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CAA FIRE REFUSES TO DIE DOWN

After Jamia, protest rocks Delhi's Seelampur

CAA a relief for Pak woman settled in Balangir



Police attempt to disperse protesters during a demonstration seeking withdrawal of the Citizenship Amendment Act, at Seelampur in New Delhi on Tuesday

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police. The protesters did not even spare the 'school buses', carrying children in Seelampur area, to vent out their anger as they pelted stones and bricks on the buses. Police on spot somehow managed to evacuate the buses filled with school children. Several video of the violence at Seelampur area were doing rounds on social media. According to police, three bikes of were burnt by the demonstrators, two police booth in the area were vandalised and CCTV cameras installed there were taken away by the mob.

A police officer said the windshields of two buses were damaged by the mob. A Rapid Action Force bus was pelted with stones.

"The protest began at around 12 noon. The protesters raised slogans against the new law as well as the National Register of Citizens (NRC). There were initially small groups of people who started the protest against the CAA and they went in lanes and bylanes of Seelampur. By the time they came on the Jafrabad main road, there were almost 3,000 people and the police were escorting them," said a senior police official.

Police said they have taken the locals into confidence through respectable people in the area and also through mosques and madrasa there.



PNS ■ BALANGIR

Even as mass protests continue against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) across the country, a woman from Pakistan married into a family of Balangir district is a happy person over the new law.

Sarada Sitwani, a Hindu woman having citizenship of Pakistan, migrated to India with her family when she was 18. The Sindhi family settled in Koraput district. Sarada, who is now in her early 50s, married one Mahesh Kukreja of Thikadarpada village in Balangir district and they now

have two children. However, even after 29 years of her marriage, she is yet to get Indian citizenship. She is the only member of the family having a Pakistani passport.

Sarada claims that despite repeated appeals, she has failed to get Indian citizenship. She now hopes to gain citizenship of this country after legislation of the CAB.

Sarada said that since they are Hindus, her family had been tortured and exploited by people in Pakistan. When the situation became intolerable, the family left their house and property back in Pakistan and migrated to India.

21 injured; cops, protesters fight pitched battle

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The protest over Citizen Amendment Act (CAA) on Tuesday moved out of the universities in the national Capital to North East Delhi's Seelampur area on Tuesday with hundreds of protesters

torching several bikes, pelted stones at the Delhi Police and damaged public buses.

The Delhi Police used force and fired tear gas shells to disperse the protesters. Plumes of smoke billowed from at least two localities in the area as the standoff continued for around one-and-a-half hours on Tuesday afternoon. Police said the situation was brought under control and adequate police force has been deployed to maintain law and order in the area.

Twenty-one people, including 12 policemen and six civilians, were injured in violence, police said. Police said the protesters were marching from Seelampur towards adjoining Jafrabad. Clashes erupted between police and protesters at Seelampur Chowk when the security personnel tried to stop them from moving ahead. The fresh clashes erupted two days after violence broke out during a protest in the New Friends Colony area in South Delhi near Jamia Millia Islamia.

According to Anil Mittal, the Additional Public Relation Officer (APRO), Delhi Police, two First Information Reports (FIRs) has been registered at Jafrabad and Seelampur police station regarding the violence.

"Police have detained five people. One police personnel condition is said to be serious. He has been referred to Guru Tej Bahadur (GTB) hospital for the treatment," said Mittal.

Meanwhile, protesters alleged that they were baton charged by police, however, their claims were denied by the

State Cabinet okays agri policy SAMRIDHI

To ensure growth in farming, farmers' income

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Cabinet on Tuesday approved State Agriculture Policy 2019, named 'SAMRIDHI' to boost the farming sector and farmers income.

The Cabinet, which met under chairmanship of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, gave its nod to the policy which is aimed at ensuring continuous growth in farmers' income, making the growth process

inclusive of small and marginal farmers, ensuring sustainable, stable and scalable agricultural growth.

The policy was named SAMRIDHI in view of its key points of leveraging science and technology, adaptation to climate change, markets (domestic and global), physical and financial, spot and future, resource use efficiency ensuring higher productivity, creating appropriate infrastructure, diversification of production to high value agriculture, human resource upgrading and skilling and strengthening institutions.

The policy focuses on creating an ecosystem interlinking inputs-production - markets,



sustainable increase in yields of paddy and diversification to high value agriculture (HVA), encouraging efficient and ecologically sensitive use of inputs mainly water, land and soil. It would promote processing which includes cleaning, grading, etc., for better value capture, create value-chains particularly of vegetables, dairy

and poultry and encourage aggregation of farmers in farmer producer organisations (FPO).

The policy has also dealt some broad sections i.e. crop diversification, markets, infrastructure, value-chains 8t processing, production and productivity, livestock and fisheries, research, development, extension, disaster management, insurance and areas with special focus.

The policy also encompasses activities in the sectors of fisheries, livestock, procurement, credit, insurance, irrigation, etc., for boosting the overall farmers' income.

Muslims urge Naveen not to implement CAA

Hold demo in Bhubaneswar

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Members of several Muslim bodies of the State staged a peaceful demonstration here on Tuesday in protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

Holding placards with 'Save Democracy' and 'Boycott CAA' messages, the minority community members took out a rally from Satyanagar covering several parts of the city up to Sishu Bhawan Chhok.

Later, the members went to meet Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at his residence to submit a memorandum demanding withdrawal of the CAA and measures to protect the community's interests in the State. Terming the CAA as unconstitutional, the protesters alleged that it violates Articles



14 and 15 of the Constitution. Since there is an apprehension of discrimination, it is distressing to see that the Constitutional rights in secular India are at stake, they said.

"We want immediate withdrawal of the CAA to bring peace in the country. Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently said the issue will be reviewed, but we want that the Government should immedi-

ately withdraw it," said an agitator.

Another agitator said, "The Muslim community is apprehensive about the CAA; and we want our Chief Minister not to implement it in Odisha."

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Women, Child Dev Dept comes under Mo Sarkar

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In a bid to ensure better delivery of its programmes, the State Government on Tuesday included the Women, Child Development and Mission Shakti Department under its Mo Sarkar initiative.



The Chief Minister said. 5T Secretary V Karthikeyan Pandian, who was present at the programme, said directives have been issued to the officials to include only Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to provide sattu to Anganwadi Centres. He also asked the department staffs to clear the bills of SHGs and other service providers and timely provide revolving fund and infrastructure fund of Mission Shakti.

‘Why no fast-track court established yet’

BJP also seeks women PSs in all districts in 2 months

courts. But Odisha has no such courts. While the Union Government is bearing 60 per cent of the expenditure for establishment of fast-track

Government take early steps for establishment of women police stations in all districts in two months’ time. He said while 1,928 rape

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Leader of Opposition in the State Assembly Pradipta Naik on Tuesday asked the State Government to clarify in public as to why it has not set up a single fast-track court for trial of cases of rape and other atrocities against women.



The Government has decided to include all the departments under the Mo Sarkar initiative by March 5 next. courts, the Odisha Government should clarify why it has not set up a single fast-track court, Naik demanded to know. Addressing a Press conference here, Naik further slammed the Government for not establishing adequate numbers of women police station in the State. Informing that there are only six such police stations operating in the State, Naik demanded that the situation in the State.

Disqualify 9 B'garh ZP Members: BJP to SEC

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The BJP on Tuesday urged the State Election Commission (SEC) to disqualify the nine Zilla Parishad Members of Bargarh, who claim to have joined the BJD a few months back, under the anti-defection law.



should be cancelled under the anti-defection law, said party's State spokesperson Golak Mohapatra. He alleged that the BJD has adopted unfair means in taking the nine ZP members to its fold. Among others, BJP State vice-president Ashwini Sarangi, spokesperson Umakant Patnaik, district president Arupananda Sahu and Irasis Acharya were present.

‘Instal rainwater harvesting system in 6 months’

BMC, BDA ask building owners

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) and the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) have set a deadline of six months for building owners to instal Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) system, failing which they may face strict action as per law.



which includes but not limited to revocation or permission/ revocation/suspension of occupancy certificate. All Government and private owners are requested to treat this as an opportunity to contribute in making of a climate-resilient Bhubaneswar, the order added. The civic bodies further

either for reuse purpose or recharge of the stored rainwater into the ground. A team from BDA and BMC will make surprise visits to various buildings to check violation of the rule. The authority will check whether these buildings have constructed the facility; and if not, strict action will be taken against the building owners, a BDA officer said. Mandatory provisions have been prescribed in the BDA (Planning & Building Standards) Regulations since 2008 for effective management of rainwater, which includes harvesting, storing, reuse and groundwater-recharging of rainwater within the premises; and the rainwater harvesting structures shall be mandatorily provided in the plots which are more than 300 square metre in area including open spaces; and the provisions of the regulations shall also be applicable to any building constructed without an approved plan and buildings constructed with deviation of an approved plan.

MEDICINE SHOP OWNER KILLING

Contract killer engaged to execute job, says SP

PNS ■ KHORDHA

Even as police are yet to make much headway in the Khordha firing incident, which claimed life of a medicine shop owner and left a paediatrician doctor seriously injured, district SP Ajay Pratap Swain on Tuesday said involvement of a contract killer is suspected in the incident.

ascertain the motive behind the attack, the SP said. As many as four police teams have been formed to apprehend the accused, the SP said, adding that the murderer would be arrested soon. The condition of the paediatrician, who is undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar, is now stable, he said. A police team is in Ganjam trying out ascertaining if any contract killer from that district was engaged to bump off the doctor. The attack on the doctor and the medicine shop owner is believed to be carried out by a professional.

