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## Coronavirus bleeds markets

Sensex plunges 458 points, world stocks skid as virus scare pervades

PNS ■ MUMBAI

The deadly coronavirus struck the global equity market in a vicious way on Monday as China reported more cases of infection that is respecting no geographical boundaries. Driven by fear and uncertainty about the impact of the virus outbreak on global economy, exchanges across the world saw sharp sell-off and oil prices collapsed.

In India, equity benchmark Sensex on Monday clocked its second biggest fall in four months, dragged mainly by financial and metal counters as investors fear grew over the fast-spreading virus outbreak in China. At close, the BSE gauge Sensex was 458.07 points, or 1.10 per cent, down at 41,155.12. Intra-day, the index cracked nearly 500 points. Likewise, the broader NSE Nifty ended 129.25 points, or 1.06 per cent, down at 12,119.

On the Sensex chart, Tata Steel was the top loser, dropping 4.31 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank, HDFC Bank, SBI, PowerGrid and HDFC.

The Dow tumbled by nearly 500 points on opening. The S&P 500 (SPX) was down 1.6 per cent, while the Nasdaq Composite (COMP) was down 2.1 per cent.

European exchanges also traded more than 2 per cent lower on Monday, continuing their selloff from the previous week. In Paris, the CAC 40 lost 1.9 per cent to 5,907.40, while



People walk by an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo on Monday

AP

Germany's DAX skidded 1.7 per cent to 13,342.32.

Many Asian markets, including China's, were closed for Lunar New Year holidays, while Australia was closed for Australia Day. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index caved in by 2 per cent to 23,343.51.

Investors across the world are worried that if the second-largest economy in the world fails to recover in time from the viral outbreak, then it economy could take a big hit, which will also drag down the world economy.

While fear of economic slowdown spooked the oil

prices that have corrected by more than 15 per cent during the last ten days, safe-haven assets rallied higher on Monday. The price of gold climbed 0.8 per cent to \$1,583.60 per ounce.

Brent crude futures traded around 3 per cent lower on Monday at \$58.88 a barrel, their lowest level since October. US crude futures were down roughly 3 per cent.

News agency PTI quoted S Ranganathan, head of research at LKP Securities, as saying, "Coronavirus outbreak in China took a toll on Indian equities as well today as finan-

cial and metals bore the brunt of the selling. Except for select pharmaceutical stocks which held fort and gained the broader markets traded weak."

Meanwhile, India on Monday decided to prepare for possible evacuation of Indian nationals from Wuhan city in the pathogen-hit Chinese province of Hubei.

The decision was taken at a high-level meeting, chaired by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, which carried out a detailed review of the situation arising out of outbreak of Coronavirus in China where 80 people have died and over

2,000 infected with the disease. Officials said the External Affairs Ministry will request to Chinese authorities for evacuation of Indians from Wuhan.

In view of a confirmed case of coronavirus in Nepal, the Centre has asked the five States bordering the neighbouring nation (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim) to be alert and keep hospitals ready to meet any emergency. After airports and border areas, it has now initiated entry screening at the international ports having traffic from China.

In India, a few suspected cases have been reported altogether from Patna, Mumbai and Rajasthan, but none yet confirmed. In Patna, a woman who returned from China last week was admitted to a Patna hospital on Monday with symptoms similar to those of coronavirus.

Samples of 12 passengers have been referred to National Institute of Virology, Pune. No positive case has been reported so far, the Union Health Ministry said.

Over 100 people have been kept under observation in Kerala and Maharashtra following screening for a possible exposure to the novel coronavirus. One person each from Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Pathanamthitta and Malappuram and three from Ernakulam are in isolation wards of various health centres in the State.

## PFI funded anti-CAA violent protests: ED

Sibal denies CAA links, claims PFI money transferred to his banks a/cs in Hadiya case fees

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

An Enforcement Directorate (ED) probe has revealed that the controversial outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) was "financially" backing the recent violent anti-CAA protests in Uttar Pradesh. However, the PFI denied the claim.

