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Bid to paint 26/11 as Hindu terror

Mumbai ex-top cop Rakesh Maria's book makes startling revelations about conspiracy

PNS/AGENCY ■ MUMBAI

Former Mumbai Police Commissioner Rakesh Maria has dropped a bombshell by claiming in his 624-page memoir "Let Me Say It Now" released recently that how there was a bid to dub 26/11 as "Hindu terror", a phrase coined by the then Home Minister.

But it didn't happen so as Pakistani terrorist Mohammed Ajmal Kasab was caught alive.

Had Kasab not been caught alive, his body would have been found with an I-card bearing a fictitious Hindu name, writes Maria about the investigation helmed by him in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.

"If all had gone well, he (Kasab) would have been dead with a red string tied around his wrist like a Hindu. We would have found an identity card on his person with a fictitious name: Samir Dinesh Chaudhari, student of Arunodaya Degree and PG College, Vedre Complex, Dilkhushnagar, Hyderabad, 500060, resident of 254, Teachers Colony, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru," Maria writes.

"Ramesh Mahale, Prashant Marde and Dinesh Kadam



would have been on their way to Hyderabad to find more about him. There would have been screaming headlines in newspapers claiming how Hindu terrorists had attacked Mumbai. Over-the-top TV journalists would have made a beeline for Bengaluru to interview his family and neighbours," he wrote.

Mahale, Marde and Kadam were senior police officers involved in the 26/11 attack investigation. "But alas, it had

not worked that way and here he was, Ajmal Amir Kasab of Faridkot in Pakistan, and I was asking him, *Ki karan aya hai?* (What are you here for?)," the former IPS officer wrote.

Maria's book also mentions that Pakistan's ISI and the Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) were bent upon killing Kasab by "hook or by crook" after he was caught alive by ASI Tukaram Ombale.

"As the Joint CP in charge of the Crime Branch, Kasab

was now my most esteemed guest. Keeping this enemy alive was my number one priority. Anger and hostility towards Kasab were perceptible. The way the men and officers were reacting to him, I had to personally choose his guards for the entire period he would be with us," Maria writes in the book.

"The ISI and the Lashkar were bent upon eliminating him by hook or by crook to obliterate the only living evi-

dence of their heinous deed... Specific Intelligence inputs had been received from Central Intelligence agencies that Pakistan was intent on killing Kasab and the Dawood gang had been entrusted with the task," Maria wrote.

"He seriously believed that Muslims were not allowed to offer namaaz in India and mosques were locked up by the authorities. He felt that the azaan he heard five times a day in the Crime Branch lock-up was just a figment of his imagination. When we came to know of this, I instructed Mahale to take him to the mosque near the Metro Cinema in a vehicle. When he saw the namaaz in progress with his own eyes, he was bewildered. This was not how it was supposed to be!" Maria writes in the book.

In one of the most horrific terrorist attacks in the country's history, 166 people were killed and over 300 injured as 10 heavily-armed terrorists from Pakistan created mayhem in Mumbai on November 26, 2008.

Kasab, the lone terrorist captured alive, was hanged to death on November 21, 2012.

UK MP's visa revoked for anti-India activities

Singhvi backs Govt's action, slams Debbie as 'Pak proxy'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after British MP Debbie Abrahams was deported from the Indra Gandhi International Airport here, Government sources said on Tuesday her e-Business visa was revoked as she was involved in anti-India activities. They also said revoking or grant of visa is the sovereign right of a country and the cancellation of visa was conveyed to her on February 14.

Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi welcomed the step even though his party colleague Tharoor on Monday had criticised the Government on her deportation. Singhvi said the British MP was a "Pakistan proxy."

Justifying the decision to cancel the visa and deporting the MP, sources said Abrahams was issued an e-Business visa on October 7 last year for attending business meetings. The visa was valid till October 5, 2020.

"Her e-Business visa was revoked on February 14, 2020 on account of her indulging in activities which went against India's national interest. The rejection of the e-Business visa



was intimated to her on February 14," they said. Sources also asserted the grant, rejection or revocation of a visa or electronic travel authorisation is the sovereign right of a country.

Abrahams was not in the possession of a valid visa at the time of her arrival at the IGI Airport here on Monday and she was asked to return, the sources said.

There is no provision of "visa on arrival" for the UK nationals at the airport, sources said, dismissing Abrahams' contention she should have been granted a "visa on arrival."

They said as per the rules previously issued e-Business visa meant for business meetings cannot be used for visiting "family and friends," as stated by the British MP. "This is not permitted as per the rules and a separate visa request has to be

made," a source said.

The Labour Party MP had said despite having a valid visa she was denied entry into India after she landed at the airport here about 8.50 am from Dubai. She was among a group of British MPs who issued formal letters expressing concerns over the revocation of Jammu & Kashmir's special status under Article 370 in August last year.

"We are gravely concerned at the announcement by Indian Home Minister, Amit Shah, that Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, which grants special status to Jammu & Kashmir, has been removed by Presidential Order," the Opposition MP had noted in her letter to UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab.

Abrahams reacted on Twitter, "Very disappointing that a friend can't respectfully criticise another friend."

CAPSULE

SUNIL WINS GOLD IN ASIAN WRESTLING

New Delhi: Sunil Kumar on Tuesday overpowered Azat Salidinov of Kyrgyzstan 5-0 in the 87 kg summit bout to win India's first Greco-Roman gold medal in Asian Wrestling Championships in 27 years.

PK QUESTIONS NITISH'S DEVELOPMENT MODEL

Patna: Election strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor on Tuesday questioned the Nitish Kumar Government's development model, even as he sneered at the chief minister for making ideological compromises to stay in an alliance with the BJP.

BYPOLLS TO PANCHAYATS IN J&K POSTPONED: CEO

Jammu: The bypolls to panchayats scheduled from March 5 in Jammu & Kashmir has been postponed due to security reasons. J&K Chief Electoral Officer Shailendra Kumar said on Tuesday.

COBRA COMMANDO MARTYRED IN ENCOUNTER

Raipur: A CRPF commando was martyred while another injured in a gunfight with Maoists in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, officials said.

C-17 TO EVACUATE INDIANS FROM WUHAN

New Delhi: India will send a C-17 military aircraft to Wuhan on February 20 to evacuate more Indians from the coronavirus-hit Chinese city and also provide medical supplies to China, military sources said on Tuesday. The C-17 Globemaster, the biggest military aircraft in the Air Force, will carry a large consignment of medical supplies to China and bring back more Indians from Wuhan.

Ayodhya, Jewar airports get ₹2,500 crore in UP Budget

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

To develop Ayodhya as a tourist attraction, the Uttar Pradesh Government in its Budget for 2020-21 has made a special provision of ₹500 crore. The UP Government will spend ₹85 crore on the development of a high-class infrastructure in Ayodhya, and ₹10 crore has been kept for the renovation of Tulsi Smarak Bhawan in the pilgrim city.

The UP Budget also earmarked ₹200 crore for the beautification of Varanasi's Kashi Vishwanath temple.

The Budget also provides ₹2,000 crore for the new airport project at Jewar near Delhi with special focus on road and metro rail projects.

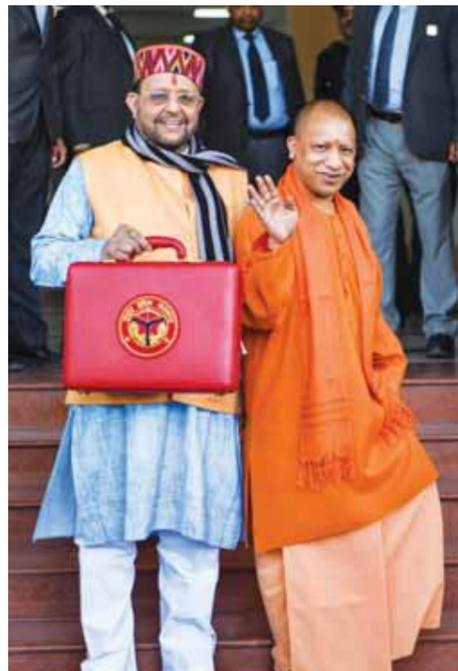
Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna presented the Budget in the State Assembly. The Kanpur Metro Rail Project has been granted ₹358 crore and ₹286 crore has been allocated for the metro rail in Agra.

The 2020-21 Budget sets a target for the construction of four lakh houses for the weaker sections within a year and lists schemes to help the youth to make a living.

Addressing reporters later, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath called the Budget — the fourth presented by his Government — "historic", "growth-oriented" and "people-friendly".

Opposition parties, however, termed it "directionless" and a "farce".

The ₹5.12 lakh crore Budget is bigger than the one presented last year by ₹33,159



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Finance Minister Suresh Khanna before the presentation of State Budget 2020-21 in the UP Legislative Assembly in Lucknow on Tuesday

crore. It has provisions for new schemes worth ₹10,967 crore, Khanna said.

Among the major allocations is ₹500 crore for an airport at Ayodhya, where the construction of a Ram temple

is expected to begin in the next few months.

In addition, the State Government will spend Rs 85 crore for the development of the pilgrim city as a tourist spot.

Sharjeel Imam chargesheeted as instigator of Jamia violence

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Tuesday sent Sharjeel Imam, named as an "instigator" by the Delhi Police in its chargesheet for violent protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) at New Friends' Colony here last year, to judicial custody till March 3.

It stated that it had attached CCTV footage, call detail records and statements of over 100 witnesses as evidence in the chargesheet. Imam was arrested on sedition charges last month in a separate case.

Earlier on Monday, the court had sent Imam to one-day custody of the Delhi Police in the case as it wanted to quiz him because an accused — Furkan — in the December 15, 2019 violence case has alleged in his disclosure that he was provoked by Imam's speeches.

The police had earlier told the court that Furkan was arrested on the basis of a CCTV footage which showed him carrying a container allegedly containing petrol. Four people were arrested in the case on December 16 and sent to judicial custody. Furkan was arrested later.

Imam, who came into the limelight during the ongoing protests at Shaheen Bagh against the CAA and the NRC, was arrested from Bihar's Jehanabad on January 28 in a separate case for allegedly making inflammatory speeches at Jamia Millia Islamia here and in Aligarh.

Record rice, wheat output likely despite flood, Pak locust attack

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Despite flood in 15 States and loss of crops due to locust attack in Rajasthan, Punjab and Gujarat, record output in rice and wheat is likely, pushing up the foodgrains production in the country to an all-time high of around 291.95 million tonnes (MT) in the current



year. According to the second advance estimates of foodgrains production released by the Agriculture Ministry on Tuesday, the output projected for 2019-20 is 6.7 MT higher than the 2018-19 final estimates of 285.21 MT. The rice output during the same period is expected to be 117.47 MT (against 116.48 MT in 2018), while wheat is slated to hit a best-ever 106.21 MT (103.60 MT).

Wheat is the main rabi (winter) crop, harvesting of which will begin from next month. However, the production during 2019-20 is higher by 26.20 million tonnes

than the previous five years' (2013-14 to 2017-18) average production of foodgrain.

As per estimates, the cumulative rainfall in the country during the monsoon season (June to September, 2019) has been 10 per cent higher than Long Period Average (LPA). "Accordingly, the production of most of the crops for the agricultural year 2019-20 has been estimated higher than their normal production. These estimates are subject to revision on account of more precise information flowing over the time," officials of the Agriculture Ministry said.

Total production of rice during 2019-20 is estimated at record 117.47 million tonnes.

AAP MLA to hold Sunder Kaand recital every month

Programme to be organised on first Tuesday, says MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA from Greater Kailash Saurabh Bhardwaj has said recitation of "Sunder Kaand" (a chapter in Tulsidas' Ramcharitmanas, which talks about Lord Hanuman's visit to Lanka) will be held on the first Tuesday of every month in different areas of his constituency to seek the blessings of Lord Hanuman and Lord Ram.

Bhardwaj said advance bookings have been made and sponsors are ready for the



scheduled programmes.

Speaking to PTI on the issue, Bhardwaj said he has the freedom to practise his religion.

Sunder Kaand recital done, it does not make me less progressive. Being progressive does not mean you are an atheist," he said.

The AAP leader said he was "just following his faith" and have been doing it for long. "Today there is no election so it should not be seen as a political thing. The controversy was started after the BJP questioned the Chief Minister's visit to Hanuman mandir, although the temple priest came on record to say he (Kejriwal) has been visiting the temple for years," he said.

Also, Bhardwaj targeted the BJP and Congress leaders, saying they may be fuming but should be happy to be a part of "Sunder Kaand Paath" irrespective of their religion.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP

spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor hit out at the AAP, saying its attachment towards Lord Hanuman was not a matter of religious faith, but a "political melodrama."

"We expect that the Aam Aadmi Party which used to play politics in favour of a particular religious community will now work for all the religious communities of the society during the next five years," said another BJP spokesperson Ashok Goel Devraha.

Former Delhi Government media adviser Nagendar Sharma also termed Bhardwaj's announcement as "disappointing".

"Disappointed to see a competent legislator with progressive outlook fall into the fallacious trap of trying to outdo BJP in its game," he tweeted.

RAMPANT ILLEGAL MINING IN HARYANA Minister seeks help from Vij

MANOJ KUMAR ■
CHANDIGARH

Haryana Mining and Transport Minister Mool Chand Sharma on Tuesday said illegal mining is rampant in the State and he would soon write to the Home Minister seeking police cooperation to check the menace.

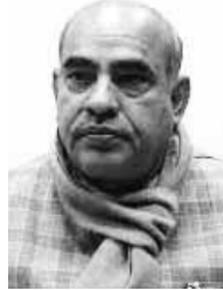
Talking to The Pioneer, Sharma said over phone that he would write a letter to the Home Minister Anil Vij, seeking police cooperation to check illegal mining in the State.

When contacted, Vij, however said that he has not received any phone call or any letter from the Mining Minister on the issue.

Sharma said, "We have adopted a zero tolerance on illegal mining activities. The department officers have been strictly directed to take all possible measures to stop such activities in the State."

The minister said in the last few weeks, he had conducted several raids in illegal mining prone areas of the State. In course of inspection it was found that illegal mining is rampant and police officials are doing little to check this.

In course of raids during early morning hours or late evening hours, the raiding team found dumpers or trucks loaded with illegal mining in different police station areas, adding that during recent



checking, 35 dumpers were impounded and Rs 25 lakh fine was imposed in Faridabad, Sohna, Tawadu, Gurugram, and Nuh areas.

The Minister said, after inspection, guidelines have been issued to the police station in-charges of all the areas, saying that appropriate action should be initiated if any overloaded vehicle enters the peripheral limits of any police station. Sharma said illegal mining activities are being done in

districts of Panchkula, Yamunanagar, Karnal, Panipat, Sonapat, Faridabad, Gurugram, Mewat, Mahendragarh-Narnaul, Bhiwani and Charkhi Dadri. These districts come under Yamuna River, Dadam mountains and Aravalli region where most illegal mining was taking place, he added.

He said it was not possible to stop illegal mining without the cooperation of police department as there was shortage of staff in mining department. "Multi pronged approach will have to be adopted to check illegal mining in the State," he said.

Regarding shortage of staff, the Mining Minister said the proposal for filling the vacant posts by the Department of Mining and Geology is being prepared and will be sent to the Chief Minister's Office. The vacancies will be filled by Haryana Public Service Commission (HPS) and Haryana Staff Selection Commission, he added.

₹3,184 crore for power sector in Himachal, CM expresses gratitude

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Government of India on Tuesday recommended a financing facility of Rs 3184 crore through World Bank for Himachal Hydro Power and Renewable Power Sector Development Project.

The program was accepted by Department of Economic Affairs, (DEA), Ministry of Finance, GoI in 104th meeting of its Screening Committee on Tuesday and recommended to World Bank for financing. This financing would come in the pattern of 90 percent grant and 10 percent loan to Government of Himachal Pradesh. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur Tuesday expressed his gratitude towards government of India for this.

Additional Chief Secretary MPP & Power Ram Subhag Singh led the team comprising of MD HPPTCL R.K. Sharma, Special Secretary Power Hem Raj Bairwa and other officers from energy sector utilities in presenting the proposal to DEA.

The project aims at holistic development of power sector of the state through investment in all three segments of power sector i.e. Generation, Transmission and Distribution. On generation part a funding of Rs 1600 crore will come to the ongoing Shongtong Karchham HEP 450 MW. Project once commissioned would earn revenue of Rs 500 crore per annum to the state exchequer. This is by far the biggest project taken up by state government without the participation of any Central Public Sector undertaking and was facing financial hardships due to non availability of adequate funds. Distribution system will get a funding of Rs 937 crore and would be used towards automation and strengthening of distribution network in 13 different towns of Himachal namely Solan, Baddi, Nalagarh, Nahana, Poanta Sahib, Mandi, Sundernagar, Bilaspur, Kullu, Manali, Una, Parwanoo and Hamirpur. In total 2.60 lakh consumers will be benefitted.

A capacity building component amounting to Rs 112 crore would flow to all power utilities and Directorate of Energy for establishment of facilities and development of capacities for efficient management of complex power system by all the utilities together.

INBRIEF

DHARAMSOT CALLS ON ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS MIN



Chandigarh: Punjab Forests Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot on Tuesday called upon Union Environment and Forests Minister Prakash Javadekar on the sidelines of the "13th International Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals" (CMS COP13), which is being held at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat from February 15 to 22. Dharamsot emphasized that immediate constructive measures must be taken to ensure conservation of wildlife. He said, special steps need to be taken to conserve the habitats of various wildlife and birds to protect species of animals and birds, which are on the verge of extinction in the country. As per joint policy on migratory birds formed during the international conference, Harike, Ropar, Nangal, Beas, Kanjali and Keshpur wetlands of Punjab to be developed further for these migratory birds, apprised Dharamsot.

HONORARIUM OF NAMBARARS TO BE ENHANCED

Chandigarh: Fulfilling the major demand of Nambarars, Punjab Revenue Minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar said that the honorarium of Nambarars will be enhanced from ₹1500 to ₹2000 per month. The decision has been taken in this regard during a meeting with delegation of various Nambarard Unions, here. The delegation also apprised about their other demands, which were patiently observed by the Minister, who assured them that their legitimate demands will be met soon. They also brought to the notice about Nambarars have not been given any dedicated room at Sub Division Offices and District Administrative Complexes.

CABINET MINISTERS CONDOLE DEMISE OF AMAN BRAR

Chandigarh: Expressing deep shock over sudden demise of young journalist Aman Brar of News 18, Punjab Cabinet Ministers Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, OP Soni, Aruna Chaudhary, Gurpreet Singh Kangar, Vijay Inder Singla and Bharat Bhushan Ashu said that Aman Brar was a talented and promising journalist, who had bright future. They prayed to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear the loss.

PRO ASSOCIATION CONDOLES DEMISE OF JOURNALIST

Chandigarh: The Punjab Public Relations Officer Association expressed shock over the demise of young journalist Aman Brar working with News 18 who passed away Monday night. The Association led by chairperson Senu Duggal, vice chairman Dr Opinder Singh Lamba, president Navdeep Singh Gill, Secretary General Shikha Nehra and General Secretary Iqbal Singh Brar, said that the deceased was an upcoming journalist and the fraternity has lost a precious gem.

HARYANA CABINET TO MEET ON FEB 20

Chandigarh: Haryana Cabinet will meet under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal at committee room, fourth floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh on February 20 at 2 pm.

MAYOR CALLS 'SHEHRI SAHBHAGITA MANCH' MEETING

Chandigarh: Raj Bala Malik, Mayor, Chandigarh called a meeting of Shehri Sahbhagita Manch. She informed the efforts of DAY-NULM to facilitate and uplift the urban poor community, which will help boost the momentum already gained through another set of high impact initiatives like promoting urban poor women by releasing revolving fund, launching of skill programs, tool kit and certification distribution to urban poor youths, release of book of homeless survey and release of book as envisaged under the pilot project in respect of Capacity Building, displaying of SHG products in Rose festival and Training programmes under support to Urban Street Vendors and other mega events for the members of self help groups.

Andhra Bank Where India Banks
Branch Office : SCO 361, Sector 44D, Chandigarh 160047

POSSESSION NOTICE (RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002) (for immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Andhra Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 02.12.2019 calling upon the borrower **Sh. Vicky**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 38,34,256.70 (Rs. Thirty Eight Lacs Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six & Paise Seventy Only)** within sixty days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 13th day of Feb of the year 2020.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Andhra Bank** for the amounts due from the borrower(s) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of:
Land and building : Residential admeasuring approximately 799 sq. ft. situated at H. No. 2, Randhawa Road, Sector 10, Kharar, SAS Nagar and bounded by East : Street 30 ft wide, West : other Owner, North : other Owner, South : other Owner.

Dated : 18.02.2020 Place: Chandigarh Sd/-Authorized Officer

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
Culture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore
Village Jodhpur, Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka, Distt. Panchkula-134102, HRY
Email: admin@bnhs.org, Phone: 08278950245/022-22821811
website: www.bnhs.org

TENDER NOTICE
Date:19-02-2020 Tender Ref. No. BNHS/08/2020-21
Culture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, the Centre of Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) invites online tenders from eligible bidders till 5th March 2020.
No other form of tender submission other than online submission shall be entertained.

Sr. No.	Description	Tender Fees	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Last date of online tender submission
01	Annual supply of Goat meat containing entire carcass without skin, hooves and gut contents.	Rs. 15000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only)	Rs. 1,90,000/- (Rupees one lakh ninety thousand only)	5th March 2020 up to 17:00 Hrs.

Note:
1) E tendering process shall be performed on site <http://bnhs.e-nviva.in>
2) For online tender process related queries help line no. is 020-25315555.
3) Tender fees and EMD shall be paid strictly by Demand Draft only.
4) Local internet, computer and Digital signature problems shall be sole responsibility of the Bidder only.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK
BRANCH : HALL BAZAR, AMRITSAR

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas the undersigned being the "Authorized Officer" of Punjab & Sind Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against account calling upon the respective borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount as mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of notice / date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower / guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice hereby given to the borrower / guarantors & the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13(4) of said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rule on the date mentioned against account. The borrower / guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Property and any dealing with the Property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab & Sind Bank, for the amounts, other charges, costs and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the NPA Account	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
S. Rajinder Pal Singh S/o S. Harbans Singh and S. Jaskaran Singh S/o S. Rajinder Pal Singh & Guarantor Smt Ravinder Narang W/o S. Rajinder Pal Singh	07-12-2019	13-02-2020	Rs. 26,63,835/70 as on 07-12-2019 + Interest, other charges and less recovery if any affected till date

Description of the Immovable Property : Property i.e One House Double Storey bearing One Plot Private no. 1077, bearing Khaska no. 5/11/1, 5/11/2 min, Khata Khatauni no. 2532/245, 32579/3294 having measurement in length 72ft and Breadth 30ft, total area measuring 240 sq yards which is bounded as East : Plot no. 1076, West : Plot no. 1078, North : Road 35ft, South : Plot no. 1081 as per Jamabandi for the Year 2009-2010, situated at Gurnata Sub Urban, Abadi RB Estate, Tehsil and Distt. Amritsar vide Sale Deed dated 01-01-2014 duly Registered with the Office of Sub Registrar Amritsar vide Document no. 11878, Book no. 1, Volume no. 5795, at page 4849

Date : 19-02-2020 Place : Amritsar Sd/- Authorized Officer

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Branch Office : Mani Majra, 371, Ground Floor, Motor Market, Mani Majra, Chandigarh

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 17th day of February of the year 2020.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Andhra Bank** for the amounts due from the borrower(s) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of:
1. Land and Building : Residential admeasuring approximately 565 sq. ft. situated at Kh/Kh. 2171/2647, Khaska No. 623, Mouza Barara, Tehsil Barara, Distt. Ambala and bounded by East : Property of Mr. Jeet V Lal & Charanjit Kalra, West : Property of Sh. Man Singh Makkar, North : House of Suresh Makkar, South : Road.

Dated : 18.02.2020 Place: Chandigarh Sd/-Authorized Officer

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 13th day of Feb. of the year 2020.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

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All that part and parcel of the property consisting of:
Land and building : Residential admeasuring approximately 1863 sq. ft. situated at Ajit Enclave, Randhawa Road, Khara, Near Jyoti Sarup Kanya Asra, SAS Nagar, Mohali and bounded by East : Other Property, West : 30 wide Property, North : House of Mr. Jatinder Pal, South : Plot of Mr. Gurbir Singh.

Dated : 18.02.2020 Place: Chandigarh Sd/-Authorized Officer

Andhra Bank Where India Banks
Branch Office : SCO 361, Sector 44D, Chandigarh 160047

POSSESSION NOTICE (RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002) (for immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Andhra Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 02.12.2019 calling upon the borrower **Shri/Ms Nanak Singh, Amandeep Kaur**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 44,46,716.40 (Rs. Forty Four Lacs Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen & Paise Forty Only)** within sixty days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 13th day of Feb. of the year 2020.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Andhra Bank** for the amounts due from the borrower(s) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of:
Land and building : Residential admeasuring approximately 1800 sq. ft. situated at H. No. 8059, Sector 125, Sunny Enclave (Jhugmian) Desumajra, Tehsil Kharar, SAS Nagar and bounded by East : 60 wide Road, West : Plot No. 8094, North : Vacant Plot 8060, South : Vacant Plot 8058.

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 12th day of Feb. of the year 2020.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Andhra Bank** for the amounts due from the borrower(s) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of:
Land and building : Residential admeasuring approximately 720 sq. ft. situated at H. No. 577-C, Krishna Enclave, Village Himmatgarh, Tehsil Derabassi, Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali and bounded by East : Approach Road, West : Other Plot, North : H. No. 577-B, South : Open Plot.

Dated : 18.02.2020 Place: Chandigarh Sd/-Authorized Officer

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA
BRANCH OFFICE: GRAIN MARKET KHAMANO-50598, DISTT. FATEHGARH SAHIB, PH.: 01628-268342

(RULE 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice(s) to borrower(s) on the date mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower(s), to repay the amount(s) mentioned in the respective demand notice(s), within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on the dates mentioned against below account.

The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, for an amount mentioned below plus further interest, other charges and expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding the Date of Notice
Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s): Sh. Jasvir Singh S/o Sh. Dhera Singh, R/o Ward No. 10, Village Khamano, Tehsil Khamano, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, & Guarantor(s): Sh. Harwinder Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh, R/o Village Sidhupur, Tehsil Khamano, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.	All that part & parcel of Property Measuring 4 1/2 Marla being 9/168 share out of total Land Measuring 4 Kanal 4 Marla, comprised in Khata No. 335/360, Khaska No. 24/21/11/2 (4-4), as per Jamabandi for the year 2006-07, situated at Khamano Kalan, Tehsil Khamano, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, in the name of Sh. Jasvir Singh S/o Sh. Dhera Singh, vide Sale Deed No. 34 Dated 09.04.2009.	18.11.2019	15.02.2020	Rs. 8,07,574/- due as on 18.11.2019 plus further interest, other charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 19.11.2019.

DATE : 19.02.2020 PLACE: KHAMANO AUTHORISED OFFICER

Maternity leave to employees going for surrogacy



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Chandigarh Administration has notified that maternity leave will be given to female employees who want to have child through surrogacy as well as to those female employees who would bear the child of another women.

Both the surrogate mother and commissioning mother will be entitled to maternity leave with full pay upto 180 days or 26 weeks.

This has been decided after the neighboring Punjab Government announced similar provision in the state last month.

The Administration has written a letter to all Administrative Secretaries, Head of Departments, Institutions, Boards or Corporation to ensure compliance of the order and grant maternity leave to commissioning mother and surrogate mother. Alongwith the letter, the Punjab Government's order related to grant of maternity leave to commissioning mother and surrogate mother have been forwarded to officers concerned in UT Administration for compliance.

The Panipat Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd.
Branch: 160, Ram Nagar, Near Ram Mandir, Tehsil Camp, Panipat, Ph: 0180-2693924
Head Off. : 510/8, Near Jain High School, G.T. Road, Panipat

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property/ies)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Panipat Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Head Office : G.T. Road, Panipat under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice Dated 05.12.2019 calling upon the borrower **Sh. Satbir S/o Sh. Jiwan Dass & Smt. Rajo Devi W/o Sh. Satbir Singh** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 3,06,864/- (Rs. Three Lacs Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Four Only)** as on 05.12.2019 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property (ies) described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 05th day of December of the year 2019.

The borrower/guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Panipat Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Tehsil Camp, Branch, Panipat for the amount Rs. 3,06,864/- (Rs. Three Lacs Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Four Only) as on 05.12.2019 and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that Part and Parcel of the Property Consisting of a Built-up Factory Area 175 Sq. Yards, Vide Sale Deed Vaska No. 1722/01, Dated 04.06.2001, Mutation No. 26295 Situated at Abadi Wadhawa Ram Colony, Near Janta Public School & Pathar Wala Kuwan, Panipat. Vaka Patti Makhdoom Jagdan vide Khaska no. 61/6/2/2/1 in the name of Sh. Satbir Singh S/o Sh. Jiwan Dass and bounded as under :- North : House of Sh. Ram Pal, South : Street, East : Plot of Vinod Kumar, West : Remaining Part of Satbir Singh.

Dated : 13.02.2020 Authorised Officer - The Panipat Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., G.T. Road, Panipat - 74969-99006

Suggestions of MLAs to be incorporated in Budget: Haryana CM

MANOJ KUMAR ■ PANCHKULA

As head of Budget Session scheduled from February 19, Haryana Legislators on Tuesday gave their suggestions and inputs on Budget 2020-21 during the ongoing pre-Budget consultation meeting in Panchkula.

While the ruling party MLAs expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar for organising pre-budget meeting to incorporate their suggestions in the Budget, the opposition Legislators were apparently not much impressed by the idea, especially at a stage when the Budget must have been given final shape.

Taking to reporters, Khattar said, "We consulted different stakeholders including those associated with industry, service sector, agriculture, real estate, women and MPs. During pre-Budget consultation meeting, MLAs have given their suggestions by rising above party lines. We assured them that their viable suggestions would be incorporated in

the State Budget."

Asked about the common minimum programme (CMP) of the BJP-JJP coalition Government, Khattar said both the parties had promised the people through their manifestoes during election and those common would be implemented. "Some of them have already been implemented. There will be no budget for common minimum programme", he said.

Leader of Opposition and former Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda who was present in the meeting said he attended the pre-budget meeting but did not give any suggestion on State's budget as the current Government has not presented any economic survey. "I do not know about fund allocation to various departments. I do not know State's economic condition. Under such circumstances, how can I give my suggestions on State Budget?" he asked.

Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar said that the Government has limited bud-



get so suggestions are needed to draft a good Budget. Legislators' suggestions would be incorporated, he said, hoping that the Government would

increase its Budget on education.

Haryana Minister Banwari Lal said that he suggested the Government to increase

Budget for OBC/SC. Money given to the people under Awas Yojana should also be doubled. Steps should be taken to prevent scholarship scam, he said.

Health Minister Anil Vij said that around 50 suggestions for health department were received from MLAs during pre-budget consultation meeting.