The family of the doctor has ruled out personal enmity as the reason behind the attack. Police are investigating into all the angles, including property feud and professional rivalry, to find out the motive, said sources. Notably, an unidentified masked miscreant had fired multiple rounds at Dr Manas Das and medicine shop owner Krushnachandra Sahu from close range at the doctor's clinic here on Sunday.

New OCS Rules for promotion soon

Dist Revenue Service Rules to be amended Stamp Duty of ₹2 cr of Reliance Poly Fibres exempted

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to amend a provision of the Oda University Act, 2017 to establish the Oda University headquarters at Satyabadi in compliance with the decision of the Heritage Cabinet in this regard.



that the headquarters of the university would be established at Bhubaneswar. With a view to recruiting quality manpower and due to the requirements in the changing scenario specifically, e-governance initiatives implemented by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department for field offices, proposed amendments to the Odisha District Revenue Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Services) Rules, 1983 were approved by the Cabinet.

To provide impetus and introduce the prospect of out-of-turn promotion irrespective of batch/ year of allotment for exceptional and exemplary achievements in furthering good governance and ease of public service delivery by the officers and employees of the State Government, the Cabinet approved a proposal to frame a new set of Rules called Odisha Civil Service (Out of turn promotion) Rules, 2019. The Cabinet also approved a proposal of the Reliance (Poly Fibres Ltd) Industries for exemption of stamp duty amounting to Rs 2,15,64,648 in compliance with an order of the High Court.

Lecturers’ recruitment upper age limit now 48

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

To give opportunity to more candidates belonging to Ex-Servicemen/Commissioned and SSC Officers of Defense service and persons with disabilities (PwDs), the State Cabinet on Tuesday decided to amend the OJS and OJS Rules, 2007. After amendment, the upper age limit for Ex-Servicemen/ Commissioned and SSC Officers of Defense would be relaxed by five years and the upper age for Persons with Disabilities would be relaxed by 10 years over and above the normal relaxation admissible to Scheduled Caste,

Scheduled Tribe and SEBC for recruitment to the post of Civil Judge. Recruitment and appointment of Government college teachers enjoying UGC scale of pay is being made through Odisha Public Service Commission. The age limit for applying for the post of lecturers in Government colleges is from 21 years to 33 years allowing admissible relaxations in different reserved categories. Following a requisition made to the OPSC for selection of candidate for filling up of 606 vacant degree lecturer posts on October 1, 2019, representation/recommendation were received to enhance the

upper age limit in view of PhD/NET qualification being made mandatory for recruitment to such posts. While the Health and Family Welfare Department has fixed maximum age of 45 years for selection of lecturers in medical, homeopathic and ayurvedic colleges, the upper age limit for selection of lecturers recruited by State Selection Board is 42 years. But no upper age limit has been fixed by the UGC. Considering all these, the Government has decided to give one time relaxation in enhancing the upper age limit from 33 years to 48 years for recruitment of lecturers.

Cardiac care unit functions in Capital Hospital

Treatment done free of cost

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Health and Family Welfare Minister Nabakishore Das on Tuesday said an advanced heart care centre has started functioning at the Capital Hospital premises here with eminent cardiologist Prabhat Kumar Dash as its Director. He told reporters that the State Government would bear all the expenses of the heart patients who would undergo surgery at this unit. Das said, "Taking the new infrastructure and the staff strength into consideration, the centre can conduct 15 to 20

surgeries every day." Dr Prabhat Dash, who is presently working as the Head of the Department of Cardiology at the Satya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences in Bengaluru, has nearly 30 years of experience in cardiac treatment. He was nominated for the Outstanding Health Professional Worldwide Award in 2007 and won the Rashtriya Rattan Award in 2008 for his contribution to the field of medicine in India. Notably, Minister Das had announced about such a centre in November this year. An updated cathlab and modern infrastructure are available at the Capital Hospital. "There will be no space crunch; and very soon the operation theatres for heart

In Bhadrak Constable held for ditching woman colleague

PNS ■ BHADRAK

A police constable was arrested on Tuesday in Bhadrak district for allegedly ditching a woman colleague after having a physical relationship on the guise of marrying her. Sources said accused Jagatpati Hansdah was in a relationship with the woman constable for more than six years and kept physical relations on the pretext of marriage.

But he recently refused to marry her, following which the victim approached the Bhadrak SP over the matter. Though the SP tried to settle the matter amicably, Hansdah stuck to his stand of no marriage to the woman. The woman lodged a complaint in this regard at the Bhadrak Town police station, on the basis of which a case has been registered under Sections 376 (1), 493, 312 and 506 of the IPC.

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Sainik School Old Boys' meet on Dec 22



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The 49th annual meet of the Old Boys' Association (OBA) of the Sainik School Bhubaneswar would be held on Dec 22 at the school.

There would be discussions on the requirements of

the school and how they would be solved. A large number of OBA members, who are in active services in the Indian armed forces, civil services and the corporate sector in India and abroad are likely to attend with their families.

Besides, a health camp, a

blood donation camp and a cultural programme would also be organised.

All the old boys of the school have been requested by OBA president Amitabh Swain and secretary Dr Niranjan Padhi to join the meet and make it a grand success.

Slum youths join meet on gender-based violence

SOCIALLY SMART INITIATIVE IN BBSR

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A one-day orientation programme on gender and gender-based violence was organised on Tuesday at the Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD) for 70 young boys and girls from various slums of Bhubaneswar.

The training tried to create understanding on gender and how it tries to control the behaviour of people in society. It also helped participants to understand how patriarchal values define gender roles in the social structure and that it changes from one society to another and also from time to time.

The programme was a part of the Social Projects of Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited (BSCL) which is a collaborative initiative of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, BSCL and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The project is being



implemented at slum-level through partner NGO Humara Bachpan Trust.

Mama Nayak, 14-year-old girl from Bayabasta Basti said such training should be given to all people as this would help them understand that the basic difference that divides men and women was sociological and not biological.

Biswaranjan Sahoo, 16, from Buddheshwari Labour Colony said that he came to know many things, especially about sex and gender through the event.

Inspector in-Charge of Mahila Police Station Banita Maharana talked about the crimes happening against young women in the society and how the young people especially girls should be made aware of the crimes so that they would not fall prey to such social menace.

Bibhuti Pradhan, resource person for the training programme said the training helped to create confidence among youth to raise voice against the gender-based violence.

Jungle Safari at Similipal Nat'l Park planned

Boating facility at Satkosia to be extended

PNS ■ BARIPADA/ANGUL

With an aim to increase footfalls at the Similipal National Park in Mayurbhanj district, the State Government has decided to develop a Jungle Safari in an area covering 25 km.

The safari would be developed from Gudgudi to Devasthali in Similipal. The Forest and Environment Department has been asked to

chalk out plans on the type of animals to be released in the Jungle Safari and kind of vehicle to carry tourists inside it. However, officials have not revealed any deadline for the project.

In another development, the Government has decided to extend the boating facility at the Satkosia Sanctuary gorge in Angul district. Visitors would now be able to take boat ride in the entire gorge area stretching from Badmul to Tikarpada. Currently, boating facility is being provided at the gorge over Mahanadi river near Tikarpada and in some areas at Badmul.

Since the Satkosia gorge, the deepest running water system of Mahanadi, houses crocodiles, tourists are not allowed for boat rides in the core areas of Satkosia. But now, it has been decided to provide boating facility for tourists in the entire gorge to increase footfalls, said an official.

The Forest and Environment Department has been asked to make all safety arrangements for tourists and provide well-equipped large boats for the facility. It has also been decided to develop a Jungle Safari between Chutkei and Taluka Waterfall in the Satkosia Tiger Reserve area.

MLA inaugurates Khordha Mahotsav

PNS ■ KHORDHA

Khordha MLA K. Jyotirindra Nath Mitra inaugurated the 20th Khordha Mahotsav-2019 organised by the New Thinking Forum at the stadium here on Monday.

The Khordha Mahotsav is being organised since the year 2000 for promotion of the culture and heritage of Khordha. This year, about 200 stalls are put up. Fairs on agriculture, health and clothes would be organised. Besides, Minabazaar, Ramdoli and dance programmes would be held to entertain children.



Dances like Odishi, Sambalpuri, Kuchipudi, Bhagada, Bihu, Paika Akhada and Danda Nrutya would be performed by artists coming from different parts of the State.

Among others, Mahotsav

president Dillip Srichandan, working president Narendra Kumar Prusty, Bidhan Chandra Mohanty, Prafulla Kumar Routray, Mahotsav committee coordinators Sisir Parida and Abani Jena were present.

IN BRIEF

U SAMMILANI CELEBRATES BHANJDEO BIRTH ANNIV



Bhubaneswar: The Utkal Sammilani Central Committee celebrated the 148th birth anniversary of its first president and the then Mayurbhanj Maharaja Shreeram Chandra Bhanjdeo here on Tuesday. Sammilani members garlanded the statue of Bhanjdeo at Power House Chhak. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of committee president Basant Kumar Tripathy. General secretary Dr Radhanath Praharaj coordinated the event. Among others, Reader Duryodhan Parida, Prof Kashinath Rath, Dr Banambar Parida, Trinath Samantray, Bhubaneswar branch president Tapas Ranjan Mishra, Er Satyajit Nayak, Pathani Jena, Sarada Kumar Sahoo, Chinnal Bode, Dr Subhranshu Sekhar Das, Surendra Pail, Bijay Jena, Biranchi Jena and Bairagi Sethi were present. Vice-president Dr Gourant Prasad Behera proposed a vote of thanks.

OMC SOUTH KALIAPANI MINES GETS SAFETY AWARD

Bhubaneswar: For its committed and sustained efforts to ensure safety and employees' welfare at workplace, the Odisha Mining Corporation's (OMC) South Kaliapani Mines has received the National Safety Award from Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu at a function at the Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The OMC has witnessed tremendous growth in the last three years achieving Rs 4,052-crore annual turnover in the last financial year. It had made a turnover of Rs 2,853 crore in the 2017-18 fiscal.

