old pujari in a temple in Vrindaban. "We couldn't sleep last night. They rained bricks on our neighbourhood. So we have come prepared to defend ourselves." These preparations were in full view of small groups of police personnel.

■ At 11.15 am on Chajipur-Kabir Nagar road, six policemen stood by and watched as hundreds of men holding rods and sticks, many with faces hidden behind motorcycle helmets, raised chants of Jai Shri Ram. As the men gathered outside the Sanatan Dharm mandir, one of



A mob attacks a person at Khajuri Khas crossing in Delhi on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

Divided in violence, united in grief: Families of dead say hate is to blame

ASTHA SAXENA & JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

AT HOSPITALS in northeast Delhi on Tuesday, grief knew no religion.

Sitting outside the mortuary of Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital was Hari Singh Solanki (69), who lost his eldest son in the clashes on Monday. Rahul Solanki (26), who had left home to buy some groceries, was on his way back when a bullet hit him on the neck.



A grieving relative of Rahul Solanki. The family blamed BJP's Kapil Mishra for instigating the violence. Gajendra Yadav

His family members blamed BJP leader Kapil Mishra for instigating violence in the area — relatives of some of the others killed or injured too blamed Mishra, and many demanded severe punishment.

On Sunday, Mishra, a former MLA from Karawal Nagar, had threatened anti-CAA protesters and issued an ultimatum to the Delhi Police to get Jafrabad and Chand Bagh road cleared of protesters.

"If this is not stopped, people will keep losing their children. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

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Jafrabad protest cleared, NSA meets CP, visits violence-hit areas late night

Shoot-at-sight orders issued in affected areas of Capital

AMIL BHATNAGAR & MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

THREE DAYS into the violence and reports of arson and attacks coming in even late Tuesday night, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval visited riot-hit north-

east Delhi. Doval first headed to the office of DCP (Northeast) in Seelampur, Ved Prakash Surya, accompanied by Commissioner of Police Amulya Patnaik. Sources said he sought details of the dead and injured and the number of those arrested and detained.

Surya, incidentally, was the officer standing next to BJP's

Kapil Mishra when he warned Sunday that he "wouldn't listen to the police," once US President Donald Trump had left India and released a video threatening anti-CAA protesters.

After the meeting, around 12.30 am, Doval visited the areas hit by violence and arson.

According to police, around

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TRUMP, MODI HOLD BILATERAL TALKS

India, US decide to elevate ties, be global strategic partners



The Trumps at Rashtrapati Bhavan for the banquet hosted by President Ram Nath Kovind. PTI

Defence deal announced, Trump says tremendous progress on trade pact

Leave CAA to India... didn't discuss Delhi violence with PM: Trump

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump, on his first State visit to India, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided Tuesday to elevate ties between their countries to a "comprehensive global strategic partnership", giving it broader scope and scale.

Trump, who held bilateral talks with Modi at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, announced a defence deal of more than USD 3 billion under which India will buy US military equipment including MH-60R naval and AH-64E Apache helicopters.

While no trade deal was signed, Modi said Trump and he had agreed to initiate negotiations for a bigger deal. Trump, on his part, said they have made "tremendous progress" on a comprehensive trade agreement and he is optimistic they will reach a deal.

According to the joint statement issued late Tuesday, the two leaders said they looked forward to "early conclusion" of defence cooperation enabling agreements including Basic

JOINT STATEMENT

■ Early conclusion of defence cooperation enabling pacts

■ Expressed interest in concept of Blue Dot Network

■ Added Haqqani network and TTP to terror list

■ Backed Afghan-led, Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process

■ US reaffirmed support for India's entry into the NSG "without any delay"

■ Hope to conclude Phase 1 of comprehensive bilateral trade pact

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SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

WRAPPING UP his India visit intended to deepen bilateral ties, US President Donald Trump, responding to a query Tuesday on the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, said he did not discuss that with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and "I want to leave that to India". Asked about the violence in Delhi, he said, "I heard that but I didn't discuss that with him (Modi)."

Not known for measured words, Trump was extremely careful in his statements — he made it clear at the beginning of his press conference that he did not want to overshadow the visit with his statements.

"As far as individual attacks are concerned, I have heard about them. I didn't discuss that with him. It is up to India," he told reporters.

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Chief Economic Advisor Subramanian at Adda today

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

HIGHLIGHTING the importance of wealth creation through liberalisation of the economy and promotion of private sector, Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy V Subramanian laid out a blueprint for India to chart the path towards achieving the \$5 trillion economy target in the Economic Survey 2019-20. While listing the government interventions that have failed to yield results, Subramanian, in the Survey, CONTINUED ON PAGE 12



Krishnamurthy V Subramanian

Bihar first NDA state to say no to NRC, new NPR format

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, FEBRUARY 25

THE BJP, which is part of the JD(U)-led ruling alliance in Bihar, became party to an unanimous resolution of the state Assembly Tuesday against implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) — the first NDA state to do so — and in favour of the National Population Register (NPR) exercise only under the 2010 format which did not include questions relating to the date of birth and place of parents and last residential address of

EXPLAINED
BJP's first official retreat

A WEEK after protests erupted mid-Dec, PM read down Amit Shah's assertion of nationwide NRC saying there was no discussion on the issue. A nationwide NRC is BJP's manifesto promise. The Bihar BJP's decision endorsing the resolution against NRC is the first direct retreat.

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PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

AT LEAST 3,400 bottles of cough syrup ColdBest-PC from the batch suspected to have contained a poisonous compound — which allegedly led to the deaths of 11 children in Ramnagar area of Udhampur district in Jammu region between December 2019 and January 2020 — have been sold since September last year. "Around 3,400-3,450 (bottles) have been consumed already because the batch was in

the market since September," said Himachal Pradesh Drug Controller Navneet Marwah. "We are trying our best to track down consumers through sales receipts, but this is an old batch. It's a 60 ml bottle, so if someone took 5-6 ml in each dose, it would finish in 10-12 doses," he told *The Indian Express*.

About 5,500 bottles of the cough syrup, manufactured by Himachal Pradesh-based Digital Vision Pharma, were sold in Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Tiruchirappalli (Tamil

Nadu), Shillong (Meghalaya) and Tripura, in September 2019.

Between December and January, at least 17 children experienced adverse effects in Ramnagar area of Udhampur. Eleven of these children died from acute kidney failure. While investigations are still on, initial findings point to the cough syrup as the cause of death.