Narnaund JJP MLA Ram Kumar Gautam said, "I suggested the Government to increase the pension of elders. JJP had promised to increase the pension of elders upto ₹ 5100. If the Government cannot immediately increase the pension to ₹5100 then they should increase it by ₹1,000 annually. People would have faith in our announcement."

Jagbir Singh Malik, Congress MLA from Gohana said that in place of setting up new hospitals, the existing hospitals should be modernised. There has been shortage of specialist doctors in BPS Govt. Medical College, Khanpur Kalan. Earlier, around 4000 patients were being treated at

OPD of this hospital but due to poor infrastructure and shortage of specialist doctors, only 400 or 500 patients are being treated here on daily basis.

Geeta Bhukkal Congress MLA from Jhajjar said that she suggested the Government to allocate maximum funds on education, health and medical education. In absence of proper infrastructure and specialist doctors, the district civil hospital of the State has become referral centre for the people of the State. "We have suggested the Government now during pre-budget consultation meeting. Let's see what Government does on our suggestions. We will expose them during budget discussion in the Vidhan Sabha if suggestions are not incorporated," she added.

Naina Singh Chautala, JJP MLA from Dabwali said that she suggested the Government to give special attention on girls' education, their empowerment as well as providing them with transport facilities among others.

Ranbir Singh Gangwa, BJP MLA and Deputy Speaker of the Vidhan Sabha said MLAs cutting across party lines gave

their suggestions. According to the schedule prepared for consultation with the MLAs, during three days of pre-Budget meeting, discussion on agriculture, education, health, urban local bodies, the social sector and infrastructure development among others will be held. Legislators gave suggestions on agriculture sector and how to double farmers' income among others. The MLAs have been given a chance to give constructive ideas to better the performance in all above sectors during pre-budget meeting.

Yamuna Nagar BJP MLA Ghanshyam Dass Arora said, "I suggested the Government to take steps for promoting organic farming. As many parts of the State face shortage of water, water harvesting should be promoted. Soil health card scheme should be executed effectively. Farmers should be educated and encouraged to avoid using pesticide".

Tohana JJP MLA Devender Singh Babli said that along with farming, farmers should be encouraged for horticulture, vegetable cultivation and ani-

mal husbandry. Combined farming should be promoted. Storage capacity should be enhanced in the State apart from increasing Agriculture budget in this current annual budget.

BJP MLA from Indri Ram Kumar Kashyap said, "I suggested the Government to promote organic farming. Excess use of pesticide invites number of diseases and people become victim of it. Such meeting would help the Government to draft healthy Budget for the people of the State."

Ellenabad MLA and senior INLD leader Abhay Chautala alleged that Government is not serious about the pre-budget discussion and it was a mere formality. He alleged that Budget book has questioned the need of organising pre-Budget meeting. "By organising this, Government is misleading the people and the opposition parties would expose the Government on this issue," he said, adding that Government should encourage research and innovation in State Universities.

Punjab seeks policy to check foodgrain damage

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Underlining that Punjab is not able to bear the annual loss of more than ₹2,000 crore due to damage to food grains, the State Government on Tuesday urged the Centre to come up with an effective policy to check the same.

At the same time, the State Punjab Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu has also appealed to the Union Minister of State of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Raosaheb Dadarao Danve to enhance the storage capacity in the State.

Ashu made the demands during his meeting with the Union Minister, who is on two-day visit to the State.

Strongly taking up the issue of shortage of food grains storage capacity in Punjab, Ashu said that although Punjab has been the food bowl of our country for the last several decades, the responsibility of managing storage of procured food grains is also meted by the State.

"Due to limited resources, Punjab is unable to increase the storage capacity on their own and the Union Government should assist the State Government in this regard," he said while appealing to the Union Minister that the Centre should formulate a nationwide effective policy in this regard so that the food grains produced in agrarian state of Punjab do not get damaged.

Ashu said that Punjab not only grows food grains, but



they are also asked to manage their storage for up to three years, whereas food grains are not stored in Rajasthan for more than three months.

"If the Union Government formulates a policy, food grains from Punjab can be stored in states such as Rajasthan or others," said Ashu while advocated the sale of food grains from Punjab to countries such as Afghanistan or some other South Asian countries.

He said that for lifting of food grains, special permission is granted for only 10-12 goods trains daily, which should be increased to at least 20.

He also demanded that under the Private Entrepreneur Guarantee (PEG) scheme, approvals for construction of godowns, with at least 20 lakh metric tonnes capacity, should be granted.

About the State's current storage situation, Ashu said that

around 95 lakh metric tonne of food grains from previous years are being stored in the State, out of which around 36 lakh metric tonne is lying in open storage and around 60 lakh metric tonnes is stored in godowns.

He said that adding to it, around 130 lakh metric tonnes of wheat is expected to arrive in mandis in April 2020, and Punjab will be unable to store such massive inflow of food grains due to shortage of storage capacity.

Appreciating Punjab model of public distribution system (PDS), the Union Minister Danve said that if food grains are distributed to the beneficiaries for a collective period of six months in entire country, the problem of storage as well as damage of food grains would be resolved automatically.

"With the adoption of this system, 600 lakh tonne of food

grains can reach the households in one go and the beneficiaries would be benefitted to a large extent. He also showed keen interest in implementing the Punjab model of PDS in entire country.

KEYNOTES

- Punjab urges Centre to form effective policy to check damage of food grains
- Ashu says Punjab Govt unable to bear annual loss of more than Rs 2,000 crore due to foodgrains damage
- Minister urges Centre to increase storage capacity in Punjab
- Ashu appeals to Centre to form policy so that excess food grains can be stored in other states
- Union Minister shows interest in implementing Punjab's PDS in entire country
- Danve directs FCI officials to prepare a detailed report regarding current storage capacity and Punjab's requirements

PUNJAB TO GET 31 SILOS SOON FOR SCIENTIFIC STORAGE OF FOOD-GRAINS

Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Raosaheb Patil Danve on Tuesday said that in order to prevent wastage of foodgrains in traditional storage system, the Government has planned to construct 31 silos in Punjab for proper scientific storage of food grains.

Danve, who was at Sangrur to inspect the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) and review the public distribution system of food grains, said that the process for the

identification of suitable sites has been initiated and soon construction of new silos will be started.

He said that silo structures follows a scientific method of storing grains where stored grain is kept dry and aired so as to prevent fungal and insect attacks for much longer time period as compared to traditional methods.

Earlier, during his meeting with Punjab Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu in Ludhiana, Danve said that 21 sites for this purpose have already been shortlisted, whereas the remaining sites would also be finalized shortly.

Danve said that it would check the problem of storage to a large extent. He also assured that he would take up all problems related to Punjab with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

PUNJAB CABINET

Punjab to create 550 posts for medical colleges at Patiala, Amritsar

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To further improve and streamline the functioning of State's Government medical colleges, Punjab Cabinet on Tuesday approved the creation of 550 posts in these institutions at Patiala and Amritsar.

The new posts include 66 paramedics of technical nature, 464 critical posts of nurses, technicians and Class IV employees and 20 posts of Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VDRL)/Multi-disciplinary Research Units (MRU) lab projects, said an official spokesperson after the Cabinet meeting.

The spokesperson said that these posts would be instrumental in putting into use the medical machinery, equipment and infrastructure, lying idle due to paucity of staff, thus providing better healthcare services to the people.

In addition, the Cabinet gave nod for creation and filling up of five new posts in the Directorate of Medical Education and Research, along with revival of the already sanctioned nine posts under its restructuring plan.

Spokesperson said that this initiative would help provide the latest laboratory tests to the general public, and also meet the minimum requisite conditions, in conformity with the guidelines of the Medical Council of India, so as to make these institutions research-oriented.

It may be noted that a high power committee, under the chairmanship of the Advisor (Health and Medical Education) Dr KK Talwar, which was constituted for restructuring and revamping the medical colleges, had recommended the creation or revival of these posts in order to put into use the existing working machinery and equipment or infrastructure, and also to upgrade the facilities available in the Government Medical Colleges at Patiala and Amritsar.



GMC MOHALI TO BE NAMED AS DR B R AMBEDKAR STATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

As a tribute to legendary statesman and father of the Indian Constitution Dr B R Ambedkar, the Cabinet okayed the renaming of Government Medical College, SAS Nagar Mohali, as Dr B R Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences.

The upcoming medical college would be instrumental in serving the Government's purpose of providing affordable healthcare to the public, as well as giving students the opportunity to pursue a career in medical education, said the spokesperson.

Notably, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had conveyed its decision to establish a medical college in SAS Nagar district (Mohali) with enabling provisions for 100 MBBS seats under the centrally sponsored scheme of 'Establishment of New Medical College attached with the existing District or Referral Hospitals' having more than 200 beds strength.

₹ 650 CR FOR REJUVENATING BUDDHA NALLAH IN FIRST PHASE

To undertake rejuvenation of highly-polluting Buddha Nallah in Ludhiana, Punjab Cabinet on Tuesday okayed ₹ 650 crore project for the same in the first phase.

Under this ambitious plan,

an additional Sewerage Treatment Plan having capacity of 275 MLD including associated infrastructure would be developed, which would go a long way in solving problems of Buddha Nallah and subsequent pollution of river Satlej, said the Government spokesperson.

It may be recalled that the pollution in Buddha Nallah is a major threat to the public health and environment. The main sources of pollution in Buddha Nallah are direct flow into the Nallah by industries, dairies and some slum or localities, treated effluent from existing STPs based on UASB technology not meeting the required effluent quality, and overflow from sewer lines as the capacity of laid sewerage system and STPs is insufficient to carry the existing flows.

Taking serious view of pollution in the drains, streams and rivers in the State, the National Green Tribunal has already directed the State Government to take proactive steps to immediately address this problem.

1% ADDITIONAL STAMP DUTY ON SALE/PURCHASE OF URBAN PROPERTIES

To fund water supply and environment improvement programs in urban areas, the Cabinet has also approved the proposal of levying one percent additional stamp duty on registration of sale or purchase of urban properties.

German Freudenberg Group discusses ₹400 cr investment with Capt

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Germany-based Freudenberg Group CEO Ulrich Kerber on Tuesday discussed with Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh the modalities for a 50 million euros (more than ₹400 crore) investment in the State's automotive sector.

The Chief Minister assured the Freudenberg Group of State Government's full support and cooperation to undertake expansion in the State.

Kerber, who called upon the Chief Minister, informed that the Group was in constant touch with the Invest Punjab team for identification of suitable site for their new project, which would be finalized soon.

He also lauded the positive attitude of Invest Punjab in extending all possible support to the group for execution of their proposed plan.

The CEO told the Chief Minister that Vibracoustic India, an arm of Freudenberg Group, was a leading supplier of NBH (noise, vibration and harshness) solutions for the automotive industry, with presence in 19 countries, and a market share of 18 percent. It was a major supplier to companies such as Audi, BMW,

Mercedes and Volvo, he added.

Jagminder Bawa of Vibracoustic India informed Capt Amarinder that the group started its operation 20 years ago in Mohali and generating employment potential of 1700.

He also pointed out that Vibracoustic India had worked out a proposal to invest for both Vibracoustic India and M/S Freudenberg Sealing Technologies.

Appreciating the Group's endeavours, Capt Amarinder said that the new proposed project would further boost the investment sentiment in the State, besides generating tremendous employment potential.

Capt Amarinder said that with his government's investor-friendly policies, coupled with renewed confidence of entrepreneurs, the State had firmed up investments worth nearly Rs 60,000 on the ground since March 2017.

Notably, Freudenberg Group, a global technology conglomerate headquartered in Germany, deals in multiple sectors such as mobility, energy, chemicals, household, textile, with 50,000 employees in around 60 countries and total turnover of more than 9.4 billions Euros in 2018.

TACKLING STUBBLE BURNING

Justice Gill panel seeks proposals from farmer unions

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A week after the Punjab Government set up a panel to look into the menace of stubble burning, its head Justice (retired) Mehtab Singh Gill on Tuesday invited suggestions proposals from the farmers' unions.

The panel, comprising Agriculture Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) chairperson, representative of Punjab Agriculture University (PAU) Vice-Chancellor, ADGP Intelligence or his nominee and representatives of farmers' bodies as its members, on Tuesday held a meeting with Kisan Unions in a bid to end the paddy straw

burning woes completely, and to resolve the issues arising out of paddy straw burning.

During the meeting, it was decided to seek proposals from kisan unions to end the menace of residue burning and manage the paddy straw in eco-friendly manner.

After giving sympathetic consideration to the issues raised by the Kisan Unions, the Committee decided to involve the unions to resolve the issues and to solve the menace permanently.

To achieve the goal of zero stubble burning, Agriculture Secretary Kahan Singh Pannu said that Punjab Government has provided more than 51,000 agro-machines to the state's

farmers with a subsidy component of ₹489 crore during the previous two paddy seasons. "Without the cooperation of the farmers and farmer unions, we cannot make Punjab a zero stubble burning state," he said.

Notably, Punjab Government on February 11 constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Justice Gill for the management of paddy straw in the State. The committee had been constituted to look into various issues raised by farmers arising out of paddy straw and its management across the state, with the directions of submitting its report along with recommendations in two months.

Educational institutions should commemorate anniversaries of great personalities: Haryana CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday said that anniversaries of great personalities should be commemorated by organising programmes based on their life and teachings in educational and other institutions so that youths could draw inspiration. "This way we can pay them tribute in a real manner," he said at a programme organised to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati in Panchkula.

He said that Swami Dayanand was a multi-

faceted personality and had taken initiatives in the fields of religion, education, spirituality and women empowerment. "He had played a vital role in the freedom struggle of the country. Other great personalities like Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Veer Savarkar had also acknowledged his contribution in awakening the flame of freedom among the people with their speeches," he said.

He said that great personalities hold a special significance in the society and their birth anniversaries are commemorated so that the young generation could take inspiration from their life.

MLAs want rooms in A Block of Punjab Bhawan

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Taking serious cognizance of the issue raised by some Legislators regarding not providing rooms in the A block of Punjab Bhawan at New Delhi, Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana KP Singh has summoned the officials concerned.

The Speaker has issued summons to IAS officer in-charge Alok Shekhar — the principal secretary (general administration), PCS officer Moneesh Kumar — the special secretary (general administration protocol), besides other officials at Punjab Bhawan, Delhi.

Notably, about four Congress MLAs — Gurkirat Singh Kotli, Parminder Singh Pinki, Barindermeet Singh Pahra, and Gurmeet Singh GP — have sought the intervention of the Vidhan Sabha's privileges committee on the issue.

In separate communiqués to the Speaker, the legislators had alleged that they were denied rooms in the A block of Punjab Bhawan in Delhi

and were being accommodated in the B block, and dubbed it as their "disrespect", while demanding that the matter should be placed before the privileges committee.

They alleged that the rooms in A block were permanently blocked for the top government bureaucrats. But as per the protocol, the legislators are above the Chief Secretary. The MLAs also alleged that the officers and officials were not picking their phone calls.

Taking serious note, the Speaker has asked the officers to explain under what rules they have denied room in A block to the MLAs, while also asking them to furnish details regarding under which category the MLAs and bureaucrats have been placed.

The Speaker has also directed the officials concerned to bring along the entire record of room booking till date. The speaker has also questioned the officials concerned about why they did not attend to the MLAs' phone calls.

UT administration decides to table draft parking policy

NISHU MAHAJAN ■ CHANDIGARH

The proposals of allowing stilt parking at ground

floor, parking tariff as per congestion factor, strict parking norms in residential areas, among others in the draft parking policy of Chandigarh have

become the bone of contention between various Departments of UT Administration.

Failing to reach a unanimous decision on various pro-

posals in the draft parking policy, the UT Administration has now decided to table the policy in a meeting of UT Administrator's Advisory

Council.

The decision was taken after the directions of Punjab Governor and UT Administrator VP Singh

Badnore to take suggestions from the members of Advisory Council on parking policy.

The policy, aimed at addressing parking woes of the city residents, proposed stilt parking at ground floor within the permissible ground coverage, FAR (floor area ratio) and height of the building.

Recommendation in the policy also include plying of

staff buses by companies with more than 50 employees, provision of two cars to be parked inside the house, two main gates to be permitted along accessible road in the front boundary wall of the residential buildings, dedicated high frequency bus service on three major roads of the city, parking tariff as per congestion factor, removal of boundary wall of marla houses to accommodate

more vehicles.

"The proposal of stilt parking remains a contentious issue as the FAR has to be increased for its implementation. The UT Urban Planning Department, Chandigarh Housing Board and other concerned Departments are yet to reach a consensus on this proposal," said a senior officer of UT Administration.

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main secondary examination of the year 2014-16 and Roll No. 2326975 issued by CBSE has been lost. Neelam Devi D/O Dharampal Singh, Village & PO Khedar, Hissar Haryana.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sunita W/o Sh. Dinesh R/o H.No.3113/2 Ward no.31 Rajiv Nagar Rohak Haryana declare that my son Mohit and his wife Sanjana @ Atiksha are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable/immovable properties. Any body dealing with them at their own risk.

We, Rajinder Kumar S/o Ram Dayal & Kiran Chaudhary W/o Rajinder K. Chaudhary both R/o H.No. 1073, Sector 7B, Chandigarh declare that our son Vishal Chaudhary his wife Rita are out of our control. We disown them from our all moveable / immovable property any body dealing with them at their own risk and responsibility.

I, Somwati Tomar S/o Late Somnaveer R/o H.No. 2230 Sec-10, Housing Board Colony Ambala City inform that my Son Ankur Tomar, his wife Isha Tomar are out of my control. So I disown both of them from my moveable/immovable properties. If any body deals with them will do so his/her at their own risk.

I, Chuni Lal S/O Tehlu, R/O 2150 Pipliwala Town Manimajra, Chandigarh. Declare that My Daughter Pooja. Out Of Control. I Disown From My Moveable / Immovable Property. If Anybody Deals With Her Will Do So On His / Her Own Risk And Responsibility.

I, Jagdish Gandhi S/O Chanderman R/O 2503 N.H.B.C. Sec 11-12, Huda Panipat Declare That My Son Vivek Gandhi And His Wife Sarla Rani Is Out Of My Control So I Disown Them From My Moveable/immovable Property Any Body Deals With Them At Own Risk.

I, Parnal S/O Gaiinda Ram R/O Mataik Majri, Tehsil Indri, District Karnal declare that my son Sohan Lal and his wife Rubi are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable and immovable property. Anyone deal with them at their own risk.

I, Raj Rani W/o Ramesh Chand R/O H.No.360, Maan Colony, Near Jyoti Nagar Karnal declare that my daughter Sarika Raj is out of my control. I disown her from my moveable & immovable property. Anyone deal with her at their own risk.

I, Phool Kumari W/o Nagina Mehto H.No.1375, Gali No.9, Shivaji Colony, Karnal declare that in my Reliance Life Insurance Policy no. 16738432 my name wrongly mentioned as Phul Kumari instead of Phool Kumari. Please correct as Phool Kumari.

I, No.15107864N Ex Hav Rajender Singh S/O Dalip Singh R/O Village Karela, Tehsil Julana, Distt.Jind, inform that in my army record my son's name has been wrongly recorded as Sanjev Kumar. But his actual name is Sanjev.

I, No. 15576533L Rank Hav. Mandeep Singh S/O Sikander Singh Of 117 Engineer Regiment C/O 56 APO Presently R/O VPO. Barsal Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Declare That In Army Record Date Of Birth Of My Wife Amarpreet Kaur Is 04/01/1984 Which Is Wrong. Her Correct Date Of Birth Is 14/01/1984. The Correct Date Of Birth Of My Wife Amarpreet Kaur As 14/01/1984 Ba Entered in My Service Documents instead Of 04/01/1984.

I, Ravinder S/O Subhash R/O Village Malvi, Distt. Jind (Haryana), inform that in my service record my brother Meenu Date of Birth is 01-01-1999 which is wrong. But his actual Date of Birth according to his birth certificate is 12-12-2000.

I, Kiran Kumari W/O Onkar Nath V&PO Pandori Atwal Teh. Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb) declare that my name written wrongly Kiran Bala in Army record of my son No. 2709735K GDR Sandeep Kumar 19 Grenadier According my aachar card my correct name is Kiran Kumari be amended in Army record of my son.

I, No.15488744-L Rank LD Kadam Santosh Madan R/O Shindewadi Post Uchat Tehsil Wada Distt Paighar (Maharashtra) PIN 421312 presently residing at 66 ARMD Regt. c/o 56 APO Tiroi Cantt Distt Gurdaspur (Pb) have changed my daughter's name from Sreya Santosh Kadam due to wrong name recorded in my service record before Kuljinder Singh Mann Notary Public, Gurdaspur (Pb) dt.18.02.20.

I, Ravinder Singh S/O Ragbir Singh Saggu R/O 1680, Sector 29-B, Chandigarh declare that in passport by mistake my name is entered as Ravinder Singh, correct name is first name - Ravinder last name - Singh.

I, Sarabjit D/o Sukhdev Singh W/o Parminder Singh S. Hindi Translator Indian Airforce 7 wing Ambala Cantt R/O H.No.163, Phase-3 Jaggi Colony Ambala City inform that in my service record my name wrongly mentioned as Sarabjeet Kaur. But my correct name is Sarabjit.

This is inform to general public that Saksham Jolly S/O Sanjeev Jolly is Saksham Jolly S/O Sanjeev Kumar Jolly Saksham Jolly S/O Sanjeev Kumar Jolly should be used in all public as well as school documents.

I, Anita Devi W/o Mukesh Kumar R/O Village Ahulana Teh gaur distt sonipat declared that in my husband army service record my DOB is 2.2.1979and my name Anita Devi that is wrong and my correct dob is 1.2.1979and my correct name is Anita.

I, Satnam Singh Honey Hav (INF SOL) No. 4474681 P S/O Late Gura Singh R/O Saido Lehal, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar declares that in my Army Record my wife Sukhjinder Kaur's date of birth is wrongly written as 10.01.1980 but her correct D.O.B is 20.02.1984 Which should be recorded in my army Record.

I, Satnam Singh Honey Hav (INF SOL) No. 4474681 P S/O Late Gura Singh R/O Saido Lehal, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar declares that in my Army Record name of my son is written as Jograj Singh but as per Aadhar Card and School Certificates his correct name is Yograj Singh. Which should be recorded in my army Record.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sukhvinder S/O Sh. Sube Singh R/O VPO Pabra Tehsil Uklana Distt, Hissar after being disciple of Swami Krishanand I, have changed my name from Sukhvinder to Sachidanand S/O Swami Krishanand R/O Swami Deepnandan Avhadoot Ashram, Kharijapur Tehsil & Distt. Hissar for all purposes in future.

I, Shivinder Singh S/O Kishan Singh R/O VPO Bham District Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Shivinder Singh to Shivendra Singh Concerned Note.

I, Jagdish Kumar S/O Late Harish Chand R/O Kothi No. 4189, Sector-11, TDI City, SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab have changed my name to Jagdish Kamra.

I, Sunny S/O Surinder Kumar R/O 553, Gali No-2, Bank Colony, Behind Bus Stand Teh/Distt Pathankot have changed my name to Sunny Mahajan.

I, Manpreet Singh S/O Deepinder Jeet Singh, Ward-12, Chak Alla Baksh, Tehsil Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name to Manpreet Singh Goraya.

I, Jeet Verma S/O Ram Murti R/O # 414 Kajheri, Sector 52, Chandigarh have changed my name from Jeet Verma to Jeeta.

I, M. Yousof Mir S/O Gulam Ahmad Mir R/O Village Sunar Gund PO Ichang Tehsil/District Budgam (J&K) Pin 191111 have changed my name from M. Yousof Mir to Mohammad Yousof Mir vide affidavit no AK084547 dated 17-02-2020 before Notary Pathankot.

I, No IC-69953A Rank LT Col Name Santosh Sopan More S/O Shri Sopan More R/O VPO Shivtar Tehsil Kneed Distt Ratnagiri (Maharashtra) Declare That In My Service Record My Son Name Has Been Wrongly Mentioned Aakash Instead Of Aakash Santosh More.

I, Service No. 15334723M Rank Nk Name Abhay Narayan Singh S/O Mandav Singh R/O V & PO Daulatpur Tehsil & District Ballia (UP) Pincode-221713 declare that I have changed my son's name from Aditya Kumar Singh to Ashish Kumar Singh vide Affidavit No AK 127244 dated 14.02.2020 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot.

I, Uma Rani W/o Vinay Kumar R/O S-2/741, New Garden Colony, Mission Road, Pathankot Tehsil/District Pathankot (PB) have changed my name from Uma Rani to Uma Sharma.

I, Amarjit W/o Devraj R/O village Navanagar Tehsil kalka distt panchkula have changed my name to Amarjit kaur.

I, Meena spouse of No. J0248185N, Rank No/RIS Laxmi Chand R/O 207 Preet Colony Village Jandli, Ambala City declares that I have changed my name from Meena to Meena Devi. Vide Affidavit dated14/02/2020 before Notary, Ambala City Court.

I, Chuni Lal S/O Bhagat Ram R/O 1231/1263, Muker Ji Park, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Chuni Lal Bhardwaj.

I, Vikrant Kelley S/O Pawan Kumar R/O Village Rachheri PO Ganeshpur Tehsil Naraingarh (Ambala) have changed my name from Vikrant to Vikrant Kelley.

I, No 4271565X EX Hav Avtar Singh S/O Shri Kishan Singh R/O VPO Bhana, Teh Dasuya, Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab. Declare that have changed the name of My daughter from Jaspreet Kaur to Jaspreet Kaur.

I, No 2483724N EX Hav Ranvir Kumar S/O Shri Batan Chand R/O Vill Rahmanpur, PO Mehangerwal, Teh & Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab. Declare that have changed the name of My son from Sumeet Kumar to Sumit Kumar.

I, Smt Geeta W/o No 1450616Y NK Pargat Ram R/O Vill Sasoli PO Bihala Teh & Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab. have changed my name from Gejo to Gurmej Kaur Vide affidavit dated 19-02-2020 before Notary at Hoshiarpur.

I, Harjeet Singh S/o Sh. Jasbir Singh R/O H.No. 1073, Sector-12 Sonipat have changed my name from Harjit Singh/Harjit to Harjeet Singh for all future purposes.

I, Parmjeet Singh S/O Sh. Jasbir Singh R/O H.No. 1073, Sector-12. Sonipat have changed my name from Parmjeet Singh to Parmajet Singh for all future purposes.

I, Tanu Goyal W/o Vikas Goyal R/O House No-2069, Sector -13, Urban Estate, Karnal have changed my name from Tanu to Tanu Goyal.

I, Pankaj Bindra S/O K.K Bindra R/O 2206 Sector 44-C Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Abhishek Bindra to Rohin Bindra

I, Yasin Ali S/O Late Mehar Baan R/O 361/1, Samadhi Gate, Manimajra, Chandigarh do have changed my Son name from Chetan Mohal to Vahid Khan.

I, Sushila Devi W/O No. 2876909A EX RFN Dharampal R/O VPO Litani, Tehsil Uklana Mandi, Distt. Hissar have changed my name from Sunil Kumar to Sushila Devi for all future purposes.

I, Anita Devi W/O No.15144813X EX HAV Hawa Singh R/O Vill. Rampura, PO Dhana Kalan Tehsil Hansi, Distt. Hissar have changed my name from Anita Devi to Anita Yadav. My DOB is 16.08.1989 and Adhar no. is 8930 5342 0803.

I, No. 15144813X EX HAV Hawa Singh R/O Vill. Rampura, PO Dhana Kalan Tehsil Hansi, Distt. Hissar have changed my name from Ankit Singh to Ankit. His DOB is 24.12.2012 and Aadhar no. is 8843 7453 9040

I, Narinder Kumar S/O Kuldeep Rai Gupta R/O Dharival (Gurdaspur) have changed my name to Narinder Gupta. Concerned note.

I, Ramesh Dass S/O Sh. Mange Ram R/O Namunda Tehsil Sarmalkha Distt. Panipat have changed my name from Ramesh Dass to Rameshwar Dass.

I, Darshan Kaur spouse of Lakhvinder Singh resident of VPO Sanghera, Tehsil and Distt Barnala, Punjab, have changed my name from Darshan Kaur to Darshana Kaur vide affidavit dated 17/02/2020 before Executive Magistrate, Jalandhar.

I, No.15475314 H LD Ram Pal S/O Late Sh. Ram Lal R/O 67 Armed Regt. C/o 56 APO have been changed my wife's name from Surjeet Kumari to Surjit Kumari vide affidavit No. AC 899962 dated 18-2-2020 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

I, No.154944687 A LD Satwinder Saini S/O Basant Raj R/O 67 Armed Regt. C/o 56 APO have been changed my name from Satwinder Saini to Satwinder Saini vide affidavit No. AC 947587 dated 18-02-2020 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

I, No.15478431 A LD Chandar Shekhar S/O Mukhtar Singh R/O 76 Armed Regt. C/o 56 APO have been changed my name from Chandar Shekhar to Chandar Shekhar vide affidavit No.AC 947567 dated 18 Feb 2020 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

I, No.15478431 A LD Chandar Shekhar S/O Mukhtar Singh R/O 67 Armed Regt. C/o 56 APO have been changed my daughter's name from Eshika to Ishika vide affidavit No. 947568 dated 18-02-2020 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

I, 10495364W EX L/NK, Krishan Kumar AP/ R/O Vill. Nizampur PO Chandoli Teh & distt Panipat I have changed my son name Fardaan chanal to Abhijeet Chahal plz correct in my record.

I, Balvir Singh S/O Mewa Singh R/O Village Kotha Pona, Agwarh Pona, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Balvir Singh Dhillon.

I, Hatendjeet Singh Palha S/O Surjit Singh R/O H.No-51810, Aman Nagar Hardochanni Road Gurdaspur Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name To Hatendjeet Singh.

I, Rajinder Kaur W/O Jagseer Singh R/O Village Dehka, Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Rajwinder Kaur Bhatti.

I, Balwinder Kaur W/O Jagdev Singh Gill R/O VPO. Chakar Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana. Have Changed My Name To Balwinder Kaur Gill.

I, Harpreet Kaur W/O Sourav Kumar R/O H.No-344 St.No-01 W.No-18 Gokal Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Pallavi

I, Abhishara Rani D/O Piarla Lal W/O Chandar Mohan Sharma R/O B-5/262 Krishna Colony Goraya Distt. Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Abhishasha Sharma.

I, Geetu Chhabra W/o Harpreet Singh, resident House No 2014 Phase 7, Sector 61 Mohali (Punjab) have changed my name to Geetu.

I, No 4478186N LHAV Jasbir Singh R/O 10 Sikhi S/O Sher Singh Village Kainur R/O Kainaur Distt Ropar changed my sons name Harashman Singh to Harshman Singh.

I, Ritu Verma D/o Ram Krishan Verma W/o Manish Arora R/O H.No. 3281, Rajpura Town (Patiala) changed my name Ritu Arora.

I, Hardeep Singh S/O Mahinga Singh R/O H.No. 1734, Phase-5, SAS Nagar my father known as Mahenga Singh and Mahinga Singh.