KHARIAR COLLEGE ATHLETIC MEET ENDS



Nuapada: The two-day Annual Athletic Meet of Khariar Autonomous College concluded on Tuesday with a prize-distribution ceremony. While Nirakar Baghel and Manoj Sabar were declared as champions in men's senior and junior groups respectively, the senior and junior champions in women's groups were Annapurna Patel and Dhanmati Majhi, respectively. Retired Physical Education Teacher Amulya Pattnaik, Dr Himanshu Sadangi, Dr Fanindam Deo, Shrikant Joshi and Dr Supriya Chatterjee attended as guests. Among others, college Principal Harendra Panda and Dr Tarun Kumar Pradhan were present.

GIRLS' SELF-DEFENCE TRAINING MEET HELD



Bhappur (Nayagarh): The Prahallad Higher Secondary School, Padmabati in Nayagarh district organised a self-defence training meet for girls recently. As many as 90 girls in three categories were trained in the programme. Chinmayee Mallick and Sukhanakma Devi, students of Nayagarh Autonomous College, were the trainers. On the concluding day, college Principal Dr Kishore Chandra Samantray attended as guest and spoke about the importance of self-defence. Teacher Purnima Sadangi coordinated the programme.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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Sl. No.	Name of work	Tender Cost (Rs.in lakh)
1	2	3
1	Construction of Ward at Mahidharapada CHC under Baranga Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	35.90
2	Construction of operation Theater Mahidharapada CHC under Baranga Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	28.80
3	Construction of Labour Room Mahidharapada CHC under Baranga Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	25.70
4	Construction of Ward at Bentakar CHC under Cuttack Sadar Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	35.85
5	Construction of Labour Room at Adaspur CHC under Kantapada Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	24.95
6	Construction of Operation Theater at Bentakar CHC under Cuttack Sadar Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	28.70
7	Construction of Operation Theater at Adaspur CHC under Kantapada Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	28.80
8	Construction of Operation Theater at Nischintakolli CHC under Nischintakolli Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	29.00
9	Construction of Ward at Nischintakolli CHC under Nischintakolli Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	36.00
10	Construction of Attendant Rest Shed at Salipur CHC N) under Salipur Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	22.70
11	Construction of Attendant Rest-Shed at Mahanga CHC under Mahanga Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	22.70
12	Construction of Operation Theater at Tangi CHC under Tangi Choudwar Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	29.00
13	Construction of Labour Room at Niali CHC under Niali Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	25.50
14	Construction of Operation Theater at Niali CHC under Niali Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	29.30
15	Construction of 'D' type Qtr 2 Nos Compound Wall and Approach road at CHC Adaspur in the District of Cuttack for the year 2018-19.	32.92

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Sl. No.	Name of work	Tender Cost (Rs.in lakh)
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1	Construction of OPD at Salipur CHC under Salipur Block in the District of Cuttack for the year 2019-20.	60.20

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Nalco Pottangi mines supported in public hearing



PNS ■ KORAPUT/ BHUBANESWAR

The National Aluminium Company Limited (Nalco) was allotted the Pottangi bauxite mines in Koraput district. As part of statutory conditions, the public hearing for environment clearance was held on Tuesday in a peaceful and amicable manner, wherein thousands of villagers from peripheral villages of Pottangi block attended the meeting supporting the project.

With significant participation of villagers, the meeting was conducted smoothly in presence of large number of public representatives, present and past members of Parliament of Koraput and

others, who shared their views. Koraput ADM Deben Kumar Pradhan presided over the meeting. As of now, the Nalco is using the bauxite from its Panchpatnali mines to feed stock to its refinery. For the company's expansion plans this additional source of bauxite is essential. The production capacity of bauxite from proposed Pottangi mine is 3.5 MTPA. With the grant of mining lease, it will hugely benefit and contribute for the development of Pottangi and adjoining areas. Apart from infrastructure development, opening up of new business establishments, public services, it will also facilitate direct and indirect employment to the local youths, said a release.

Defanging RTI

The SC may argue that pleas are frivolous but the fact is a filter kills the very purpose of ensuring transparency



Ever since it became a reality, the Right to Information Act (RTI Act), which guarantees transparency in governance and ensures its accountability to citizens, has been defanged by successive regimes. It all began with the Manmohan Singh government when establishment hawks claimed that the law was being misused by "frivolous and vexatious" requests for information. Another canard was also spread about RTI being used as blackmail, a ruse to stifle it as more and more cases of corruption tumbled out of the cupboard following even simple requests for information. This thread was picked up by Home Minister Amit Shah who asserted that citizens do not have the need to file RTI applications because the Modi government is anyway transparent. Obviously, the RTI petitions had led to embarrassing revelations on demonetisation, Aadhaar and even bank NPAs. The judiciary, too, has not been proactive on this as questions have begun to be raised about the lack of transparency in its functioning. Agreed every law has advantages and pitfalls and the RTI could probably do with some caveats but when the Supreme Court, too, plays up the establishment's anxieties, then the implication becomes serious for the common man. On Monday, the court ruled that the misuse and "criminal intimidation" of RTI should be stopped and that only petitioners, who are connected or involved with the issues raised, would be entertained. Describing the huge flow of applications under RTI as a "serious problem", the Bench said though it was not opposed to the transparency law, there was a need to evolve some mechanism to ensure that only the affected or concerned person has the recourse to power. The problem with such filtering mechanism is that you first isolate the information seeker, making it that much easier for the powers that be to hound or silence him/her than when it is a class action plea. Far too many reports have emerged of RTI activists being killed. According to the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, 84 RTI activists have been killed in India since October 2005. Second, information on a policy matter of far-reaching consequence can never be a matter of personal but general interest. For example, no political party or politician will seek or be a party to a scrutiny of the electoral bond scheme, the working of which impacts voter preferences. Also, if a bidder in a government contract loses out over suspected foul play, will the individual/organisation pursue a petition, the effort for which may disqualify them from future contracts as a trouble-maker? The top court, however, directed the Centre and various State Governments to fill up vacancies of information commissioners, which have further held up crucial files. Independent studies have shown that at one time there were four vacancies in the 11-member Central Information Commission (CIC) while pendency had been rising every month to touch 33,000. The studies also found out that an appeal in the Andhra Pradesh State Information Commission could take 18 years for scrutiny. That time taken in Bengal and Odisha would be five and four years.

The RTI is slowly becoming another casualty of democracy, the government having whittled down its efficacy and the institutions formed by it with an amended version. The new RTI anyway strips the Information Commissioners from the immunity that is given to Supreme Court judges and Chief Election Commissioners, subjecting their service records, tenure and salaries to the discretion of the government or the Executive. Effectively, it means defanging them as the Government can remove them when it considers them unsuitable to its design. A fixed tenure and autonomy regardless of the government of the day would enable them to pursue fair probes. Otherwise, they would be afraid to be independent. Even our first Chief Information Commissioner, Wajahat Habibullah, and several other bureaucrats had written to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to not bring the amendments and dilute what actually empowers the common man. Modi, who made running a corruption-free government his professed mantra since 2015, lost credibility by pushing something antithetical to that spirit. But now that he has the heft of the Lok Sabha verdict, he is beyond any criticism of the citizenry that voted him. Information Commissions are crucial links in allowing access to the workings of the Government. The system was anyway dependent on retired bureaucrats and now has loyalists. As it appears, RTI is now a robotic ritual than democratic intervention.

Trust in Max

Ten months after the Boeing 737 Max was grounded, it seems it's not getting back into the air soon

The American plane-maker Boeing's tremendous confidence in the ability of its latest jet, the 737 Max, even after two dramatic fatal accidents in Ethiopia and Indonesia killed close to 400 people, was worth watching. The Max was grounded worldwide in March but Boeing kept churning them out at a rate touching 42 a month. This has led to over 400 aircraft sitting around Boeing's factories at Seattle, unable to fly anywhere. Boeing's confidence in its jet and almost bombastic optimism that it would be soon cleared to fly is not matched by the US aviation regulator, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which has been embarrassed by a rash of stories of how it had been infiltrated by Boeing employees, who led their inspectors up the garden path and essentially gave certification to a plane that had some fundamental issues. The issues are so fundamental that it now appears the Boeing 737 Max may not actually be recertified to fly, that, too, only in the US initially before February 2020, and possibly even March. It is no surprise, therefore, that Boeing has finally decided to wind down production of the aircraft.

In many other industries, a product failure like this would have been fatal to the company. Thankfully Boeing operates in a comfortable duopoly with European manufacturer Airbus, which despite opportunities, has not stuck the dagger into it. The relationship between Airbus and Boeing then is akin to that between Coca-Cola and Pepsi, not really a rivalry, no matter what the advertising says. Ergo, Boeing will survive the worst of this crisis in all likelihood, even though it might take a year or so to get back to its feet. Thankfully, for the global aviation industry, a few fortuitous airline collapses, including the demise of Jet Airways in India, have meant that at least for the time being there are enough aircraft available to pick up the slack of demand. That said, airlines will be wanting aircraft soon enough and Boeing will have to get its act together to resolve the problems on the Max. Crucially, the manufacturer will also need to fix the trust deficit that it suffers regarding the Max with ordinary airline passengers. The crisis also highlights severe flaws in the aircraft certification process. All in all, aviation is safer today than it has ever been. That does not mean that we take things for granted. Boeing did in case of the 737 Max and will pay a massive price but hopefully, 2020 will be a better year than 2019 was for global aviation.



Universities must play a leading role in addressing national challenges. Higher educational institutes must emerge as spaces that nurture free expression and ideas.