According to news agency PTI, the ED, which is probing the PFI under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) since 2018, has found that at least ₹1.04 crore were deposited in bank accounts in western Uttar Pradesh after the Act was passed by Parliament in December last year. The sources said a total amount of ₹120 crore, credited to bank accounts linked to the PFI, are under the ED's scanner.

Incidentally, there was no Press release issued by the ED to confirm the report. The PFI rubbished the charges and said the ED has not even contacted them regarding the same.

The PFI was formed in 2006 in Kerala as a successor to the National Democratic Front (NDF) and was suspected to have shifted its headquarters to Shaheen Bagh in



the national Capital over a decade ago.

Amid news reports suggesting that the PFI had paid lawyers such as Kapil Sibal, Dushyant Dave and Indira Jaising as part of its efforts to fund anti-CAA protests, the PFI as well as Sibal rejected the charge.

Sibal said the payments he received from the PFI had nothing to do with anti-CAA protests, and were made for his legal services offered in the Hadiya case. The Congress leader said the ED has released a statement analysing the bank accounts of the PFI in which "my name has been mentioned as a recipient of ₹77 lakh".

"The first bill was raised on August 4, 2017. Last bill on March 8, 2018. All payments were received before March 2018," Sibal said.

Fellow lawyer Indira Jaising, on the other hand, "completely and vehemently" denied receiving "any money" from the PFI "at any point of time". Jaising also denied receiving any money from anybody in connection with the anti-CAA protests.

On money transfers made to some prominent lawyers, the PFI said, "The truth is that transfers were made in 2017 as lawyer fees for these advocates for the Hadiya case... Attributing a fees transfer that happened in 2017 as a funding for 2019 CAA protest is totally absurd and exposes the intention to defame the Popular Front."

"The PFI has stated it multiple times that we fully comply with the law of the land and the allegation of ₹120 crore transferred from the Popular Front's accounts just before the CAA protests is totally baseless," the PFI said in a statement.

### CAPSULE

**PROOF OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS MUST UNDER CAA**  
New Delhi: Non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan will have to provide proofs of their religious beliefs while applying for Indian citizenship under the controversial CAA, officials said on Monday.

**NIRBHAYA: PLEA AGAINST WITNESS DISMISSED**  
New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday dismissed a plea filed by the father of one of the four death row convicts in the Nirbhaya gang rape and murder case, challenging the court's order rejecting his complaint questioning the credibility of the sole witness in the case.

**AMU STUDENTS BLOCK TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY**  
Aligarh: Hundreds of AMU students overnight blocked traffic on the main Aligarh-Moradabad Highway demanding release of a student who was held for allegedly heckling the AMU Vice Chancellor during his Republic Day speech, a university official said on Monday.

**CAA INTERNAL MATTER: FRENCH GOVT SOURCES**  
New Delhi: France, a founding member of the European Union, considers the new citizenship law an internal political matter of India, French diplomatic sources said on Monday. They said the European Parliament is an institution independent of member states and the European Commission.

### AIMPLB moves SC against pleas to criminalise nikah halala, polygamy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) moved the Supreme Court on Monday seeking impleadment in petitions challenging constitutional validity of polygamy and "nikah halala" practised among Muslims.

The application has been filed to oppose a batch of petitions on which the SC had in 2018 issued notices to the Centre and other stakeholders while referring the matter to a 5-judge Constitution bench.

While polygamy allows a Muslim man to have four wives, "nikah halala" stipulates that a Muslim woman, who wants to remarry her husband after divorce, has to first marry another man, "consummate" the marriage and get divorce from him.

The two issues had arisen when the SC was dealing with the practice of triple talaq. By a 3:2 verdict, a five-judge Constitution bench on August 22, 2017 had banned the 1,400-year-old practice among Sunni Muslims saying it was against the basic tenets of the Quran and violated Shariat.

## Historic Bodo accord inked for peace in Assam

Centre, State Govt sign pact with NDFB, give political-economic benefits for foregoing State/UT demand

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a major step to usher in "permanent peace" in the region, the Centre and Assam Government on Monday signed a tripartite peace accord with the dreaded insurgent group, the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) and other militant outfits in the region.