After a PGIMER laboratory found prima facie presence of Diethylene Glycol in the batch, production of the cough syrup was halted and the regions where it was distributed were



Susheel Kumar, who lost his three-year-old son, with his two daughters, in Jammu. Arun Sharma REPORT, PAGE 10

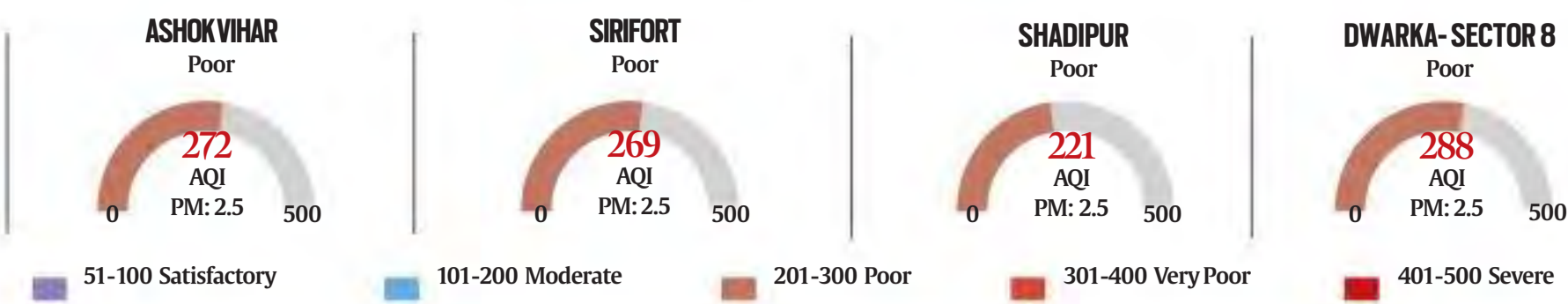
asked to stop its sale. According to Marwah, about 1,500 bottles of the batch have either been seized or are being recalled from the market. "More than 500 have been taken by drug inspectors for sampling across India," he said. As a precaution, the state regulator has suspended the company's manufacturing licence, demanding six-hourly status reports of the recall.

"We have taken into possession all their (Digital Vision Pharma's) documents. It is part of the investigation, so it would be premature to say at this stage

what happened," he said, adding that he has sought the results "urgently". The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), India's apex drug regulatory body, has also taken up the issue, he said.

However, it is unclear what steps the CDSCO has taken so far. The Drug Controller General of India (DCCI), VG Soman, India's top drug regulator, did not respond to an email or phone calls.

Meanwhile, experts and activists pointed to serious lapses in regulatory enforcement. CONTINUED ON PAGE 12



KEJRIWAL SAYS MEETING WITH SHAH POSITIVE

Atishi asks why no Army, her AAP govt can answer

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

UNDER PRESSURE to respond more effectively as violence escalated in the national capital, which he won by an overwhelming majority just earlier this month, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal suggested he had faith in the Centre's handling of the situation.

This, even as his own MLA, Atishi, tweeted: "Violence and arson has been continuing for 48 hours now. Police, civilians, Hindus, Muslims are injured in large numbers. At least 10 people have died. If police are unable to maintain law and order, why is Amit Shah not imposing curfew? Why is the Army not being called in?"

For the Army to be called in, a formal request has to be made by the District Magistrate of the affected area. In Delhi, the revenue department, and hence the District Magistrate, is under the Delhi government.

Delhi government officials confirmed that the DM concerned had not been directed to make any such request. Shahdara DM Sanjiv Kumar, under whom the area rocked by violence falls, did not respond to calls or messages seeking a comment.

Kejriwal met Home Minister Amit Shah at noon. Just half an hour earlier, he had held a meeting with a few MLAs and ministers of his Cabinet. The toll at the time stood at five. As soon as the meeting ended, he said the border areas needed to be sealed to ensure outsiders do not enter to vitiate the atmosphere. He also

said that district magistrates and MLAs of the area would hold peace marches and hoped that the situation would be brought under control soon. However, violence continued to escalate.

Following the 12 pm meeting with Shah and Delhi L-G Anil Baijal, Kejriwal, who was also joined by BJP's Manoj Tiwari and Congress's Subhash Chopra, said it was "positive".

"If the violence escalates, it won't help anyone... We have been assured that police are taking action and that enough people will be deployed... Many policemen are injured as well," said Kejriwal after the meeting.

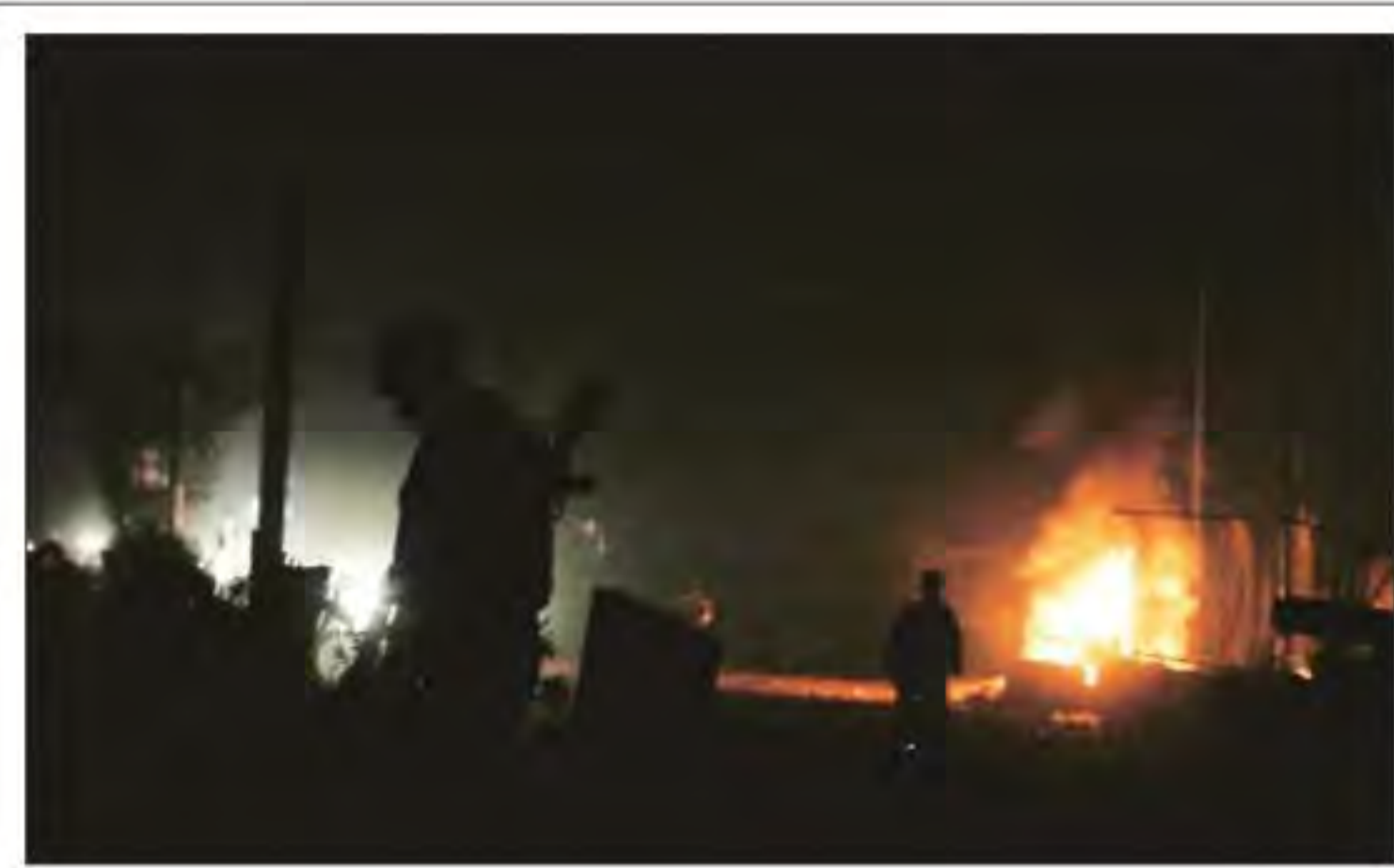
Sources in the AAP said the CM had asked the Home Minister to use all options to control the violence, but did not specifically ask that the Army be called in.