Global warning

Irrespective of the disappointing outcome of the Madrid summit, as a responsible nation, India cannot be making a half-hearted approach to address the issue of climate change



KK PAUL

Even as the thunderous reverberations of the 16-year-old environmental activist, Greta Thunberg, at the UN, just three months ago, are yet to die down, to our utter surprise, the Madrid climate talks under the aegis of COP25 ended in a failure. This is not the first time that such discordance among member nations has been witnessed. The present talks failed despite the fact that while inaugurating this conference, UN Secretary General António Guterres had issued a very stern warning. "I call on anyone who is still lobbying their Governments for a slow transition or even no transition, to end those activities now. The world is watching," he emphasised. Today, the world community appears to be focussed more on the protection of their own domestic agenda rather than paying heed to the impending disaster.

The first decade after the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit of 1992 saw a rare building up of consensus on almost all issues. Perhaps it was the decade after the Cold War and the first Gulf War when the world community saw immense merit in consensus-building. The same was also manifest during the signing of the WTO Agreement at Marrakesh, Morocco, in 1994. But in the very next decade, one saw the appearance of discordant notes, particularly as former US President George W. Bush virtually refused to follow the Kyoto Protocol even as America was the largest polluter in the world. This trend was further aggravated when President Donald Trump followed the same route as charted earlier by Bush.

Unfortunately, despite the bleak scenario, the voice of a number of smaller and less polluting nations, prominently Tuvalu, Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan among others, who are already facing the brunt of the climate change, seems to have been lost. On the other hand, high polluting nations such as China, India and the European Union could not account for their efforts at reducing global warming. They were unable to quantify in specific terms the targets achieved as was laid down under the Paris Agreement. But the prime reason for the failure of the Madrid Summit, which was participated by 197 countries across the world, was a lack of consensus on development of a market mechanism to limit carbon emissions.

The concept of trading in carbon markets as a response to climate change was an important outcome of the Kyoto Protocol. The primary purpose of the Protocol was to make the developed countries pay for their emissions while at the same time, monetarily reward those nations with good record in this regard. The underlying philosophy was that since the developing countries could start with cleaner technologies, they would be rewarded by those who were stuck with old and polluting technologies. In a way, this translated into wealthier countries purchasing the extent of reduction in carbon levels achieved by the developing countries.



In this manner, the developed and wealthier nations would not only be able to sell their technology to the developing countries but could also gather carbon credits to meet the requirements of Kyoto Protocol without any reduction in their emission levels. The failure of the Madrid summit, to achieve any results in this direction, may have also disappointed those who encouraged carbon trading mechanism like the oil major Royal Dutch Shell Plc and the Spanish utility Iberdrola SA.

Such a market mechanism was also considered important by heavy industrialised countries, who are economically dependent on oil and gas production. In the normal course, large-scale decarbonisation would take much longer than as prescribed under the Paris targets. Besides, it would also ensure that the rich and already developed countries could continue to pollute on the strength of carbon credit purchased by them, while the options of developing and relatively poor countries would be curtailed. It can, thus, be inferred that the summit spent more time in ensuring that the interests of the developed countries are well protected through the carbon trading mechanism.

In fact, the scheme of carbon credits is some kind of a smoke-screen which enables the developed and richer countries to exploit those still developing. Those already developed, thus, escape the limits while the less industrialised and less polluting are loaded with the burden of further reductions. This may ultimately impact and retard their progress in the long-run.

In this context, let us take the example of the GFL gas project in Gujarat. GFL is one of the largest producers of carbon offset credits in the world, selling them to many of the biggest polluters in the EU. Europe's polluters have had a cheap way to offset their climate responsibilities without actually greening even a small patch of the land. EU Climate Action Commissioner Connie Hedegaard admitted that such projects have a "total lack of environmental integrity".

At the summit, not much time was spent on determining the targets to be achieved by each country so as to keep the emissions of greenhouse gases within the overall objective of the global warming being limited to the extent of 1.5 degrees between 2018 and 2100. For this to become a reality by 2050, we should be a net-zero emitter. So far only about 20 countries, including the UK, France, New Zealand, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Denmark and Sweden, figure in the list of those who are expected to meet

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this target. India, China and the US still have a long way to go.

In India, with a perceived difficulty in cutting emissions in order to meet the targets, an ambitious plan for harnessing solar energy has been formulated. We are lucky that sunlight is available in abundance but the challenge lies in the procurement of solar Photo Voltaic (PV) cells, which is one of the major constraining factors in our efforts to realise the full potential. According to a report submitted by the parliamentary standing committee, in order to achieve the target of 100 GW of solar electricity capacity by 2022, India should have had an installed capacity of 32,000 MW by 2017-18. But as of January 31, 2018, the country only had a capacity of 18,455 MW in just four years — this is over 20,000 MW a year and appears difficult to achieve.

Irrespective of the disappointing outcome of the Madrid summit, as a responsible nation with high prestige in the international arena, India does not have the luxury of a half-hearted approach towards this vital area. The phenomenon of global warming has to be seen as a global warning.

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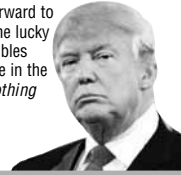
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bad day for democracy

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Take the lead" (December 16). It's incomprehensible as to how the police could forcibly enter an educational institution without any permission. According to Jamia Millia Islamia Chief Proctor, Waseem Ahmed Khan, Delhi Police personnel entered the university by force without any permission and beat up staff members and students who were forced to leave the campus. Photos of injured students speak for police brutality inside the campus. Now the question is: Who issued the order, asking the police to forcibly enter the university and resort to violence? This shameful act must be condemned by everyone who believes in democratic values.

The BJP has alleged that some political parties are spreading rumours and inciting violence to promote their political interests and the students are falling into the trap. Even if this was the case, there can be no justification to brutal police action. The police cannot trample their right to protest.

Sujit De Kolkata

An attack on the idea of India

This refers to the editorial, "Jackboots vs Ahimsa" (December 17). The police brutality unleashed on the students of Jamia Millia Islamia university and Aligarh Muslim University, who were protesting the amended citizenship law based on religion, must be condemned. The right to protest is intrinsic to a democracy. A democratic Government cannot stymie protests or use force to quell them just because they are antithetical to a decision taken or a law passed to implement the ruling party's agenda. The visuals of students walking with their arms raised were disturbing. The police cannot equate protesting students with criminals, barge into hostels and libraries, switch the lights off and thrash them. Students do not exist for the police to give vent to their aggressive instincts and please their political masters.

Widespread protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), decried as an affront to the Constitution as it links citizenship with religion, should awaken the Narendra Modi-Amit Shah duo to the realisation that Indian democracy is bigger than them and they cannot polarise people and pit one community against the other along religious lines *ad infinitum*. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remark that "they can be identified by the clothes they are wearing" is unbecom-



coming of the holder of India's most exalted office. There are no prizes for guessing for which "noun" the pronoun "they" is used. Reneging on his call for a 10-year moratorium on "communal politics" to create the necessary conditions for the pursuit of economic progress, his Government is taking steps and engendering social strife. Sadly, it does not occur to the Modi Government that a country divided against itself cannot aspire to become a superpower and an economic power house.

G David Milton Maruthancode

ed more hardships for the locals. The basic premise of the lifting of Article 370 was to usher in development. The Government needs to accelerate its development pitch and allay the fears and anxieties of the Kashmiris.

M Shadab Bengaluru

Lacking political will

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Climate breakdown" (December 17). It is disappointing that the UN climate talks ended without making any significant progress. It could not even frame rules for a new global carbon trading and postponed them until next year. This will only make the target set by the Paris accord harder to realise. Clearly, it's not the lack of technology but political will that will make it difficult for us to tackle global warming. None can deny that regulated carbon markets can make technologies accessible and affordable without hurting the economy.

Sweta Sankrityan Via email

A healing touch

Sir — BJP general secretary Ram Madhav said recently that his Government would soon allow detained political leaders in Jammu & Kashmir to come out

in the open and resume political activity. The State has been under a lockdown since August, when the Government withdrew the limited autonomy granted to it under Article 370 and fully integrated it with India. As against the Government's claim that nor-

malcy has returned to the State, the fact is that extreme restrictions are still in place. Top local political leaders are still in detention, internet services are yet to be restored and not all communication lines are functional. Such moves have only creat-

Government sets ₹1.1 lakh crore monthly GST collection target

Taxmen asked to buckle up

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amid concerns that the government may fall short of tax collection target in a slowing economy, the Centre has set an ambitious Rs 1.1 lakh crore monthly GST target for the remaining four months of the current fiscal and asked taxmen

rent fiscal and only once was above Rs 1.1 lakh crore. At the current trend, the GST tax collection target is likely to be missed by at least Rs 1 lakh crore.

Out of the Rs 13.35 lakh crore direct tax collection target, about Rs 6 lakh crore or 45 per cent of the annual target, has been collected till October (first seven months). For 2019-20, the Union government is targeting Rs 6.63 lakh crore from its share of GST revenues. GST sub-



to step up efforts to achieve the goal. Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey held a video conference meeting with top tax officials of departments looking after both income tax and indirect taxes such as GST and asked them to step up efforts to achieve tax targets, finance ministry sources said.

While taxmen have been asked to plug evasions, Pandey impressed upon them to achieve targets without harassing honest taxpayers. Taxmen were told in no uncertain terms that both the GST as well as the Rs 13.35 lakh crore target for direct taxes for 2019-20 will have to be achieved.