The accord signed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah promised political and economic benefits while not acceding to the demand for separate State or Union Territory. The members of the armed outfits will surrender on January 30, Mahatma Gandhi's martyrdom day, as per the accord.

Soon after the agreement was signed at the Union Home Ministry in the afternoon, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it would usher in a new dawn of peace, harmony and togetherness.

"Today is a very special day for India. The Accord with Bodo groups, which has been inked today will lead to transformative results for the Bodo people. Bodo Accord inked today stands out for many reasons. It successfully brings



President of National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) Govinda Basumatary (C) and president of the United Bodo Peoples Organisation (UBPO) Mihiniwar Basumatary (R) sign an accord with the Centre and the State Government to facilitate all-round development of the Bodo areas, without compromising the territorial integrity of Assam in New Delhi

PTI

together the leading stakeholders under one framework. Those who were previously associated with armed resistance groups will now be entering the mainstream and contributing to our nation's progress," Modi said in a series

of tweets. The Home Minister described the agreement as "historic" and said it would bring permanent peace and solution to the decades-old problems of the Bodo people. "This agreement will facilitate

all round development of the Bodo areas, their language and culture will be protected without compromising the territorial integrity of Assam," he told reporters after the accord was signed. Shah said due to the vio-

lence perpetrated by the Bodo militants over 4,000 people lost their lives in the past few decades.

The All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU), which has been spearheading a movement for a Bodoland state since 1972, and the United Bodo People's Organisation, were also signatories to the Comprehensive Bodo Settlement Agreement. In the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the tripartite agreement was signed by top leaders of the four NDFB factions, the ABSU and the UBPO; Joint Secretary in the Home Ministry Satyendra Garg; and Assam Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal also signed the pact as one of the witnesses. Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma was also present.

The NDFB was responsible for a series of violent acts in the past few decades, including the massacre of nearly 70 Adivasis in December 2014.

Shah said no stone would be left unturned for the development of Assam and the Northeastern region.

### Bengal 4th State to pass resolution against CAA

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The West Bengal Assembly on Monday became the fourth State after Kerala, Punjab and Rajasthan to pass a resolution against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or CAA, even as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee called upon all the Opposition parties to sink their differences and put up a united front against the BJP-led Union Government.

Addressing the House, Mamata said, "We will never allow CAA, NPR, and NRC in Bengal, and resist the draconian CAA peacefully."

She expressed her anguish over how the Centre was trying to befool the people by offering to provide citizenship through the amended Act.

"Though in the face of it CAA is designed to provide citizenship... for that to happen you have to become a foreigner for five years. This is a vicious game that will push people towards death, I appeal you not to fall in trap," she said.

Mamata wondered whether the BJP walls were "brand ambassadors of Pakistan," talking more of the hostile neighbour than their own country.

### Basketball legend Kobe Bryant killed in aircrash

AFP ■ LOS ANGELES

Nine people were killed in the helicopter crash that claimed the life of NBA star Kobe Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter, Los Angeles officials confirmed on Sunday.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said eight passengers and the pilot of the aircraft died in the accident.

"There were no survivors... There were nine people on board the aircraft, the pilot plus eight individuals," Villanueva said.

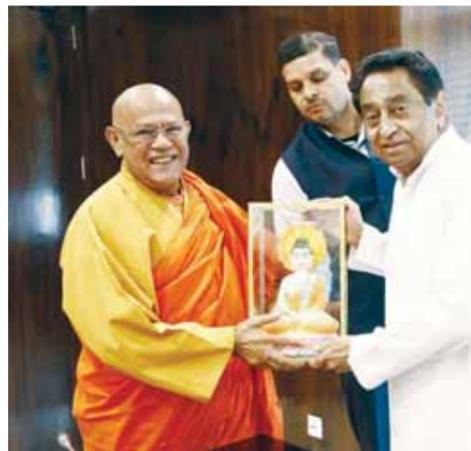
The helicopter crashed in foggy weather in the Los Angeles suburb of Calabasas.