At 3.30 pm, Kejriwal, along with his deputy Manish Sisodia and other ministers, visited Rajghat to "pray for peace".

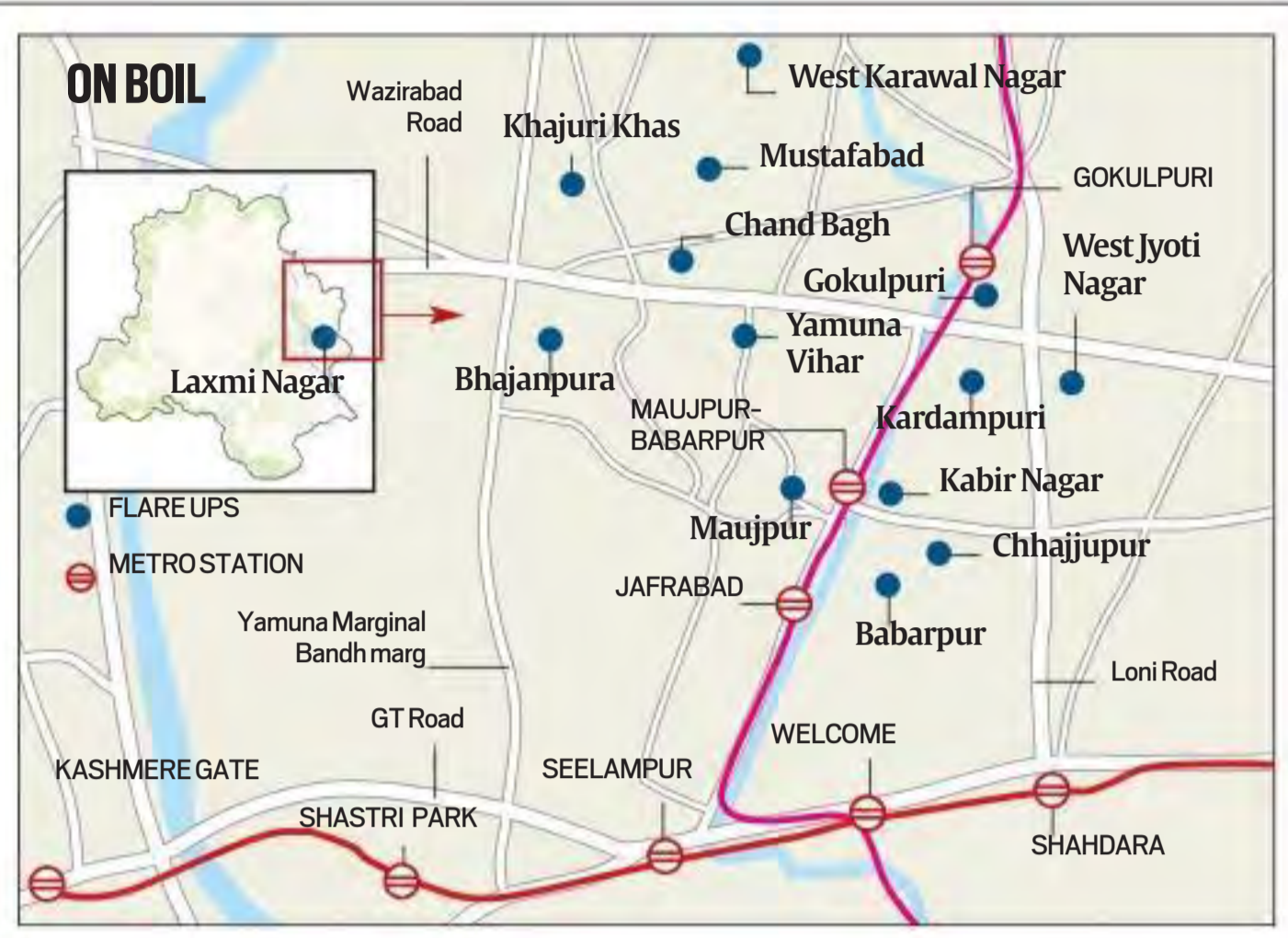
The death toll by afternoon was in double digits, and by evening, it had touched 13.

When contacted, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh told *The Indian Express* that the party has repeatedly said that the Army must be called in. Asked why the government had not written to the Centre or asked the area DM to do so, he said: "What is the Centre doing? Are they waiting for us to write a letter? How will that help?"

The Indian Express also reached out to several senior AAP members who are part of the government to ask why a formal request for the Army to be called was not made, but they did not respond to calls and messages.



A vehicle on fire at Chand Bagh, Tuesday. Abhinav Saha



Activists file plea in HC seeking action against BJP leaders for 'provocation'

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

A PLEA was moved in the Delhi High Court Tuesday seeking a judicial enquiry and registration of FIRs against BJP leaders Anurag Thakur, Parvesh Sahib Singh, and Kapil Mishra and others for allegedly making provocative statements on anti-CAA protesters that have led to multiple riots and mob attacks in Northeast Delhi.

While seeking to "ensure the safety and protection of all protest sites, especially women and children", activists Harsh Mander and Farah Naqvi knocked on the High Court's door for urgent listing of the petition. A bench of Justices G S Sistani and AJ Bhambhani slated the petition for hearing Wednesday.

While claiming in the plea that "10 persons have been killed in cold blood and more than 160 injured by Delhi Police and members of organisations connected to the party in power at the Centre", the activists said, "Delhi Police did not have the right to interrupt the protesters' freedom of speech, as they were participating in a peaceful demonstration".

"Therefore, there has been a breach of Article 19(1) of the Constitution of India," the petition said, and sought that the accused be booked under appropriate IPC sections, including for rioting, and arrested "forthwith".

The plea, which arrayed the Delhi government and police as parties, sought direction that an SIT be constituted "comprising officers from outside Delhi and headed by an officer of

integrity and repute, capable of acting in an independent manner".

The plea alleged, "After provocative hate speeches were given by three prominent politicians (of BJP) linked to the assailants, the assailants carried out multiple brutal assaults on unarmed persons who were protesting against the CAA... Houses, shops and properties were burnt by the assailants with police standing by... In many cases, police were themselves the assailants."

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court will Wednesday hear a plea by Bhim Army Chief Chandrashekhar Azad and others seeking directions to Delhi Police to register FIRs on complaints regarding communal clashes and provide security to Shaheen Bagh protesters. Two PILs that have sought removal of Shaheen Bagh protesters will also be heard.



Kejriwal with his ministers at Rajghat on Tuesday. Twitter

11 FIRs filed, 20 detained

New Delhi: For the violence that has broken out in Northeast Delhi since Sunday evening, police have registered 11 FIRs and detained around 20 people, while claiming Tuesday that the situation was under control. No arrest has been made so far.