In the meeting, the GST target was set at Rs 1.10 lakh crore every month between December 2019 and March 2020. Of these four months, Rs 1.25 lakh collections has to be achieved in at least one month, the sources said. Gross GST collections, which include the share of both Centre and the states, crossed Rs 1 lakh crore mark in four out of the eight months of the cur-

sumed 17 centre and state levies and the two equally split the revenues. The sources said the revenue department in the finance ministry is taking concerted measures to augment collections in the next four collection months and has exhorted its senior officers, including Members of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), as well as other top officials to achieve tax targets both for direct and indirect taxes. Officers have been particularly urged to ensure that during such field enforcement drive and visits, no taxpayer is overreached or troubled, they said. Also, it was clarified to the officers that the corporate tax relief worth Rs 1.45 lakh crore by way of a cut in rates, should not be taken as an excuse for lesser direct tax collection.

ADVANTAGE GREEN

The Ship Recycling Bill 2019 will not only generate employment but also ensure the safety of the dockyard workers, says Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Union Minister of State for Shipping

What are the objectives of Ship VV Recycling Bill 2019? The Recycling of Ships Bill, 2019, was enacted by the Government of India to regulate the recycling of ships by complying with international standards and laying down the statutory mechanism for enforcement of such standards. Till now, only the guidelines of the Supreme Court passed in 2013, (as Code) on hazardous waste management were being followed. Those guidelines have been dovetailed with the Hong Kong Convention 2009. It will now ensure Green Recycling of Ships and provide adequate safety measures to the yard workers in India. This bill will specifically lay down the measures as well as legal boundaries for the violations that would be clearly demarcated in the provisions of this bill. That is why it has also been decided to accede to the Hong Kong International Convention and enact this bill for safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships.



How is Ship Recycling Bill interrelated with Hong Kong Convention 2009 to compliance of International standards in Indian shipyards?

The use of hazardous materials for ships being recycled in Indian yards was already banned vide Supreme Court guidelines passed in 2013. However there was no inbuilt statutory mechanism for enforcement of the guidelines. The Hong Kong Convention lays down the measures as well as legal boundaries for the enforcement of Green Ship Recycling. Ship recycling plan and authorisation of the yards is also being done as per the standards that have been laid down. The provisions of the 2013 Supreme Court guidelines (Code) have been conjoined with the Hong Kong Convention 2009 in the Ship Recycling Bill 2019.

You are from Bhavnagar. So how is the development of Alang, the world's biggest Ship Recycling Yard benefit the minister's home town? Was this the reason to push the Bill in the Parliament or is it in the interests of the entire country?

The Ship Recycling Bill 2019 is going to pave way for global ships to enter the Indian shipyards for recycling. Countries like Norway and Japan and many other EU countries are eagerly looking forward to dispatch their ships. As the Bill is going to ensure Green Ship Recycling as well as adequate safety of the yard workers, it is going to increase the market value as well as business opportunities at

Alang. The safety concerns of the workers as well as risk involved in the removal of hazardous materials in the procedure involved have been fully addressed through this bill. Thus implementation of this bill will increase the employment opportunities as well as contribute to the business growth. This will overall contribute to the country's GDP.

The instrument of India's Accession to the Hong Kong Convention 2009 was handed over on November 28 this year at the recently concluded 31st IMO session at IMO London, and was highly appreciated by the organisation's Secretary General. What is the importance of India's accession to HKC? And how it is going to impact globally and specifically to India?

India is one of the world's five major ship recycling countries. Let me tell you that India's image is one of the responsible maritime nations in the international community. India has ratified all major safety, environmental pollution and labour conventions. In the same way India's accessions to the Hong Kong Convention also has been given in the recent 31st session of IMO. It will provide a boost to the ship recycling industry in India. By this accession, we bring in environment friendly procedure or green recycling as well as safety measures for the yard workers as per

international standards. This will also prohibit the entry of ships with unlisted hazardous materials. The yards will be certified and recycling will be carried as per approved ShipSouth Recycling Plan (SRP). Moreover India's recycling volume being a significant part of the global recycling volume, it is going to help Hong Kong Convention become applicable world over. Therefore, it is a landmark movement for the world maritime industry.

During the discussions of the bill in the Parliament, many members expressed their concerns that India would not become a dumping ground for old ships. What are your views on it?

During ships recycling 90-95 per cent of the material and its parts/accessories are recycled, retreated and reused. Steel extracted is also utilised and converted to various by-products. The balance material is disposed off in accordance with planned and laid down scientific methods. So rather than leaving any scrap or junk post recycling, ship recycling will not only generate more employment but also promote downstream industries. I assure that with the coming in of more ships only the unemployment will be dumped and not any scrap. Moreover as per the Bill provisions, green recycling will ensure environmentally

safe and sound recycling. How will the Bill and HKC eventually lead to Green Recycling in the world as well as in India?

As per the Bill's provisions ships recycling plan and ready for recycling certificate requires to be issued prior to recycling. In addition, inventory of hazardous materials list also needs to be kept on-board at all times. The yard facilities also need to be authorised/certified to ensure compliance of rules and regulations of the bill. Over and above, punitive actions for the violations have been laid down. A two-layer regulatory authority viz a National authority and competent authority will be monitoring the first among them the provisions. Moreover, accession to the HKC, i.e. compliance of the international standards will add another layer to ensure Green Recycling. For the HKC to come into force, accession by India brings it much closer and helps it to meet the most critical, that is third pre-condition of it coming into force. That is why it is very important for the world also.

How is Ship Recycling Bill 2019 going to give an edge to India on going to give an edge to India on ShipSouth Asian countries regarding business growth?

The maximum recycling yards (by volume) of the world are located in South East Asia (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and China). With India becoming the first among them countries it is going to give an edge to the ship yards on other countries. After India's accession to the HKC in the recently concluded 31st IMO session and subsequent passing of the Ships recycling Bill 2019 by the Government of India, Countries like Japan and Norway and many other EU states are eagerly waiting to dispatch their ships to India. It is going to give an edge to India over other countries.

Safe working conditions of the yard workers is one of the most important aspects of this bill. What is the safety rules incorporated in this bill for that very purpose?

Certification of yard, carriage of inventory of hazardous materials and ready for recycling certificate automatically will ensure green recycling as well as labour safety. Moreover, provisions of the factory Act 1948, and Environmental Protection Act is also part of it. Till now, there was no act and regulatory authorities which had provisions for puni-

ties actions for the violations. However, passing of this act will ensure safety and safe working of all yard workers.

What are the additional guidelines and safety measures laid down in the Bill for the incoming vessels as well as the yards?

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In Gujarat, media have raised concerns over ships Recycling Bill and inflow of more old vessels that may cause oil spillage leading to heavy marine pollution, which will not only have adverse marine and environmental impacts but also force closure of the yard itself. What are your views on this?

The vessels movement from one region to another in the International waters is as per the Basel Convention. The older vessels coming to India for recycling have to be in seaworthy conditions (as per flag state regulations). Before entering into our territorial waters, they are thoroughly inspected not only for sea worthiness but also for any leakages and carriage of hazardous materials other than mentioned in the inventory. Such ships are supposed to carry minimum oil and fuels for the voyage to reach up to the designated shipyards. With yard facilities being certified/authorised punitive actions are laid down in the provisions of the bill for the recycler. These things will act as deterrence for any marine pollution. However in case, of any such environmental recycler is responsible to clear and take the corrective measures. State Maritime Boards and regulatory authorities will also keep a close watch to avoid such situations.

What are the timelines for the Ship Recycling Bill 2019 going to come into force? The enforcement of this bill in India will happen after the notification is issued by Govt. of India. If Govt. of India desires to enforce the bill in one go itself, it will be implemented accordingly. Otherwise, the enforcement will be done in a gradual and step by step manner.

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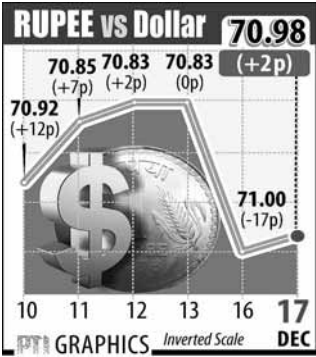


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Trump popularity edges up during impeachment

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

Strong economic figures have helped US President Donald Trump to his highest approval ratings ever, despite impeachment, a new poll found on Monday.



Vice President Mike Pence listens as President Donald Trump speaks during a roundtable with Governors on Government regulation in the Cabinet Room of the White House on Monday

According to the poll, carried out December 11-15, 52 per cent of Americans still disapprove of Trump's job performance.

Trump has been mired in those unusually low ratings for nearly his entire presidency. But the latest figures show a progression, indicating support growing for Trump, despite the impeachment process threatening his presidency.

The House of Representatives could vote to impeach for abuse of office and obstruction of Congress as early as this Wednesday.

A Quinnipiac poll earlier in December had 41 per cent approval and 55 per cent dis-

approval, while an October poll, done before impeachment hearings began, put those figures at 38 and 58 per cent.

Much of the support for Trump appears to be linked to positive feelings about the economy, which is in a period of strong growth, with record low unemployment.

Nearly three quarters, 73 per cent, saw the economy as good or excellent, the poll found. "That view of a strong economy seems to be helping President Trump

match his highest job approval rating since being

elected, despite facing becoming the third president in US history to be impeached," said Quinnipiac polling analyst Mary Snow.

The poll found little changed figures on impeachment, with 45 per cent backing Trump's impeachment and removal from office and 51 per cent opposing. Support for impeachment and removal back in October was at 45-48 per cent.

Not surprisingly, the poll looks radically different when the answers are divided by party.

US Prez watching North Korea 'closely' as talks deadline nears

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump said Monday he'd be "disappointed" if North Korea had something "in the works" as a year-end ultimatum from Pyongyang about the fate of their nuclear talks approaches.

The nuclear-armed North has issued increasingly strident declarations in recent weeks, even promising an ominous "Christmas gift" if Washington does not come up with some concessions. The top US envoy to the negotiations with North Korea, Stephen Biegun, said in Seoul on Monday that Pyongyang's rumblings were "hostile and negative" — and Trump said he was watching.