I, 16127011N, SPR, Sitha Simachalam Nacu, Unit 5 Engr C/O 56 APO changed my Minor Brother Name Sitha Ganesh To Sumandeep Kaur Gill.

I, Deepak Bhatnagar S/O Rameshwar bhatnagar R/O # 2232 Vikas Vihar,basant Vihar kalka, tehsil kalka distt Panckhula Haryana have changed my minor daughter name from Rashleen to Ruhii.

I, Dharmender S/O Sh. Om Parkash, R/O Vill. Dhana Kalan, Teh. Hansi, Distt. Hissar declare that my army no. JC-730972P, my daughter's name is entered in my army record as Kumari Komal Sharma, her correct name is Komal Sharma for all purposes.

I, Gobind Singh S/O Sh. Sardool Singh R/O H.No. 188, Plot No. 3, Village Bir Babran, Post Office-Juglan, Teh. and Distt Hissar declare that I have changed my name from Gobind Singh to Gobind Singh Chohan for all purposes.

I, Ashish Kumar Swamkar S/O Puroshottam Dass posted in oriental bank of commerce declares that my name in aadhar card and pan card is Ashish Kumar Swamkar which is correct while in my Bank record my name is mentioned as Ashish Kumar. Now I want to change my name in my bank record.

I, John Masih S/O Samuvel R/O village Chuniya Farm Po.Sandholi, Pehowa (Kurukshetra) have changed my name to John Pal.

I, Army No. 14829868A NK Ashwani Kumar Sahu P/O 666 Coy ASC (TK Tpr) C/o 56 APO have changed my wife Dinesh Kumari Sahu's date of birth from 10.07.1991 to 10.07.1990 in my Army Service Record.

I, Army No. 14822993F Hav Shamhal Gurjar P/O 666 Coy ASC (TK Tpr) Type C C/o 56 APO have changed my wife's name from Dhholi to Dholi Devi and her date of birth from 16.06.1979 to 06.06.1978 in my Army Service Record.

I, Vandana Pawar W/O No JC/69405H Sub Bhagwat Pawar P/O 946 AD MSL Regt (SP) Wks C/O 56 APO have changed my name from Megha to Vandana Pawar & date of birth from 19.04.1978 to 25.03.1978 vide affidavit dated 17.2.2020 before Notary Hissar.

I, Harjot Kaur W/o Kulwant Singh R/O Vill. Mahjitpur, Po. Panjitpur, Distt Kapurthala have changed the spelling of my name from Harjot Kaur to Harjot Kaur.

I, Jit Kaur W/o Chanan Singh R/O Vill. Mallian Khurd, Po.Talwandi Saieem, Teh.Nakodar, Jalandhar certified that my spouse true & correct name is Chanan Singh instead of Chanan Ram. (Same person)

I, 4483060X LNK Balwinder Singh S/O Sukhvinder Singh R/O Dnunda, Tarn Taran, Dnunda, Punjab-143422 Have Changed My Name From Arashdeep Singh To Arshdeep Singh

I, Jobin S/O Ranbir Singh R/O Ward No-22 Pancholi Colony Gurdaspur, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name To Jobanpreet Singh.

I, Rajinder Kaur W/O Karamjit Singh R/O H.No-51810, Aman Nagar Hardochanni Road Gurdaspur Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name To Rajwinder Kaur.

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I, Neku Ram S/O Jit Bahadur R/O 712 Sector 38-A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Neeku Ram.

I, Sumandeep Kaur W/o Parminder Singh Gill, Vill Bishangarh Teh Maierkota, Distt Sangrur, changed my name to Sumandeep Kaur Gill.

I, Ranj Singh wife of Service No. 619020T Rank: Ex SGT Name: Joga Singh resident of H.No. 17B New Model Town Phagwara (Kapurthala) Pb, changed my name to Rani Ghera.

I, Sarbjit Singh D/O Ajaib Singh R/O Vill: Naranjanpur Teh-Baba Bakala Sahib (Amritsar) changed my name from Sarabjeet Singh to Sarbjit Singh.

I, Rohit Kumar S/o Satpal Garg R/o Maur Mandi (Bathinda) changed my name to Rohit Garg.

I, Harashdeep Singh S/O Inder Kawal Pal Singh R/O VPO Bhinder Teh-Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar Ps Kilchian changed my name to Harshdeep Singh.

I, Kumari Bimla D/o Chaggar Singh Minhas R/O H.No. 16 Vill: Chakwal Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) Pb, India, changed my name from Bimla Devi to Kumari Bimla.

I, No. 15139229W Ex Gnr (Ap Hav) Gurwinder Singh S/O Sh. Gurbachan Singh VPO. Gaggu Bua, Tehsil & Distt Tarn Taran I have Change My Daughter Name Mahepreet Kaur To Mehakpreet Kaur.

I, No. 1558494Y EX NK/TS Hardip Singh S/O Sh. Gian Singh VPO. Allowal Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, Distt Tarn Taran I Have Change My Son Name Kuldeep Singh To Kuldeep Singh.

I, JC 510464N, Sub. Roshan Singh, Unit 4 Sikhi C/O 99 APO, Village Sodhe Wala Tehsil & District Ferozpur changed My Son Name Samson To Samson Saha.

I, Murapala, Hemalatha, Spouse Of No. 15177097X, NK(OPR) Mohan Rao, Meddala, Resident At Street Saidal Puttuga, Tehsil Ichapuram District, Sri Kaluam (AP) Have Changed My Name From Murapala, Hemalatha To Maddila, Hemalatha Vide Affidavit Dated 17 February 2020 Before Notary Ferozpur.

I, Amrit Pal S/O Hardev Lal R/O VPO Mazari Tehsil Banga District SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name As Name Amrit Sumera Pal.

I, Shinder Kaur W/O Jeet Singh R/O House No. 296, Adarsh Nagar, Gurusahasai, District Ferozpur Have Changed My Name To Jeet Singh Chhinder Kaur And Correct Date Of Birth 01-01-1958, incorrect 20-04-1965.

I, Ajeet Singh S/O Gopal Singh R/O House No. 296, Adarsh Nagar, Gurusahasai, District Ferozpur Have Changed My Name To Jeet Singh-And Correct Date Of Birth 01-01-1953, incorrect 18-05-1960.

I, Darshan Singh alias Dalu Singh S/O Niranjn Singh R/O Vill. Keralia, Teh-Sarnana (Patiala) changed my name to Darshan Singh.

I, Dhro W/O D/O 4438974, Sep. Kartar Singh R/O Village Kari Ka District Ferozpur Have Changed My Name To Dalbir Kaur.

I, Babita Sondhi W/O Jagveeran Ram R/O BL-53 W.No. 11 Muhalla Valmiki Hadiabad Phagwara changed my name to Banita

I, Satpal Singh S/O Gurdev Singh R/O H.No. 2 Gaur Colony JCT Mile Phagwara (Kapurthala) changed my name to Satpal Singh Nayyar.

I, Parmjeet Ghal W/O Jasvir Ghal R/O H.No.-15802/4, Nai Abadi, Khanna (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Parmjit Kaur.

I, Saab Singh S/O Kashmir Singh # Best Chamlian Vill Maste Ke (Ferozpur) Have Changed My Name To Sahib Singh.

I, Jagmohan Singh Son Of Kanwarjeet Singh R/O Village Kauri District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Jagmohan Singh Bar.

I, Anu Bindu W/O Bhupinder Pal Sarin R/O Railway Colony Ward No. 1 Gurusahasai Tehsil Gurusahasai Distt Ferozpur Have Changed My Name To Anu Sarin.

I, Sat Pal Singh Brar Son Of Gurjant Singh R/O House No. 166, Link Mour Road Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Sat Pal Singh Brar.

I, Navjot Kaur D/O Tarsem Singh R/O Surewala (Sri Muktsar Sahib) Have Changed My Name To Navjot Kaur Wandler.

I, Tarsem Singh S/O Ajaib Singh R/O Surewala (Sri Muktsar Sahib) Have Changed My Minor Son Name Navkaran Singh To Navkaran Singh Wandler.

I, Gurtej Singh S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Bariwala (Sri Muktsar Sahib) Have Changed My Name To Gurtej Singh Sandhu.

I, Bhupinder Singh Warring S/O Gurtej Singh R/O Village Warring District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Arshpreet Singh To Arshdeep Singh Warring.

I, Sukhraj Singh R/O Vill: Naranjanpur (Tarn Taran) Pb, changed my daughter's name from Khusman Deep Kaur to Khushman Deep Kaur.

I, Smt. Sunita Devi spouse of No. 3202226W NK Rughbir Singh resident of VPO Bangaon, Tehsil & Distt. Fatehabad, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Smt. Sunita Devi to Sunita vide affidavit date 13-02-2020 before Distt. Court, Fatehabad, Haryana.

I, Kawalpreet Singh S/O Kuljeet Singh S/O H.No- 2738, Block-1, Hari Palace Road, Ambala City inform that my Cheque no 00054,

No more PGDM, MBA courses at one go

Universities will have to choose either one of them, says AICTE

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The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) — the technical and management education regulator — on Tuesday said the Government or private universities will no longer be able to offer both PGDM and MBA courses simultaneously and will have to choose either of the two.

The AICTE, under the HRD Ministry, said Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) courses can be run by standalone institutions, which are neither universities nor affiliated to any university, similar to the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).

"Over a period of time, deemed to be universities have

added PGDM course under the banner of 'Management Programme' in contravention of norms. According to the AICTE Regulations, 2020, conducting PGDM and MBA courses in the same institution is not permissible," a senior AICTE official said.

"Central, State and private universities and institutions deemed to be universities, which are running PGDM and MBA courses under the banner of management programme, are requested to convert all courses into MBA completely and comply with the AICTE norms," he added.

According to the regulations, institutions affiliated to universities have the option of either converting all PGDM courses into corresponding

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"Conducting PGDM and MBA courses in the same institution is not permissible... central/state/private universities and institutions deemed to be universities which are running PGDM programme concurrently with MBA under the banner of management programme are requested to convert PGDM courses as MBA completely and comply with the AICTE norms forthwith," says the AICTE circular following a Council meet last week.

"An institute cannot run both PGDM & MBA programmes simultaneously," the circular added. As senior

AICTE officials said the move is also aimed at eliminating the confusion caused by institutes running Master's as well as diploma programmes.

According to AICTE chairman Anil Sahasrabudhe, the institutes offering a good MBA would at times also introduce a diploma course in management and that the diploma course was often inferior in quality.

"In that case students would sign up under the impression that an institute offering a good MBA course would excel at PGDM as well. A lot of confusion was caused by institutes running both programmes simultaneously and thus we are now doing a course correction which benefits the Business programmes," Sahasrabudhe added.

EC makes fresh push for electoral reforms with Law Ministry

Issues like linking voter ID with Aadhaar, allowing multiple registration windows to a new voter and ensuring gender neutral rights for 'service voter', paid news and false affidavit as electoral offence/corrupt practice; print media and social media intermediaries to be covered under Section 126 of the RP Act 1951 were discussed in the meet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a fresh bid to push the electoral reforms pending with the Centre, the Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday met the Legislative Department of Ministry of Law and Justice officials.

In a meeting with Legislative Secretary G Narayan Raju, Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora and Election Commissioners Ashok Lavasa and Sushil Chandra discussed the pending issues, including linking voter ID with Aadhaar, allowing multiple registration windows to a new voter and ensuring gender neutral rights for 'service voter', paid news and false affidavit as electoral offence/corrupt practice; print media and social media intermediaries to be covered under Section 126 of the RP Act 1951. As many as over 40 recommendations for electoral reforms are pending with the Centre.

Sources said linking voter ID with Aadhaar to weed out duplications and misrepresentations from the electoral rolls. Aadhaar linkage and voter authentication are also considered critical to the commission's plans to work towards electronic, internet-based voting and for giving 'remote' voting rights to domestic migrant workers.

Earlier, in a letter to the Law Ministry, the Commission had recently proposed that provisions of the Representation of the People Act be amended to allow EC seek Aadhaar numbers of those applying to be voters and those who are already part of the electoral rolls, sources in the poll panel explained. Accepting the proposal to give it legal backing to collect Aadhaar data, the Law Ministry is learnt to have asked the poll panel to ensure that the data is protected at multiple levels. The EC recently listed out steps to protect the data from possible leaks.

After the meeting, CEC Sunil Arora mentioned that there are more than 40 different proposals of electoral reforms which are pending since

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long and Commission is at present discussing some of these proposals. "Commission would like to have such meetings with Legislative Department at regular intervals to pursue all such pending proposals" he said. According to EC, the Legislative Secretary assured that the ministry is already examining these proposals.

According to EC, another pending issue is to amend Representation of the People Act (RPA), 1951. In discussions held until December 2019, the EC had assured that privacy and data safety-related concerns will be addressed. It is now waiting for the government to move the amendment to the Cabinet for approval.

One of these is a proposed amendment to Section 14(b) of the RPA, 1951, which looks at registration for first-time voters as they turn 18 years of age. Currently, only those who turn 18 by January 1st of that year are registered as voters.

EC had recommended, way back in 2013, that to ensure that no 18-year-old is denied voting rights, registration should be permitted any day of the year. The law ministry had then suggested only two dates: January 1st and July 1st. The poll panel is expected to seek multiple registration dates now.

Another recommendation involves amendments to Section 20(6) of the Act to allow the husband of a female officer to be registered as a service voter where she holds office. The EC has also asked the Government to make bribery during poll period a cognisable offence.

Cong slams Govt for hiding data

□ Congress charged the BJP Govt as it is concealing data pertaining to GDP numbers, inflation, unemployment and "now lowest ever consumption"

□ Govt has 'launched a war' against all sections of society, including women, students and farmers, claims Congress

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Accusing the BJP Government in Gujarat of trying to "hide poverty" by constructing a wall in Ahmedabad ahead of US President Donald Trump's visit there later this month, the Congress on Tuesday charged the Government with hiding data, including that of "lowest" consumption levels in 40 years, and asked it to make it public in order to find solutions to problems plaguing the economy.

Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said playing 'hide and seek' has become the favourite game of the BJP Government as it is concealing data pertaining to GDP numbers, inflation, unemployment and "now lowest ever consumption".

"Favourite game of the BJP Government is hide and seek. Hide farmer suicide statistics. Hide unemployment figures. Hide the truth of demonetisation. Hide real GDP figures. Hide poverty behind the 'wall'. And now hide the lowest consumption in 40 years," he said, adding the Government has "launched a war" against all sections of society, including women, students and farmers.

Vallabh alleged that 16 out of 23 sectors in manufacturing are in poor condition, but the Government continues to be in a denial mode. "We ask the Government that data should not be hidden, but made public so it can be discussed as India is capable of battling all odds," he said.

"Those talking about the Gujarat



model are now building walls to hide the poverty there. If a disease is to be treated, you have to accept that it is there in the first place. But BJP does not accept its failures," he said while taking a dig at the BJP Government over reports of construction of a wall in Ahmedabad to allegedly hide a slum in Ahmedabad.

The Congress leader said the country has had the lowest growth in last nine years and this will definitely reduce savings as well, because inflation is 7.95 per cent. "BJP's favourite rating agency Moody's has projected India's growth estimate for 2020 to be 5.4 per cent, against the Government's claim of showing 6 to 6.5 per cent growth in the year," he said.

Vallabh said poverty increases when consumption is low and claimed that UNDP data for 2005-2015 shows that during this period the highest eradication of poverty (271 million people) has taken place in the country and the credit for this goes to MNREGA.

AICC chief spokesman Randeep Surjewala said country live in times where GDP is measured in tons, Citizen rights in volts, Nationalism in decibels, Poverty in height and length of the wall. "This is BJP's 'New India!'," Surjewala said on Twitter.

100 people quarantined in ITBP facility discharged

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Another batch of about 100 people, who were among the over 400 quarantined at an Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) facility in Delhi after being evacuated earlier this month from coronavirus-hit Wuhan, were discharged on Tuesday.

This comes a day after a batch of about 200 people were discharged from the ITBP facility, which housed a total of 406 people, including seven Malaysians.

So far, 302 people out of total 406, have left the ITBP centre after being declared free of novel coronavirus by the doctors.

The rest of the inmates will be released by Wednesday morning, ITBP spokesperson Vivek Kumar Pandey said. All those who were discharged have been provided with conveyance till airport, railway stations, or bus stands.

Among those who will leave the facility on Wednesday include a few families. All released persons were advised to remain self isolated for the next 14 days at their respective places, Pandey said.

They were also advised the dos and don'ts during the period. A team of doctors and other staff are taking care of the smooth departure of the remaining people with

CORONAVIRUS

100 people quarantined in ITBP facility discharged



People stand in a queue to collect release certificates before leaving from the ITBP quarantine facility, at Chhawla, in New Delhi, on Tuesday

due procedures and protocols.

A total of 650 people were brought back from Wuhan in China on February 1 and 2 in two 747 Boeing Air India aircraft after the outbreak of the novel coronavirus in China. While 406 of these were sent to the ITBP facility, the rest were quarantined at an Army centre in Haryana's Manesar.

Meanwhile, Chinese Ambassador Sun Weidong on Tuesday asserted that China has put in place multi-level control and prevention mechanisms and will win the battle against coronavirus.

He added that the outbreak has not been able to impact the strong fundamentals of China's strong economy.

The envoy said China has allocated RMB 80 billion to contain the disease and the

SC comes to rescue of Indian bustard, lesser florican

Top Court asks Rajasthan Govt to consider laying underground cables to save endangered species

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Coming to the rescue of endangered birds — the great Indian bustard and the lesser florican, which are dying in large numbers due to collisions with high-voltage power lines, the Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Rajasthan Government to consider laying underground cables.

The top court said they are large birds and it is difficult for them to maneuver due to the high-tension power lines which obstruct their flight paths.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) shared the concern of the court and said there is no other option but to lay power cables underground to protect the great Indian bustard (GIB) and lesser florican (LF).

A Bench of Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant asked senior advocate Manish Singhvi, appearing for the Rajasthan Government, to take instructions from the competent authority for laying of cables underground.

"It appears that one of the dangers is the presence of power lines, which obstruct the flight path of the GIB. It is well known that the GIB is a larger bird and it is difficult for it to maneuver easily in its flight. One of the solutions suggested to avoid any collision in its flight path is that the over-head wires be laid down underground". It asked Singhvi to take

instructions within two weeks and apprise the court about the manner in which the power lines could be laid down underground.

At the outset, the top court said the State Government can look into modifying the contract of private companies for laying down the cables underground.

"This is a larger bird which fly in a particular direction. To avoid power lines coming in the direction of flight path of the bird, it would be appropriate if they are laid down underground. Necessary changes can be made in the contract with the private companies for laying down underground cables," the bench said.

With regard to LF, the top court said it is not disputed that the bird is also endangered and disturbed largely by the power generation plants.

The top court said if the Rajasthan Government faces any problem, then the court can pass necessary directions. Additional Solicitor General ANS Nadkarni, appearing for MoEF said a team of the ministry and other wildlife experts have visited Jaisalmer in Rajasthan and it is evident from their findings that underground cable is the only solution.

Advocates Sugandha Yadav, Shatadru Chakraborty and Sonia Dube, appearing for Petitioner MK Ranjitsinh — a retired IAS officer, said that they have prepared terms of reference for the top court appointed panel, which could be looked into for conservation for GIB and LF.

BJP observers to select House leaders in Delhi, Jharkhand Assemblies

New Delhi: The BJP has appointed its national general secretary Saroj Pandey and P Muralidhar Rao as observers for selecting the leaders of its legislative party in the Delhi and Jharkhand Assemblies. The appointments were made with the approval of the party president JP Nadda, an official statement said.

The AAP bagged 62 of the 70 Assembly seats in the just concluded polls in Delhi. In Jharkhand's 81 seats, JMM who is leading the coalition-government in the State won 30 seats, Congress-led-UPA 25 and BJP collected 25 in December 2019 poll. Raghubar Das, the ousted BJP CM who was the first non-tribal to head the State, also lost his Assembly seats. Elections are due in Bihar and West Bengal in about year's time.

Mahadeshwara sanctuary to be tiger reserve

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Once the hideout of notorious wildlife smuggler Veerappan and seen as an important tiger corridor, the Male Mahadeshwara (MM) Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka's Chamaraanjagara district is all set to become the official home of the royal big cats. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given in-principle nod for upgrading the sanctuary to the tiger reserve.

The State Government has already given approval for its upgradation and now it will have to notify the area to make the region inviolate for the endangered big cats.

As the adjoining tiger habitats — Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple (BRT) in Karnataka and Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) in Tamil Nadu

has been acting as an effective source sink landscape, increasing the density of big cats and their prey in MM Hills, which itself has a resident tigers, the NTCA approval plugs the patch and forms a contiguous landscape of 3,000 sq km of wildlife habitat.

In addition to connecting BRT, through the Edyrali-Doddasampige elephant corridor, MM Hills also spread over 906 sq km area connects the Bannerghatta National Park.

This is one of the largest landscapes in the country for the conservation of tigers, elephants and other large and wide-ranging mammalian species. The move will go a long way in ensuring protection to the endangered species.



MM Hills will be the sixth tiger reserve in the state and the 51st in the country.

"Based on the confluence of the Eastern and Western ghats, the sanctuary is contiguous with both BRT Tiger Reserve on the western side and Sathyamangalam Reserve in Tamil

Nadu on the southern side. As per the All India Tiger Estimation, 2018, this area is spread over 907 sqkm and has 15 tigers," said a senior NTCA official.

He said that in-principle approval has been given. Now the State Government will have to notify the area that will make it official home of the big cats.

Although the number of species present may be less compared to Bandipur or

Nagarhole, it is extremely diverse. Biologically, it is an important repository for the future, what with the herbivorous population increasing. There is scope for the expansion of tiger population, added forest officials. Besides being home to tigers, leopards, sloth bears and elephants, the sanctuary also has dholes, antelopes, grizzled giant squirrels and honey badgers.

As per the recent tiger census, Karnataka has 524 big cats. Declaring the MM Hills as tiger reserve will ensure young big cats to have their new territory.

However, the Government has tough task ahead given that there are about 49 forest villages and 94 revenue villages on the peripheries of the sanctuary which will have to be relocated by the officials to make the area inviolate for the big cats.

Severe summer in store this yr: IMD

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Get ready for a severe summer this year, indication of which is already being seen in Mumbai which on Tuesday recorded 39 degree Celsius temperature, the third highest in February since 1966.

In February 1966, Mumbai recorded 39.6 degree C and in 2012 it was 39.1 degree Celsius. In 2017 and 2015, the highest temperature was 38.8 degree Celsius in the commercial capital of India.

As the temperature started increasing in coastal areas across the country, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday issued an advisory on heatwave, suggesting dos and don'ts. Heatwave is considered when maximum temperature of a station is 40 degree Celsius or more for plains and 30 degree

Celsius or less for Hilly regions. According to IMD, maximum temperature in Mumbai is expected around 38 or 39 degree Celsius in the next two days.

Besides, Palakkad topped the temperature charts in Kerala with a maximum of 37.1 degrees Celsius in February. Kerala, once known for its moderate and comfortable climate where people never had to bother about the extreme weather conditions occurring in other parts of the country, is now bearing the brunt of climate change.

This temperature rise is in line with a trend emerging over the last few years when the south-western-most State, and the gateway of the monsoon, heats up well before others and even setting up heatwaves. February has already seen maximum temperatures going well past the 30 degrees Celsius mark

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at many places in coastal areas. According to Dr Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist of IMD, a fresh Western Disturbance expected in the hills around February 19 due to which there

may be clouding in Delhi for the next three days. Due to this, temperature in Hilly areas and plain are expected to lower for two-three days. This will also lead to rainfalls in isolated places in Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Eastern UP, Eastern Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab is expected to get rainfalls from February 20-22. The wind is also going to change during this period from cool northwesterly to warm southwesterly. At times one does feel the heat as the day temperature during this period tends to rise by 2-4 degrees Celsius due to warm southwesterly winds taking over cool Northwesterly winds. It usually happens when a Cyclonic Circulation forms in the hot and dry Rajasthan region," Srivastava added.

As per the advisory issued

by the IMD, heat wave occurs mostly over an interior plain area when dry and warmer air is transported in a region with clear skies and hence maximum isolation during the summer season.

"Heatwave impacts rural and urban areas, natural habitats like forests, water resources, poultry and a range of sectors like agriculture, health, power etc. Though there is no universally acceptable or uniform definition for a heatwave, they are understood to be periods of abnormally high temperatures, more than the normal maximum temperature that occurs during the pre-monsoon (April to June) summer season. In India heatwaves typically occur between March to June, and in some rare cases even extend till July. Heatwaves are more frequent over the Indo-Gangetic plains of India," the IMD said.

INSHORT

FADNAVIS REQUESTS SC TO RECONSIDER HIS TRIAL

New Delhi: Former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday requested the Supreme Court to reconsider its verdict asking him to face trial for allegedly failing to furnish details of two pending criminal cases against him in his 2014 poll affidavit saying it will have "far reaching consequences" for candidates. The SC reserved its verdict.



AMIT SHAH WILL VISIT ARUNACHAL TOMORROW

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday to attend the 34th Statehood Day function and launch a number of projects related to industry and roads. He will also lay the foundation stone of the new headquarters of the Arunachal Pradesh police.

Budget historic, to help make UP \$1 trillion economy: Yogi

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath here on Tuesday termed the Uttar Pradesh Budget for 2020-21 "historic" and said it will play a big role in making the State a trillion dollar economy.

The Chief Minister said though it focused on the overall development of the State, special attention has been paid to the growth of the youth and boost employment.

"The Budget will play a major role in achieving the goal of one trillion dollar economy for the State and meet the target of making India a dollar five trillion economy," the CM said, adding that it was a "historic" Budget.

"The Budget is focused on the development of the youth. Though a number of programmes are already in place for them, the Government has started a scheme for every educated unemployed individual. A provision has been made to boost employment in every district," he added.

The BJP Government on Tuesday presented a ₹ 5,12,860.72 crore Budget,



which was its fourth under the leadership of Adityanath.

"Our first budget was based on farmers, the second was on industrial development and the third for women empowerment. Today's fourth budget is for the development of youth," the Chief Minister said.

The CM also claimed that provisions have been made to improve education in Uttar Pradesh.

This budget focused on higher education as the State government is setting up new universities in Saharanpur, Azamgarh and Aligarh, he said.

Setting up of Atal Medical University in Lucknow has also been included in the bud-

get, he said, adding that the government has proposed national law and ayush universities.

An apprenticeship scheme for every educated unemployed youth who wants to become self-reliant has also been started, the CM said, adding that every youth will be connected to an enterprise and till the completion of the apprenticeship, the government will provide a cash support of Rs 2,500 per month.

By next year, the government will be able to carry forward the work of establishing a medical college in all 75 districts of the state, the CM said.

"These colleges will be built either by the government

or on PPP mode," he said, stressing that from 1947 to 2016, only 12 medical colleges were set up in the state.

The chief minister also exuded confidence that investors from all over the world wanted to invest in Uttar Pradesh.

The state had received investment proposals worth Rs 50,000 crore in the Defence Expo-2020, he said.

About road projects, Adityanath said the Purvanchal Expressway would be opened to the public by the year-end.

In addition, the foundation stone of the Bundelkhand Expressway will be laid this month, he said, adding that funds had been allocated for the Ganga Expressway and efforts would be made to lay its foundation by year-end.

Speaking on the farming sector, Adityanath said insurance has been provided for sharecroppers and an arrangement has been made for modernisation.

A provision had been made to get rid of potable water problems in Bundelkhand and Vindhya regions, he said.

Akhilesh dares BJP to take back his security cover

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party supreme Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday said he does not need any security cover and dared the BJP to take it back.

He said this when asked about the security risk to him as the leader had claimed that he had received a threat call from a ruling party leader.

He made the allegations recently after a youth disrupted a meeting addressed by him, shouting a religious slogan.

"I don't need security. I want to live free. This is not a matter of security, I want to ask how can a local intelligence inspector come to my press conference. How can someone come in a pro-

gramme in the party office," Akhilesh said. "Why my NSG was removed? They (BJP) have taken back my house and vehicle. They are free to take back my security also. I love to cycle alone. Now the time is coming when cycle is going to run fast," he said.

'Cycle' is the party symbol of the Samajwadi Party.

Leader of the Opposition Ram Govind Chaudhary of Samajwadi Party had raised the issue of security threat to Akhilesh in State Assembly on Monday. Yadav had recently claimed that he had received a threat call and a message from a BJP leader after a youth shouted 'Jai Shri Ram' at one of the gatherings he was addressing.

Total debt likely to 28.8 per cent of SGDP in 2020-21

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The debt burden on the State Government is mounting and the total debt on it from different sources is likely to be over ₹5.16 lakh crore by the end of next fiscal 2020-21.

The budget size of 2020-21 at ₹5.12 lakh crore is a little less than the debt burden. The total debt of the state, however, came down from 29.6 per cent of State Gross Domestic Product (SGDP) in 2017-18 and is estimated to be 28.8 per cent in 2020-21.

With a debt burden of over ₹5.16 lakh crore, every resident of UP has a debt of ₹22,442 on their head.

"The debt per person in the state during the 2019-20 fiscal is estimated to be ₹20,702 as the total debt burden would be little over ₹ 4.76

lakh crores," Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna said while tabling the budget for 2020-21 in the Assembly on Tuesday.

The total debt burden does not include borrowings from banks and financial institutions by PSUs like UP Power Corporation, UP Housing and Development Board and Urban Development authorities. The State Government is the guarantor against the borrowings by the PSUs.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in his post-budget press, said that the Government has strictly adhered to financial discipline and norms under FRBM (Financial Responsibility and Budget Management Act) and kept fiscal deficit under 3 per cent of SGDP.

Madras HC restrains Muslim body from organising Assembly siege

PTI ■ CHENNAI

The Madras High Court on Tuesday restrained a body of Muslim outfits from going ahead with its proposed agitation to lay siege to the Tamil Nadu Assembly pressing their demand for a House resolution against CAA, NRC and NPR.

A bench of justices M Sathyanaraya and R Hemalatha granted the interim injunction till March 11, restraining the the Federation of Tamil Nadu Islamic and Political Organisations and its allied associations from holding the agitation, proposed for Wednesday.

Passing the interim order on a PIL which sought to forebear the police from granting permission to the agitation, the

bench posted the matter to March 12 for further hearing.

The court made it clear that it was not expressing any opinion on the Citizenship Amendment Act, or the National Register of Citizens or the National Population Register.

The siege protest has been called to bring pressure on the AIADMK Govt to adopt a resolution in the assembly opposing the CAA as had been done by several non-BJP ruled states.

An attempt by opposition DMK to move an anti-CAA resolution in the assembly during the session has failed with Speaker P Dhanapal disallowing a notice for it, saying the matter was sub-judice, apparent reference to petitions challenging the amended act in the

Supreme Court.

The first phase of the budget session of the state assembly is on till February 20. Earlier, state Additional Advocate General SR Rajagopal told the court that any application seeking police permission for protest should be made five days prior, but in this case, the federation had moved the police only on Monday for the agitation proposed on Wednesday.