Delhi Police spokesperson MS Randhawa said the conflict was between "protesters and anti-groups". ENS

Amid talk of intel failure, Delhi Police gets new Special CP (Law & Order)

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

HOURS AFTER an emergency meeting was called by Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday afternoon in connection with the violence in Northeast Delhi, SN Shrivastava, a 1985-batch AGMUT cadre officer, was repatriated to the Delhi Police from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). He has been appointed as Special Commissioner (Law and Order).

Sources told *The Indian Express* that the decision to appoint Shrivastava with immediate effect was taken after the performance of Delhi Police was analysed by the Home Ministry, which found lack of action on its part since Saturday night.

The CRPF, where Shrivastava was serving as Special DG (training), also issued an order relieving the officer to join his new post after the Home Ministry ordered his premature

repatriation. Shrivastava has joined the new posting and started interacting with police officers to control the violence.

"Things started Saturday night after some people blocked the road under the Jafraabad Metro station. There was intelligence failure on the part of local police as well as the special branch, which were not aware of their movement; they failed to clear the road throughout the night," said police sources.

Sources said that on Saturday night, police force was called in after people gathered at Jafraabad Metro station. However, no timely decision was taken by senior officers of the Eastern range and they were allowed to stage their protest after blocking the road, said sources.

"On Sunday afternoon, local district police failed to anticipate the violence; no extra force was called in by Northeast district police even after people from both communities entered into a verbal spat in front of po-

lice personnel. On Monday, extra police force was called but they were stationed on the main roads, not inside colonies," said police sources.

On Monday night, prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPc were imposed in the Northeast district till March 24. The orders prohibit people from carrying weapons, sticks or any incendiary material.

At around 1 am, Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik arrived in Northeast Delhi and visited all the affected areas.

On Tuesday afternoon, the CRPF and Rapid Action Force were called in with anti-riot gear. In the evening, curfew was imposed for the first time since violence broke out in the area. The blocked road in Jafraabad was also cleared by police. Delhi Police personnel informed locals via speakers to stay inside their homes and not come out since there was a 'shoot-at-sight' order. At 10pm, Patnaik returned and called an emergency meeting at the office of DCP (northeast).

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Rapid Action Force and Delhi Police personnel at Khajuri Khas, Tuesday. Gajendra Yadav

CHAND BAGH AND BHAJANPURA

Adjacent colonies at war until RAF rolled in

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

FOR OVER three hours on Tuesday afternoon, residents of Bhajanpura burnt shops and pelted stones, gradually advancing towards the Muslim-dominated Chand Bagh area. Till afternoon, there was little police presence to push them back. Eventually, at 5.05 pm, reinforcements arrived in the form of the Rapid Action Force and Delhi Police armed in riot gear, who lobbed teargas shells and pelted stones into Chand Bagh as part of their "area domination exercise". Their tactics in dealing with Bhajanpura residents were relatively more muted, and involved asking them to back off minus the teargas. Special CP (Law and Order) Satish Golcha, who led the flag march, was asked why police did not employ equal force while dealing with Bhajanpura residents. He told *The Indian Express*, "Those people (in Chand Bagh) are the aggressors; I saw it myself yesterday night. The people on the other side (Bhajanpura) are carrying weapons for self-defence. I know they will not attack me when I speak to them, but I can't say the same when dealing with the other side. But I am not saying that one side is wrong." The death of 19-year-old Chand Bagh resident Sayid; the alleged burning of a *mazhar*; and the attack on women protesters, allegedly by Delhi Police, added fuel to the fire. Sayid (19), a driver by profession, reportedly died of a gunshot wound. His wife Saijiya, who married him two months ago, said: "What is wrong if we fight for our rights?" Residents of Bhajanpura complained about a petrol pump being torched, allegedly by Chand Bagh residents. Simmering tensions exploded Tuesday morning when a

Muslim youth was beaten up for straying into Bhajanpura. "I had to crawl my way back to Chand Bagh. It was an honest mistake," he said. This prompted some youth from Chand Bagh to break bricks into smaller stones and stuff them into white cement packets, and arm themselves with sticks. Bhajanpura's residents barricaded themselves behind burnt cars and stationed themselves atop a local hospital. The first instances of stonelpelling were reported from Bhajanpura at 3 pm. Soon, armed men patrolled the Khajuri Khas flyover, roughing up pedestrians who made videos as several hundred people set fire to shops and food carts below. Smoke billowed from several areas in Khajuri Khas, and fire tenders could not douse them as they were not granted access. At 5 pm, columns of RAF and Delhi Police personnel finally arrived in buses. Golcha, wearing a bullet proof vest, went around Bhajanpura, while RAF personnel snatched wooden sticks from stray bands of armed men. When Golcha waved off the armed gangs, women wielding sticks complained to him, "Hum tumhara support karte hai", "Theek hai," he told them, and moved on, as they cheered for the police. As the flag march reached Chand Bagh, several RAF personnel rushed to the entrance and fired several teargas shells. The column moved forward and Golcha decided to call off the march. However, just a few metres behind him, Bhajanpura residents set up barricades on the road and pelted stones. The security cordon, rushed to them and told them to back off. Breaking away from the main group, several RAF personnel charged into Chand Bagh and fired teargas shells, while residents pelted stones at them.

Can't bear to look at my photograph: Man at centre of vicious assault caught on camera

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

A PACKET of *halwa* and *parathas* for his children — this was the first thing on Mohammad Zubair's mind when he stepped out of his house in Chand Bagh on Monday. On his way home, Zubair was accosted by a mob wielding wooden sticks and iron rods. He said he was beaten up viciously, even though he begged the men to stop, before the pain took over and he fell unconscious. Photos of the brutal assault on Zubair were captured by a Reuters photographer, and shared widely on Tuesday. The next thing Zubair remembered is waking up at GTB Hospital. He does not remember much about the attack, but the photograph brings up painful memories. "They beat me till they broke me. I begged them and they

beat me some more, viciously. They made communally charged slurs and took (BJP leader) Kapil Mishra's name. I don't remember much. I just hoped my children were safe. I can't bear to look at my photograph, my legs shiver with pain," Zubair told *The Indian Express*. Zubair had left his house on Monday morning to attend a local *dua ka namaaz* and was caught by protesters who, as per eyewitnesses, kept assaulting him with wooden sticks and iron rods till he lost consciousness. He sustained injuries to his head, arms, shoulders and legs. He has since been discharged from GTB Hospital and is being nursed back to health by his cousins in Inderpuri. A father of two daughters, aged five and two, and a son aged four, Zubair feared for their safety and shifted them to his village in UP. He was supposed to pick up



Zubair was accosted by a mob wielding wooden sticks and iron rods in Chand Bagh on Monday. Reuters

his wife, who was at a family wedding, before he was attacked. "My wife and children are far away from all of this now. I am not a political person at all. I was just attending the local *dua ki namaaz* and returning home with

sweets for my children. I thought it would make them happy. I don't know when I will see them," said Zubair. A Class IX passout, Zubair works as a labourer and earns around Rs 15,000 a month. At his two-room set house in

Chand Bagh, his younger brother has locked himself and the rest of the family inside. Their elderly mother was afraid every time she heard a commotion outside, while several children ran into their bedrooms and peeked through the curtains every now and then. His brother and other family members have not been able to meet Zubair, fearing for their own safety. His brother lashed out at people asking him to file a police complaint. "File a complaint against who? A mob? We are small people... We have nothing to do with the protests. We have now been sucked into it. It is a fight for survival now," said his brother, who does not wish to be named. Zubair is yet to come to terms with what happened on Monday afternoon: "I have Hindu friends and it pains me that it turned out like this."