"We'll see. I'd be disappointed if something would be in the works. And if it is, we'll take care of it," Trump said at the WH when asked about the situation. "We're watching it very closely,"

The negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang have been largely stalled since the collapse of a February summit in Hanoi between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. The North has said that if Washington fails to make it an acceptable offer, it will adopt a so far unspecified "new way." It has carried out a series of tests at its Sohae rocket facility this month, after a number of weapons launches in recent weeks.

"It's a concern — their rhetoric," US Defense Secretary Mark Esper told reporters, saying a new missile test by North Korea is "probable" as long as it remains unhappy with the state of negotiations.

Tests "will be likely if they don't get satisfied," Esper said Japan and others have said recent launches involved ballistic missiles, which Pyongyang is banned from testing under UN sanctions.

UK's Johnson talks with Trump, welcomes new lawmakers

AFP ■ LONDON

Britain's new political landscape began to take shape on Monday as triumphant Prime Minister Boris Johnson talked trade with President Donald Trump and readied a pep talk for his new Conservative Party lawmakers.

The incoming class of new Conservative legislators was so big — 109 lawmakers — that organizers had to procure an extra 50 bottles of wine for the evening event, British tabloids said. Lawmakers from all parties will be sworn in on Tuesday, the first day of the new session in Parliament.

Johnson's Conservatives received a larger-than-expected majority in last week's national election, galvanizing his efforts to secure parliamentary approval for his Brexit divorce deal with the European

Union. Many of them are coming from parts of the country that for decades were strongholds of the opposition Labour Party.

Overall, the Conservatives now have 365 of the House of Commons' 650 seats. Buoyed by the decisive win, Johnson plans to move fast on his campaign mantra to "get Brexit done."

That means ensuring a Brexit withdrawal agreement bill is passed in time for the UK to complete its historic departure from the European Union by the Jan 31 deadline.

Johnson spokesman James Slack said the government will introduce the EU withdrawal bill on Friday. It will be up to the speaker of the House of Commons to determine if Parliament holds its first major vote on the bill that same day or waits until early January

after the Christmas recess. The Brexit divorce bill is expected to receive strong support in Parliament due to the Conservatives' new strong majority.

Johnson's Downing Street office said Trump, a Brexit supporter who has praised Johnson in the past, congratulated Johnson again when they spoke Monday. It said the two leaders look forward to "continued cooperation on issues such as security and trade, including the negotiation of an ambitious free trade agreement."

If the Brexit bill passes and Britain leaves the EU on time, the country will enter a transition period when EU rules and regulations would still apply in the country and people and goods would still be able to pass freely between the U.K. And the 27 remaining EU members.

Pak ex-President Gen Musharraf sentenced to death for high treason

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's former dictator General Pervez Musharraf was on Tuesday sentenced to death in absentia in the high treason case for subverting the Constitution in 2007, becoming the first military ruler to receive the capital punishment in the country's history.

A three-member bench of the special court, headed by Peshawar High Court Chief Justice

Waqar Ahmad Seth, pronounced the verdict in the landmark case launched in 2013 against the former Pakistan Army chief by the previous government of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif. The court found the ailing 76-year-old ex-president, now living in Dubai on self-exile, guilty of high treason by abrogating the

Constitution and imposing extra-constitutional emergency in Pakistan in November 2007 and handed him the death sentence.

South Korea appoints 'Mr Smile' as PM

Seoul: South Korean President Moon Jae-in appointed an anodyne former parliamentary speaker known as "Mr Smile" as Prime Minister on Tuesday, after a previous cabinet appointment triggered a corruption scandal and mass protests.

Chung Sye-kyun — a six-term lawmaker and former commerce minister — earned the sobriquet for his mild demeanour, and local reports say he has six times been voted the "most gentlemanly lawmaker" by reporters covering the National Assembly.

"He has always pursued politics that listen, by valuing dialogue and compromise with his gentle personality," Moon said. AFP

Boeing says to halt 737 MAX production next month

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

Boeing said on Monday it would temporarily suspend production of its globally grounded 737 MAX jets next month as safety regulators delay the aircraft's return to the skies after two crashes.

The decision confirmed investor fears that the company's recovery from the crisis is dragging on longer and creating more uncertainty for Boeing than executives anticipated.

Boeing's travails since March have weighed on the US economy, holding down US manufacturing output, trade and sales of durable goods while damaging the company's performance on Wall Street's benchmark Dow Jones Industrial Average.

In a statement, the company said it would continue to pay its workers despite the temporary production stoppage, but the

decision immediately raised questions for the future of parts suppliers which contribute to the jets' manufacture.

"We have previously stated that we would continually evaluate our production plans should the MAX grounding continue longer than we expected," the company said in a statement.

"As a result of this ongoing evaluation, we have decided to prioritise the delivery of stored aircraft and temporarily suspend production on the 737 program beginning next month."

The company said it would focus on delivering 400 jets which have been grounded worldwide since March following deadly crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia, which left 346 people dead, Boeing had continued to produce 40 of the planes per month at a Renton, Washington facility.

UK PM to outlaw Brexit extension beyond 2020

AFP ■ LONDON

Prime Minister Boris Johnson plans to pass a law guaranteeing Britain's Brexit transition period cannot run beyond the end of 2020, a source in his office said on Tuesday.

Johnson won a big majority in last week's election on a promise to take Britain out of the EU by the end of January, followed by a transition period when London and Brussels negotiate a trade agreement. European leaders have said the December 2020 deadline would be too tight to complete a comprehensive deal.

"Last week the public voted for a government that would get Brexit done and move this country forward — and that's exactly what we intend to do, starting this week," a Downing Street source said.

GLOBE TROTTER

10 AFGHAN CIVILIANS KILLED IN LANDMINE BLAST Kabul: Ten civilians, including three children, were killed in a landmine explosion in Afghanistan's Khost province on Tuesday, a police spokesman said.

14 KILLED IN CHINA COAL MINE EXPLOSION Beijing: At least 14 people were killed and two others trapped due to a coal mine in China on Tuesday, state media said.

NEW ZEALAND VOLCANO TOLL REACHES 18 Wellington: The death toll due to the eruption of NZ's Whakaari/White Island volcano has increased to 18, after authorities on Tuesday said they have completed the identification process of all the victims.

SLEEP DISTURBANCE LINKED TO MIGRAINE RISK: STUDY New York: Researchers found that nearly half of all patients who suffer migraines report sleep disturbance as a trigger for their headaches.

AXIS BANK advertisement with details on possession notice under SARFAESI Act 2002, including a table of borrower names and property descriptions.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE advertisement for the Chief Electrical Engineer (Const), Northern Railway, Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi.

AXIS BANK advertisement for branch office and SME center at Delhi, with details on branch location and services.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED advertisement for Bhanu Godiyal S/o Rajesh R/o A-5/186, JJ Colony, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY 1st Corrigendum advertisement with details on provision of welding activities in Farrukhnagar siding over Delhi division for two years.

Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 advertisement for various secured assets.

SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY advertisement for Arti, General public is hereby informed that one lady named Arti, W/o Shri Rampal, R/o H.No. 231, Kumhar Mohalla, Devli, New Delhi...

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Notice Inviting e-Tender advertisement for SSA/TT&P/Sc. Activity Books/353/2019/10684 Date: 17.12.2019, Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19...



EXPERIENCE COUNTS

Law schools should incorporate experiential learning in order to prepare well-equipped lawyers who can give well-rounded and reasonable solutions to real world problems, says DR AVINASH DADHICH

Experiential learning or learning through experience requires a series of experiences in the real-world setup. The experiences involved in this type of hands on learning stays with the students for a longer time, unlike rote learning or curriculum learning.

In today's day and age law schools need to shed the conventional method of imparting legal education to match up to our changing and dynamic society. Law is a multi-disciplinary subject and it is the duty of a lawyer to be well acquainted with the multifarious problems of our society and have real world solutions to these complications. Therefore a law graduate who has only been exposed to the vast syllabus that we have our law schools and have gained their knowledge through the humongous law books will not be well equipped to give a well-rounded and reasonable solution to any real world problem. Many lawyers and some law professors have long believed that legal education placed too much emphasis on theoretical learning and not enough on practical learning. The charge was made that we were graduating students who could think like a lawyer, but were unprepared to act like a lawyer.

Being aware of the legal theories is no doubt the primary task of a lawyer but an appreciation of the other variety of factors in the society is the need of the hour. Lawyers are generally termed as the problem solvers of the society and recent law graduates

can only carry out this task if they are sufficiently exposed to different kinds of experiences outside the four walls of their classroom.

Now mentioned below are six reasons why experiential learning is so vital in a law school:

- In the growing Indian economy, there's a need of lawyers who can offer industry focused or business friendly solutions. A lawyer working in a corporate house should not only be familiar with the corporate laws of the country but should understand how the business works in real life. The ability to understand the different aspirations of different businesses and the way business is being conducted is necessary for a corporate legal counsel. In their law schools a student of law can only learn about this through internships. Through internships in a corporate house, the complexities of running a business and its day to day activities can be appreciated. Generally in Indian law schools only a month is dedicated towards internships. But the authors believe that in order to truly appreciate the way a business activity is conducted, at least three months is required in a year.
- Legal aid societies in law schools focus on a range of public interest legal issues, from the struggles adolescents face as they age out of foster care to the promotion of human rights, the pursuit of economic justice and environmental protection. The problem

LAWYER WORKING IN A CORPORATE HOUSE SHOULD NOT ONLY BE FAMILIAR WITH THE CORPORATE LAWS, BUT SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND HOW BUSINESS WORKS IN REAL LIFE. THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT ASPIRATIONS OF DIFFERENT BUSINESSES IS NECESSARY

with legal education is that students have little or no experience of practice before they graduate. Actually, representing a real client while in law school is an invaluable learning experience. The work includes impact litigation, direct-services representation, collaborative investigations, policy initiatives, and grassroots advocacy. Students learn the practical art of lawyering by assuming increasing levels of responsibility for cases and matters involving real individuals, communities, and organisations that otherwise might be unable to secure assistance.