He also submitted that prohibitory orders under Section 41 of the Madras City Police Act have been imposed banning any kind of agitation or demonstration in the city for a period of 15 days commencing from February 13.

Petitioner Varaki, a journalist, contended if the assem-

A Bench of justices M Sathyanaraya and R Hemalatha granted the interim injunction till March 11

bly siege was allowed and a large number of protesters permitted to gather near the Secretariat, there would be complete collapse of the normal functioning of the state government.

Referring to continuing agitations, including the latest stir in a north Chennai locality, by various organisations opposing the CAA and other measures, he alleged innocent public were being incited to join such protests and create problems by spreading rumours.

Besides, some leaders of the organisations were also delivering inciting and intimidating speeches, even going to the extent of issuing threat to the lives of the PM and the Union Home Minister, he submitted.

Mizoram Govt yet to notify new prohibition rules: Minister

PTI ■ AIZAWL

The Mizoram Government is yet to notify the new prohibition rules, Excise and Narcotics Minister Dr K Beichhua told the State Assembly on Tuesday.

In reply to a question from Congress member KT Rokhaw, Beichhua said the Govt has cancelled the notification issued in connection with the new liquor law on Dec 19 last year. He said that there is no prohibition rules in the state as of now. According to the Min, the Government has closed all liquor shops, bonded warehouses and brews after "The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition) Act, 2019" came into force in the state.

Death of six kids of couple in 9 years triggers police probe

PTI ■ MALAPPURAM (KERALA)

The death of six children of a couple in a span of nine years has raised suspicion among police personnel here who have registered a case following a complaint after a three-month-old child of the family died on Tuesday and was buried. Police exhumed the body, which was buried in the morning, and took it to the district hospital at Tirur for post-mortem. The infant was the sixth child of the couple, police said.

"A case has been registered (for unnatural death) in the matter to verify the death beyond any suspicion raised by locals since five other children of the couple had died in the past nine years," a senior police

According to the locals, couple had claimed that the children have died due to epilepsy

official said. The couple had three boys and three girls of which the third girl child lived till the age of four and the rest died before turning one.

"The post-mortem will take place today itself. We are collecting the medical records of the children who had passed away earlier.

We will identify the cause of death after analysing the records and discuss the matter with forensic doctors," Tirur

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) said.

However, relatives claimed that there was nothing suspicious in the death of the children and that doctors have said it was due to some genetic disease.

"The post-mortem of the third child was conducted and the doctors said the death was due to some genetic problems. They said they were helpless," a relative said, adding that the family was ready to face any probe.

According to the locals, the couple had claimed that the children have died due to epilepsy.

Sources said the baby was taken to a hospital but was dead prior to reaching the hospital early this morning.

GRSE delivers 4th anti-submarine warfare corvette to Navy

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) on Tuesday delivered its fourth anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette to the Indian Navy, an official said.

Kavaratti was the last in the series of four anti-Submarine Warfare Corvettes (ASWC) built by Kolkata-based GRSE under Project 28, he said.

The first three ships of the series - INS Kamorta, INS Kadmat and INS Kiltan - were delivered earlier, and form an integral part of Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy, the GRSE official said.

They have been engaged in several overseas operations and international maritime exhibitions in Malaysia, Singapore and other countries, the official said.

Project 28, approved in 2003, is a class of anti-submarine warfare corvettes currently in service with the Indian Navy. The corvettes are named after islands in the Lakshadweep archipelago.

INS Kiltan recently participated in the prestigious Exercise Malabar 2019, an endeavour to strengthen India-Japan-US naval cooperation and enhance interoperability, the official said.

With 90 per cent indigenous content, the P-28 class ships are equipped to fight in nuclear, biological and chemical warfare conditions and featured the integration of a host of weapons and sensors.

These ASW corvettes have catapulted the Indian Navy into the elite club of countries that have built stealth ships, the GRSE official said, adding that the stealth features make the

ships almost invisible to the enemy, both above and below the sea surface.

The corvettes - designed as an extremely versatile ASW platform capable of neutralising enemy submarines with indigenous weapons like torpedoes and rocket launchers - are equally effective in the littorals and deep oceans, the official said.

Capable of attaining a maximum speed of 25 knots, the ship has a length of 109 metres and width of 12.8 metres, he said, adding that it has an endurance of over 3400 nautical miles (NM) at 18-knot speed, and can accommodate 17 officers and 106 sailors.

Kavaratti and INS Kiltan are the first two major warships in the country to have the unique feature of superstructure made of carbon fibre composite material.

Mizoram tops in HIV/AIDS cases

GOVT TAKING STEPS TO TACKLE MENACE: MIN

PTI ■ AIZAWL

Mizoram has earned the dubious distinction of being the state with highest HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in the country, but the Government was making all efforts to tackle the menace, health minister R Lalthangliana told the Assembly on Tuesday.

A total of 21,538 cases have been registered in the State since October 1990, when the first patient was identified, he stated.

Lalthangliana, while replying to starred questions by MNF leader Vanlalthanpuia and Independent MLA Lalduhoma, also said that HIV

prevalence was highest among youth in the age group of 25-34 years, accounting for 42.38 per cent of the total number of cases.

Expressing concern over the matter, the Minister insisted that the Government had been taking all measures to combat the disease.

Lalthangliana also said that he recently met leaders of NGOs, students' bodies and churches and sought their help to control the spread of the disease, while efforts were also being made to seek technical assistance from UNAIDS.

According to Dr Lalthangliana, the project director of Mizoram State Aids Control Society (MSACS), at least 2,416 people have died of the disease between January 2006 and September 2019.

Maha: Ex-MLA, others booked for ₹512 crore bank irregularity

PTI ■ THANE

A case was registered against 76 Persons, including a former MLA, for alleged irregularities to the tune of ₹512.54 crore in the Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank headquartered in Panvel in neighbouring Raigad district, Navi Mumbai police said on Tuesday.

Former PWP MLA from Panvel Vivekanand Shankar Patil is the chairman of the cooperative bank and he has been named as an accused along with the vice-chairman, chief executive officer and several others who had obtained loans from the institution, an official said. A press release from Navi Mumbai police said a case was registered for criminal breach of trust.

'Which side are you, on Godse or Gandhi?' Kishor asks Nitish

PTI ■ PATNA

Poll strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor on Tuesday mocked Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for aligning with the BJP in his quest for power, and said the JD(U) leader cannot be wedded to Gandhian ideals and stand with those who support Godse at the same time.

Addressing a crowded press conference here, the first since his expulsion from the JD(U), which Kumar heads, Kishor asserted that the Chief Minister has been a "father figure" to him even before he formally joined the party and so he wished to speak no ill of him.

Kishor, however, acknowledged that he had differences with Kumar over the contra-

dition in his avowed commitment to the principles of Gandhi and his tie-up with the BJP, the party the poll strategist sought to identify with the Mahatma's assassin Nathuram Godse.

"Nitish ji has always said that he cannot leave the ideals of Gandhi, JP and Lohia... At the same time, how can he be with the people who support the ideology of Godse? Both cannot go together. If you want to stay with the BJP, I don't have any problem with it but you cannot be on both sides," Kishore said.

There have been differences between him and me that the ideologies of Godse and Gandhi cannot stand together. As the leader of the party you have to say which side you are on," he added.

Industrialist VL Dutt is dead

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Dr VL Dutt, leading industrialist and executive chairman of KCP Ltd, the Chennai headquartered conglomerate with major interests in heavy engineering, cement, sugar and heavy machinery, passed away on Tuesday.

Dr Dutt was the president of the Federation of Indian

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) during 1991-92 and was a widely respected industrialist.

"We condole the untimely passing away of Dr VL Dutt. FICCI will always remember his contribution to the industry and the country, especially as the President of the chamber at a time when the economy was passing through a critical phase.

Bangla star, ex-TMC MP Tapas Pal dead

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengali superstar and former Trinamool Congress MP Tapas Pal passed away in the small hours of Tuesday, family sources said adding he was 61 and suffering from nerve and heart ailments for which he had admitted to a Mumbai hospital.

Survived by his wife and daughter Pal was Trinamool MP from Krishnagar for two successive terms from 2009 to 2019. Before this he was Member of Bengal Legislative Assembly for two terms.

Notwithstanding his cinematic exploits that has given the Bengalimovie world some memorable films like Saheb, G u r u d a k s h i n a, Anurag, Anurager Choan, Pal got embroiled in controversies in the closing years of his



political career and was arrested by the CBI for his alleged involvement in the multi-crore Rose Valley chit fund case. Both Pal and Bollywood actress Madhuri Dixit acted in one of their initial films Abodh. In fact Dixit along with senior Tollywood actors like Soumitra Chatterjee and Madhabi Mukherjee deeply condoled his untimely death.

During his incarceration he had to be hospitalised in Bhubaneswar where after he was released on bail. Subsequently he was afflicted by nerve disease.

In an emotionally laden message Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee wrote in twitter that she was in a state of shock and that Pal would be missed.

"Saddened and shocked to hear about the demise of Tapas Pal. He was a superstar of Bengali cinema who was a member of the Trinamool family. Tapas served the people as a two-term MP and MLA. We will miss him dearly. My condolences to his wife Nandini, daughter Sohini and his many fans," the Chief Minister wrote even as a mild war of words-sensed between the BJP and the TMC around his death.

Mani, former chief editor of Kerala Kaumudi is no more

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

MS Mani, former editor-in-chief of Kerala Kaumudi, a popular Malayalam daily published from Kerala and founder editor of Kala Kaumudi, the first Malayalam newspaper to be published outside Kerala, breathed his last early Tuesday morning at his residence in Thiruvananthapuram. He was 79 and is survived by wife Dr Kasturi, daughter Valsa Mani and son Mani Sukumaran.

Born as the eldest son of M Sukumaran, the founder editor of Kerala Kaumudi, Mani started his journalistic career at the young age of 20 as a parliament reporter and rose to new heights in journalism through sheer hard work. Mani is credited as the first investigative journalist in Kerala who

brought to light the massive deforestation happening in the Western Ghats under political patronage.

Mani's reports angered the then home minister of Kerala, K Karunakaran who initiated a series of legal actions against him and Kerala Kaumudi. True to the prophecy made by Mani and Kerala Kaumudi, the deforestation and chopping of trees from reserve forests in the State brought down the forest cover of the State from 35 per cent to 13 per cent.

low traveller, Mani was in the forefront against the appeasement politics pursued by both the Cong and the Communists in Kerala. The editorials that appeared in Kaumudi during his tenure as editor-in-chief are still rated as the benchmark of quality journalism.

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Shettar's meeting with upset BJP MLAs sparks speculation

PTI ■ BENGALURU

As his meeting with senior legislators, reportedly upset over not being inducted into the Cabinet, sparked speculation, Minister Jagadish Shettar on Tuesday termed reports about "revolt" as "far from truth".

The meeting late last evening at Shettar's residence by legislators mostly from north Karnataka in the midst of the ongoing Assembly session had raised eyebrows within the ruling BJP circles.

Shettar said a few legislators had met him regarding their constituency-related work.

"I'm a Minister, daily several legislators come and go, it is a routine process, so yesterday four to five legislators had come for their work, I spoke to them, after which they left," Shettar, a former Chief Minister and now holding Industries portfolio, said.

Speaking to reporters here,

Few legislators had met him regarding their constituency-related work- Shettar

he said, any "such meeting as being reported" is "far from truth".

"There was no such meeting, legislators had come for their work, there is no need to have any misunderstanding about it," he said, adding that he was not answerable to media reports and owes no explanation.

According to some media reports, eight-time BJP MLA Umesh Katti (Hukkeri), who had openly expressed his displeasure over not being inducted into the ministry, and Shankar Patil Munenakoppa (Navalagund) were among those who had met at Shettar's

residence. They reportedly discussed about "most loyal senior party legislators not getting minister post", and the Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's son Vijayendra's alleged "high-handedness" in the government.

Shettar is also said to have met Chief Minister Yediyurappa this morning and explained to him about the meeting.

Ahead of the Assembly session, Yediyurappa was seen speaking to Shettar, Katti and others in the House on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, an unsigned and anonymous letter, calling for a change in leadership citing Yediyurappa's age and health as the reason, is widely in circulation in the social media. It calls for Yediyurappa's retirement from electoral politics and suggests that he turn "margdarshak" for the party. Yediyurappa will turn 77 on February 27.

Cong stages walkout, accuses Govt of turning Karnataka into a police State

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Accusing the ruling BJP of turning Karnataka into a 'police State' by filing false cases against political opponents and those opposing its "divisive politics", the Opposition Congress on Tuesday walked out of the Assembly as the Speaker did not accept their demand for an immediate discussion on the issue.

Making a preliminary submission to the Chair to allow his adjournment motion on the "collapse" of law and order in the state, Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Siddaramaiah charged the Government with having a "demon instinct" in suppress-

ing opponents.

After hearing his preliminary submission, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri ruled that a discussion will be held on the topic at 3 PM on Wednesday, but under a different rule.

However, Congress legislators insisted that the discussion be allowed immediately as otherwise it would dilute the issue. As the Chair did not concede their demand, they staged a walk out, threatening to boycott proceedings.

During his preliminary submission, Siddaramaiah alleged that the law and order in the state had completely collapsed as the government has failed to manage it.

Siddaramaiah pointed out that the Governor's address to the joint sitting of the state legislature on Monday did not mention the state-wide anti-Citizenship Amendment Act protests and the one in which two people died in Mangaluru in December. By discussing the issue, "it is our duty to instill confidence among the affected people as we have come here with their mandate, representing them", he said.

Stating that anti-CAA and NRC protests have been taking place across the country, Siddaramaiah said opposing and expressing opinion against government policies and laws is the "essence of democracy".

BJP, Cong spar over 'tukde, tukde gang', 'Bharat Mata'

PTI ■ BENGALURU

The Karnataka Assembly proceedings on Tuesday saw the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress sparring over 'tukde tukde gang' and 'Bharat Mata'.

While hitting out at ruling party legislators, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah said that "Bharat Mata is not the property of BJP". Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, slamming the Congress, called them the "owners" of the "tukde tukde gang". Siddaramaiah, while making a preliminary submission seeking to move an adjournment motion on the law and order situation in the state, attacked ruling BJP both

in the state and Centre for an "undeclared emergency" in the country. He also accused the BJP of undermining the Constitution and democracy, to which Minister KS Eshwarappa referred to the Emergency declared by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and reminded the former Chief Minister that he had opposed it while in the Janata Dal. "We (BJP/RSS workers then) were put behind bars for hailing Bharat Mata and calling ourselves as her sons", Eshwarappa said.

Reacting to this Siddaramaiah said, "Bharat Mata is not your property. You have not taken on lease. All 135 crore Indians are her children."

No let-up in Elgaar rift, Cong vents out anti-CAA, NPR, NRC stand

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

With no let-up in the ongoing tug of war between the ruling Shiv Sena and its allies over Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's decision to let NIA investigate the Bhima Koregaon-Elgaar Parishad case, the Congress on Tuesday opened a new front by coming out openly against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), National Register of Citizens (NRC) and National Population Register (NPR).

On a day when Uddhav Thackeray of the Shiv Sena came out in support of the CAA, extended conditional support to the NPR and voiced his opposition to the NRC, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) president and party minister in the MVA Cabinet Bal Saheb Thorat formally opposed CAA, NRC and NPR. "The Congress party's stand regarding #CAA #NRC

#NPR is very clear and we are opposed to it. The Congress party is opposed to anything that causes discrimination in the society. We will convince our alliance partners on the same," he tweeted.

For the first time, Uddhav spelt out the Shiv Sena's stand on CAA, NRC and NPR. "CAA and NRC are two different subjects. NPR is a third subject. There is nothing to worry about in CAA. NRC has not come and it will not be implemented. If it (NRC) is implemented, it will not affect just Muslims, but it will also affect Hindus, Adivasis and other deprived sections of the society," Uddhav tweeted.

In another tweet on NPR, Uddhav said: "NPR is more of a census. But, still I will have a look at the questions in the data collection form. But, I do not think there is impediment in NPR. Because, the census takes place once in ten years".

The NCP was also serious

reservations about NPR. After a meeting of NCP ministers convened by party chief Sharad Pawar, the party spokesperson and minister Nawab Malik had said on Monday: "Before devising the strategy on NPR, we - MVA partners - will jointly study the questions in the NPR and views of the non-BJP governments. Because some irrelevant and un-called for information is being sought by the Centre as part of the data collection. The NCP is opposed to the date of birth and place of birth of parents and grandparents," Malik said.

Both the NCP and Congress have urged the chief minister to convene a meeting of the leaders of the parties to devise a common strategy on NPR, CAA and NRC.

In a related development, the chief minister's decision to let the NIA to investigate the Elgaar Parishad case continued to be a bone of contention between the ruling Shiv Sena

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and its allies in the MVA government.

Uddhav, who has come in for a flak from both the NCP and Congress for his ad hoc decision to let the NIA to investigate Bhima Koregaon-Elgaar Parishad case, sought to clarify his position. "Elghar Parishad conspiracy and Bhima-Koregaon violence are two different cases. As far as the Bhima-Koregaon case is concerned, it concerns Dalits. I have not given this case to the NIA. I would like to clarify that I will not let injustice to happen to the Dalits".

However, there was some ambiguity in the NCP's stand on Bhima Koregaon-Elgaar Parishad case. On one hand, like Uddhav, Pawar also said that Elgaar Parishad and Bhima-Koregaon were two different cases. "The CM has powers to hand over the case to the NIA. There was no alternative but to hand over the case to the NIA," Pawar said.

Pawar dares Modi Govt to hold mid-term LS polls

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As the BJP predicted the collapse of the MVA Government and consequent mid-term polls in the State, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday turned the table on the principal Opposition party in the State by saying that it was for the latter, which rules the country, to hold mid-term polls in the country.

Reacting to a BJP leader's comment that the MVA Government would soon collapse and there would be mid-term polls in the state, NCP chief said: "The mid-term polls are normally held in the country. It is in the hands of the BJP to hold mid-term polls in the country."

Let the Union Cabinet and decide on holding the mid-term polls in the country."

Former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnis had on Sunday dared the Shiv Sena to hold mid-term polls in the state. He had predicted that if the mid-term polls were held in the state, the BJP would defeat the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress squarely and return to power in the state.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, former chief minister Narayan Rane predicted that since chief minister Uddhav Thackeray was not capable of running the government,

There would be mid-term polls in the state. "I need not tell you that there is already considerable resentment within the Shiv Sena."

Uddhav Thackeray will not continue in his post for long," Rane said.

Infrastructure is a catalyst for development: Guv

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi on Tuesday asserted that infrastructure is a catalyst for development. He said the government is committed to the development of the state by strengthening infrastructure.

The Centre is very liberal in investing in infrastructure to eliminate service backlogs of northeast with special emphasis on rural areas, Mukhi said at the inaugural session of North East Infrastructure Development Conclave, organised by the CII-North East, here.

A well-planned infrastructure enables established businesses to expand their production levels and encourage small businesses to enter the market and as such, both Central and state governments are making concerted efforts to put in place a robust infrastructure for physical connectivity in the areas of air, water, internet and land transport, he said.

He said the Union budget has allocated funds for laying new tracks and doubling of railway lines in the northeast region, the governor said.

Electrification of railway lines under the Northeast Frontier Railways was also going on and by 2022 the three states of Mizoram, Manipur and Sikkim will be connected by railways, he added.

The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has also conceived of extensive national highway projects to give a boost to the region's physical connectivity.

The governor also highlighted the measures being

Union Budget has allocated funds for laying new tracks and doubling of railway lines in the North-East region: Assam Guv

undertaken in northeast for bringing the region closer to the rest of the country with 12 airports in the region being operative and the Guwahati Airport being revamped with a new state of the art terminus.

Moreover, a seamless digital connectivity has been in use in the region by liberalising its cyber space with India and Bangladesh signing an agreement for using unspent bandwidth available at Bangladesh's Cox Bazar in Chittagong to bring in a revolution not only in the northeast but also in some mainland states, he said.

Assam is nurtured by two great rivers--the Brahmaputra and Barak and both along with their many tributaries have huge potential for river transport, tourism and industry.

He also said that inland waterways in Assam received a boost during the last five years.

There was an urgent need for strengthening the physical infrastructure of Assam as it was the largest among the eight northeastern states, with a population of 33 million and area of 78 thousand square kilometre, the governor said.

In the face of growing urban population and rising urban infrastructural needs, solutions like planning newer modes of transportation systems especially for congested areas has become the need of the hour, he added.

Diamond merchant jumps from 15-storey terrace, ends life

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A leading diamond merchant on Tuesday allegedly committed suicide by jumping down from the terrace of 15th floor of a commercial building at Zaveri Bazar in south Mumbai.

Dhiren Chandrakant Shah, who owned a diamond polishing and export company, on the top floor of the "Prasad Chambers", died instantly after his fall from the 15-storey building, which houses the offices of prominent diamond merchants.

Shah, who lived with his family at upmarket Napean Sea Road, was 61 and survived by his wife and two children. While a son lives in the United States, his daughter stays in Dubai.

Quoting his staffer, the police said that Shah reached the office at around 9.45 am on Tuesday.

He told some of his employees that he was going to the terrace of the building for a walk. Within next few minutes he jumped from the terrace and allegedly committed suicide.

Shah was rushed to the nearby hospital where he was declared dead on admission. His body has been sent for a post-mortem.

"We have found a two-line suicide note on the desk of the deceased. In the note, he has stated that it was his decision to take the extreme step and no one should be blamed for it."

We have registered an accidental death case and are investigating the matter," a senior police inspector attached to the D B Nagar police station said.

Shah's death came as a big shock to the city's diamond and jewellery industry. The police are trying to ascertain the reasons for Shah's alleged suicide.

PM thinks Ahmedabad only choice for foreign dignitaries: Pawar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

As India prepares to welcome US President Donald Trump, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Tuesday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home state Gujarat has become the preferred destination for key foreign dignitaries visiting India.

Before Modi became the PM, top foreign dignitaries visiting India also used to go to places like Hyderabad and Bengaluru, Pawar told reporters here.

"Earlier, they (foreign dignitaries) used to go to places like Agra, Delhi, Hyderabad and Bengaluru. It is good that in the last five years, all these people chose Ahmedabad. It is

a good thing," Pawar said, when asked why his Maharashtra missing from Trump's itinerary.

"We are happy that the country's prime minister thinks Ahmedabad is the best place to show in India to any visiting foreign dignitary," Pawar said.

Important global leaders who visited Gujarat after Modi became the

PM in 2014 include Chinese President Xi Jinping and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

NCP MLA and Pawar's grand nephew Rohit Pawar had last week asked the Centre that apart from Delhi and Ahmedabad, Trump should also visit the country's financial capital, Mumbai.

Trump to be gifted Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography, portrait

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

US President Donald Trump will be gifted a spinning wheel, two books on the life and times of Mahatma Gandhi and a portrait of the Father of the Nation during his visit to the Sabarmati Ashram here on February 24.

Trump will be accompanied by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to the ashram located on the banks of the river Sabarmati.

Trump will be the first US president to visit the ashram, a place closely associated with India's freedom struggle. The ashram, also known as Gandhi Ashram, was home to the independence movement leader and peace icon from 1917 to 1930. It is now managed by the Sabarmati Ashram

Preservation and Memorial Trust.

Ashram trustees Kartikeya Sarabhai and Amrut Modi said the American president, US First Lady Melania Trump and Prime Minister Modi would spend around 30 minutes at the ashram.

Sources said Trump and Melania may try their hands on the spinning wheel (charkha) kept near 'Hriday Kunj', a cottage inside the ashram where Gandhiji and his wife Kasturba once lived.

"We will gift Trump a spinning wheel, Gandhiji's autobiography and a book named 'My Life My Message'. This book is based on an exhibition depicting Gandhiji's entire life."

The ashram would also gift Gandhiji's portrait to Trump. Along with the

charkha, we will give him a note describing its importance in the country's freedom struggle," said Amrut Modi. He said the dignitaries will be welcomed with garlands made of 'khadi' (hand-woven fabric).

Trump and the Prime Minister will also take part in a roadshow that will start from the Ahmedabad airport and end at the cricket stadium in Motera after passing along the ashram. On the backside of the ashram, a platform is being built so that PM Modi can show the entire Sabarmati riverfront to the visiting

dignitaries from one place, officials had said. The Gujarat government has announced that Trump and the First Lady would arrive at the Ahmedabad international airport directly from Washington.

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Message of Shaheen Bagh

SC appoints mediators for shifting women-led protests on the CAA. Should the Govt not have done this instead?



In the end, the executive abdicated its responsibility and left it to the judiciary to tackle civil unrest in the country that has risen in opposition to its new profile-linked citizenship law. And the highest court of the land, the Supreme Court, had to intervene to settle the issue of moving protesters at Shaheen Bagh, the epicentre of a relentless people's struggle against a law that violates the Constitutional spirit of equality of all religions. Addressing a clutch of petitions against the protesters that were pushed in a surrogate manner, the court

did not denounce their stance and upheld what it has before, that citizens have a democratic right to disagree and be heard. But considering the sit-in on a public road had stretched over two months and was obstructing traffic and public convenience, the court said that the protest site should be relocated to avert a crisis. Yet it did not pare the protesters down with dictated choices of sites but sent in mediators to work out a deal. The Shaheen Bagh women, who have never refused a dialogue, had gone public with their desire to meet the Home Minister and Prime Minister, but it was the Government which did not honour the rules of civil engagement and instead demonised them as enemies of the State. Had it indeed mastered statecraft, it could have made a virtue of the negotiations, used them for explanatory propaganda on the new law and avoided a conflagration that ultimately burnt it badly. Now as many Shaheen Baghs and dissent movements have erupted across the country, will the Government squander away its political mandate as an administrator or create new binaries for electoral politics? Will it be a reconciler of diversity or just the interpreter of societal maladies?

There is nothing wrong with the BJP Government justifying its ideological pitch but when in governance, it cannot be seen as abetting a civil war. Particularly when the women-led protest at Shaheen Bagh swiftly turned into civil society's spontaneous combustion and powered the Opposition. Primarily because the women of Shaheen Bagh had taken a high moral ground when they started out, reading the Preamble and positing themselves as citizens who shouldn't be defined by exclusion as opposed to the establishment's determination to brand them anti-Hindu. As all religions made common cause with them, the BJP turned them into a test case of nationalism, lionising their intolerance. So what began as an anti-establishment forum was needlessly elevated to a referendum on whether minority intrusion can disrupt a majority lives — in this case, blockade-hit Delhiites — on whether there was a mini-Pakistan that needs to be surgically cut out from the heart of the city. Clearly, the BJP is solely responsible for terming every democratic disagreement as a treacherous feat, even making its core voter deeply uncomfortable. Yes, the women blocked traffic because that's the only way they could make people sit up but it was the BJP which gave shelf life to the sit-in, prolonging it for intended political gains, adamant in rejecting overtures and scoring a self-goal by weaponising it for the Delhi Assembly elections. Even the women pointed out that their protest was not a civic issue but a national one and, therefore, were unconcerned about the buzz around them. The Delhi voter, in the end, chose a "doing" Government rather than a "blaming" one. Had the BJP been smart, it could have attempted reconciliation talks. Considering the city-state's law and order is a Central subject, it could have worked around the traffic mess. By engaging with the women, it would have not only demonstrated seriousness of intent, it could have been seen as an expert negotiator, one who attempted to clear misconceptions around the CAA. Clearly, the Government's mishandling of Shaheen Bagh has blown up in its face and compelled it to eat humble pie. The Prime Minister had to clarify that CAA "does not affect Indian Muslims" and that there was no talk of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) yet. Home Minister Amit Shah had to simmer down on NRC after declaring in Parliament that every infiltrator would be thrown out and even admit that aggressive and polarising rhetoric had cost the BJP the Delhi election. It's a different matter though that the National Population Register (NPR) can be used to harvest profile-based data still, something that the civil protest movements are now questioning, too. This has forced the Government to concede that respondents wouldn't be needed to show any papers. It is in this sense that the Shaheen Bagh protests have been successful compared to other protests before; they have forced a systemic reaction. And with mini protests acquiring gale force, the Modi Government can no longer afford to be in a victim or petitioner mode. It cannot be a denier anymore, it has to seize the discourse. Or be horribly out of sync with what India wants.

Too little to charge

Let's not get excited by the discovery of lithium reserves. They are not enough to fuel India's electric ambitions



The discovery of an estimated reserve of 14,000 tonnes of lithium ore in Mandya, 100 km from Bengaluru, has gotten several people excited. Rightly so, because this metal is one of the key components for Lithium-ion batteries and is a crucial building block for electric vehicles, which many believe, will be the future of India, indeed for global mobility. But there's no need to get overly excited about this. In terms of reserves, it is less than half a per cent of the total deposits found in Chile,

which along with Bolivia, holds some of the world's largest stocks of this key material. By some estimates, India will need over a million tonnes of lithium ore in the next two decades to ensure half its vehicle fleet is able to drive on electric vehicle battery. So, 14,000 tonnes of lithium ore cannot even power the electric vehicles that will be needed in Bengaluru and its suburbs alone. This discovery should, however, be used as an opportunity to further mineral exploration. Low on reserves, we have to import minerals and metals worth billions of dollars — crude oil to gold — from nations across the world. We have to become more pro-active in tapping deposits and maximising their potential. This small finding should spur Indian companies and the Government to look for other key resources for the future like rare-earth metals — a sector where China commands a near-global monopoly.

India should also carefully evaluate technologies that can be used to power the future. In mobility, this could involve discussions around hydrogen-based fuel-cell technologies that are less dependent on lithium resources. While hydrogen extraction technologies are currently expensive and energy negative, the dramatic lowering of unit costs of solar and wind energy can allow for sufficient hydrogen generation, which can also use the existing fuel-retail system. India should not become beholden to another set of resource-rich countries. Policy-makers have to be extremely careful about which path the country will take. They must not give in to half-baked ideas by motivated parties. Our bureaucrats and politicians must be very careful and make serious considerations about India's future because their decisions will decide which path the country will take and the impact it will have in the next five or six decades. We cannot afford to lose more decades as we have already wasted the first two this millennium.

opinion

Now, a green fund

The Finance Commission must be lauded for including forest cover in the mix for allocation of tax resources. States must respect this and do their bit in conserving it



VK BAHUGUNA

One of the keys to improving Centre-State relations and ensuring development is even-handed and judicious distribution of tax revenue and other forms of earning between the federal and State Governments. The Finance Commission of India is a unique constitutional body that is periodically set up under Article 280 of the Constitution to define financial relations between the Central and State Governments. It lays down a set of principles that determines the method and formula for the distribution of tax proceeds between both Governments.

A majority of the taxes such as Customs duty, income tax, service tax and Central excise are collected by the Centre. States were given the mandate to provide economic and social services to the people. They are empowered to levy income tax on agricultural earnings, professional tax, value added tax (VAT), State excise duty, land revenue and stamp duty. Hence, the Finance Commission was created to address issues of vertical and horizontal imbalances of federal finances in India.