Gambhir calls for action against those provoking people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

EAST DELHI BJP MP Gautam Gambhir Tuesday condemned the violence over the amended citizenship law and demanded strict action against anyone, including his party colleague Kapil Mishra, if they gave provocative speeches. "Whoever, no matter which party he belongs to, whether he is Kapil Mishra or anyone else, who give speeches to provoke people, action should be taken against them," Gambhir told reporters after visiting police officers injured in clashes in Northeast Delhi and admitted at a Patparganj hospital. Mishra, who had contested the recent Assembly polls on a BJP ticket, had led a gathering in support of CAA at Maujpur Chowk in Jafraabad area on Sunday. Soon after he left, violence had erupted between pro and anti-CAA groups. Gambhir said: "If peaceful people can treat men in uniform like this, how will they treat ordinary people? What kind of protest is this?" He also asked anti-CAA protesters to talk to the government which was ready to hear their grievances. "It is not a matter of any political party, it's an issue related to the people of Delhi who want to live peacefully. Strict action should be taken against anybody, whether he is Kapil Mishra or anybody else who gives such speeches. Whatever action is taken, I will support that," he said. On Gambhir's statement, Mishra said: "I don't have to say anything on his statement." In a tweet, he said: "(AIMIM president) Owaisi is abusing me... I am being threatened with murder... my crime is that I dared to speak the truth by looking into the eye of terror. People sympathising with terrorists are hating me."

Class X, XII board exams postponed in NE, East Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

CLASS X and XII board exams scheduled to take place Wednesday have been postponed for students of 86 centres located in Northeast and East Delhi due to violence in these areas. The announcement was made late Tuesday night by CBSE. Class X CBSE students are sitting for their first exam, English, and Class XII students have the

Web Application and Media exam Wednesday. Education Minister Manish Sisodia also announced that all schools in Northeast Delhi will remain shut Wednesday, and internal exams in government schools in the district have been postponed. The CBSE has postponed the two exams for students who are expected to appear in the 86 centres. Seven of these centres are located in East Delhi district — in Dilshad Garden, Kanti Nagar, Shahdara, Gandhi Nagar

and Vishwas Nagar. The rest are located in Northeast Delhi district, including in Yamuna Vihar, Seelampur, Gokalpur, Nand Nagri, Tukhmipur, Maujpur, Shahdara, Karawal Nagar and Seemapuri. According to a senior CBSE official, new question papers will be set for those appearing in these centres. The dates for the exams will be confirmed later. Another official said this is the first time in at least two decades that such a re-scheduling has taken place: "The closest

we have come to having to re-considering the dates and place of examinations was after the 2001 Bhuj earthquake in Gujarat. Then, we had created the option of allowing students to shift their examination centres, but only one student had taken up the option." Earlier in the day, the Delhi HC had directed CBSE to take a decision at the earliest on rescheduling board exams in one centre in Northeast Delhi. Justice Rajiv Shakti had observed that "safety of workers

cannot be put at risk". This was in response to a plea filed on behalf of Bhai Parmanand Vidya Mandir School in East Delhi, whose students were allotted a centre 16 km away in Chandu Nagar-Karawal Nagar, one of the areas rocked by violence. Highlighting that around 550 students in classes X and XII are registered to take the board exam, the plea sought directions to the CBSE to change the exam centre from New Sandhya Public School to one located in East Delhi district.

Reporter shot at, another beaten

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

A 30-YEAR-OLD TV journalist from JK 24X7 News was shot at while an NDTV journalist was allegedly thrashed by rioters in Northeast Delhi Tuesday. Akash Napa was covering the violence at Maujpur at noon when a group of men shot him in his left shoulder, said his colleagues. He was rushed to hospital. Haider Ali, assignment head at JK 24X7 News, said, "Napa lives in Seelampur and left for the assignment at 10.30 am. At 12:10 pm, he did a Facebook Live

on a riot which showed two groups pelting stones at each other. Akash was leaving for another riot site when he was shot by someone from the back. Some locals called a PCR van and he was taken to a hospital half-an-hour later. He will be operated on at night. We came to know about the incident after an hour and rushed to the hospital." In a video released by the news channel, Napa said, "They were firing at police and all of a sudden, a bullet hit me. A few locals picked me up, put me inside a bus and called a PCR van. I think the men who shot me were anti-CAA protesters from

Kardampuri. I saw 10-15 people running towards me... but couldn't see who shot me." A little later in the afternoon, NDTV reporter Arvind Gunasekar was attacked by a mob near Shahdara's Meet Nagar flyover as he shot a video of a religious structure being damaged by men wielding sticks and rods. Gunasekar said, "I received blows to the face and kicks. Three of my front teeth are broken and have to be removed... implants will be put." His colleague Saurabh Shukla and CNN News 18 reporter Runjhun Sharma were with him at the time of the incident.

A LONG 10 WEEKS FOR DELHI POLICE

DEC 15, 2019
■ In a violent confrontation with students inside Jamia Millia Islamia, police clashed with students. Lathis, teargas were used
■ V-C Najma Akhtar in a statement said there was no permission to enter
■ Library, reading room, hostels, washrooms were vandalised
■ Investigation into violence during protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act at New Friends Colony on December 15 has revealed

that three bullets were fired by two police personnel in front of an ACP-rank officer — contrary to Delhi Police claims that not a single bullet was fired by them during the clashes
■ CCTV footage showed cops destroying CCTVs. As per the estimate submitted by Jamia, public property worth Rs 2.66 cr was damaged in the violence
■ Police had denied they had entered the library. No FIR into police's role
JAN 5, 2020
■ Masked persons entered

JNU and vandalised university hostels for four hours, injuring 36 students and teachers
■ For nearly four hours — starting 2.30 pm when masked "miscreants" were first seen gathering inside JNU — 23 calls went from inside the campus to PCR. It wasn't until 7.45 pm that Registrar Pramod Kumar handed over an official letter to Delhi Police, "seeking increased presence and deployment on the premises".
■ For the FIR, police relied heavily on ABVP's footage

and charged the injured student president
■ No arrest made yet
JAN 30, 2020
■ Jamia student shot at by a gunman in full police view. The student received an injury on his arm. The gunman was detained
FEB 1, 2020
■ A gunman, Kapil Gujjar, opened fire at the barricades at Shaheen Bagh protest site. No one was injured and he was eventually overpowered



East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir

FRANCE'S ECONOMY

The president's paradox

Emmanuel Macron's reforms are working, but not for him



France's President Emmanuel Macron attends a debate on the theme of pensions during a visit to Rodez, France, in October last year. Reuters

ABROAD GRIN spreads across Aboubacar Koumbassa's face as he displays the result of his morning's class: a tray of oven-hot pains-aux-raisons (currant pastries), which he and his classmates have baked for the first time. The 18-year-old, in a white chef's cap and apron, had originally hoped for an apprenticeship as an electrician. But it was easier to secure one at a bakery. He now spends one week in three in the classroom, travelling over an hour by train. The other two weeks he is learning on the job. "I made the right choice," he says, carefully inspecting his pastry, "because this is teamwork. Here we learn the theory, and at my firm we are really working."