■ The students are provided an option to choose an activity that they are passionate about, thus increasing their engagement and commitment. As the student, who for example is enthusiastic about protecting our environment, is directly involved in the problem-solving activity, the level of commitment is high. The need for lawyers to genuinely empathise with the modern-day problems becoming essential if we are looking for a viable solution to mitigate the problems. This also develops leadership skills in an individual.

■ Law schools should encourage the students towards entrepreneurship ventures in legal and non-legal sectors. Entrepreneurship is not confined to any particular stream of knowledge, but an attitude should be developed by students during their law school days. Law schools must create train-

ing and live projects for students in this direction.

■ As experiential learning is based on trial by error, from law schools itself a student should be encouraged to come up with innovative solutions. In this stage of their lives they can make mistakes without impunity. But the ability to think out of the box and give creative and reasonable solutions, a law student can hone this skill in law school itself through real life simulations or mock trials/moot courts.

■ A lot of technologies are being introduced in the legal sector, such as softwares backed by artificial intelligence and blockchain which still remains a mystery to law students. The future of legal sector will be highly dominated by technologies and during the law school days a student must be exposed to existing and emerging technologies to make them a better lawyer in our society.

In our law schools we definitely have a fair share of experiential learning activities like moot courts or internships, but proper multi-disciplinary, social, technological, industry and entrepreneurship focused emphasis on such activities is lacking. Passing an examination and mugging up theories before the said exam is a prevalent vice that needs to be addressed if we want to churn out law graduates who are trained to serve the dynamic needs of the society.

The writer is Dean, School of Law, Vijaybhoomi University

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The more that learn to read the less learn how to make a living. That's one thing about a little education. It spoils you for actual work. The more you know the more you think somebody owes you a living.

— Will Rogers

UG-PG PROGRAMMES

The Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD) in collaboration with Kingston School of Art, London invites applications for admissions to its undergraduate programmes in Fashion Design, Fashion Business Management, Communication Design and Interior Architecture & Design. It also offers postgraduate programmes in Fashion Design and Fashion Business Management.

Exam date: December 21 and December 22, 2019.

How to apply: Log on to www.iiad.edu.in.



BSC COURSE

The University of Sheffield, UK invites applications for admissions to its BSc Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science with a year in Industry course starting in September 2020.

The course is about biologically inspired algorithms, their relationship to living biological intelligence and the nature of consciousness itself. Some modules overlap with the main Computer Science degree offered by the university, so students get the same solid grounding in the fundamentals.

Duration: Four years

Eligibility: Candidates must have 85 per cent in standard 12 including Maths. IELTS grade of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component; or an alternative acceptable English language qualification.

Fee: £ 23, 750

Last date to apply: June 30, 2020

How to apply: Log on to <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/prospectus/courseDetails.do?id=GG752020>.

BACHELOR OF DESIGN

JK Lakshmi University invites applications for admissions to its Bachelor of Design programme for the year 2020-2021.

The programme is designed by experts from higher education, management studies, business and industry with an aim to bring about a fresh, new approach to Design education, that is collaborative in nature and integrative in process. It is both unique and relevant for the neo-designer, somebody who is at-ease working in the studios, experimenting at the labs and in presenting at board room.

Duration: Four years

Eligibility: Minimum 50 per cent aggregate marks (45 per cent for SC/ST Candidates), with minimum 50 per cent marks from a recognised central/State board/university examination in India or in any foreign country recognised as equivalent to Class XII system by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

Students appearing in the final examination of Class XII may also apply.

The applicants are required to appear in one of the national level design admission tests, such as UCEED or NID DAT held in 2019. In case the candidate has not appeared for any national level design tests, they will have to appear in the JKLU Design Entrance Test (DET) to qualify for the programme.

BBA PROGRAMME

Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies invites applications for admissions to its BBA programmes.

Duration: Three years

Eligibility: For BBA general; pass in Class XII examination/equivalent examination with at least 50 per cent marks in aggregate in five subjects including English as compulsory subject along with four subjects with the highest score out of the remaining subjects.

How to apply: Log on to manavrachna.edu.in.

Be prepared for an emergency

The need for emergency medicine in India is immense, particularly in the wake of changing burden of various diseases, says DR TAMORISH KOLE

What is Emergency Medicine (EM)? Many people we come across look at us quizzically when they are told what we do. This is the medical specialty dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of unforeseen illness or injury. The practice of emergency medicine includes the initial evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, coordination of care among multiple providers, and disposition of any patient requiring expeditious medical, surgical or psychiatric care.

In a country with a population of 133.92 crores, the need for emergency medicine in India is immense, particularly in consideration of the changing burden of disease. We do not have the necessary manpower to provide quality emergency medical care to patients, the keyword being quality. Right to emergency medical care and Right to life are fundamental rights. But we believe Right to Quality emergency medical care should be the fundamental right. Emergency medicine training is still in its nascent stages in our country but efforts



of the Society for Emergency Medicine, India and joint collaborations with the leaders in EM from the United States of America, United Kingdom and Australia, has focused on structured training in this field of Emergency Medicine. This has produced many quality emergency medicine caregivers. But due to lack of recognition, most have migrated abroad to UK and Middle East.

It is of utmost importance to understand that Emergency medicine does not begin at the doorsteps of an emergency department. It begins at your homes, on the roads, at the airports and when you're out for a hike. Basic life support and basic emergency care if taught during medical school will help in a big way to tackle the initial minutes of an emergency. There are many organisations that go from schools to corporate offices to government bodies, teaching basic life support and first aids. Initial response from the society can help trained emergency medicine physicians in providing better outcomes for patients who have received initial help at the point of emergency.

Emergency departments of Government hospitals across India are still manned by doctors who are fresh out of medical school and has been tasked to manage sick and acutely ill

patients. Having a subject on basic emergency medical care at the MBBS level will go a long way in providing initial quality emergency care to millions of patients who through the emergency departments. Emergency Medicine was recognised as a post graduate specialty by Medical Council of India (MCI) in 2009 and by National Board of Examinations (NBE) in 2013. Though both courses are running across the country the number needed to serve the entire nation is much more than the existing emergency physicians. Government of India has now made it mandatory to have an Emergency Department in all medical colleges by 2022.

The future of emergency medicine in India is bright, but we need to embrace the physicians who are practicing it and help the field to grow and cater to our huge population.

The secret of caring for the patient is to care for the patient and build a safety net of emergency care around them.

The writer is President, Asian Society for Emergency Medicine

In harmonious state

ITCOUNTS

The comfort with a life partner will depend upon the vibrational frequencies of the numbers of their name & date of birth. For remaining comfortable, the name numbers of the life partners should vibrate with similar frequencies. If they do not have similar frequencies then there will be mismatch between them. In order to make harmony between the names, either they should change the name or change the spelling of the name, so as to bring harmony between the name numbers.

According to Chaldean system of nomenclature, even alphabets are assigned a particular number, which vibrate with some definite frequencies.

Besides name number, their psychic numbers and destiny numbers should also match & must have similar frequencies. Psychic number is more important because it deals with day to day life and daily affairs, thus it should match. If destiny numbers also matches, it will be very fine.

Let us assume a person named Rahul Khanna, born on May 17, 1994. His date of birth is 17 i.e. 1+7=8. The date of birth is called as Psychic number. All numbers of birth date after 9 are reduced to single number. If we add the number of Date, month and year i.e. 1+7+5+1+9+9+4=36=9, it is called as destiny number of the person. So, DOB of a person in numerology will be represented as 8/9.

Since date of birth can't be changed, therefore we should try to look more for the harmony between the name of life partners with psychic and destiny numbers. If harmony between name number with either psychic number or destiny number or with both is missing then the name num-



ber can be changed to match harmony with psychic and destiny numbers.

Also, the vibration of house number should match with destiny number of the partners. If the number of house vibrates anti to destiny number of partners, there will be loss of comfort in their life.

The date of marriage is also important for harmony between the life partner. If, the date of marriage vibrates harmoniously with destiny numbers of the partners, then their life will be very comfortable.

We have also to see, what is the relationship between psychic and destiny numbers of a person. If they are in harmony, then a person is said to be lucky & will get more returns in life than the inputs he has made and if they vibrate with different frequencies and anti then the person will be struggling in life, will have anything in life after lot of struggle. Table below show the relationship between numbers, friendly or unfriendly.

The writer is a renowned entrepreneur, motivational speaker and numerologist

Honours for JP International

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Greater Noida's JP International has been ranked No 1 in India's Top CBSE Schools in the category of Infrastructure Provisions by the Education-Today India School Merit Awards in Bangalore on December 13, 2019 at Hotel Chancery Pavilion.

The annual Education-Today India School Merit Awards, which rates India's premier schools in 10 parameters, i.e., academic reputation, individual attention, infrastructure provision, innovative teaching, safety & hygiene, sports education, value for money, holistic development, leadership management quality and co-curricular activities is regarded as one of the world's

most comprehensive, in-depth and extensive school-evaluation surveys which is based on jury rating, parent's votes (88,910 votes) & Education Today team analysis.

"We have always tried to give the best to our students at both macro and micro level and the great initiatives of our school has helped to achieve this milestone" noted by visibly happy, Sr HM Upma Singh.

Amit Saxena, Vice President of Sparsh Group and JP international School said: "Our student faculty ratio, Global outlook, Networking, teaching mechanism, and intellectual inputs have helped us to achieve overall development of children and we shall continue to strive hard to realise the vision of our school."