The 15th Finance Commission, which was established to decide on the devolution of taxes and other receipts to the Centre and States for the next five years beginning April 2020, submitted its recommendations before the Central Government last December. The Commission used the population data of 2011 while making its recommendations and for the first time, in addition to income distance, population and area and forest cover, it used two additional factors — demographic performance and tax effort — to determine the tax pool of States.

The Commission's usage of the 2011 population figures gave rise to considerable controversies. While the 14th Finance Commission had taken the 1971 census as the base with a weightage of 17.5 per cent and assigned a weightage of 10 per cent to the 2011 population figures, the present one has kept the weightage of 2011 population at 15 per cent and has given additional 12.5 per cent to demographic performance. The use of 2011 data has benefitted some States like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar while others have been disadvantaged.

Most States in southern India, except Tamil Nadu, feel that they are suffering because of their policy of population control. They believe they will get a smaller share of the pie if the population dispensation is applied. However, according to the Economic Survey, 2016, inter-State labour mobility averaged 5-6.5 million people between 2001 and 2011, yielding an inter-State migrant population of about 60 million and an inter-district migration as high as 80 million. Apart from the southern States, Assam, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab and West Bengal, too, saw



a dip in population compared to the 1971 census. The 15th Finance Commission was critical of the Union and State Governments' tendency to finance spending through off-budget borrowings, too. On this front, it called upon both to phase out off-budget liabilities.

Irrespective of the surrounding controversies, the Commission made it clear that it wants to play a key role in fostering sustainable development. It must be noted that the 14th Commission had accepted it as a criterion to determine the share of taxes to various States. This is why "forest cover" was assigned 7.5 per cent weightage. The 15th Finance Commission sought to raise the area cover to 10 per cent in order to reward States that have "provided ecological services" to the country.

However, it is distressing that none of the States has been liberal in granting funds to the forest department commensurate to the contribution the forests have made in getting funds. The enhancement of funds to States — from 7.5 per cent to 10 per cent — if implemented, can go a long way in protecting the country's ecological frontiers. This can also lead

to the economic well-being of the people and the country and help consolidate forest resources as well.

The importance of the maintenance of forest-like buildings and roads was first recognised by the 13th Finance Commission, which earmarked ₹1,000 crore and called upon the States to manage ecology, environment and climate change, consistent with sustainable development. This fund was kept at the disposal of the Government of India and was released to States on a project basis. This helped a great deal in maintaining forests across the country.

However, the actual spending on forests by States, after the 14th Finance Commission grants, has not been very encouraging when compared to the intention of the criterion to strengthen forest cover base. The State of Forest Report 2019 released by the Forest Survey of India recorded a marginal increase of 5,188 sq km in total forest and tree cover in the country. However, it gave a dismal picture in tribal areas (where the forest cover has gone down by 741 sq km). With regard to the disappearance of higher girth class trees in

forests due to poor regeneration and protection, the report, if examined critically, indicates the urgent need to spend money on natural forests. Yet another important issue that needs to be dealt with is to address the concern of States, which have less forest cover. We need to step up efforts to cover more areas through agroforestry, farm forestry, block plantations, urban and peri-urban forestry among other efforts.

Efficient fiscal management goals of the Commission cannot be achieved unless we have an effective monitoring system in place. The 15th Finance Commission should follow the pattern of the 13th Finance Commission, which recommend *inter alia* that a portion of the divisible pool of tax within the forest criterion should be retained with the Government of India to be sanctioned by the Ministry of Finance and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, for the maintenance of forests.

It would be appropriate to ensure third-party monitoring of the use of the grant to States so that misuse or arbitrary or unauthorised use of the funds can be checked. Further, for monitoring and

evaluation of the works undertaken through the Finance Commission Awards, States should opt for certification of forests. This can help promote sustainable forest management and at the same time provide space for international markets for procurement of forest products.

Further, the Commission should put a complete ban on the freebie culture of politicians, who are more interested in votebank politics. If need be, it must ask the Government to amend the Constitution. The Prime Minister must think about curbing the freebie culture sooner than later. At the same time, the Election Commission must ensure political consensus on this. A group of retired forest officers had sought time from the Chairman of the Finance Commission to submit a memorandum on these issues so that the Commission's own recommendations lead to desired effects on the country's economy and on conservation of forests, water and bio-diversity. A forest governance policy must pay attention to the multiple ways in which our green cover is valuable.

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SOUNDBITE

Nitishji has always said that he cannot leave the ideals of Gandhi, JP and Lohia... At the same time, how can he be with the people who support the ideology of Godse?



Political strategist —Prashant Kishor

I was also a newcomer at one point of time, I'm only four years old here. I am no veteran. Every film is a new film. I am as new as the director for that film and story.



Actor —Vicky Kaushal

Using funds of peacekeeping operations for other requirements, while payments for peacekeeping remain, is not only bad accounting practice but also tends to be interpreted as bad faith.



Indian Envoy —Syed Akbaruddin

If NRC is implemented, it will affect not only Hindus or Muslims but also Adivasis. NPR is a census, and I don't find anyone will be affected as it happens every 10 years.

Maharashtra CM —Uddhav Thackeray



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Together, we can

Sir — The forthcoming visit of Donald Trump to India is unique not only because this will be his first since he became the US President but also because it comes soon after his acquittal in the impeachment trial by the US Senate. Besides, he is also one of the frontrunners for the US elections later this year and enjoys record-high popularity back home.

Relations between the US and India have seen an upswing in recent years. The US considers India a key player in the Indo-Pacific region. Bilateral trade, both goods and services, touched \$142 billion in 2018. But there's a lot that is left to be desired and worked on.

Importantly, Trump considers India to be among those nations taking trade advantage of the US. Since long, America has been averse to India's intellectual policy legal framework and some investment restrictions. India, on the other hand, believes that under Trump's presidency, the US has taken a more rigid stance; new tariffs have been introduced for new products.

But both nations have a com-

Wall to hide misdeeds and guilt

The construction of a wall in front of a slum along the road connecting Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport to the Indira Bridge in Ahmedabad ahead of US President Donald Trump's state visit has rightly drawn a lot of flak. This illustrates that BJP-led Governments at the Centre and in Gujarat refuse to accept the nation as it is. This act is clearly at odds with their claims of "patriotism" and "commitment" towards the impoverished sections of the country. The Government is clearly not above conjuring a false narrative to provide an impression of "national glory." It seems that the wall is being constructed to prevent Trump's convoy from viewing the slums, which the American visitors would presumably consider "eyesores." But they should remember that slum dwellers are victims of an unjust and inequitable social order. Apart from the deprivation they already have to live with, it is inhuman to render them "invisible" in this humiliating manner.

It would be reasonable to ask why money was spent on a "beautification drive" rather than on improving the living conditions of the slum dwellers. The veneer of prosperity created to impress a world



leader dehumanises millions of poverty-stricken Indians, who are unlikely to be represented at the "Namaste, President Trump" event in Ahmedabad. One is reminded of Rabindranath Tagore's words, "Give me the strength never to disown the poor or bend my knees before the insolent might." Those in power would do well to live by them.

G David Milton Maruthancode

permanent commission besides making them eligible for command posting at par with male officers, is historic.

It's shocking that despite the Army facing shortage of officers in support services, it let go of trained women officers. Time and again women have proved their mettle in all spheres. They are not in any way inferior to male counterparts. It's about time that we realise and acknowledge their contribution wholeheartedly and give them their due respect.

Bal Govind Noida

Shameful incident

Sir — It is shameful that more than 60 girl students were forced to strip in an administrative check about whether they were menstruating or not at a college in Gujarat's Bhuj. The Government needs to keep a check on the norms laid down and take action against them. There should be uniformity in policy and rules.

Shashi Via email

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Better late than never

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Lead from the front" (February 18). The Supreme Court's ruling, asking the Government to ensure that all women officers are given

Ganapathi Bhat Akola

FIRST COLUMN

What lies ahead for social sector

As India will be home to the largest working population in the world by 2030, health and education are key areas it must focus on



URVASHI PRASAD SARAH IYPE

At the start of the new decade, the much-awaited Budget 2020-21 set the tone for the year ahead. With the core themes of "Aspirational India", "Economic Development" and "Caring Society", health and education feature as cross-cutting elements, critical for driving inclusive growth. As a prelude to the New Education Policy, the Budget had some key announcements on higher education, in particular. First, leveraging the triple helix model of innovation and ensuring greater university-Government-industry linkage, 150 institutes will initiate apprenticeship-embedded courses by next year. As India stands at the threshold of the fourth Industrial Revolution, this move will facilitate the generation of a skilled workforce, ready to be absorbed by the industry.

Second, in a novel step to promote greater access, the Budget also announced that the top 100 institutes in the National Institute Ranking Framework will launch exclusive online education programmes. Third, diversifying the options for further study, it proposes the establishment of a National Forensic University, offering courses on niche aspects such as cyber-forensics. While these are steps in the right direction, we must be cognisant of the sheer scale of the education ecosystem. India has around 25 crore children in over 15 lakh schools, while at the higher education level there are about 3.7 crore students in 41,000 institutes. To ensure the delivery of quality education across this landscape, an emphasis on early childhood education and foundational learning is critical. Beyond the Budget, we need a nationwide call to action for a sustained effort on knowledge enhancement to enable foundational learning for all. Further, while the financial allocation to education has increased by 4.7 per cent, it falls short of the recommended level of investment at six per cent of the GDP. Opening up the sector to External Commercial Borrowings and Foreign Direct Investment may serve as an avenue for increased spending in it. Any enhancement in expenditure, of course, must be targeted at driving improvements in quality education, in sync with the need to shift the policy focus away from input and access metrics.

On health, the Budget provides an additional ₹69,000 crore. However, there is still some way to go before the 2017 National Health Policy's (NHP's) goal of raising public health spending to 2.5 per cent of the GDP by 2024-25, is achieved. Of course States, too, need to ramp up spending on health as they account for 64.4 per cent of the total Government health expenditure.

A key Budget announcement was setting up of hospitals in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode to boost the supply of health services under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, through a viability gap funding mechanism. The scheme has been fairly successful since its launch in September 2018, reaching out to over 80 lakh patients across more than 20,000 hospitals. Although the budgetary allocation for Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs), the second pillar of Ayushman Bharat, has not been enhanced, it is crucial that these Centres are operationalised in a timely manner, providing screening for non-communicable diseases in addition to reproductive, maternal and child health interventions.

Focussing on human resources is critical, not just for the health sector but also for the broader economy, given the sector's significant job-creation potential. Recognising the shortfall of medical personnel, the Budget emphasises the need for attaching medical colleges to district hospitals in PPP mode.

Furthermore, a push was made on integrating Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) with Ayushman Bharat. AI can offer an unbiased second opinion on diagnosis, treatment modalities, potential risks and predicted outcomes as well as enable health personnel to identify dormant signs of diseases. The announcement of a national-level scheme to map India's genetic landscape is another crucial move given that the answer to many diseases and their treatment, at least partly, lies in our genes. On social determinants of health, the Budget increased the allocation for nutrition-related programmes by 25 per cent and also committed to implementing the necessary steps for sustaining behaviour change in sanitation and focussing on waste management.

Overall, Budget 2020-21 included some noteworthy announcements for social sectors. However, there is much more that needs to be done if India is to truly harness the potential of its human capital for boosting economic growth. As India will be home to the largest working population in the world by 2030, health and education are key for reaping the benefits of the much talked about demographic dividend. Of course, the Union Budget is only one instrument for achieving this and much of the action, in terms of increased spending on social sectors as well as quality implementation at scale, lies in States, thus necessitating ongoing coordination between the Centre and States.

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KALYANI SHANKAR

Many people are writing off the 135-year-old Congress Party after its dismal performance in the just-concluded Delhi Assembly elections. This is because the grand old party has suffered one setback after the other since 2014, though there were some good patches in between. Now, critical questions are being raised over its survival that need to be answered by Congressmen. This is not the first time that the party is facing such a crisis. In its long history, the

Congress has been written off many times by its opponents. However, every time it rose like a phoenix from the ashes and came back to power.

The slide began in 1967 when the party lost many States. After the 1969 split, Indira Gandhi emerged successful in the 1971 mid-term poll. However, after the defeat of Indira in 1977, the party was written off. But it rallied again in 1980 and continued to rule till 1989. After VP Singh challenged Rajiv Gandhi in 1989, there were apprehensions about the Congress' survival but in 1991 the party came back to power at the head of a coalition, though it could not retain power for long.

In 1998, Sonia Gandhi took over the Congress amid panic in the party that it would perish. When no one expected the Sonia-led Congress to succeed, she formed the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) and cap-

tered power in 2004. After 10 years of the UPA's rule, the party faced its worst-ever humiliation when it got just 44 seats in 2014 and 52 seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Now, once again, the Congress is being written off. No doubt the party is going through one of its worst existential and leadership crises right now. Thankfully, the Congress has always performed well in States where regional strongmen were given the job of handling the elections. The Maharashtra and Haryana polls proved this fact in recent times. That said, is that enough for the party to remain relevant? From ruling the Centre and a majority of States in the '60s and '70s, the Congress has now been pushed into a corner with its governments in a measly five States. When the Narendra Modi Government stormed to power in 2014, many thought that the Congress would eventually recov-

er but it has only declined further as it had failed to gauge the mood of the public and turn it into electoral success. Last year's electoral victories in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh apart, the Congress has witnessed gradual decay in its State units in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh (UP), Bihar, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Delhi. Today, the Congress is ruthlessly criticised and mocked because of its determination to cling to the Nehru-Gandhi family.

The BJP has vowed to create a "Congress-mukt Bharat" but an Opposition is not bad, even for the ruling party in a democracy, as the late Atal Bihari Vajpayee used to say. One party rule is not what our founding fathers visualised. Some analysts argue that the collapse of the Congress as a national alternative to the BJP creates a political vacuum. It is not as if there

is no base for the Congress despite the slide, as it is the only party, apart from the BJP, with a national presence. Even in its worst defeat the Congress managed to get 19.6 per cent of the national vote; about 117 million people voted for it in 2019. It must build on this base.

The decline of the Congress is of its own making. Its dependence on one family, its high command and coterie culture, loss of connect with grassroots workers, lack of an organisational structure, poor communication skills, disconnect with the aspirations of voters and living in its past glory, have all led to its downfall. Moreover, the BJP has emerged as an alternative to the Congress at the national level, while in some States the regional satraps have usurped the Congress' space. Since the party refuses to move out from under the shadow of the Gandhis, it is for the family to fill the leadership vacuum

and fight to get back its political space. They must find the right formula to do this, fast.

It is too soon to write an obituary of the Congress. The grand old party is like an ancient banyan tree. Its roots are deep and in many States. All that the Congress needs is a charismatic leader and a vote catcher who could reinvent and revive the party. Did not the then UK Prime Minister Tony Blair reinvent the Labour party and called it the New Labour?

It is time the Congress wakes up, defines its ideology, strengthens State units, faces the challenge of regionalism and reclaims its lost space. It was an umbrella party at one time giving space to all shades of opinions and ideologies — the Right, Left and the Centre — and despite many splits it has survived so far. So there is no reason why it cannot do so in the future.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

THE CONGRESS PARTY ALWAYS CHOOSES TO STAND WITH THOSE WHO ARE INIMICAL TO THE COUNTRY AND RILE UP SECURITY FORCES. —BJP SPOKESPERSON GVL NARASIMHA RAO



WHEN POLICEMEN HIDE THE TRUTH, THERE'S NO DIALOGUE WITH THE YOUTH AND GOVT BECOMES A SLEUTH, DEMOCRACY WILL WEAKEN AT ITS ROOTS. —CONGRESS LEADER KAPIL SIBAL

Use AI to fight pandemics

The Coronavirus outbreak has called into question the ability of governments in predicting, containing and even preventing epidemics. AI and big data can be the answer



ABHINAV VERMA YUKTI SHARMA

In 2019, the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board said that the world was not prepared for the next big pandemic, which could potentially spread between continents in 36 hours and kill up to 80 million people. It pointed out that the climate crisis, global migration and humanitarian conflicts were all breeding grounds for newer outbreaks. The Coronavirus took us by surprise, simultaneously pointing out that systems of the past decade might not be effective in tackling challenges that are taking novel shapes and forms. With one of the largest populations and widening socio-economic divides, India is vulnerable to contagions. Experts claim that this susceptibility hasn't changed much in the last 100 years, when India was one of the countries worst hit by the Spanish Influenza in 1918. We have been struggling to contain influenza and encephalitis outbreaks for the last four decades. There is a pressing need to overhaul how we respond to outbreaks, both globally and in India, keeping technology at the centre. Coronavirus' example itself shows that it was two Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled enterprises, BlueDot and Metabiota, that provided the key and life-saving insights into the containment of this viral eruption. By using Natural Language Processing (NLP), BlueDot sifts through and analyses over 10,000 articles in 65 languages, including foreign news reports, plants and animal disease networks and official proclamations, to issue warnings. It was able to catch and warn about the impending outbreak days before the official announcement was made. Similarly, Metabiota applied AI to the used travel itineraries and flight patterns to determine the likely spread of the disease. It was accurate insofar as it predicted that South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Thailand had the highest risk of the viral outbreak.

AI for comprehensive disease surveillance: As epidemics spread in phases from introduction to amplification and finally contained transmission, the response and sequence of interventions flow accordingly. Even before diseases erupt, a public health system attempts to anticipate new and re-emerging disease through early detection. Thereafter, the response strategy changes to containment, control and mitigation, followed by re-focus on eradication. Creating a technology-based intervention into pandemic management also needs to consider the response strategies commensurate with the stage of epidemical evolution.

However, technologies have a critical and more successful role to play in some phases of the response cycle as opposed to others. One such is prediction and early warnings, for which integrated disease surveillance programmes exist both in the public and private sectors. These surveillance strategies include Event-Based Surveillance (EBS) and Risk Modelling. EBS systems use unstructured data from multiple sources like internet, official reports, social media and so on, to detect and trace the evidence of an emerging threat and overlay it with traditional surveillance systems to issue public health warnings and formulate mitigation strategies. The Global Public Health Intelligence Network (GPHIN), and HealthMap, an automated electronic information system, are EBS tools that use NLP, text processing algorithms and Machine Learning (ML). These can increase the speed of identifying signs, filtering information, enhance capacity for consuming information and increase accuracy manifold.

The Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases (ProMED), Medical Information System (MediSys) and Pattern-based Understanding and Learning System (PULS) are similar EBS tools. These systems are proving absolutely essential in disseminating information at breakneck speed, characterising transmissibility patterns, contagiousness, illnesses and

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deaths caused by the pathogen, aiding quicker emergency response. Risk modelling uses statistical tools to characterise and identify factors in populations or individuals that enhance their vulnerabilities to contracting a particular disease. Overlaying this data with open source internet data and climate data accounting for presence, distribution and movement of pathogens can help identify correlations that were invisible to us before. For example, in China, the cases of hand, foot and mouth disease in children were best predicted by AI models that utilised data on weekly temperature and precipitation as well as data on disease-related queries from the Chinese Baidu search engine.

Compared to these, India's Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) uses manual surveillance, where data on some 24 epidemic-prone diseases is collected on a weekly basis at the primary health centre level and reported upwards. Whenever there is a rising trend of illnesses in any area, it is investigated by the Rapid Response Teams (RRT) to diagnose and control the outbreak. This system is slow and doesn't use any risk modelling for predictions. A study by the Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad in 2016 pointed out that this procedure suffered a time lag from anything between three to 64 days.

The Media Scanning and Verification Cell of the IDSP was established in 2008 for early warning signals through media reports. However, this activity is limited to manually scanning newspapers/electronic media. Some technologically-adept States use Google alerts to automate the process. Needless to say, State media verification cells are unable to exhaustively scan all media sources with the swiftness that's needed to respond to outbreaks. The Health Ministry is piloting an Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) that can enable near real-time data reporting and hopes to apply modelling and GIS tools to enhance the IDSP. There exists immense scope for integrating emerging technologies within the IHIP platform. But

at present these discussions are nascent.

Focussing on holistic pandemic management: While most technology applications in pandemic response are limited to surveillance, there is a dire need to identify intervention areas in overall pandemic management. AI can not only help us predict where the disease might be travelling to, but it can also offer insights into how people take up health services during emergencies. Accounting for health-seeking behaviours in designing response strategies can substantially boost effectiveness and success of responses.

Learning from behavioural data, ML models can identify less obvious patterns in human behaviour and disease transmission, which could enable a targeted response. This is called infodemiology, where you can integrate internet data into public health informatics to examine individual health-seeking patterns during emergencies. Google Trends Data as well as more-specific Google Dengue Trends have also been used by researchers to develop a holistic understanding of behavioural aspects of citizen response to pandemics. Such insights can be used to determine where health services are imperative to be delivered in times of shortages that mandate trade-offs. In a more mature system, one would also be able to determine if an individual or a group of people is likely to change its location, go out and seek formal assistance, or if they will adhere to treatment routines — all insights that can help authorities make better decisions.

AI-assisted genomics research is slowly emerging to be a game changer in the rapid development of treatments and vaccines for contemporary infections. Baidu has developed an algorithm that can significantly speed up RNA structure prediction and subsequently unlock the key to the virus. Developing models that can match patterns embedded in the viral genomes to their animal host and vectors that carry the virus can be a breakthrough in narrowing the search for diseases. This can lead to early interventions in controlling disease upsurge or preventing their

emergence altogether.

Building blocks for AI in pandemic response: Building a comprehensive and accurate surveillance system requires massive amounts of quality data from different sources. Meteorological data, for instance, needs to be overlaid with vector-movements and population mobility data to accurately identify hotspots for outbreaks. This requires Government departments coming together in mission-mode and pooling their data into one consolidated programme. It also requires AI-enabled technologies to be integrated into existing workflows for pandemic management and creation of new protocols with adequate capacity-building, so its benefits can flow to all levels.

As pandemics are not constrained by national boundaries, a global surveillance system is imperative, something where multilaterals like the WHO and international foundations can play a catalytic role. Nations need to be propelled to make disease information public and if possible move towards interoperable surveillance networks that can communicate with their global counterparts.

Can AI fight the next Coronavirus is a question up for debate. But it can bolster our capacity to respond substantially, especially in disease pre-emption, design of accurate interventions and in some cases with more research investment, even prevention of outbreaks.

Therefore, in a fight against outbreaks — one that the global community is not winning — channelising the power of data through AI can be the perfect weapon. Coronavirus and the swiftness that AI-enabled solutions showed here were necessary proof of the concept to incentivise greater resources and collaborations in AI-assisted outbreak management. Now it is upon governments and multilaterals to lead the way in mobilising AI against the next virus.

(Verma is a lawyer and public policy consultant and Sharma is a software engineer. Both work with the International Innovation Corps, University of Chicago.)

Don't write the Congress off yet

It was an umbrella party at one time giving space to all shades of opinions and ideologies — the Right, Left and the Centre — and despite many splits it has survived so far. So there is no reason why it cannot do so in the future



INVEST IN POOR NATIONS

It is no accident that the most worrying recent pandemics to afflict the planet have emerged from Asia and Africa, in poor countries that have inadequate health services. Hospitals, laboratories and research centres there need bolstering rapidly and should be the focus of major investment by the West.

(The Guardian editorial)

Sensex, Nifty clock 4th successive loss

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty settled with losses for the fourth straight session on Tuesday as the ongoing AGR issue weighed on telecom and financial stocks.

After trading in the deep red for a better part of the session, the BSE gauge Sensex reclaimed most of its lost ground towards the day-end. At the closing bell, the index was down 161.31 points or 0.39 per cent at 40,894.38.

Intra-day, the Sensex fell over 444 points and touched the day's low of 40,610.95.

The NSE barometer Nifty too staged a late recovery from the day's low and settled at 11,992.50, showing a fall of 53.30 points or 0.44 per cent.

On the Sensex chart, Bharti Airtel was the biggest loser with nearly 3 per cent drop in its share price. It was followed by IndusInd Bank, Maruti Suzuki, HeroMoto Corp and Tata Steel.

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to stop the telecom department from taking any coercive steps for recovery of dues from Vodafone Idea.

Shares of Vodafone Idea on Tuesday tanked more than 16 per cent in intra-day trade due

to rating downgrade on AGR dues and other issues of the company.

Reliance Industries declined nearly 1 per cent after it announced consolidation of all its media and distribution businesses under flagship 'Network18'.

The three group entities namely Hathway Cable & Datacom, Den Networks and TV18 Broadcast — which would be merged into Network18 — rose by 20 per cent, 9.98 per cent and 14.7 per cent, respectively.

"Market sentiment continued to be hit by Covid-19 after the issue of warning note from

a key global MNC regarding the sales impact. Global weakness is expected to hurt domestic market as high valuation and low economic growth is not supportive," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services commented.

Also, the huge government dues to be paid by telecom sector will keep banking stocks

volatile impacting the market performance, Nair added.

In contrast, SBI, Infosys, PowerGrid, Tech Mahindra and TCS featured among major gainers.

Sectorally, BSE telecom index suffered the most by shedding over 4 per cent. Other top laggards included metal, auto and realty indices.

Birla meets Telecom Secy as Voda Idea stares at over ₹53K cr AGR dues

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amid talks of the Government mulling encashing of bank guarantee over default in payment of dues, Vodafone Idea Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla on Tuesday met Telecom Secretary Anshu Prakash as he looked for options to keep the company afloat.

After the meeting, Birla said he "cannot say anything at the moment."

Birla, who met the telecom secretary for over an hour, was accompanied by Ravinder Takkar, MD & CEO of Vodafone Idea.

He refused to respond to queries on whether or not Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) would default on payment of AGR dues or if the company could head towards insolvency.

Vodafone Idea on Monday paid Rs 2,500 crore to DoT and promised to pay another Rs 1,000 crore before the end of the week.

But the amount paid for now is less than 5 per cent of the dues that the DoT estimates the company owes to the government following a Supreme Court ruling that asked for including non-telecom revenues of telcos in computing statutory payments such as licence fee and spectrum charges. The Supreme Court on Monday refused to stop DoT from taking any coercive steps for recovery of dues from Vodafone Idea.

Since then, the company has lost more than Rs 5,800 crore in market capitalisation.

The company on Tuesday said India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has downgraded its rating on non-convertible debentures (NCDs) of ₹3,500 crore.

"The downgrade is on account of severe stress on the company's near-term liquidity after the Supreme Court's ruling on February 14, 2020, which directed the telecom companies to pay the adjusted gross revenue (AGR) related liabilities to the government of India by March 17, 2020," Vodafone Idea said in a BSE filing.

Care Ratings on Monday downgraded the company's rating on its long-term bank facilities and non-convertible debentures.

The downgrade is on account of "significant erosion" in the overall risk profile of the company in the wake of absence of relief on modification plea relating to AGR dues on February 14. It also takes cognisance of recent losses suffered by the company in the quarter ended December 2019.

Voda Idea stock falls over 11% amid AGR woes

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Vodafone Idea on Tuesday settled over 11 per cent down in the wake of continuing business uncertainty over payment of statutory dues.

The scrip has been closing in the red for the past seven consecutive sessions. The company's credit rating has also been downgraded by two rating agencies. On the BSE, the stock plunged 17.25 per cent to trade at a low of ₹283. It settled with a loss of 11.40 per cent at ₹303.

The scrip plummeted 17.64 per cent to ₹2.80 on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). It closed 10.29 per cent lower at ₹3.05.

In terms of traded volume, more than 64 crore shares of the company were traded on the NSE and over 15 crore units exchanged hands on the BSE.

During the day, spurt in volume was more than 3.11 times on the BSE.

The stock has been on a losing spree for the past seven trading sessions on the BSE. It has plunged 43.9 per cent since February 7.

Hero MotoCorp unveils new products, announces ₹10,000 crore investments

KUSHAN MITRA ■ KUKAS, RAJASTHAN

Later this year, Hero MotoCorp will unveil the 100 millionth motorcycle to leave one of their production lines. In the 35 years since the Munjal-promoted group has been producing two-wheelers, first in collaboration with Japanese major Honda and then by themselves since 2011, they will become the fastest manufacturer to reach this milestone.

But as questions hover around the future viability of the company as it finds itself with a global technology partner unlike their Indian rivals, Bajaj and TVS, the Chairman and promoter of the company, Pawan Munjal wanted to showcase the future with a display of Hero's technological and product development competence at their Centre for Innovation and Technology (CIT) established at Kukas, outside Jaipur.

Hero, which skipped the Auto Expo earlier this month also used the opportunity to launch their latest products that all adhere to the upcoming BS-6 emission norms. As the company has seen increased competition over the years and declining sales of their bestsellers, they also launched the new Glamour 125 and Passion Pro as well as showcasing the Xtreme 160R road racer in the fast growing 150-200cc category.

The company wants to regain their leadership position in these segments where Bajaj, TVS and their erstwhile partner Honda dominates. Speaking to The Pioneer, Munjal also mentioned that Hero could look at potential partnerships with either Indian or global 'freemium' companies going forward, and that he was not terribly concerned about the move to electric vehicles, "we are a large investor in Ather Energy, India's leading electric two-wheeler company with a 31 per cent stake in the company, and we have been



Hero MotoCorp Chairman and Managing Director, Pawan Munjal, unveils the all-new Hero Xtreme 160R bike during Hero World 2020 in Jaipur on Tuesday. PTI

OUTLINES STRATEGY FOR NEXT 5-7 YEARS, PLANS GLOBAL EXPANSION AND BELIEVES SECOND-HALF OF 2020 WILL SEE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY REVIVE

helping the company grow. The scooters might not have a 'Hero' but that does not mean that Hero is not seriously looking at this area. Our major issue with the Government's initial plan to move to all-electric vehicles by 2025, which it wisely reconsidered was that the entire infrastructure would be disrupted, from sales channels to mechanics.

The industry could have shifted, but the government has to remember the contribution the automotive industry makes to the Indian economy and think accordingly." He added that Hero was looking at electric and hybrid technologies for two-wheelers as early as 2012 even before the modern shift to such technologies, "we are a leader in this space in India, just because we do not have a product right now should not be something to be worried

about."

Munjal also said that Hero would invest over ₹10,000 crore in new plants, research and development and market development over the next five to seven years in order to maintain its leadership. "When we started our solo journey in 2011 we had just 100 engineers doing basic product development in Dharuhera, three plants and exported products to just four countries. Today, we have one of the most advanced R&D centres in the two-wheeler world in Kukas with over 1,000 engineers, products have just started rolling out of our eighth plant in Andhra Pradesh and we have two global factories in Bangladesh and Colombia and we are present in over 40 countries globally. I'm sure our next 100 million will happen a lot faster than our first 100 million."

Panama back on EU tax-haven blacklist

AFP ■ BRUSSELS

The EU on Tuesday put Panama back on its blacklist of tax havens after deciding the country had not done enough to meet global transparency standards.

Panama, along with the Cayman Islands, Seychelles and Palau were added to eight other territories already deemed to be "non-cooperative tax jurisdictions," the Council of the EU said in a statement following a meeting of the bloc's finance ministers.