Apprenticeships offer a much-needed path out of France's highly academic school system and into the world of work. The Campus des Métiers, where Mr Koumbassa studies, lies in the Paris suburb of Seine-Saint-Denis, a neighbourhood of brutalist tower blocks with a poverty rate twice the national average. The centre trains some 1,400 apprentices, in subjects ranging from car mechanics and plumbing to hairdressing and pâtisserie.

On the building's first floor, hairdressing students are practising basic trimming and advanced colouring techniques on plastic model heads. "Whatever your level, what matters is your motivation," the teacher they call Madame tells them: "If you want to, you will succeed." Downstairs in the workshop for apprentice electricians, Souleymane is wiring an electrical-lighting circuit. When asked what he was doing before his apprenticeship, he looks up and grins: "I slept." The course, says his tutor, "really opens the door to jobs, and makes people feel valued in a way they were not at school."

Traditionally, French educationalists have looked down on such vocational courses, which are open to pupils from the age of 16. Just 7% of young people are in apprenticeships in France, half the share in Germany. Last year, however, following a reform of the rules by Emmanuel Macron's government, the total number of French apprentices increased by 16%, to a record high of 491,000. Anybody under the age of 30 can now apply. Part of the idea, said Muriel Pénicaud, the labour minister, was to change "negative stereotypes" associated

with such contracts. She says that 70% of apprentices find jobs within seven months of completing their course.

Nearly three years after Mr Macron was elected president, the first results of his reforms seem to be coming through. Between 2017 and 2019, his government loosened labour-market rules to encourage hiring, redesigned professional training, expanded apprenticeships, and reworked benefit incentives to encourage the unemployed to return to work. These followed corporate tax cuts, a reduction in company payroll charges, and a big international marketing push, to persuade investors that France was open to business.

Since then, economic growth has been solid rather than stellar. French GDP grew last year by 1.2% (faster than in Germany), though it contracted in the fourth quarter. The French economy has been creating jobs and new businesses apace. In the year to September 2019, a net 260,000 jobs were created, up from 188,000 the previous year. Unemployment in the fourth quarter of 2019 fell to 7.9% in mainland France, its lowest level for 11 years.

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on the same period in 2017. Fully 84% of foreign investors now have a positive image of France, up from 36% in 2016, according to Ipsos, a polling group. Perhaps most important, disposable income grew last year by 2%, its fastest pace for 12 years.

Mr Macron can hardly take credit for all of this. France's economy outperformed Germany's partly because it is less export-dependent and more sheltered from trade volatility. One boost to growth was €17bn (\$18.4bn) of income-support measures, implemented only as an emergency response to the *gilets jaunes* protests. Unemployment began to fall under the previous president, François Hollande. Much of the rich world is enjoying a jobs boom. Still, the turnaround is arresting. "The coincidence in timing between Macron's labour-market reforms and the increase in job creation and the quality of jobs created strongly suggests they are a big part of the story," says Philippe Martin, who heads the government's Council of Economic Analysis.

All this should help Mr Macron improve his dismal approval ratings. Yet in January they fell another four points to 30%, according to Ifop, a pollster. The pres-

ident has struggled to shake off a reputation for arrogance and for favouring the rich. His government has bungled the piloting of its last big domestic reform, that of the pensions system. Legislation to merge 42 regimes into a single system went to parliament on February 17th, even though its financing has yet to be agreed. Periodic strikes and protests continue.

Above all, Mr Macron has failed to craft a convincing and positive narrative around such results. It may be that his technocratic policymaking simply fits awkwardly with today's debate. The birthplace of Enlightenment rationalism is proving as vulnerable as any country to distrust in facts, and to the populists who manipulate it. When insee, the official statistics body, unveiled the latest drop in unemployment, Marine Le Pen, a nationalist leader, tweeted: "What if we stopped lying to the French?" At a time when gut feelings trump bar charts, Mr Macron finds it hard to persuade people that his reforms are beginning to work.

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STUDENT DEBT

Getting the maths right

How the next president should fix America's student-loan problem

AMERICA'S TOTAL student debt, at over \$1.5tn, is larger than the national borrowing of most countries. It has quintupled in size since 2004, overtaking both borrowing on credit cards and car finance. This growth is often presented as evidence of a crisis. But the rise in total debt, though arresting, is not the real problem. It largely reflects increased borrowing by graduate students, such as budding lawyers, who will go on to be high earners. And 92% of student debt is owed to the federal government, meaning defaults pose no risk to the financial system. The real problem is that 11m Americans, many poor and non-white, and many duped into studying for worthless degrees, struggle to repay even modest debts.

Some Democratic candidates for president seem not to know this. Bernie Sanders, the front-runner, wants to cancel all student debt — a handout that would indeed provide relief to those who are struggling, but would also offer an enormous windfall to the well-off. Elizabeth Warren would cancel all debt up to \$50,000, a policy that is similarly indiscriminate. Thankfully Joe Biden and Mike Bloomberg, who announced his student-debt policy on February 18th, have plans that are better suited to the problem.

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must repay only a fraction of their annual earnings above a certain threshold. *The Economist* has long argued in favour of such a repayment mechanism, which works well in Britain. Linking repayments to income makes it impossible to be impoverished by student debt, and frees graduates to take risks early in their careers.

America already has income-linked repayment schemes for distressed borrowers, but they are flawed. The earnings thresholds at which repayments begin are too low: typically around \$18,000, compared with

£26,000 (\$34,000) in Britain. The interest rates, which are typically around 6%, are unjustifiably high for borrowing from the government. And the schemes are an administrative nightmare. Students must choose from one of four options and fill out new paperwork every year to avoid penalties. Any outstanding debt is forgiven after 20 or 25 years, but debt-forgiveness is taxable, putting struggling debtors at the mercy of the Internal Revenue Service.

By enrolling everyone automatically, Mr Biden's and Mr Bloomberg's plans would greatly improve the status quo. Both would cut repayments from 10% of income above the threshold to 5%, less even than in the British system. Mr Biden would raise the repayment threshold to \$25,000 and make all debt forgiveness tax-free. Mr Bloomberg would forgive debt that was incurred at failed or predatory for-profit universities and exempt debt forgiveness up to \$57,000 from tax. Both candidates should also consider cutting the high rate of interest.