Industry-academia meet at SRMIST

In an exhibition cum industry-academia meet on Waste Management and Social Entrepreneurship that was held at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, Santha Sheela Nair, former Secretary to Government said: "Nearly one lakh tons of waste is generated in a day and 62 million tons per annum. Of which only 20 percent is recycled and the rest goes as landfills."

This exhibition cum industry-academia meet was organised as part of introducing MBA course on Waste Management



Chief Guest, Santha Sheela Nair inaugurating the exhibition cum industry-academia meet at SRMIST, Kattankulathur

and Social Entrepreneurship at SRMIST in association with Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), a unit of MHRD.

SRMIST is the first among 15 institutions in India to introduce this course. A handout of the exhibition was also released on the occasion.

Previously, Founder Chancellor of SRMIST, Dr T R Paarivendhar, MP, released books on Waste Management and Social Entrepreneurship duly edited by a panel of members from MGNCRE. The books consisting of six parts, are a compilation of various waste management programs done by several social activists and entrepreneurs.

Prize distribution ceremony

The University School of Information, Communication & Technology (USIC & T), IP University organised prize distribution ceremony for the inter-college BTech Major Project Competition 2019 at the university's Dwarka campus.

The students of all the affiliated engineering colleges of the university participated in the competition.

Prof RK Khandal, President — India Glycols Limited was the chief guest of

the occasion. The Vice-chancellor of the University Prof Mahesh Verma also graced the occasion.

According to the Dean - USIC&T of the University Prof Arvinder Kaur, the major project was conducted under the supervision of experts who were called from reputed institutes and organisations like DRDO, CSIR and Ministry of Railways and others.

Projects were evaluated and best three projects selected for award in various disciplines.

BATTLE OF THE SURVIVORS

More secured Valverde and Zidane out to prove supremacy in season's first Clasico



AFP ■ BARCELONA

Zinedine Zidane and Ernesto Valverde might have been fearing for their jobs if they had lost a Clasico back in October but its postponement means that today they can face each other feeling more secure.

Stalling in the autumn, Real Madrid and Barcelona have rolled through the gears in the lead-up to Christmas, meaning the winner of today's crunch meeting at Camp Nou will move seven points clear of third place.

More importantly, in what increasingly looks like a two-pronged title chase, the winner will pull three ahead of the loser, with one round Liga matches left before the two-week winter break.

Yet even for the loser, providing defeat is not a humiliation, the consequences will not be so grave.

The gap in the table will be small and considering where both these teams were only a few weeks ago, when every week worked a new name linked with coaching jobs and every goal conceded planted another seed of doubt.

For Real Madrid, Jose Mourinho was out of work and in the public eye, his increasingly frequent media showings even appearing to irk the usually immovable Zidane.

For Barcelona, Ronald Koeman had surged into view after the Dutch Federation confirmed a clause in his contract that allows him to join Barca after Euro 2020 next summer.

But if the rumours were an irritation, form on the pitch was a real



Barca vs Real Madrid Live from 12:30am IST FACEBOOK

Zidane also shouldered burdens from last season. Even if it was not his team that limped its way through the final months, he was in charge and some wondered why nothing had changed.

Suspicion grew when Madrid drew two of their first four league games and were thrashed away at Paris Saint-Germain.

When they lost away at newly-promoted Mallorca, a week before the Clasico was meant to be played, it felt like results might unravel.

"We must have consistency," said Zidane. "We have to have more life in our game."

Madrid did that as Zidane found a more settled side including the dynamic midfielder he has long wanted in Fede Valverde as well as an 18-year-old gem in Rodrygo and arguably the world's most in-form striker in Karim Benzema.

Eden Hazard got fit too and sparked in spells before injuring his ankle earlier this month, which will rule him out until the new year.

As Madrid hit their stride, Barcelona accelerated to keep up and the uncertainty around Valverde, although not gone, has, for now at least, faded.

Their improvement cannot be entirely credited to the return of Lionel Messi, but his eight goals, including two hat-tricks, and four assists in six games have certainly helped.

Griezmann is finding his feet too, with three goals in his last five. Judgement on Zidane's second coming will be guided by Madrid's staying power in the league while for Valverde, success will hinge on Europe, where recapturing the trophy after four barren seasons seems now to be the minimum for Barcelona.

Storms may lie ahead but as La Liga approaches its halfway point, Zidane and Valverde are still intact. This Clasico is a battle of leaders, but survivors too.

Real only focused on football: Zidane

AFP ■ BARCELONA

Zinedine Zidane has said he is not worried about today's Clasico between Real Madrid and Barcelona being overshadowed by Catalan independence protests.

The fixture was originally scheduled for October 26 but had to be postponed and there are renewed fears of unrest at Camp Nou, where Madrid and Barca will be playing for first place in La Liga.

"I am not worried about anything," said Zidane in a press conference on Tuesday.

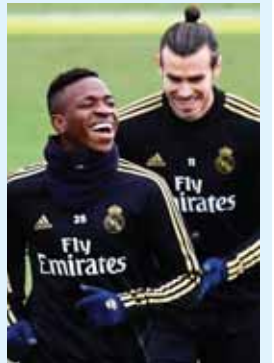
"I am happy we are about to play a Clasico. It was the same when I was a player, these are the matches you live for, and you are focused only on what happens on the field."

Democratic Tsunami, the protest group in favour of Catalan independence, has called publicly for its supporters to gather at the stadium four hours before kick off at 19:00 GMT.

A large-scale safety operation will be deployed around the match involving 3,000 security personnel while both teams have been instructed to travel to the stadium from the same hotel.

"It's something different but the rules are the rules," said Zidane. "They said we have to leave together so we're leaving together."

Zidane added: "We never thought this game would not go ahead. What we have to do is put all our energy into the match because the rest, we could spend



a week talking about it."

Barcelona and Real Madrid sit first and second in La Liga and level on points, with Barca only ahead on goal difference.

Both teams have found form in recent weeks, in part due to the excellent form of their strikers. Madrid's Karim Benzema has nine goals in his last eight games while Lionel Messi has scored 14 in 12.

"We know we are facing a very good team, we know the player they have in Messi, but we also have our weapons," Zidane said.

Eden Hazard, Marcelo, James Rodriguez, Lucas Vazquez and Marco Asensio will all miss the match through injury. Gareth Bale is fit again but has not started since Madrid's win over Alaves on November 30.

"Bale is with us, he is training well," Zidane said. "He is an important player and tomorrow, he will be prepared like everyone else."

Pogba's recovery hit by illness: Ole

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has a fresh Paul Pogba headache, revealing illness has delayed the midfielder's return from injury ahead of today's League Cup quarterfinal against giant-killers Colchester.

The France World Cup winner has been sidelined for most of the season with an ankle injury, playing just six times for United after a summer of speculation following his statement that it could be time for a "new challenge".

But after the United manager spoke, videos appeared on social media of Pogba dancing and showing few ill effects at his brother Florentin's wedding.

Pogba, 26, had been due to resume first-team training this week but Solskjaer said: "Of all things he's struck down ill now."

"He's been off for two or three days, three days probably, so that's not beneficial. That's probably set him back quite a bit," the Norwegian boss said, looking ahead to the meeting with fourth-tier Colchester.

"As I've said so many times, Paul's a top, top player that we want to see playing his best football at Man United," Solskjaer said.

"We just need to get him fit and match fit. It might be half an hour, 45, 60, 90 — who knows, the first game. We're working hard to get him back but now he's ill."

Pogba reportedly had permission from the club to attend his brother's wedding over the weekend, with United drawing 1-1 with Everton in his

absence. "We can talk about Paul all day long and it's games like this for example when you're lacking that one creative pass or ideas maybe," said Solskjaer. "He has that quality that not many midfielders in the world have so to get him back would be great." While Pogba will be sidelined, Diogo Dalot could make his first appearance in 10 weeks.

Solskjaer said winning the League Cup or reaching the final would be a boost for his players.

"We showed that by the team we put out against Chelsea (in the previous round), that we take this seriously," he said. "Even though we were in a difficult spell in the league it was still important for us to create that momentum and belief in the players."

Solskjaer plans to make changes against Colchester, who beat Tottenham on penalties earlier in the competition, but pledged the side would be strong enough to win the game.

He said teenager Mason Greenwood was "making it hard for me to leave him out" after three goals in his past two appearances.

Jurgen Klopp laments Club WC timing

AFP ■ DOHA



Jurgen Klopp insists Liverpool are fully focused on winning this week's Club World Cup ahead of their semi-final against Monterrey of Mexico but hit out at the timing of the competition and questioned FIFA's plans to expand the tournament in future.

"We are here now and we are completely focused on it, but if you had asked me beforehand if I think that there should be a Club World Cup in the middle of our season, I would say no, in my honest opinion," Klopp told journalists at the Khalifa International Stadium, where Liverpool face Monterrey today.

The Anfield club had had to take time out from their seemingly relentless march towards the Premier League title to travel to Qatar for the tournament, in which they are Europe's representatives

thanks to their Champions League triumph last season.

If Liverpool win against the Mexicans, they will advance to a final on Saturday against either Flamengo of Brazil or Saudi side Al Hilal, while even if they lose their semi-final they will remain in Qatar for a third-place play-off at the weekend.

After the competition concludes, they will rush back home to prepare for a trip to Leicester City — their closest title challengers — next Thursday.

FIFA recently confirmed plans to expand the current seven-team Club World Cup played in December to a 24-team competition which will start in China in 2021 and will be played in June and July — that means a clash with the next Africa Cup of Nations, to be held at the same time.

The existing format is particularly unloved in Europe, even if European clubs have won the last six editions.

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