They join American Samoa, Fiji, Guam, Oman, Samoa, Trinidad and Tobago, the US Virgin Islands and Vanuatu on the list.

The addition of the Cayman Islands represented the first time an overseas British territory was placed on the EU's blacklist.

Rupee slides 22 paise to nearly 3-week low of 71.54 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee tumbled by 22 paise to settle at a nearly three-week low of 71.54 against the US dollar on Tuesday as concerns over the economic fallout from coronavirus outbreak continued to roil forex market sentiment.

Besides, sustained foreign fund outflows and subdued equities also put pressure on the rupee.

Starting off the session on a weaker note, the rupee weakened further to hit the day's low of 71.56 against the American currency. The domestic unit finally settled down by 22 paise at 71.54, a level not seen since January 30.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose by 0.15 per cent to 99.15.

The 10-year government bond yield was at 6.39 per cent.

Global crude oil benchmark Brent futures dropped 1.89 per cent to trade at USD 56.58 per barrel.

"Rupee started the day on a weak note crossing beyond 71.50, majorly on back of selling from institution in risky assets as FIIs (are) likely to be pulling out money from equities as the global market weighs slowdown effects of rising coronavirus threat in China," LKP Securities Senior Research Analyst (Commodity & Currency) Jateen Trivedi said.

The Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 71.4259 and for rupee/euro at 77.4162. The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 93.1737 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen at 65.02.

BUSINESS CORNER

ICIOT CONFERENCE IN SRM DRAWS CROWD

Kattankulathur: Second edition of International Conference on Internet of Things (ICIOT) was held at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur from 17 to 21 February 2020. The event was organised by Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

The chief guests for the event were Vidhyacharan Bhaskar, Professor at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, San Francisco State University, USA and Raghavendra Belur Jana, Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology Skoltech, Department of Civil Engineering, Moscow, Russia. The conference proceedings, printed in the form of a book of abstracts, were released on the inauguration. Registrar of SRMIST, N Sethuraman, said that this conference will help to discuss various issues related to the Computer Science Department and other Department, making it interdisciplinary. He then urged students to explore other avenues for further research.

"There are several challenges and this conference can help you find solutions for the same. It will be a win-win situation where, participants and speakers will get benefited," he said and added, "By understanding the need of IoT, progress can be achieved. But you will face challenges. Any invention that is not useful for the society will lose its charm and this conference will throw light on the prevailing challenges."



GRSE DELIVERS YARD 3020 KAVARATTI TO NAVY

Kolkata: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE), a leading Warship builder and Miniratna Category 1 Company under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence delivered Yard 3020 (Kavaratti) to the Indian Navy on 18 Feb 20. The ship is the 104th Warship built and delivered by GRSE since its inception in 1960 and is the Last in the Series of 04 Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvettes (ASWC) under the Project 28. "Kavaratti" was handed over by Rear Admiral VK Saxena, IN (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director, GRSE to Cdr. Sandeep Singh, Commanding Officer (Desig) of the ship, in the presence of Cmde, DK Goswami, CEO, Chairman, D448 Eastern Naval Command, Shri S S Dogra, Director (Finance), Cmde, Sanjeev Nayyar, IN (Retd), Director (Shipbuilding) and Cmde, P R Hari, IN (Retd), Director (Personnel) and other Senior Officials of Indian Navy and GRSE. The first three ships of the series, INS Kamorta, INS Kadmat & INS Kilan were delivered earlier and now form an integral part of Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy. The P 28 Class of ships strengthens the Indian Defence System and is the shining Armor in the "Make in India" programme.



RBI Governor says no reason to doubt Govt will meet fiscal deficit targets

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Throwing his weight behind Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's budget numbers, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that there is no reason to doubt that the government will be able to cut fiscal deficit to 3.5 per cent of the GDP in the fiscal beginning April 1.

In an interview with PTI, Das said the government has remained within the limits set by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Committee for the budget deficit.

The government missed deficit target for the third year in a row, pushing shortfall to 3.8 per cent of the GDP in the current fiscal as compared to 3.3 per cent previously planned. The fiscal deficit target for the coming fiscal year starting April 1, has been fixed at 3.5 per cent.

The fiscal deficit is the shortfall in a government's income compared with its spending. It essentially means that the government is spending beyond its means.

"With regard to the fiscal

management of the government, the government has remained within the recommendations FRBM committee," Das said. "So, therefore, the excess fiscal deficit has been restricted to 0.5 per cent. The government has adhered to that and a large part of the financing of fiscal deficit next year will come from small savings."

The FRBM committee headed by N K Singh had recommended fiscal deficit to be cut to 2.8 per cent in 2020-21 fiscal and to 2.5 per cent by FY2023.

The panel had suggested an "escape clause" in case of overriding consideration of national security, acts of war, calamities of national proportion and collapse of agriculture severely affecting farm output and incomes. Under this, a deviation from the stipulated fiscal deficit target can be taken but not in excess of 0.5 percentage points in a year.

Das said there is no reason to doubt that the fiscal deficit for the next year would be met.

"There is no reason for anyone to doubt that number. The Budget has been presented just about a fortnight ago,"

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that two girls namely (1) Komal, D/o: Ram Copal, R/o: D-12, Vijay Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi, (2) Reshma, D/o: Babulal, R/o: D-63, Vijay Vihar, Phase-I, New Delhi has been reported missing/kidnapped since 21.01.2020 from the area of P.S. Vijay Vihar, New Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 51/2020, dated 22.01.2020 has been registered at P.S. Vijay Vihar, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girls but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing/kidnapped girls is as under:

(1) Name: Komal, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5'5", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Green colour suit, golden colour salwar, black - white colour coat and Blue colour jutti in feet.

(2) Name: Reshma, Age: 15 Years, Height: 5'1", Face: Long, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Red colour suit, golden colour salwar, red colour jacket and white colour jutti in feet.

If anyone have any information about these missing/kidnapped girls please inform P.S. Vijay Vihar, New Delhi

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station, Vijay Vihar, New Delhi
DP/3716/RD/2020 Ph: 011-27282350, 27280435

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person 45 years of age whose name, residence and family is unknown had been found dead at Safdarjung Hospital Campus, New Delhi. In this regard a vide has been registered with DD No. 09A, dated 14.01.2020 at P.S. S J Enclave, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Male, Age: 45 years, Height: 170 cm, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Forehead-Narrow, Hair: Black, Wearing: Black colour jacket and blue colour t-shirt.

If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/S J Enclave, New Delhi.

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P.S. S J Enclave, New Delhi
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DP/7219/SW/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), Namely : Ravi Panday S/o Satya Prakash Pandey R/o H.No. 28-A, Ph-3, Jai Vihar, Baprola, Ranhola, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 04.02.2020 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 92/20 u/s 363 IPC dated 05.02.2020 has been registered at Police Station Ranhola, Delhi. His physical description is as under :-

Age : 17 Years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Shallow, Face : Long, Wearing : Black Colour Jacket and Sky Blue Colour Jeans & Black and White shoes in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Ranhola, Delhi at E-mail id - cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

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DP/3144/OD/2020

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Bhagwan Shahai @ Raju S/o Sh. Narayan Meena R/o V.P.O. Kota-Patti, P.S. Lawan District Dausa, Rajasthan has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence FIR No. 89/11 u/s 379 IPC has been registered at P.S. Delhi Cantt, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Bhagwan Shahai @ Raju cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Bhagwan Shahai @ Raju has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Bhagwan Shahai @ Raju of FIR No. 89/11 u/s 379 IPC has been registered at P.S. Delhi Cantt, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 24.03.2020

By order
Ms. Ankita Lal, Ld. MM,
Patiala House Court, New Delhi
DP/7206/SW/20

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused female namely Smt. Maya, W/o: Sh. Vinod, R/o: Jhuggi Bakkarwala & Jhuggi Raghbir Nagar, New Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 958/15 dated 19.09.2015 U/s 379/411/34 IPC registered at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued (unexecuted), stating that the said Smt. Maya cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Smt. Maya has absconded (or is concealing her self to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in this case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Smt. Maya accused of FIR No. 958/15 dated 19.09.2015 U/s 379/411/34 IPC P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer said complaint on or before 24.03.2020.

By Order
Mr. Anuj Kumar Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate 03,
Court No. 212,
Saket Courts, New Delhi
DP/7210/SW/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Share Certificate No(s) 00045198 & 00045199 for 200 Equity share(s) having distinctive nos. 9912501 to 9912600 & 9912601 to 9912700 respectively of Merino Industries Ltd., having its registered Office at 5, Alexander Court 60/1, Chowringhee Road Kolkata - 700020, registered in the name of Mr. Narendra Garg, Folio No. 001915, have been lost. I, now has applied to the Company for issue of duplicate share certificates in lieu of above. Any person having any objection to the issue of duplicate Share certificate(s) as aforesaid is requested to lodge objection thereto with the Company at their above address, or to its Registrars C B Management Services (P) Ltd., P-22, Bondel Road, Kolkata-700019 in writing within 15 days from the date of publication.

Sd/
Narendra Prakash Garg,
House No. 433, Maheshwari Mandir Wali Gali, W-33, Arya Nagar, Hapur (UP) - 245101

Date :
Place : Hapur

To present first UK Budget on March 11: Rishi Sunak

PTI ■ LONDON

The UK Government will present the Budget on March 11 as previously announced, the new Indian-origin Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak said on Tuesday as he vowed to unleash the country's potential and deliver the promises made to the voters.

There had been much speculation that the Budget could be delayed after the 39-year-old son-in-law of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy replaced Pakistani-origin Sajid Javid following his shock resignation on February 13.

Now it will be presented as previously scheduled on March 11, he said on his maiden Budget. Sunak tweeted that he was "cracking on" with preparations and would deliver the promises made to voters ahead of December's General Election won by the Conservative Party led by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

China to waive tariffs on US medical imports amid virus outbreak

AFP ■ BEIJING

China will waive trade-war tariffs on imports of selected US medical equipment from March 2, the Government said Tuesday, as the country battles to contain the new coronavirus epidemic. The move comes as doctors and nurses treating virus patients in China's overstretched hospitals struggle to deal with the health crisis amid a shortage of basic medical items.

More than 72,000 people have been infected by the outbreak of the new COVID-19 strain in China, which has claimed the lives of over 1,800 people.

Patient monitors, blood transfusion equipment and instruments to measure blood pressure are among the products that qualify for the exemptions, according to a list released by the Tariff Commission of the State Council. They are among 696 US products that now qualify for waivers, including key agricultural and energy items such as frozen pork and beef, soybeans and liquified natural gas.

India Inc to dole out 9.1% salary hike in 2020: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Companies in India are projected to dole out an average salary hike of 9.1 per cent this year, the highest level in the Asia Pacific region, as they look for key talent and niche skills, says a report.

However, the quantum is lower than 9.3 per cent increase seen in 2019 and also the lowest in a decade.

Leading HR consultancy Aon's annual salary hike survey released on Tuesday also showed that around 39 per cent of the companies surveyed are expected to give as much as 10 per cent increase in pay.

The results are based on responses from over 1,000 organisations spread across more than 20 industries.

In the Asia-Pacific region, India is expected to dole out the highest salary hike at 9.1 per cent, followed by China at 6.3 per cent this year. For India, the previous lowest quantum of hike was 6.6 per cent in 2009, as per Aon. As per the survey, Philippines is anticipated to see a salary rise of 5.8 per cent, followed by Malaysia (5.3 per cent), Singapore (3.8 per cent) and Australia (3.1 per cent) in 2020.

"Despite economic chal-



lenges in 2019, organisations in India are taking a positive view. Pay increases in India continue to be the highest in the region," Tzeitel Fernandes, Partner (Rewards Solutions) at Aon told reporters here.

A big reason for India's higher salary increase, as compared to other growing economies, is the high inflation rate and the war for key talent and niche skills, Fernandes noted.

In 2019, companies in India gave an average pay increase of 9.3 per cent, reflecting a slowdown in the econo-

my compared to 2018, the survey said.

According to the survey, 39 per cent firms are expected to raise the salary over 10 per cent while 42 per cent would go for an increase between 8-10 per cent.

In the manufacturing segment, pharmaceuticals is expected to give the highest salary hike followed by FMCG and chemicals, among others.

E-commerce and professional services businesses are expected to give double-digit salary increase this year in the services sector.

IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, INDIA IS EXPECTED TO DOLE OUT THE HIGHEST SALARY HIKE AT 9.1 PER CENT, FOLLOWED BY CHINA AT 6.3 PER CENT THIS YEAR. FOR INDIA, THE PREVIOUS LOWEST QUANTUM OF HIKE WAS 6.6 PER CENT IN 2009, AS PER AON

"We see a reduction in the differences between pay increases across industries, with 85 per cent of the organisations projecting between 7-11 per cent, a sign of maturing business ecosystems.

"However, the premium for high performance and new age skills continues to rise," Navneet Rattan, Director (Organisation, Performance and Rewards) at Aon India, said. About business outlook, 92 per cent of the firms surveyed expect their business improving or stabilising in 2020 while the rest 8 per cent felt there would be a decline in business.

Irdai says 'yet to get' proposal from LIC on IPO

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Insurance watchdog Irdai is yet to get any proposal from life insurance behemoth LIC on an initial public offering but feels a listing is better from a governance perspective, chairman SC Khuntia said on Tuesday. He also said that there is nothing for the life insurance industry to worry for the time being with regard to government's move on certain income tax exemptions as the alternative to invest still exists.

Khuntia also asked insurance companies to "weed out" loss-making products and concentrate only on the better paying ones. On the IPO of Life Insurance Corporation of India announced in the budget, he said, "LIC proposal has not yet come".

"Any company which goes public there will be better corporate governance and better disclosure," he told reporters on the sidelines of an event of actuaries here.

On being asked if LIC's business will need any restructuring before IPO, Khuntia said that work on the same is being carried out by the government. He said it is a good idea for every insurance company to list and the Insurance Regulation and Development Authority of India (Irdai) will nudge entities to go for the same. It is, however, not making it mandatory to list

because smaller companies are yet to achieve the scale for going public, Khuntia said, adding that ideally a company should achieve sufficient scale to list within ten years of its existence.

He said the practice of annual product review needs to be carried out in full seriousness by the players and pitched for a weeding out of the loss making ones.

"I would like to encourage companies to weed out products which are not selling and simply adding to the number, then they will be able to manage those products well," he said, adding that the plea was made at a meeting with chief executives recently.

When pointed out about practices where industry players are compromising on financials in the health insurance segment while signing on to govt schemes, Khuntia said the Irdai wants players to be sustainable, where they don't create losses nor do they earn excess profits.

He, however, said that Irdai will not intervene on the pricing front but will limit itself to pointing out concerns to the players and issue notices if necessary. Khuntia went public with his disappointment at the low growth levels of the life and general insurance segments despite the under penetration in India. General

insurance grew at 14 per cent last year as against its potential to grow at 17-18 per cent, while the life insurance segment grew only at 10 per cent as against the 12-13 per cent potential, he said.

Terminating the actuaries as the conscience keepers of the insurance industry, Khuntia asked the Institute of Actuaries of India to take more efforts to increase the number, adding that inherent skill sets in mathematics and software make Indians very amenable to the stream. He said India has only 460 actuaries for a population of 1.30 billion, while the US has 37,000 actuaries despite having less than a third of Indian population.

Khuntia said only LIC has undertaken efforts on micro-insurance and exhorted others to fasten up on the same given the needs in India.

Changing dynamics, including climate change and also aspects like the corona virus outbreak, present newer challenges before the industry and the actuaries will rise up to the same. Khuntia said he is also trying to revive the loss prevention efforts like the now defunct loss prevention society for general insurance, explaining that a reduction in losses can bring down premium costs for policyholders and also make more people embrace insurance.

Moody's lowers Apac growth forecast for 2020 to 5.2% due to coronavirus

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Moody's on Tuesday lowered growth forecast for the Asia-Pacific (Apac) region to 5.2 per cent for 2020 citing the lingering impact of the coronavirus outbreak in China, the impact of which will be more pronounced on China and India.

The coronavirus that emerged in China early January has killed over 1,860 people and infected more than 72,000 so far and there is no end in sight yet. The epidemic has forced China to shutter over a dozen of its teeming cities, locking up over 60 million people and closing down tens of thousands of factories, impacting the global supply chain. The impact of the shuttering is large as China contributes a whopping 16 per cent of global GDP, up from 4 per cent when it was hit by the SARS virus in 2003 and consumes over a fifth of metals globally besides controlling over 40 per cent of the global apparel and textile trade.

As of now, from the supply side, the electronics market is the worst hit as the Hubei province, the fountainhead of the epidemic outbreak, is known as the 'Optics Valley' of the world.

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	12028.25	12030.75	11908.05	11992.50	-53.30
COALINDIA	168.10	173.95	165.00	172.75	4.90
ZEELE	240.00	247.55	238.65	247.00	6.50
BHARTIARTL	461.75	472.50	456.00	472.30	10.65
GAIL	118.00	119.75	116.75	119.75	1.75
ADANIPORTS	362.50	368.45	358.35	368.00	5.20
SBIN	315.00	319.20	309.40	318.05	3.85
CIPLA	43.00	43.65	42.80	43.70	1.10
EICHHEMOT	18500.00	18791.95	18339.60	18751.25	215.35
INFY	785.00	799.05	783.65	798.50	9.05
POWERGRID	182.60	186.35	180.85	185.20	1.60
IOC	111.90	115.10	110.45	112.70	0.90
TECHM	825.35	840.00	825.35	838.55	5.30
LT	1281.50	1289.80	1266.45	1288.00	7.80
TCS	2199.95	2221.00	2186.05	2215.00	11.75
ULTRACEMCO	4433.60	4488.20	4370.10	4470.20	20.85
BAJAJ-AUTO	3064.70	3090.55	3033.50	3086.00	10.40
BAJAJFINSV	9527.00	9564.95	9416.00	9550.00	21.15
KOTAKBANK	1682.50	1699.80	1678.30	1692.95	18.85
M&M	520.50	524.90	514.10	523.20	0.45
WIPRO	243.75	244.85	241.25	244.00	0.20
NTPC	109.60	110.90	108.80	110.30	0.10
HDFCBANK	1216.90	1218.50	1203.50	1217.05	-0.10
ICICIBANK	541.00	544.40	536.00	540.90	-0.70
BAJFINANCE	4769.40	4771.95	4710.60	4770.00	-6.65
BRITANNIA	3080.00	3080.00	3020.00	3075.00	-9.10
ITC	204.55	204.60	200.50	204.05	-0.75
TITAN	1314.00	1318.90	1301.25	1311.00	-5.05
AXISBANK	737.75	737.75	724.70	735.50	-2.90
ONGC	99.95	100.25	96.55	99.50	-0.45
HINDUNILVR	2252.60	2262.95	2210.00	2241.50	-11.10
SUNPHARMA	407.00	410.85	399.05	406.10	-3.30
GLTECH	613.45	615.80	605.15	609.80	-2.65
ASIANPAINT	1879.90	1879.90	1861.00	1869.25	-12.15
RELIANCE	1475.90	1475.90	1457.40	1466.90	-11.35
TATASTEEL	434.00	435.15	421.30	432.65	-4.20
VEDL	141.75	141.75	137.50	140.70	-1.40
NESTLEIND	16569.90	16569.90	16385.05	16417.50	-170.95
JSWSTEEL	289.00	289.15	281.10	285.00	-3.15
HDFC	2349.00	2349.00	2304.00	2324.05	-26.20
DRREDDY	3288.00	3288.00	3233.25	3253.00	-42.55
HEROMOTOCO	2283.20	2283.20	2225.00	2249.95	-33.40
MARUTI	6925.00	6930.00	6735.80	6795.00	-111.75
UPL	592.00	592.00	574.00	584.85	-10.15
GRASIM	737.35	741.20	715.55	723.50	-13.85
BHARTIARTL	563.35	568.85	537.30	549.00	-15.85
HINDALCO	189.15	189.45	181.75	184.80	-5.45
INDUSINDBK	1172.70	1172.70	1108.45	1138.15	-34.80
TATAMOTORS	168.00	168.00	158.60	162.55	-6.55
YESBANK	37.35	37.35	35.65	34.80	-2.35
INFRAEEL	235.40	235.40	200.70	208.35	-26.65

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SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
INDUSINDBK	1174.05	1174.05	1109.20	1144.15	-54.10
TATACHEM	756.00	756.55	743.20	750.00	-6.00
BHARTIARTL	564.00	568.60	537.65	547.75	-7.55
MUTHOOTFIN	872.20	898.40	846.00	869.00	-10.00
RELIANCE	1479.00	1479.00	1458.00	1466.10	-10.00
IDEA	3.28	3.28	2.83	3.03	-0.30
SBIN	315.90	319.00	309.50	317.60	3.60
HDFC	2346.00	2346.00	2304.25	2323.15	-10.00
YESBANK	37.45	37.55	33.70	35.05	-1.05
TATATEL	434.60	434.75	421.35	431.65	-6.65
TATAMOTORS	168.40	168.40	158.60	161.60	-6.60
DMART	2330.00	2386.00	2307.35	2365.30	-10.00
IBULHSGFIN	308.05	308.70	293.45	300.00	-8.05
LICHSGFIN	382.00	382.45	354.50	363.65	-10.00
MARUTI	6922.15	6934.50	6701.00	6772.00	-10.00
GLTECH	611.90	615.65	605.00	607.00	-10.00
TCS	2249.00	2221.35	2186.75	2215.30	-10.00
NICC	42.10	42.70	37.70	41.45	-0.45
ICICIBANK	540.00	543.15	536.15	541.30	-0.45
APOLLOHOSP	1728.70	1783.30	1706.65	1775.35	-10.00
RBLBANK	307.25	308.05	292.25	302.05	-10.00
MIDHANI	228.00	237.30	214.00	219.10	-10.00
LT	1281.00	1289.65	1246.00	1286.25	-10.00
TAGTAGLOBL	380.90	386.25	374.30	382.05	-10.00
ABBOTINDIA	14671.65	15650.00	14550.00	15456.95	-10.00
INFRAEEL	235.00	236.10	200.70	210.10	-10.00
HDFCBANK	1215.00	1218.00	1204.00	1213.55	-10.00
PRMSJHNSN	63.55	64.95	63.20	63.70	-10.00
AXISBANK	737.60	737.60	724.75	733.40	-10.00
HDFCAMC	3240.00	3246.75	3183.55	3220.35	-10.00
POWERGRID	183.00	185.90	181.00	185.00	-10.00
JSWSTEEL	289.05	289.05	281.10	284.85	-10.00
IRCON	522.30	564.00	511.00	555.70	-10.00
MGL	1134.00	1174.60	1118.00	1137.60	-10.00
ULTRACEMCO	4464.00	4486.40	4371.95	4469.40	-10.00
BAJAJFINSV	9500.15	9559.40	9438.05	9530.75	-10.00
BAJFINANCE	4777.05	4777.05	4704.00	4753.05	-10.00
HINDUNILVR	2260.00	2260.00	2222.15	2232.90	-10.00
ACC	1422.05	1427.00	1403.25	1422.05	-10.00
BANKBARODA	82.25	82.30	78.15	81.05	-10.00
ONGC	100.30	100.30	96.60	99.25	-10.00
VEDL	169.30	174.00	165.00	172.15	-10.00
DLF	217.00	219.25	216.00	218.15	-10.00
JINDALSTEEL	189.00	189.15	181.55	185.20	-10.00
ASIANPAINT	1880.00	1884.80	1862.00	1863.30	-10.00
TATAELXI	985.95	991.65	936.00	968.05	-10.00
BPL	460.65	472.35	456.00	470.70	-10.00
TITAN	1317.00	1318.40	1302.00	1311.10	-10.00
BATAINDIA	1785.00	1817.80	1785.00	1797.45	-10.00
ITC	204.95	204.95	200.30	203.90	-10.00
INFY	787.00	798.90	783.30	797.45	-10.00
ZEELE	240.30	247.10	238.65	245.55	-10.00
KOTAKBANK	1691.00	1699.00	1678.80	1691.05	-10.00
BALKRISIND	1270.00	1273.45	1228.95	1238.25	-10.00
IGL	467.00	479.80	462.00	470.70	-10.00
JUSTDIAL	505.85	505.85	480.50	488.95	-10.00
CIPLA	434.55	437.50	428.50	435.65	-10.00
NITTECH	1830.00	1853.75	1808.00	1849.05	-10.00
TV18BRDCST	27.90	30.10	27.35	28.85	-10.00
MANAPPURAM	169.80	171.35	166.75	170.55	-10.00
COLPAL	1331.00	1332.75	1306.80	1325.20	-10.00
AUROPHARMA	491.45	502.80	482.50	500.20	-10.00
PEL	1533.00	1533.00	1473.95	1522.30	-10.00
DEEPAKNI	454.20	491.55	432.00	482.55	-10.00
ESCORTS	885.40	896.50	872.65	888.10	-

CORONAVIRUS

Senior doctor dies in China, toll reaches 1,868

Beijing: The head of a hospital in China's coronavirus-hit Wuhan city died of the epidemic amid criticism that a number of medical staff were infected due to official attempts to conceal the key findings of human-to-human transmission of the virus, as the death toll from the disease on Tuesday soared to 1,868.

Hubei province and its capital Wuhan, from where the virus originated, continued to bear the brunt as 93 more people died on Monday while five deaths were reported from Henan, Hebei and Hunan provinces.

China's National Health Commission on Tuesday said the death toll due to the outbreak climbed to 1,868 on Monday while the total number of confirmed cases jumped to 72,436.

A top Chinese health official said the daily death toll has come down below 100 for the first time since the virus outbreak came to light in January.

The daily number of newly confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) reported across China Monday dropped to under 2,000 for the first time, Mi Feng, an official with the National Health Commission (NHC) said

Tuesday. Monday also saw the new confirmed infections of COVID-19 outside Hubei reduced to a number lower than 100 for the first time, Mi told the media.

Comparing the statistics in the peak period, Mi said the first appearance of these noteworthy decreasing numbers demonstrate that the epidemic situation is improving.

While officials claimed that the virus is stabilising, one of Wuhan's senior doctors has died after contracting the coronavirus, used.

Activist who criticised Xi over virus held: Rights group

Beijing: Police in China have arrested a prominent activist who had been a fugitive for weeks and criticised President Xi Jinping's handling of the coronavirus epidemic while in hiding, a rights group said on Tuesday.

Anti-corruption activist Xu Zhiyong was arrested on Saturday after being on the run since December, according to Amnesty International.

China's ruling Communist Party has severely curtailed civil liberties since Xi took power in 2012, rounding up rights lawyers, labour activists and even Marxist students.

The death this month of a whistleblowing doctor who was reprimanded by police for raising the alarm about the deadly new virus before dying of it himself triggered rare calls for political reform and freedom of speech.

The number (who will leave Wednesday) is changing, largely because it is up to passengers (if they get off), the official told reporters. "But it will be around 500 people."

Only those who have tested negative and have not been in close contact with a person infected with the virus will be allowed off on Wednesday and many disembarking will be Japanese passengers, the official said.

"They will go home on public transport but they will be taken by bus to places such as stations," he added.

Those who leave the ship will not face any restrictions, the official said. "They won't be forbidden to go out."

Travel to and from the worst-hit central China region was associated with the initial cases of COVID-19 confirmed abroad. But Japan, Singapore and South Korea have identified new cases without clear ties to China or previously known patients, raising concern of the virus spreading locally.

China on Tuesday reported 1,886 new cases and 98 more deaths. That raised the number of deaths in mainland China to 1,868 and the total number of confirmed cases to 72,436.

The outbreak has infected more than 73,000 people globally. The World Health Organization has named the illness COVID-19, referring to its origin late last year and the coronavirus that causes it.

Around 500 to leave quarantined Japan ship today: Official

AFP TOKYO

Beijing: Children of China's frontline medical workers battling the deadly coronavirus will be awarded extra exam points when applying for schools and higher education, local officials said on Tuesday.

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Bloomberg makes debate stage, facing Dem rivals for 1st time

Washington: Billionaire Mike Bloomberg has qualified for the upcoming Democratic presidential debate, marking the first time he'll stand alongside the rivals he has so far avoided by bypassing the early voting states and using his personal fortune to define himself through television ads.

A new NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll published on Tuesday shows Bloomberg with 19 per cent support nationally in the Democratic nominating contest.

The former New York City mayor, who launched his presidential campaign in November, will appear in Wednesday's debate in Las Vegas alongside former Vice President Joe Biden, Sens. Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobuchar and former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg. Fellow billionaire and philanthropist Tom Steyer is still hoping to qualify.

Bloomberg's campaign said that it was seeing "a groundswell of support across the country" and that qualifying for Wednesday's debate "is the latest sign that Mike's plan and ability to defeat Donald Trump is resonating with more Americans."

"Mike is looking forward to joining the other Democratic candidates on stage and making the case for why he's the best candidate to defeat Donald Trump and unite the country," Bloomberg campaign manager Kevin Sheekey said in a statement.

The Democratic National Committee recently changed its rules for how a candidate qualifies for the debate, opening the door for Bloomberg to be on stage and drawing the ire of some candidates who dropped out of the race for failing to make prior stages.

The candidates were previously required to receive a certain number of campaign contributions to qualify, but Bloomberg, who is worth an estimated USD 60 billion, is not taking donations.

The prime-time event will be a stark departure from Bloomberg's highly choreographed campaign. He's poured more than USD 300 million into television advertising, a way to define himself for voters without facing criticism. While he's campaigned in more than two dozen states, he does not take questions from voters and delivers a standard stump speech that lasts less than 15 minutes, often reading from a teleprompter.

In a brief statement, the court said Netanyahu is expected to attend the initial hearing. Israel will hold parliamentary elections on March 2, its third vote in less than a year.

The first two elections were largely a referendum on Netanyahu, and the third is expected to be no different. AP

Iran sentences alleged US spies to up to 10 yrs in prison

Tehran: Iran sentenced eight environmental activists, including an Iranian who reportedly also has British and American citizenship, to prison sentences ranging from four to 10 years on charges of spying for the United States and acting against Iran's national security, the judiciary said on Tuesday.

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A ninth activist who was arrested at the time, Kavous Seyed Emami, an Iranian-Canadian national, died while in custody under disputed circumstances in February 2018. His widow then was blocked from flying out of Iran, but later made it out.

Maduro says not afraid of military combat in Venezuela

Caracas: President Nicolas Maduro on Monday said he is "not afraid of military combat," accusing his US counterpart Donald Trump of plotting to invade Venezuela with the support of regional allies.

"We don't want war; we don't want violence; we don't want terrorism, but we are not afraid of military combat and we are going to guarantee peace," said Maduro in a televised speech, surrounded by the armed forces high command.

"Donald Trump was convinced that it is easy to get into Venezuela," said the socialist leader, accusing the US of having assembled a "mercenary force" to invade.

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Ashraf Ghani secures second term as Afghan Prez: Results

Kabul: Ashraf Ghani has secured a second term as president of Afghanistan, according to final results of the September 28, 2019 poll released on Tuesday by the country's election commission.