Making student loans less onerous for borrowers is only half of the remedy, however. Congress should also clamp down on low-quality, for-profit colleges. These institutions depend almost entirely on federal student loans for their revenues, charge the highest possible prices and market themselves aggressively. When students graduate and can-



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not repay their debts, the taxpayer foots the bill. Barack Obama's White House tried to rein these colleges in, but Donald Trump's has loosened the rules. All the Democratic candidates recognise this problem. Republicans are supposed to be suspicious of feeding frenzies at

the government trough, but they are in denial. A reform agenda might also include the federal government's lending to graduate students. Unlike that to undergraduates, this is unlimited. Though not a large source of debt distress, it may be fuelling a pointless and

costly arms race among the affluent. Governments have a part in helping finance higher education, but well-meaning policy can often go badly wrong.

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GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹43,549	₹71.85	\$55.14	₹49,990

*Indian basket as on February 23, 2020

SENSEX: 40,281.20 ▼ 82.03 NIFTY: 11,797.90 ▼ 31.50 NIKKEI: 22,605.41 ▼ 781.33 HANG SENG: 26,893.23 ▲ 72.35 FTSE: 7,115.17 ▼ 41.66 DAX: 12,979.43 ▼ 55.81

AIM FOR BHARATNET WAS TO REACH 2.5L GRAM PANCHAYATS BY MAR 2020

Panchayat net connectivity project set to miss deadline: Only over half service ready

AASHISH ARYAN
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25

THE CENTRAL government's flagship scheme to provide internet connectivity to all 2.5 lakh gram panchayats (GPs) has picked up some pace but is still running behind schedule.

which are now being handled directly by Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), have neared completion. In Bihar more than 91 per cent of total 8,893 GPs have been made service ready, while in Punjab over 97 per cent of 12,940 GPs have been made service ready as of January 31.

EXPLAINED Scheme has neared completion in Bihar, Punjab

THE PACE of BharatNet scheme has picked up some pace in areas which are being handled by BBNL. In Bihar and Punjab it has neared completion, while in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Odisha, the work has picked up pace after the agency started supervising the work being done.

ity with minimum speeds of 50 Mbps to at least five development institutions in the area, minutes of a government meeting showed.

IRDAI may allow life insurers enter health segment; General insurance cos oppose proposal

Nine-member committee set up to study feasibility

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 25

THE INSURANCE Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is considering the possibility of allowing life insurance companies to offer health policies despite opposition from general insurance companies.

3 KEY POINTS

- As of now, only general insurance firms and specialised health insurance companies are allowed to offer indemnity-based health policies
- The IRDAI move follows lobbying by private life insurance firms for an entry into the fast-growing health insurance segment
- However, the General Insurance Council has opposed the proposal

of such covers, leave alone buying them. Before they clamour for insured life insurance industry better market whatever is already within their purview," he said.

SBI Cards IPO price band at ₹750-755

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MUMBAI, FEBRUARY 25

SBI CARDS & Payment Services, India's second largest card issuer, is hitting the market with a Rs 9,000-crore initial public offering with a price band of Rs 750-755 per share.

'Jan records PE investments worth \$2.5 billion'

PE/VC inflows started 2020 on a strong note as January saw investments worth \$2.5 billion, an IVCA-EY report said



36% SHARE OF INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR AMONG ALL PE/VC INVESTMENTS IN JANUARY

\$1.4 billion VALUE OF FIVE LARGE PE/VC DEALS, I.E. VALUE GREATER THAN \$100 MILLION, IN JANUARY

\$461 million Value of 12 PE/VC exit deals recorded in January

Source: IVCA-EY/PTI

34% Rise in PE/VC investments last month over January 2019, when investments worth \$1.9 billion were recorded

41% Fall in PE/VC investments in January as against December 2019, when investments worth \$4.3 billion were recorded

Promoters SBI and Carlyle Group will offload 3.73 crore shares and 9.32 shares, respectively. SBI holds 74 per cent in SBI Card and the rest by the Carlyle Group and they will pare their stakes by 4 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively, SBI Managing Director Dinesh Khara said.

Sebi paper: Stricter norms proposed for corporate bonds, debenture trustees

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WITH DEFAULTS by listed corporates on the rise, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has proposed stronger regulatory framework for governing corporate bonds and debenture trustees, including enhanced disclosure requirements.

debenture trustees in the expeditious enforcement of the security has brought to the fore the need for a review of the present regulatory framework for debenture trustees," Sebi said in a consultation paper on 'Review of the Regulatory Framework for Corporate Bonds and Debenture Trustees'.

regulator has suggested that non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) should create charge on the identified assets for every bond issue. "The increased events of default by a few financial institutions and the lapses/complications on the part of

for monitoring the asset quality. If the delinquency rate in assets breaches the proposed threshold, issuer will be asked to replace those assets with other standard assets within a given time frame," Sebi said.

IERTC: ROLE OF RERA IN ENERGIZING REAL ESTATE SECTOR IN GURUGRAM

Promoters have to push govt to provide external development services: HRERA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURUGRAM, FEBRUARY 25

"PROMOTERS PUTTING pressure on the right authorities" is critical for completion of projects in Gurugram, and for ensuring basic infrastructure is available to people purchasing houses in the city, Chairman of Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (HRERA) KK Khandelwal noted.

because now there is a well written statute, there is an awakening and awareness among customers," he added.

RERA, confidence of buyers has been restored," said Khandelwal, warning, however, that "bad promoters" should be "taught a lesson" so as to prevent a "perilous" impact on real estate growth.

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Left to right: Digbijoy Bhowmik, Sector Lead—Urban Transformation Infrastructure, Government & Healthcare, KPMG; Samir Kumar, Member, HRERA; KK Khandelwal, Chairman, HRERA; Subhash Chand Kush, Member, HRERA; Navin Raheja, CMD, Raheja Group and Amarjit Bakshi, CMD, Central Park at the Indian Express Round Table Conference on Role of RERA in Energizing The Real Estate Sector in Gurugram. Abhinav Saha

house with water, electricity, sewer line, all social infrastructure, schools," said Raheja.

His counterpart at Central Park, Amarjit Bakshi, however, laid the blame for this, and the lack of demand created by it, squarely on

person you can hold responsible." Khandelwal, meanwhile, stressed the need for promoters to build pressure on the government to provide these services, while rebuking them for failing to take this into consideration while

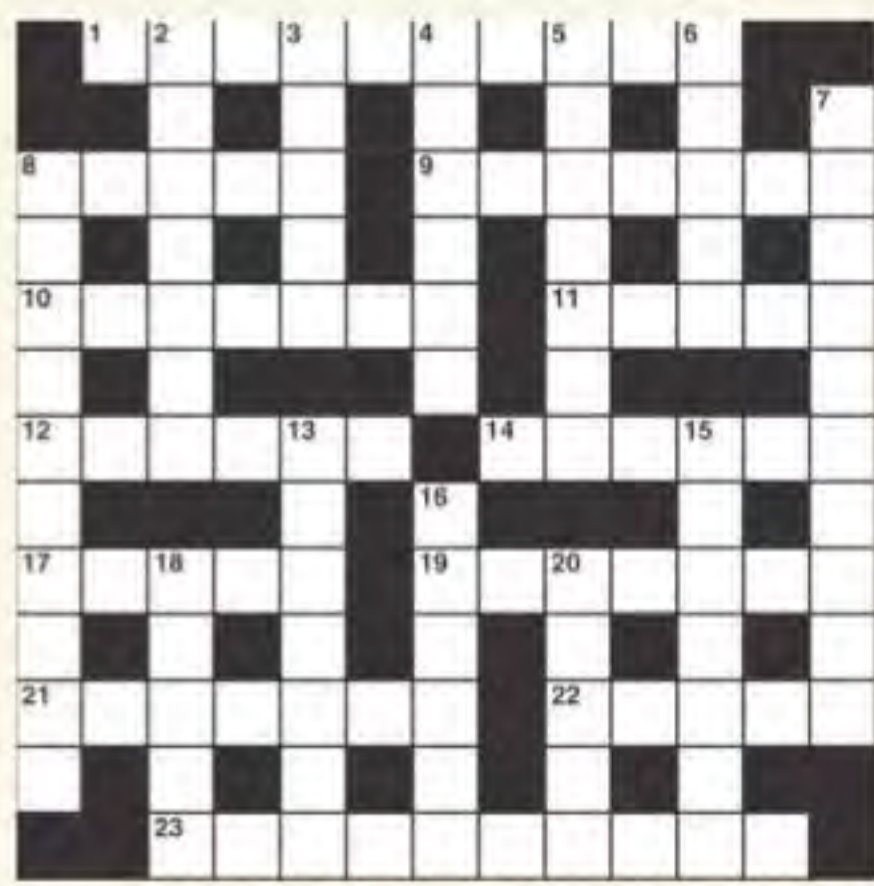
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"This act is not only about regulating, it is also about developing the sector, about how real estate as an industry should evolve, with respect to the current situation in the market. The job of the authority is not simply protecting the customers," said Bhowmik.

CROSSWORD 4051



- ACROSS
1 Tricky question on immorality tabled for the afternoon (3,7)
2 Put in a winning position (5)
8 Money fine? (7)
10 He makes payment for various letters (7)
11 Possibly eager to comply (5)
12 Suit to change into? (6)
14 The little beast turns into a little angel on her entering (6)
17 Some irregular goings-on in slow motion (5)
19 He charges a couple of hundred to the employer (7)
21 Tail one wags in delight (7)
22 Pain that makes any go wild (5)
23 Overbearing attitude of one surrendering? (4-6)
Down
2 I am put in a ruined castle for a stretch maybe (7)
3 Brief period of enchantment (5)
4 Disc giving the best performance (6)
5 I'm quietly confronting every single charge (7)
6 Put your name down to go in (5)
7 More mature fruit used to make wine (10)
8 Incredible doctrine of a bygone age (4,6)
13 Low loop for tying up (7)
15 Support a mineral cure (7)
16 Craft project (6)
18 The length a boxer will go to (5)
20 A measure of restraint (5)

Solutions Crossword 4050: Across: 1 At home, 4 Stupid, 9 Divorce, 10 Strum, 11 Caste, 12 Enemies, 13 Oddly enough, 18 Defiant, 20 Untie, 22 Genus, 23 Average, 24 Sidney, 25 Athena. Down: 1 Abduct, 2 Hives, 3 Marvel, 5 Taste, 6 Parting, 7 Damask, 8 Deferential, 14 Defined, 15 Opuient, 16 Adages, 17 Geneva, 19 Aisle, 21 Trade.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

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.

AWAER, PPSYLU, DIVOO, AELRMV. Includes a grid for jumbled words and a solution key.

SUDOKU 4132

Difficulty Level 3s
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 puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4131

Solution grid for Sudoku 4131.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT-CISF
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presented 'Best Marching Contingent Trophy' of RD-2020 to CISF at a function organized at South Block, New Delhi.



AWARD-NFL
Manoj Mishra, CMD, NFL, recently received 'Leadership Award' from AR Meghwal, Minister of State (Parliamentary Affairs, Heavy Industry & Public Enterprises) during Governance Now 7th PSU Awards function held in New Delhi.



AWARD-IIFCL
IIFCL received the Governance Now 7th PSU Award for Communication Outreach at New Delhi from AR Meghwal, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, and Shailesh Lodha.



AWARD-NBCC
NBCC was conferred with 'Global Safety Award 2020' by Energy and Environment Foundation at its Global Excellence Awards event in New Delhi.



MoU-NSIC
NSIC signed MoU with MMTC for supply of Imported Non-Ferrous Metals to MSMEs through NSIC.



AGREEMENT-BYPL
BYPL & EVM have entered into an agreement to set up a connected network of PlugNgo EV charging stations.



MoU-ICAI
Recently, ICAI signed a MoU with IIM Jammu, which would facilitate both institutions working together to explore areas of mutual collaboration & cooperation for offering executive training programs exclusively for the Chartered Accountants.



WORLD THINKINGDAY-SWR
Recently, SWR State Bharat Scouts & Guides celebrated 'World Thinking Day' at the SWR Women's Welfare Organisation High School, Hubballi.



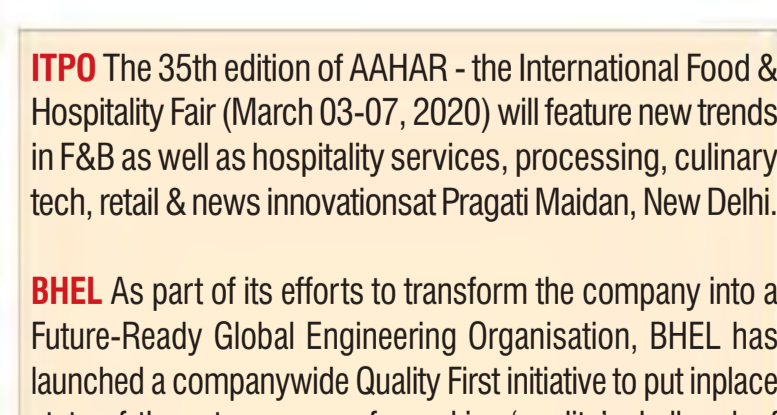
FOUNDATION DAY-OBC
78th Foundation Day of OBC was recently celebrated at Circle Office, Agra with great pomp and show.



INAUGURATION-NLCIL
Kolanjappar Govt. Arts college, Vriddhachalam, gets multi-purpose auditorium built by NLCIL as part of its CSR initiative.



APPOINTMENT
NHPCC Recently, Abhay Kumar Singh has taken over as CMD of NHPCC. Prior to this, he held the position of ED, NHPCC.



ITPO The 35th edition of AAHAR - the International Food & Hospitality Fair (March 03-07, 2020) will feature new trends in F&B as well as hospitality services.

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED
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Repair maintenance, Construction of Security Barracks etc
E-Tender Notice No. CON/JRBM-2/2020/FEB/01; Dated: 17-02-2020. Open tender through e-tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed Contractor(s)/firm(s) for the following works - Tender No. Dy. CE-CON-JT-2020-02. Name of work: Repair maintenance, construction of Security Barracks, Transit camps and other ancillary works between Tunnel-6 to Tunnel-10 P1 under the jurisdiction of Dy. CE/CON/JRBM-2 in connection with construction of New Railway Line from Jiribam to Tupul Project of N.F. Railway.

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