"The election commission... Declares Mr Ashraf Ghani, who has won 50.64 per cent of the votes, as the president of Afghanistan," election commission chief Hawa Alam Nuristan told a press conference in Kabul.

"May God help him in serving the people of Afghanistan... I also pray that peace comes to our country," she added. The results had been delayed for nearly five months after allegations of vote-rigging from Ghani's main rival, Afghanistan's Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, forced a recount.

The delay left Afghanistan facing a political crisis just as the US seeks a deal with the Taliban which would allow it to withdraw troops in return for various security guarantees and a promise that the militants would hold peace talks with the Afghan government.

If all goes well, then Ghani is likely to be the man sitting across from the Taliban at the negotiating table in a bid to chart Afghanistan's future.

Earlier this week, Abdullah's team said they would not accept fraudulent results.

AFP

Mysterious toxic gas kills 14 in Pak

Karachi: A mysterious toxic gas has killed at least 14 people and sickened several others in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi, police said on Tuesday.

Authorities were alerted to the incident when the residents of Karachi's Keamari area began rushing to nearby hospitals with severe breathing problems on Sunday night.

The source of a toxic gas leak remained unclear on Tuesday. Officials said 14 people have been killed so far, Dawn newspaper reported.

Ziauddin Hospital spokesperson Amir Shehzad told the newspaper that nine deaths took place at the hospital's Keamari Campus over the course of the past two days.

According to the police, two other deaths were reported at the Kutiya Hospital.

Dozens of others have been hospitalised in various medical facilities across the city. "We are still clueless about the possible cause of the incident," Karachi police chief Ghulam Nabi Memon said.

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Iran Guards member killed in Syria's Aleppo: Report

Turkey seeks 695 arrests over links to US-based cleric

Ankara: Turkish prosecutors have issued detention warrants against 695 people suspected of links to the US-based Muslim cleric blamed by Turkey for a failed coup attempt in 2016, state media reported on Tuesday.

Anadolu Agency said prosecutors were seeking the arrests of 467 people suspected of cheating in a police promotion examination in 2009.

Warrants were also issued against 157 military officers — 101 of them still on active duty — and 71 Justice Ministry personnel. On July 15, 2016, a group of officers attempted a coup to overthrow Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Some 250 people were killed and more than 2,000 were injured during the failed attempt.

Some 77,000 people have been arrested and around 130,000 others, including military personnel, have been dismissed from state jobs in a crackdown on Gulen's network since the coup. Gulen, who has lived in self-imposed exile in the United States since 1999, denies involvement in the coup attempt.

AFP

Iran Guards member killed in Syria's Aleppo: Report

Tehran: A member of Iran's Revolutionary Guards was killed in bombardment in Syria's Aleppo on Tuesday, Fars news agency reported.

"Hamidreza Babelkhani... Was martyred this morning in a rocket strike," said the Iranian news agency, which is close to ultra-conservatives in the Islamic republic.

Babelkhani was also known by his nom de guerre Haj Ebrahim, Fars added, without giving his rank.

The brief report also showed a picture of Babelkhani in a forest area wearing tan fatigues with the Guards' insignia and a dark green beanie.

Iran, alongside Russia, has strongly backed the government of President Bashar al-Assad in Syria's civil war.

More than 380,000 people have been killed in Syria since the conflict broke out nearly nine years ago.

Iran says its forces are in Syria at the invitation of Assad's government and only in an advisory role.

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NUMBERS MATTER

Data science and machine learning offer several opportunities. KUNAL JAIN shares tips that can help to make it a lucrative option

Technology is changing at a pace that multiple industries are ripe for disruption. What was relevant and sought after a few years ago, is no longer in vogue. Ask a Digital Marketeer, a banker or for that matter a professional in any industry — would they be relevant if they did not learn new things for the last five years?

In a lot of scenarios — having experience is actually going against you. Try saying that you have seven years of experience in NET/java/software testing and see what opportunities do you get. Now say that you are in your final year of graduation, have a good understanding of machine learning and have been winning data science competitions for a year — you will see floodgates of opportunities open.

The point is that the field for creating impact after graduation has never been this flat before.

Also there has been a slew of new technologies which have become mainstream in the last five years. blockchain, data science, Internet of

Devices (IoT), augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR), reusable space vehicles, new programming languages, new programming frameworks — all of these have come up in the last five years.

So one can't ask for experience beyond a few years, if one wants to hire a lot of people and make fast progress. Among all of these, data science and machine learning probably hold the most number of opportunities as things see today. Data science is now a horizontal impacting multiple industries — banking, telecom, e-commerce and oil & gas. So, it is no surprise that most of the graduates coming out today look up to building careers in data science.

Having said that, a lot of them do not make a meaningful effort in learning and applying the subject. Hence, it is still a very small percentage of people coming out today — who get opportunities in data science. But, with the right preparation and application — there is no limit to the kind of opportunity you can get and the kind of impact you can create.

START LEARNING ABOUT DATA SCIENCE AND PROGRAMMING AS SOON AS YOU CAN. IT DOES NOT MATTER WHICH STREAM YOU ARE IN. AS LONG AS YOU HAVE GOOD QUANT SKILLS, LOVE PROBLEM-SOLVING AND HAVE A LOT OF CURIOSITY, YOU ARE A GOOD FIT

So, how does one prepare for a data science career as a person graduating soon? Here are some handy tips.

■ Start learning about data science and programming as soon as you can. It does not matter which stream you are in. As long as you have good quant skills, love problem solving and have a lot of curiosity — you are a good fit with data science roles. Start by learning python, basics of statistics and linear algebra. Once you have done that — you can move ahead with learning data science algorithms and processes.

■ Apply what you learn. Data science is actually an Applied Science and what better way to stake your claim than showing some applications. You not only learn how to solve problems using these tools and techniques, but also differentiate your resume from all those wanting to do data science but not putting in efforts in the direction. Participate in practice problems on Analytics Vidhya or Kaggle to start with. Once you are comfortable, participate in a few hackathons and data

science competitions. You can also pick up open data sets in the area of your interest to create projects and solve problems.

■ Participate in data science communities and look for mentors. There are some thriving data science communities today in India. Join these communities, interact with data science professionals through meetups, webinars, slack channels and find a few mentors to guide you for the rest of your career.

As long as you have a few years to learn, you can start devoting a few hours daily and build up the momentum over time. If that is not the case and you have placements coming up in the next 3-6 months, you will need to put in more effort to cover up for the expectations. There is no dearth of resources available — only time! So make sure you devote high quality time and you can cover the ground.

Remember — you can't really ask for a better time to graduate!

The writer is CEO & Founder of Analytics Vidhya

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

COMPUTER SC & TECH

Manav Rachna University invites applications for admission to its Computer Science & Technology programmes for the session 2020-23/24.

Programmes offered: BTech Computer Science and Engineering (Four years), MTech Computer Engineering (Two years), BTech Computer Science and Engineering — Specialisation in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning in Association with Xebia (Four years)

Eligibility: Merit preparation/short listing of candidates shall be on the basis of score in JEE Mains 2020/SAT/Uni Gauge E 2020/MRAT 2020/Class XII qualifying examination.

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



for admissions to its Comprehensive Make-up Artistry course.

Eligibility: Class XII pass (all streams)

Last date to apply: February 23, 2020

How to apply: Log on to www.makeupstudio.in/course/comprehensive-make-up-artistry or candidates can download the application form website and apply or walk into the corporate branch with all documents to register.

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 post-graduate programmes in Fashion Design and Fashion Business Management. The Institute offers these programmes through its creative studio-based education and strives to groom the next generation of designers and design thinkers at its campus in New Delhi.

Admission process: IIAD entrance test

Exam date: April 26, 2020

How to apply: Log on to www.iiad.edu.in or call on +91 98713 83633, +91 11 4138 0000.

MAKE-UP ARTISTRY

Make-up Studio Training Center invites applications

MAKE-UP ARTISTRY

IMS-Design & Innovation Academy invites applications for admissions to its Bachelors of Science: Jewellery Design, Bachelors of Fine Arts: Fashion Design, Bachelors of Fine Arts: Applied Arts and Bachelors of Fine Arts: Fashion International.

Eligibility: Candidates who have passed or will appear for the qualifying examinations under the higher secondary from any recognised Board of Education such as AISCSE/IB/ICSE, or equivalents.

All eligible candidates will have to undergo Design Entrance Exam (DEE) at DIA, Campus Noida which comprises of a written test and personal interview.

Last date to apply: July, 2020

How to apply: Log on to www.diaindia.co.in or the application form can be obtained for ₹1000 by cash from the academy or by post enclosing a Demand Draft of ₹1050/- in favour of Design & Innovation Academy.

For a holistic future

Business management courses help students to think innovatively. They also help prepare them for unexpected situations that might arise in a business, says DR ADYA SHARMA

Business can be characterised as all types of exchange, trading of merchandise and enterprises with the aim of generating profits. But business must be firmly entwined with morals. People, organisations and Governments are consistently broiled with charting out policies pertaining to what is best for an economy and for the development of capital. They are constantly on the lookout to avoid any situation like inflations or recession.

The job of the people in management is characterised by these standards of what is best for individuals and what is best for the organisation, and this requires the ability to understand human conduct and in turn, setting up a compelling style of an initiative.

So, in a world that is heavily relying on the right personnel to execute the right orders, what does a degree in management teach?

What you may discover in a business degree covers an expansive scope of subjects, for

example, financial aspects, accounting and innovative strategies that prepare individuals for a plethora of situations. A business degree may begin with learning the pertinent ideas in these fields, to guarantee there will be no critical holes when beginning a vocation. In later years, obligatory modules can be clubbed with specific territories of study, for instance, organisation law or buyer conduct.

It is important that managerial aspirants learn from their own firsthand experience, and hence emphasis on experiential learning as an integral part of curriculum is important.

The course also rather offers one the chance to expand one's innovative edges. Aside from the theoretical knowledge on subjects, which are pivotal, one will likewise be prepared for unexpected situations that might arise in a business. Even if one has to consider turning an idea into a startup, the educational programme has been designed in a way that every



perspective can be checked out.

The best management education cultivates citizenship through a broad-based education that also covers humanities and social sciences.

The potential outcomes for a business graduate are practically innumerable. Positions as an investment banker or a financial regulator might be engaging, however, individuals must be aware of the high-pressure nature of such jobs. Individuals can also work in retail management where major FMCG companies can open doors for individuals

with a degree in business management.

The more enterprising students can find success by building their own business without any degree of study. But the lofty expectation to know everything, find funding, and the knowledge to fight the ever-changing business landscape can happen only through a degree in business management.

People who pursue Business Management are also offered a tremendous pay package right from their placements. The degree also additionally allows one to work in

various administrative situations in different associations. In this way, with the steady interest of the board, one can develop themselves in their profession significantly.

Management programmes are designed to help in improving one's holistic abilities. Under this programme, students are made to take a shot at different situations, understand different scenarios and compose projects so that they can confront realistic business scenarios. At the point where every job requires one to be a pioneer, these qualities will be especially significant.

Having a range of abilities relating to business management can help anyone with a rewarding vocation. Getting admission to business management, one can start right after they finish Class XII, as an undergrad programme, or after graduation. There are numerous specialisations that one can decide on, in the center of their profession.

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It's all in the name

IT COUNTS



JC CHAUDHRY

Name number is the most important and significant number among the three — name number, psychic number, destiny number. The name number is important for each and every person because the influence of one's name number, unlike one's psychic and destiny numbers, continues even after one leaves one's body.

Your name is the first gift you receive after birth, and it was chosen specifically for you. Your full name is an element in your numerology chart that is explored in depth by finding the various arithmetic factors within it and utilising them as elements of their own.

The name number plays a key role in one's social life and marriage. This is the reason it was popular to add the family name to the maiden name after marriage. Adding the family name to the maiden name creates harmony with the husband in the family name. It is generally believed but may not be 100 per cent true.

One should always remember that for integration of a new pattern, it takes minimum two-six months (it will take three-

months, if the age of person is between 22-42, it will take two months, if the age is below 21 and five-six months if the age of the person is above 42). The results will be better and faster, if the person is called by a new name more frequently, so as to get its best effects.

More and more we start writing the new name with the new spelling, faster the effect will be. If you just change the spelling and remain silent and do not use it frequently, it will never give any effect. The effect is directly proportionate to the frequency with which the new name or its spellings are used. Once after the change you start observing the change in your behaviour, peace of mind then you should think that this new name is vibrating positively with you and the new planet, which is formed start vibrating with your date of birth and results will become positive.

You should go on writing your name with the new addition of alphabet, at least twenty to thirty thousand times on a piece of paper for about ten minutes every day. This will improve vibration of name and the person can perform better.

The writer is a renowned entrepreneur, motivational speaker and numerologist

Students' connect programme

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Legrand India, a part of the Legrand LGroup conducted a Students' Connect Programme for the winners of the UGAM — Legrand's Scholarship programme on February 17, 2020.

This is an initiation to build a lasting relationship with the students and is an orientation about the industry, know-how from SMEs and gaining mentoring support from Legrand leadership team/employees.

The group entered the education sector in 2018 with an objective to help girl students to pursue their higher education. This scholarship intends to assist the deserving girl students for pursuing engi-

neering and architecture courses from recognised Indian universities.

Under this programme, it is supporting academically promising girl students with a scholarship aid of 60 per cent of course fee or up to ₹60,000 per annum. The winners are selected based on their merit and socio-economic background.

Tony Berland, CEO, Legrand India, said: "The UGAM scholarship for girls aims to empower them through quality professional education and build forth future women leaders. The programme goes a step further in ensuring that the group is with the students not just as a scholarship sponsor but a mentor and a guide to a successful career journey ahead."

Inauguration of Anugoonj at IP varsity

The renowned film producer Anil Sharma, who produced the superhit film *Gadar*, inaugurated the 21th Annual Cultural festival of IP University 'Anugoonj 2020' at the Dwarka campus of the University here on February 17, 2020. Delving down the nostalgia, he said such type of functions remind me of my childhood. He called upon the students participating in this cultural festival to go ahead to achieve their goals in life.

Presiding over the function the Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Mahesh Verma said: "We learn a lot of things outside the class



room. Festivals are fun but it involves a lot of good things to learn like healthy competition, leadership, confidence, esteem etc. the education combined with culture is essential for life."

Prof Manpreet Kaur Kang,

Director — Students Welfare of the University informed on the occasion that apart from University schools, all the affiliated colleges are actively participating in the festival.

Dr Anjali Shaukeen, Associate Director — Students Welfare of the University presented Annual Report of the Directorate of Students Welfare.

This three days cultural conclave of the University is loaded with a number of star performances like band performance by Sankraman Band and star night by play back singer Benny Dayal on the concluding day of the event.

Quintessence 2020

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The Lady Irwin College's Annual festival is an event packed with a perfect balance of constructive creativity, fun and frolic. The fest spans over two days, starting today, consisting of numerous competitions and activities, organised by various societies of the College.

These include a fashion show, jam session, street dance, film making, group dance competition, environment hunt and stage play competition among other activities.



Each fest day will end with a live performance; tonight will be a DJ Night, where DJ Carnivore will be dropping popping beats; the second evening will be graced by Mohit Chauhan who has sung songs like *Dooriyan, Rabba* and *Bezubaan*.

Proper strategy is key

With less than two months left for JEE Mains exam, FIITJEE expert RAMESH BATLISH shares tips for last-minute prep



The first phase for admissions to BE/BTech (Paper-I) and BArch/BPlanning (Paper-II) was held between January 6-9, 2020 and the second phase will be held between April 5-11, April 2020. Students have the option to appear in one or both phases. The result will however consider the students' performance in the best of the two phases.

Clearing JEE (Main) is not difficult. Systematic approach towards its preparation will help. The JEE (Main) consists of CBSE syllabus of Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics and some common topics from Classes XI and XII of State Boards. About 25% questions in the exam are easy, 50% are average and 25% are difficult. The cut-off for JEE (Main) is generally around 65%.

TIPS FOR PHYSICS

- ◆ Mechanics is one topic that is considered less scoring by most experts. However, this is also the topic that forms the major portion. This topic can't be neglected.
- ◆ One must try to concentrate on other scoring topics to ensure a better performance, for example Optics, Electricity

and Magnetism.

- ◆ Kinematics and particle dynamics are important topics of Mechanics that make regular appearances.
- ◆ Refer to past years' papers, and sample test papers to understand what to expect when you have started solving advanced level problems.
- ◆ According to the general trends, Mechanics and Electricity and Magnetism are the most important topics in terms of the number of questions asked in JEE of previous years. Vector is one concept that students commonly encounter in dealing with any of these topics, so effort must be taken to understand it properly.
- ◆ In the decreasing order of the marks they carry are listed different topics of Physics according to their appearance in previous year's papers.
- ◆ Thermodynamics is important from the terms of Physics and Chemistry so concentrate on that as well.

- ◆ Trigonometry though having less weightage must not be ignored as it is scoring. One must grasp all important formulae in Trigonometry. This is a scoring topic in Mathematics.
- ◆ Chapters like Mathematical Reasoning / Determinants/ Statistics/ Mathematical Induction must also be covered to fetch some quick marks as the questions from this chap-

- ◆ Vectors and 3-D offers very less scope to examiner, as far as variety in questions is concerned. One more chapter is Complex Number, from which every year 2-3 problems are asked. Hence mastering complex numbers, vectors, 3-D and Definite integral must be on top priority.
- ◆ Keeping in mind the trend of last years' paper all topics had been covered with more importance given to topics of Algebra, Calculus and Coordinate Geometry.
- ◆ To tackle questions from Co-ordinate Geometry all aspects and the results of Algebraic Calculations of properties of conics must be known.
- ◆ In chapters of Calculus like Functions, Application of derivatives one can fetch easy marks if graphical approach is adopted.
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TIPS FOR MATH

- ◆ Previous JEE papers suggest that in more attention should be paid to Chapters like Vectors and 3-D than Probability or Indefinite integration as

ter are relatively simple.

- ◆ Refer to past years' JEE Main papers, and sample test papers to get familiar.

TIPS FOR CHEMISTRY

- ◆ Conceptual clarity, application skills and awareness to the prescribed syllabus should be the focus.
- ◆ Practice the most relevant questions daily to develop speed. Pay special attention to topics like Mole concept, Chemical Equilibrium and Electrochemistry.
- ◆ Take a careful and patient approach for Organic Chemistry giving attention to the topics like Stereochemistry, GOC (General Organic Chemistry) and Functional Group Analysis.
- ◆ In Inorganic chemistry most of the questions which are asked are conceptual, concerned with structures, processes and applications. Special attention is a must to the topics like Chemical Bonding and Coordination Chemistry.
- ◆ Special attention should be given to the topics like Biomolecules, Chemistry in everyday life and Environmental chemistry.
- ◆ Special attention to NCERT should be given as JEE Main is completely NCERT

based in Chemistry.

- ◆ Special attention should be given to the topic Drinking Water. One should try to learn the Threshold Limits for the various ions in drinking water.
- ◆ Attempt theoretical questions first and then questions which require calculation. It is advisable to avoid numerical questions in the first 10 or 15 minutes of the exam.

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- ◆ Attempt easy questions first.
- ◆ Choose sections that have less risk and more gain.
- ◆ Carefully scroll through the entire question paper in the first five minutes.
- ◆ Keep a check on time while attempting the paper
- ◆ Attempt all numerical based type questions as there is no negative marking.

DON'TS

- ◆ Start from question you don't know.
- ◆ Get upset if any section is tough. You can score in other sections.
- ◆ Guess if you have no idea about the concept involved in a question.
- ◆ Be nervous if you find the paper tough, since it is the relative performance that counts.

'New learning space with digital education

There is room for improvement in data-driven decision-making across campuses, says DR KULNEET SURI

Data and big data have been buzzwords for the last several years. Universities are making great progress when it comes to using data to help with retention and student success. However, there is still much room for improvement to take advantage of data-driven decision-making across the entire campus.

For instance, data can be used to determine if classrooms are being utilised optimally before new construction projects are kicked off. It can and should be used to determine if aging computer labs should be renewed or transformed into something that is more useful to the university. Efforts like these can not only streamline campus operations, but also ensure that we are making most of the resources we have in the service of teaching and learning.

Another area where data can be used more is Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data. Historically, GIS data has primarily been used in sciences. But that same data could be analysed in practically any class on a college campus. Think history, political science, criminal justice, urban planning — there is so much data out there, and we can all do a better job of using it.

The future of any innovation in teaching and learning is almost always a combination of all of the following: Academic discipline, pedagogy, learning environment, data and educational technology. And data-informed research and formative evaluation is the key to avoiding just chasing shiny new objects on the one hand and just staying with what we've always done on the other. The foundational blocks for making any headway in analytics, particularly learning analytics, are:

- Institutional (rather than vendor) ownership of data generated by teaching and learning activity.
- Transparency of data models created through our data (rather than being proprietary).
- Data and integration standards.

YouTube began in February 2005, and 12 years later, Wikipedia reports a billion hours of content watched on the platform each day. The sheer volume of educational video creates challenges for faculty in creating new content, as well as finding and reusing content. During the busy academic semesters, faculty do not have time to watch, curate and clip videos! The cognitive overload of video use can be significant, leading us to look for specialised collections like Ted Talks and Khan Academy. Harvard's DART initiative is one



Dr Kulneet Suri

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recent effort to try to help faculty and instructional designers make full use of open access assets created for edX MOOCs.

As we increase dependence on instructional videos, we also need to focus on issues of accessibility for people with a range of needs. Digital education is generating new learning opportunities as students engage in online, digital environments and as faculty change educational practices through the use of hybrid courses, personalised instruction, new collaboration models and a wide array of innovative, engaging learning strategies. A 21st Century view of learner success requires students to not only be thoughtful consumers of digital content, but effective and collaborative creators of digital media, demonstrating competencies and communicating ideas through dynamic storytelling, data visualisation and content curation.

As instructors create assignments and develop rubrics for assessing new forms of student work across academic disciplines, faculty and students would benefit from access to new collaborative spaces with the technology and consulting expertise to successfully complete media-rich assignments and projects. One example at Oregon State is in general biology courses, where senior instructors Lesley Blair and Mark Lavery infuse their own lectures with media-rich components and have their students include their own media elements in assignments and social media postings.

Gone are the days of authoritative and impolite bossism of 70s and 90s. In 21st Century if you want to be accepted and appreciated by your employees you need to put extra effort. No one likes a rude boss or leader or one who doesn't care and listen to. Your team would be attracted to you if you show a little kindness.

Respect: The most important is giving respect. The trade of respect is well defined by nature. You will get respect only, when you give it. Respect people for what they do. Doesn't matter what level they are, they are doing their best in their abilities to perform for whatever job is assigned to them. By showing a little respect to all you deal with, you command

unfathomable power, which makes you the real leader.

Lead: Everything rises and falls on leadership so if you're going to create that atmosphere of kindness in your company, your acts of kindness should be seen and not just heard. Try to avoid jokes you know people would get sensitive to, jokes about things like gender, religion and politics would offend a section of the team, you don't want to burn your bridges before you're even midway.

Accept criticism: You may not be right all the time, it's possible that while handling management and other responsibilities in your work you may miss it at some point. So

MIND IT

you should welcome criticism.

To be a favourite boss and leader it is important to understand the importance of other people's thoughts and adopt the ability to shift our preconceived notions to the side so we can offer acceptance in response to their thoughts even if they are against us. It is an imperative step in the direction of becoming a leader

Encourage learning: Make it clear that you understand that very few people get it right on their first day or week or month and that you're ready to work with them so they

can improve. Try to avoid fatal mistakes by delegating key tasks to proven employees but also get others going for the low hanging fruits so they can build on their confidence.

Promote workplace friendships: If you're that boss that's improving relationships in the office, people would love you. But workplace friendships can get toxic without control, so you shouldn't get it wrong at the beginning.

Pair people with overlapping skills. So if you need work done on your website, don't pair two people with huge egos. Treat every

member of your team equally, so these partnerships should be a way to help those lacking in specific skills. And again don't force it, if it's not working, try reshuffling, it's okay to tweak things until you get it right.

Don't put them in the spot: Try to avoid public criticism as much as you can. Work with employees that are not taking the right decisions, help them improve delivery at work. Putting any of your employees on the spot can force them into trying to prove you wrong. And sometimes they try too hard and make more mistakes.

Don't force it: Everyone hates forced friendships because most of them don't just work out. Yes, you should be kind to your

employees but if it doesn't flow naturally, it'll be rebuffed. Being professional and exhibiting leadership should be your stance in the early days of this relationship building. Remember it's not your job to be the cool boss but a good relationship with your staff runs off on your company

Be honest and humble: Don't make promises you can't keep. Employees may have different views on the path they think the company should do but it's up to you to ensure you don't raise their hopes unnecessarily. If there are answers you need to think about, do that, you should be in a composed state when chatting.

The writer is Achal Sharma, International Life Coach & Social Scientist



The Newcastle University, UK, has announced a new round of scholarship support for outstanding applicants from India.

Value of award: 50% or 100% of tuition fees.

Eligibility: To be considered for the 100% scholarships applicants must: Be a national of one of India; Be assessed as international for fee purposes; Hold an offer for an eligible undergraduate or postgraduate degree programme at the university's city-centre campus for the 2020/21 academic year. Eligible candidates will be assessed according to evidence of academic ability, commitment to studies and quality of application.

Application duration: September 2020 for the full duration of the degree programme.

Application form: Candidates can apply for this scholarship online separately to their course. They must already hold an offer to study at the University to apply and will need to provide details of qualifications, a personal statement and a reference.

To know more visit: <https://www.ncl.ac.uk/international/country/india/feesand-funding>

How to apply: Online at <https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU01c3pA4OabrE>

Application deadline: March 27 2020 and May 29, 2020.

The Vancouver Island University invites applications for its VIU World-Wide Entrance Scholarships for the incoming first-year high-potential overseas aspirants. The program is open for international students who will commence in the undergraduate degree coursework at the VIU in Canada.

Eligibility: The awards are available for new long-term academic undergraduate student applicants. Must attach Attach certified copies of all educational documents and copy of passport.

Admission requirements: Applicants must have graduated from high school or equivalent. **Language requirement:** Claimants are required to fulfil the English language requirements of the university.

How to apply: For grasping the opportunity, you have to enrol in the UG degree coursework online or offline and submitted it to International Admissions Vancouver Island University 900 Fifth Street Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5S5 Canada. No application is necessary. **Application deadline:** The last date to apply is March 31, 2020.

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT MOBISHAALA

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹10,000-₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2911182
Application deadline: February 22, 2020

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT DEBATE MARKETERS

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2911183
Application deadline: February 22 2020

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT INTELLIFY

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹7,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2911184
Application deadline: February 23, 2020

SALES AND MARKETING AT SSN WEB ARCHITECTS

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2911185
Application deadline: February 25, 2020

MARKETING AT SKMTECHNOSOLZ

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2911181
Application deadline: February 22, 2020

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT IRA PARENTING

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹15,000-₹18,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2911180
Application deadline: February 25, 2020

OPERATIONS AT ETHNIC FASHIONISTA

Location: Bengaluru
Stipend: ₹6,000-₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/2911179
Application deadline: February 22, 2020

STUDY ABROAD

'One can rely on scholarships and grants for funds'

There is always a way to ease financial burden while studying abroad, says ROHIT SETHI

Pursuing education abroad can be a costly affair for many. It is not just the tuition fees but also the living expenses that need to be taken care of. With the fall in the value of rupee every year, it is only adding up to the burden. Managing funds in a foreign country can be relatively challenging. If unable to manage expenses of their three-year graduate programme, students are compelled to seek part-time employment, which is good but sometimes end up becoming a priority.

Relying on scholarships and grants for funding options: Expenses vary in every country considering the currency exchange value, the university and the course. Students can look out for managing their tuition fees and scholarships and grants are the best possible financial aid in this case. There are merit-based scholarships offered by the Federal and State Government, large corporations, local businesses, professional organisations or universities.

Students can also opt for programme-based scholarships and specific allowances provided on the basis of factors like gender, race, religion, disabilities, or sexual orientation. For instance, Benjamin A Gilman Scholarship or Diversity Abroad Scholarships can be beneficial for diverse students searching for financial aid. Finally, there are grants, mostly need-based that doesn't require to be repaid. They are mostly given on the basis of financial circumstances but may also consider other factors like physical or mental disabilities. The Department of Education in the US offers several federal grants to students who attend four-year colleges or universities and community colleges. Germany, too, awards numerous merit-based grants. For example: The University of Hamburg offers a merit grant of 720 – 1,000 EUR/month for two semesters (12 months).

Some external agencies and trusts also provide scholarships. However, bagging a scholarship is not an easy process as thousands of students target for the same. Students are required to go through a number of exams to determine their eligibility.

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IN BRIEF

CONTENT IN HINGLISH TO MAKE LEARNING EASIER

The Lido Learning announced the launch of live tutorials in Hinglish to facilitate easier adoption of concepts and simplify e-learning across India. Students in metro and smaller cities are more comfortable with Hinglish.

The emergence of ed-tech in Tier II and Tier III cities in India is largely due to the availability of educational content in vernacular languages. Despite children going to English medium schools, research shows that many students struggle with English as a language. Students especially struggle when studying and trying to grasp complex

concepts in other subjects like Math and Science that are taught in English.

Sahil Sheth, founder-CEO, said: "Students and their well-being is at the center of everything that we do. Subjects like Math and Science can be complex and mind-numbing for many, learning the curriculum in a language they are comfortable can keep them more engaged. The launch of Hinglish content was prompted by our core belief that a student must be in a comfortable space while learning and have accessibility to educational content in diverse languages."

AIFF INTRODUCES FOOTBALL MASTERS COURSE

All India Football Federation (AIFF) officially launched its Football Management Programme with the signing of an MOU with Spanish La Liga SmartBankco-leaders Cadiz CF. This will enable students to study in three cities — Delhi, Mumbai and Cadiz (Spain).

The programme will provide students with hands-on experiential training on every aspect of football in India and abroad. This programme

will provide exemplary football managers to meet the needs of Indian football.

Prafal Patel, President, AIFF said: "We felt that such a programme was much needed to help students understand the nuances and global practices involved in managing football. With the curriculum combining theoretical and practical knowledge, there will be a paradigm shift in football management in the

country." **Key features:** Includes exclusive and rare learning insights in to the operations of Cadiz CF — by giving students the opportunity to live and work in the club for a month.

A common admission test ensures that interested candidate has an equal opportunity to enroll in the limited seats on offer each year.

Strong line-up of global faculty to share their knowledge.

TOPPR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Toppr conducted the city-level round of Toppr Fellowship Programme in Delhi.

This year, over 200 schools from the city participated in the programme.

The programme, which comprises of test, seminar and counselling, is designed to help students of Classes V to XII understand their strengths and weaknesses, and show

them a new engaging way to learn. Curated by top teachers of India, it is a 30-minute test that identifies students' conceptual understanding, numerical abilities and problem-solving skills.

Sunil opens India's Gold account

Competing in 87kg category wrestler rewrites history and becomes third Indian to win yellow metal in Greco-Roman

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Wrestler Sunil Kumar won India's first Gold medal in the opening day of Asian Wrestling Championship 2020 here at KD Jadhav stadium on Tuesday after beating Kyrgyzstan opponent Azat Salidinov 5-0 in the final match of 87kg Greco-Roman category.

Last edition Silver medalist dominated the entire game and didn't allowed his counterpart to gain any sort of breathing space and in process put a full stop to country's 27-year drought for the yellow metal. Sunil now becomes only the third Indian ever to achieve this feat after Pappu Yadav.

Sunil with his comprehensive defence was able to keep Salidinov at bay for most of the bout. Salidinov didn't have an answer to the strategy of Sunil and finally went down pretty easily.

Earlier, Sunil on his way to the final made an impressive comeback in the semi-final bout. He came back from 1-8 down to win the bout 12-8. This was an improvement for Sunil from his 2019 per-



India's Sunil Kumar celebrates after his win against Salidinov Azat (KAZ) in the final of 87kg category wrestling match during the Asian Wrestling Championship 2020

Asian Wrestling Championship
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formance in the same tournament where he won a Silver Medal.

Speaking after the win he said, "I am feeling happy to have earned India's first Gold Medal today (Tuesday). I have worked really hard on my ground techniques and it feels good to have done better than my last year's performance."

Before Sunil's historic Gold medal win, Arjun Halakurki (55kg) won his Bronze Medal bout defeating Donghyeok Won of Korea. Arjun started the bout slowly and was down by 1-4 in the first period. But, Arjun didn't give up and came back strongly snatching six straight points with a combination of good defence and attack. The final score at the end of the bout was 7-4 in favour of Arjun.

Though, India's third medal hope Mehar Singh (130 kg) suffered a setback as he lost his bout against Roman Kim of Kyrgyzstan by a narrow scoreline of 2-3. Mehar was majorly suffering the aftereffects of his wrist injury which he suffered in his semi-final bout earlier.

Clijsters 'feels good' despite losing first match

AFP ■ DUBAI

Kim Clijsters says she is going to plough ahead with her tennis comeback despite losing her return match 6-2, 7-6 (8/6) to Garbine Muguruza in the opening round of the WTA event in Dubai.

Four-time Grand Slam champion Clijsters, 36, had been out of the game for seven years before the clash with Muguruza, who reached the final of the Australian Open last month, and is keen to push ahead after an

encouraging display against the world number 16 Spaniard.

"I had a good feeling out there, I felt a pace I can handle. I felt like I was able to go toe-to-toe with her from the baseline," said Clijsters.

"I wouldn't have done this if I didn't have that belief somehow. It might take 10 matches to get the way I played in the second set, might take me 10 matches to get that from start to finish. "I have patience. I'm going to work my way into it and fight. We'll see what happens."



Clijsters did not say where she will continue her comeback, not mentioning any future tournament entries after taking part in Dubai as a wild card. Two-time Grand Slam winner Muguruza meanwhile will play one of Veronika Kudermetova and Dayana Yastremska in the next round after having to fight off a determined Clijsters in a tight second set following a simple first.

Utd stun Chelsea to close gap on top four

AFP ■ LONDON

Manchester United moved to within three points of fourth-placed Chelsea with a smash and grab 2-0 win at Stamford Bridge thanks to goals from Anthony Martial and Harry Maguire.

Chelsea had two goals disallowed by VAR reviews and were furious Maguire was not sent off early on an off-the-ball kick out by Michy Batshuayi.

However, Blues boss Frank Lampard cut a frustrated figure as the flaws in both boxes which have seen his side win just four of their last 14 league games were exposed once more against ordinary opposition.

Victory lifts United up to seventh and within two points of Tottenham in fifth, which could be good enough to qualify for the Champions League next season pending Manchester City's appeal again a two-season ban from European competition.

Lampard made a bold call before kick-off by again dropping the most expensive goalkeeper in football history, Kepa Arrizabalaga, to the bench in favour of the 38-year-old Willy Caballero.

Batshuayi also started with Tammy Abraham ruled out by injury and Lampard's anger at missing out on a striker in the January window was borne out by a poor night for the misfiring Belgian forward.

Chelsea suffered another injury blow early on when N'Golo Kante hobbled off and the France World Cup winner is now a doubt to face Bayern Munich in the Champions League next week.

The loss of Kante did not disrupt the home side's early rhythm as Reece James and William fired just wide.

Chelsea were then furious Maguire somehow escaped without being sent-off for kicking Batshuayi after the two col-

lided in front of the dugouts. The former Marseille attacker then squandered the first of a host of chances by firing wide from Mason Mount's cut-back.

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

Chelsea's sense of injustice increased when William was harshly booked for diving as he went down under a challenge from Bruno Fernandes looking for a penalty.

United had not made Caballero make a single save before going in front a minute before the break when Martial planted a brilliant header into the far corner from Aaron Wan-Bissaka's cross.

There was still time for Batshuayi to miss another chance before half-time when he skewed wide from a narrow angle.

The one-way traffic continued at the start of the second period as Mount hit the post and a brave block from Wan-Bissaka deflected Pedro's goal-bound effort behind.

But even when Chelsea did get the ball in the net through substitute Kurt Zouma, the goal was ruled out by VAR for a push on Brandon Williams by Cesar Azpilicueta.

Fernandes was unable to make much of an impact from open play in his second United appearance since a USD 62 million move from Sporting Lisbon.

However, the Portuguese international is a huge threat from set-pieces and nearly caught Caballero out with a free-kick that crashed back off the post.

Moments later, Fernandes provided his first assist for the Red Devils with a corner which Maguire powered home.

Lampard had seen enough from Batshuayi and handed Olivier Giroud a rare appearance off the bench for the final quarter.

Five Indian cities to host FIFA U-17 Women's WC matches

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a first, five Indian cities - Guwahati, Kolkata, Navi Mumbai, Bhubaneswar and Ahmedabad on Tuesday have been confirmed as the host cities for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup scheduled to take place in India from November 2 to November 21 this year.

To set the stage for the future of women's football, FIFA and Local Organising Committee (LOC) also announced the match schedule alongside the Official Slogan - Kick off the dream for the tournament here in presence of Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Kiren Rijiju, Sarai Bareman, FIFA Chief Women's Football Officer, Roberto Grassi, FIFA Head of Youth Tournaments and AIFF president Pratul Patel, who is also LOC Chairman and FIFA Council member.

Sixteen teams featuring the rising stars of women's football will compete across 32 matches to lift the coveted trophy in



Pratul Patel, Kiren Rijiju, Sarai Bareman and Roberto Grassi during the announcement and launch of official slogan for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

Navi Mumbai on November 21. The group-stage matches will be played in four host cities (Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati and Kolkata), with the knockout stages also taking place in four cities (Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata and Navi Mumbai). The winners will lift the trophy at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on November 21.

Following the launch of the Official Emblem in November 2019, the unveiling of the five

host cities and the match schedule marks a major milestone for the tournament as fans in the host cities and across India prepare to welcome the future stars and heroes of women's football.

The key dates for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2020 include: Opening match - November 2. Quarter-finals - November 12 and 13. Semi-finals - November 17 and 3rd/4th-place playoff & final - November 21.

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Press e-TENDER NOTICE

Percentage rate e-tenders are invited under two bid system by the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. 2 on behalf of President of India from the eligible enlisted firms class A and B enlisted with the Chandigarh Administration/ Municipal Corporation, Chd./ CPWD/State PWDs of Punjab & Haryana and Himachal Pradesh and their Board & Corporation having valid Electrical Contractor License issued by any Govt. Deptt of States/ Centre for the execution of following work can be downloaded/Uploaded from the website at <http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in/>

S. No.	NIT No.	Name of Work & Location	Estimated cost put to tender	Earnest money	Time of completion	Last date and time for online submission of tender	Time & date of opening of tender
1.	E2/20/24	Rewiring of E.I. and replacement of ceiling fan and switchgear in U.T. Police Headquarter, Sector 9, Chandigarh.	Rs.13,27,546/-	Rs.27000/-	02 months	25.02.2020 Upto 02.30 P.M.	25.02.2020 At 03.00 P.M.

Executive Engineer,
Electrical Division No.2, Chandigarh.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer, Shimla Division No-III, HPPWD, Shimla-3 on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with H.P.P.W.D. Department.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor
1	C/O Smart footpath Sanjauli Chowk to IGMC, Shimla (SH: Civil, Plumbing and Horticulture work and Entry Structures building portion Smart city road etc. under Shimla Smart city Project).	Rs.13,79,61,792/-	Rs.5.00 Lakh	5000/-	Class-A

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

1.	Date of Online Publication	24-02-2020	17.00 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	24-02-2020 to 9-03-2020	17.00 HRS up to 17.00 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	24-02-2020 to 9-03-2020	17.00 HRS up to 17.00 HRS
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	11-03-2020	upto 11.00 HRS
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	11-03-2020	11.00 HRS

4. TENDER DETAILS:

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:

i). Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".

ii). Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) FDR in original towards bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in Q/O Executive Engineer, Shimla Division NO-III, HPPWD Shimla-3, H.P. as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 11-03-2020 at 11.00 HRS in the office of Executive Engineer, Shimla Division No. III HPPWD Shimla-3 H.P. by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond his control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

RO 4835/19-20 Dated 18.02.2020 "HIM SUCHANA AWAN JAN SAMPARK"

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Bangana Division Distt Una H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids for item rate, in electronic tendering in 2 Cover System for the below mentioned works from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Time Limit	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor
1	Construction of outdoor stadium at Thanakalan(SH- Construction of Pavilion).	2647489	47500	Six Month	1500	Class-D

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

1.	Date of Online Publication	11.03.2020	11:00 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	11.03.2020 to 17.03.2020	17:00 HRS up to 17:00 HRS
4.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	11.03.2020 to 17.03.2020	17:00 HRS up to 17:00 HRS
5.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	18.03.2020	upto 11:00HRS
6.	Date of Technical Bid opening.	18.03.2020	11:30 HRS
7.	Evaluation of Technical Bid.	Evaluation of technical Bid will be followed after verification of the documents.	

TENDER DETAILS:

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Covers:

i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".

ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

3. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/O Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Bangana H.P. as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 5 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

4. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 18.03.2020 at 11:30 HRS in the office Executive Engineer, Bangana Division HPPWD Bangana H.P. by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

6. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond his control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

7. The copy of EPF No/GST No must be attached.

Executive Engineer
HPPWD Division Bangana
Distt Una H.P. on behalf of
Governor of Himachal Pradesh

RO 4840/19-20 Dated 18.02.2020

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TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1	FOREST DEPARTMENT PANCHKULA	REMOVAL OF LANTANA IN KALESAR NATIONAL PARK AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY DISTRICT YAMUNANAGAR HARYANA + 2 OTHER WORKS	17.02.2020 23.02.2020	CONTRACTOR=45000/- SOCIETY=21500/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	DEPUTY CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN PANCHKULA
2	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA MAHENDERGARH	RECHARGING SCHEME BY CONNECTIVITY FROM RATTIA DISTY. (RD KM. 8.400 T/F) TO KRISHNAWATI RIVER (NEAR VILLAGE RATTIA KALAN) BY PROVIDING, LAYING & JOINTING OF RCC PIPE 600MM DIA. + 3 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 04.03.2020	219.31 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01285-220287 xen-wsmgarm.ir@gov.in
3	PANCHAYATI RAJ, KAITHAL	CONST OF LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT AT SAKRA BLOCK DHAND	14.02.2020 23.02.2020	60.51 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-234748
4	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF D.R BRIDGE AT RD 18905 KHARIAWAS MINOR	CLOSING DATE 03.03.2020	13.76 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO ET/JWSD/1-1	01664-242882/ xenjubhiwani@rediffmail.com
5	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF INLET/CAUSEWAY AT RD 135500/L OF EML-HB-BB-MFLC TO PROTECT AGRICULTURE LAND OF VILLAGE NOUGH & FOR AVOIDANCE OF DAMAGES TO CHANNEL + 3 OTHER WORKS	24.02.2020 04.03.2020	62.19 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-222392 xensarasvatidnk@gmail.com
6	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, KURUKSHETRA	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR REVIVAL OF KAINTHLA SUPPLY CHANNEL (KSC) FOR INTERLINKING OF MARKANDA AND SARASWATI RIVER	13.02.2020 05.03.2020	4.59 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-238590 xensarasvatidnk@gmail.com
7	PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA	CONST. OF GVH AT VILLAGE FATEHGARH BLOCK SHAHZADPUR (RE-CALL) + 2 OTHER WORKS	14.02.2020 28.02.2020	68.32 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2551368/ prexeeng.amb@hry.nic.in
8	FOREST DEPARTMENT, KURUKSHETRA.	POPULAR	15.02.2020 24.02.2020	96.68 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 104-115K/2019-20 PH & TH	01744 230743 ofo.kkr-hry.nic.in
9	PWD B&R GURUGRAM	SPECIAL REPAIR OF SUB HEALTH CENTRE AT VILLAGE SILANI, ALIPUR AND BALUDA IN GURUGRAM DISTT. + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 28.02.2020	24.70 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 2020_HRY_118186_1 + 1 OTHER	01242322424 / pwd-ecpd1-gurgson@hry.nic.in
10	PWD B&R, BHIWANI	SPECIAL REPAIR OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE AT VILLAGE DHANIMAHU IN BHIWANI DISTT.	17.02.2020 03.03.2020	6.43 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-242436 pwd-ecpd-bhiwani@hry.nic.in
11	PWD B&R CHANDIGARH.	UPGRADATION OF CHC KALKA (30-BEDDED TO 50 BEDDED) IN PANCHKULA DISTT. + 7 OTHER WORKS	13.02.2020 05.03.2020	309.56 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2783574 pwd-eccd-chandigarh@hry.nic.in

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MESSI & HAMILTON ARE WORLD'S BEST



British reigning F1 drivers champion Lewis Hamilton poses with Worlds best sportsman of year Award during the 2020 Laureus World Sports Awards. Lewis Hamilton/Twitter

PTI ■ BERLIN

British F1 ace Lewis Hamilton and Lionel Messi, arguably the world's greatest footballer, were on Monday declared the joint winners of the prestigious Laureus World Sportsman of the year award.

They received the same number of votes, a first in the 20-year history of the awards with the jury unable to split Hamilton and Messi.

Messi, the six-time FIFA World Player of the year, is the first team-player to bag the award. He though was not present to receive the award and sent a video message.

They pipped golfing great Tiger Woods, Kenyan marathoner Eliud Kipchoge, tennis legend Rafael Nadal and MotoGP champion Marc Marquez.

American gymnast Simone Biles who won five gold medals at the 2019 World Championships, grabbed the

World Sportsman of the year award, her third in four years after winning it in 2017 and in 2019.

She beat a strong challenge from Jamaican sprinting great Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, who missed out on the honour for the fifth time. She was nominated 2010, 2013, 2014 and 2016 also but did not win it.

The most decorated gymnast also beat competition from American footballer Megan Rapinoe, Japanese tennis sensation Naomi Osaka, American track and field athlete Allyson Felix and skier Mikaela Shiffrin.

Snowboarding sensation Chloe Kim won the World Action Sports person honour, her second straight in the same category.

In the Sports person of the year with a disability category, Oksana Masters, born with limb impairments caused by radiation from Chernobyl and adopted by an American single

Tendulkar wins best sporting moment award

PTI ■ BERLIN

Batting great Sachin Tendulkar being carried on the shoulders of his teammates after India's World Cup triumph at home in 2011 was voted the Laureus best sporting moment in the last 20 years.

With the backing of Indian cricket fans, Tendulkar got the maximum number of votes to emerge winner on Monday.

The charged-up Indian cricketers rushed to the ground at the Wankhede Stadium and soon they lifted Tendulkar on their shoulders and made a lap of honour, a moment etched in the minds of the fans.

Former Australian skipper Steve Waugh handed the trophy to Tendulkar after tennis legend Bros Becker announced the winner at a glittering ceremony.

"It's incredible. The feeling of winning the world cup



was beyond what words can express. How many times you get an event happening where there are no mixed opinions. Very rarely the entire country celebrates," Tendulkar said after receiving the trophy.

"And this is a reminder of how powerful a sport is and what magic it does to our lives. Even now when I watch that it has stayed with me."

her car at the Macau circuit, crashing through safety barriers and leaving her with a spinal fracture which required an 11-hour surgery and months of rehabilitation.

In November 2019, a year on from her accident, the 18-year-old Sophia was back in the cockpit, racing once again in the Macau Grand Prix.

Egan Bernal, who became the youngest rider to win the Tour de France at 22, grabbed the World Breakthrough of the Year award.

German basketball great Dirk Nowitzki was recognised at the Ceremony with the Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the sport of basketball.

Spanish Basketball Federation got the Exceptional Achievement Award.

Can't wait to get Virat out: Boult

PTI ■ WELLINGTON

There are no half measures for fit-again New Zealand pacer Trent Boult who is ready to challenge India captain Virat Kohli on his return to international cricket during the two-Test series starting here on Friday.

Boult was out of action for the past six weeks due to a fracture on his right hand sustained during the Boxing Day Test against Australia and missed out on the limited-overs leg of the India series.

Back for the traditional format, the left-arm fast bowler made his priorities clear ahead of the first Test.

"That's personally why I play the game, to get guys like that (Kohli) out and test myself against them, so I can't wait to get stuck in. But he's an exceptional player. Everyone knows how great he is," Boult said, sending out a warning after landing in the capital city for the opening Test.

The Basin Reserve track will have a lot for the seamers and in conditions conducive to seam bowling, a wily customer like Boult might prove to be a handful.

"I'm preparing for a solid wicket. It generally is very good here and goes the full distance (five days). I do enjoy playing here, the history that's involved, and it's going to be an exciting week building up. I can't wait to



New Zealand seamer Trent Boult celebrates after taking wicket. ICC/Twitter

get out there," said the 30-year-old who has taken 256 wickets from 65 Tests.

It was frustrating for him to watch his side get walloped 0-5 in the T20 series but exhilarating when it got its mojo back in the subsequent one-dayers. The Black Caps won 3-0 in the 50-over format.

"I think it is what it is. I have just got to put the last six or so weeks behind me and just back myself to get out there and do my thing," said Boult, who warmed up by playing a club game at the picturesque Taupo ground.

"I was pushing in off the long run. I think a couple of the clubbies from Taupo really enjoyed that. It was a good afternoon," added the pacer, who sent down eight overs in a friendly game for his club Cadets.

Professionally, Boult had to lie low due to injury, but it was also a good break as he and wife Lana welcomed their second child.

"Having some time away from the game and having my second son a couple of weeks ago came at quite a good time," said Boult.

Fighting fit, all he wants now is to get hold of a red kookaburra and get a few to tail into Kohli and company.

"I am hungry to be here and can't wait to get back in the white and get the red ball moving around," he said.

Jamieson credits shift to Auckland for making him better cricketer

PTI ■ WELLINGTON

Towering New Zealand pacer Kyle Jamieson has revealed that moving from Canterbury to Auckland helped him get rid of a detrimental aggressive streak and become a cricketer worthy of national duty.

The 6'8" tall pacer, who made his ODI debut against India in the recent series, was handed a place in the Test squad for the upcoming two-match rubber beginning at Basin Reserves here on February 21.

"I'm a pretty fiery character on the field. On the field I'm pretty aggressive. I think it came out in ways I necessarily didn't like. I would sort of do it and then post-

game be like, 'What did I do that for?' he was quoted as saying by *Stuff.Co.Nz*.

Jamieson shifted to Auckland, where he was born, prior to this season after making his T20 debut for Canterbury in 2016 in the Super Smash.

He said there was a lot of negativity around him in Canterbury, where he grew up, and it affected his behaviour.

"There was a bit of negativity surrounding myself and that environment and that was coming out in my behaviour on the field," he said.

The 25-year-old said returning to Auckland made a massive difference to his game.

"I'm really enjoying my cricket, which

is probably something I couldn't say a couple of years ago," said Jamieson, who scored 25 and took 2 for 42 on debut during the second ODI against India at Eden Park.

"I was going through a bit of stuff off the field. Just the chance to come in with this group and turn up and learn everyday - try and better myself as a cricketer - was something that was too hard to turn down, so look, it's been massive for my game.

"...It was just a shift that I needed to make. Most importantly, I needed to be happy and I needed to enjoy my cricket. Wherever that may take me, then it will," he added.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK

Zonal Office Panchkula : SCO-76, 1st & 2nd Floor, Sector-5, Panchkula (Haryana)

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF MOVABLE & IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

LAST DATE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS 24/03/2020 AT 3.00 P.M.

Sale of immovable property mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002). Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank had taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with our Branch with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.bankauctions.com

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch	Description of property	Outstanding Amount as on 31.12.2019	EMD SUBMISSION ACCOUNT DETAILS	RESERVE PRICE		Date/ Time of e-Auction
					EMD	Bid Increase Amount	
1.	PSB RATTIA /M/S SHREE TARA CHAND RICE MILL	1.Industrial property (Rice Mill) Khewat No. 321 Min, Khatoni no. 398 min. Khasra No. 104/1 (7-8) situated at Rattia - Fatehabad Road, Village Ayalki, Fatehabad measuring 15.40 Kanal vide sale deed no. 6415 dt. 13.02.2014 2.Plant & Machinery 3.Residential property (plot) situated at Model Town, near kothi of Pappu Aggarwal & near City Heart School, Tibba Colony, Rattia measuring 589.50 Sq. Yards vide sale deed no. 1250 dt. 04.09.1989 in the name of Sh. Rajiv Kumar s/o Sh. Jagdish Chander 4. Residential Property (House) situated at Ward No. 17, near bus stand and cosmo coaching center, Budhlada Road, Daize Colony, Rattia, measuring 242 sq. yards, vide sale deed no. 3190 dated 15.12.2004	Rs. 1,40,83,863/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No: 00465039026001 A/c Name: Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB0000046	Rs 95.18 Lakh Rs 9.52 Lakh Rs 1.00 Lakh Rs 2.00 Lakh Rs 0.50 Lakh Rs 44.00 Lakh Rs 4.50 Lakh Rs 0.50 Lakh Rs 8.10 Lakh Rs 1.00 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Naresh Kumar Email: R0046@psb.co.in Contact No: 9463906423	
2.	PSB GT ROAD, PANIPAT SH. BHARATH KATHPAL	Commercial-cum-residential building situated at Property No. 231, Abadi Ram Nagar, Near Dr. Baldev, Tehsil-Camp, Inside MC Limit, Panipat (Owner: Sh. Bharath Kathpal & Smt. Leela - Joint Ownership)	Rs 41,21,328/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 02265039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB0000226	Rs 50.00 Lakh Rs 5.00 Lakh Rs 0.80 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Sarabjit Singh Email: P0226@psb.co.in Contact No: 8199967899	
3.	PSB SEC-16, PANCHKULA SH. AMANDEEP KAUR	Flat No. 214, 2nd Floor, Block B, Wellington Estate, Dhakauli, Tehsil Derabassi, Mohali, Punjab	Rs 34,29,715/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 07355039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB0000735	Rs 33.25 Lakh Rs 3.50 Lakh Rs 0.50 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Nafe Singh Email: P0735@psb.co.in Contact No: 9953312185	
4.	PSB SEC-16, PANCHKULA SH. BALJIT SINGH	Flat No. 414, 4th Floor, Block B, Wellington Estate, Dhakauli, Tehsil Derabassi, Mohali, Punjab	Rs 34,82,422/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 07355039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB0000735	Rs 32.30 Lakh Rs 3.50 Lakh Rs 0.50 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Nafe Singh Email: P0735@psb.co.in Contact No: 9953312185	
5.	PSB MULLANA M/S TANWAR MARBLE HOUSE 2. SH. BALJIT SINGH	Jamabandi 2004-05, Hadbast No. 139, Inkal 2470, Khewat No. 203 Min/247 Min, Khasra no. 64/20(17-3) M053/243 Part 2K-13M, area 222.00 Sq. Yards village Mullana, on M M Medical College Road, Mullana, Dist. Ambala vide sale deed no. 1244 dated 17.12.2009	Rs 8,46,643/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 00155039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB0000015	Rs 11.40 Lakh Rs 1.20 Lakh Rs 0.20 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Deepak Kumar Email: m0015@psb.co.in p0915@psb.co.in Contact No: 8091509000 9501554494	
6.	PSB SVM JAGADHARI MUKESH KUMAR AND BAJINDER SINGH	Residential property situated at Plot No. 56 measuring 198 Sq. Yards at Mauja Gobindpuri, Mausuma Vishal Nagar, Yamunanagar	Rs 26,26,513/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 07945039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB0000794	Rs 9.50 Lakh Rs 1.00 Lakh Rs 0.20 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Satinder Kaur Email: Y0047@psb.co.in J0794@psb.co.in Contact No: 9996135576, 9357080050	
7.	PSB SVM JAGADHARI NARESH KUMAR & KAVITA	Residential property situated at Khasra no. 4/24/2, Rama Park, Garhi Gujran, Yamunanagar vide sale deed no. 1070 dtd 02.05.2006	Rs 20,15,718/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 07945039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB0000794	Rs 6.84 Lakh Rs 0.70 Lakh Rs 0.20 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Satinder Kaur Email: Y0047@psb.co.in J0794@psb.co.in Contact No: 9996135576, 9357080050	
8.	PSB JIND M/S TRIDEV BREEDING FARM & HATCHERIES	Residential plot situated at Sheetalpuri Colony, Jind - Narwana National Highway No. 71, Jind measuring 300 Sq.yards vide original sale deed bearing wasika no. 2530, dated 11.12.1992 regd. In O/o Subregistr Jind, Land bearing khasra no. 133/2 in the name of Sh. Silewan alias Suleman and Rajbir S/o Nagina	Rs 31,88,297/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 10015039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB0001001	Rs 22.50 Lakh Rs 2.25 Lakh Rs 0.50 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Dhaminder Kumar Email: J1001@psb.co.in, K0012@psb.co.in Contact No: 880527770, 8889271677	
9.	PSB KATHAL M/S DURGA CATTLE FEED HOUSE & POULTRY FEED SUPPLEMENT	House on Property ID No. 71C160U184 situated at Waka Patti Afgan, Gali No. 8, Ward No. 31, Sirda Road, Kathal	Rs 22,77,833/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 10185039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB0001018	Rs 14.25 Lakh Rs 1.50 Lakh Rs 0.50 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Dhaminder Kumar Email: k1018@psb.co.in, k0012@psb.co.in Contact No: 9896330643, 8889271677	
10.	PSB SIRSA M/S SHREE SEEDS & PESTICIDES	All part and parcel of immovable property / plot measuring 03 Kanal 18 Marla comprised in Khewat No.203 Khatoni no.297 sq. no.34 Killa no.21 min west (2 Kanal 16 Marlas) admearing (14 Karam X 36 Karam) and sq. no.40 kll no.1/11 min west (1 Kanal 2 Marlas having front south side admearing 14 Karam) situated in the revenue estate of villae Ramnagar H.B. no.0008/4 Tehsil and distt. Sirda vide Jamabandi for the year 2006-2007 registered sale deed wasika no.13946 dated 24/08/2011 registered with Sub Registrar Sirda in the name of Smt. Neetu Rani w/o Sh. Yogesh Kumar	Rs 22,74,724/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 02995039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB000299	Rs 21.00 Lakh Rs 2.10 Lakh Rs 0.50 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Naresh Kumar Email: R0046@psb.co.in, S0299@psb.co.in Contact No: 9463906423, 9729801354	
11.	PSB SIRSA M/S NAGPAL TYRES	All part and parcel of immovable property / plot measuring 01 Kanal 02 Marla 03 Sarsai (672 Sq. Yards) comprised in Khewat No.1204 Khatoni No.1380 being 201/882 share of Sq. no.67 Killa no.3/1 (4 K-18M) situated in the revenue estate of village Shahpur Begu Tehsil and distt. Sirda vide Jamabandi for the year 2012-2013 in the name of Sandeep Kumar s/o Sh. Sher Bahadur vide gift deed bearing wasika no.3088 dated 29/10/2016 registered with Sub Registrar Sirda	Rs 12,71,207/- as on 31.12.2019 PLUS further interest up to date + Litigation expenses + any other expenses	A/c No : 02995039026001 A/c Name : Ernest Money Deposit Name of the Beneficiary: PUNJAB AND SIND BANK IFSC Code: PSIB000299	Rs 21.00 Lakh Rs 2.10 Lakh Rs 0.50 Lakh	25/03/2020 BETWEEN 12.00 NOON TO 01.00 P.M. Authorized Officer: Sh. Naresh Kumar Email: R0046@psb.co.in, S0299@psb.co.in Contact No: 9463906423, 9729801354	

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The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

- To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on any property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property(ies) put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues.
- It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The inspection of property (ies) put on auction will be permitted to interested bidders at sites as mentioned against each property description on a date agreed upon by the interested buyer and the authorized officer.
- The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com> (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankauctions.com>), through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT in the account mentioned above. After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification & Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADED SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-I & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com>) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana, Pin: 122015, E-mail ID: support@bankauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers : 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126, Sales Enquiries :Delhi@ci1india.com (Vinod Chauhan) 9813887931 and for any property related query may contact Authorized Officer (as mentioned above) During the working hours from Monday to Saturday (except 2nd & 4th Saturday).
- The interested bidder has to submit their Bid Documents [EMD (not below the Reserve Price) and required documents (mentioned in Point No.4)] on/ before 24.03.2020 up to 3.00 pm and after going through the Registering Process (One time) and generating User ID & Password of their own, shall be eligible for participating in the e-Auction Process, subject to due verification (of the documents) and/ or approval of the Authorized Officer.
- During the Online Inter-se Bidding, Bidder can improve their Bid Amount as per the 'Bid Increase Amount' (mentioned above) or its multiple and in case bid is placed during the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes (each time till the closure of e-Auction process), otherwise, it'll automatically get closed. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on the closure of the e-Auction Process shall be declared as a Successful Bidder by the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor, after required verification.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder, the amount already deposited by the offer shall be liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting borrower shall have no claim/ right in respect of property/ amount.
- The prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on e-Auction from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. prior to the date of e-Auction. Neither the Authorized Officer/ Bank nor M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. shall be liable for any Internet Network problem and the interested bidders to ensure that they are technically well equipped for participating in the e-Auction event.
- The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory/ non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc. owing to anybody.
- The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and the Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the e-Auction without assigning any reason thereof.
- The bidders are advised to go through the detailed Terms & Conditions of e-Auction available on the Web Portal of M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd., <https://www.bankauctions.com> before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-Auction.
- The publication is subject to the force major clause.

Special Instructions
12. Bidding in the last moment should be avoided in the bidders own interest as neither the PUNJAB & SIND BANK nor Service provider will be responsible for any lapse/failure (Internet failure/power failure etc.), in order to ward-off such contingent situations bidders are requested to make all necessary arrangements / alternatives such as power supply back-up etc. so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002
The borrower/ guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.
Date: 18.02.2020 Place: Panchkula Authorized Officers, Punjab & Sind Bank