## Grand Sita Mata Mandir will be built in Lanka: CM Nath

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Kamal Nath said that a grand Sita Mata Mandir will be constructed in Sri Lanka. A committee comprising officers of Madhya Pradesh and Sri Lanka will be constituted. Kamal Nath directed to prepare a plan soon for construction of Boddh Museum, study and training centre of International standard in Sanchi and to ensure its implementation.

Kamal Nath was holding deliberations with a delegation of Maha Bodhi society led by the Minister for Public Relations PC Sharma at Mantralaya on Monday. The President of Maha Bodhi Society Banagla Uptisa was



Chief Minister Kamal Nath being presented a Buddhist statue by the Banagalag Upatisha, president of Mahabodhi Society of Sri Lanka, at State Mantralaya in Bhopal on Monday

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also present at the meeting.

The Chief Minister directed to constitute a committee soon comprising officers of Madhya Pradesh and Sri Lanka government as well as members of Maha Bodhi society for construction of grand Sita Mandir in Sri Lanka.

This committee will monitor constantly the construction works of the temple so that the temple could be constructed within the stipulated time.

The design of the temple should be finalized and necessary fund should be made available in this fiscal year itself so that the temple could be built at the earliest, he said.

Besides, Nath asked to allocate necessary land for

construction of Boddh Museum, study and training centre at Sanchi and also to construct an institute of international level here. He further stated that an action plan should be prepared soon in this regard. The Chief Minister informed that the President of Maha Bodhi Society and several companies as well as other institutions have offered financial assistance for the construction of various structures in Sanchi.

Minister for Public Relations PC Sharma briefed about the discussion he had with the Sri Lanka Government on the construction of Sita Temple during his recent visit to Sri Lanka. Sharma said that if

better air services are available, devotees living in other Buddhist countries including Sri Lanka will be able to visit Sanchi comfortably. Similarly, it will be easy to the people of Madhya Pradesh also to visit Sita Mandir.

On this occasion, the President of the Maha Bodhi Society of Sri Lanka Banagla Uptisa presented an idol of Buddha, Buddhist religious text and a self-written book to the Chief Minister.

The Minister Sharma also presented the gifts received during his visit of Sri Lanka to the Chief Minister. The Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development and Adhyatm Manoj Shrivastava was present on the occasion.

# Strengthen democratic system: Guv to people

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Governor Lalji Tandon has called upon the people of the State to take a pledge to strengthen the democratic system at the State-level ceremony held at Lal Parade Ground on the 71st Republic Day. He urged them to extend support to the State Government in its efforts to improve the standard of living of the common man and the progress of the State. Tandon unfurled the flag and inspected the parade and took the salute. Tandon greeted the people of the State on the occasion and remembered the members of the Constituent Assembly.

Tandon said that Global Skill Park is being established in the State for future-oriented and employment-oriented education to the youth. ITIs of divisional headquarters are being upgraded to mega ITIs. In rural areas, clean drinking water supply is being ensured through collective Nal-Jal scheme.

He said that essential housing infrastructure will be developed for 40 lakh homeless families in rural areas of the State.

In urban areas, homeless persons of Housing Mission will be provided with rented houses and the ownership of the houses will be given to the beneficiaries after 15 years of



Madhya Pradesh Governor Lalji Tandon inspects Guard of Honour during 71st Republic Day celebrations at Lal parade ground in Bhopal on Sunday

Pioneer photo

paying rent. The Governor said that one thousand cowsheds are being built in the State to provide shelter to the bovine. Five acres of pastures should be developed in each cowshed.

He said that the daily grant of fodder-hay for the cowsheds has been increased from ₹3 to ₹20 per bovine.

The Governor said that the cancelled Forest Rights Act claims are being reconsidered timely for the welfare of the tribals. Final decision will be taken on all such cases in a month.

The wage rate of tendu patta collectors has been increased from ₹2,000 to ₹2,500 per standard bag. He said that proper budget will be allotted on the development of Scheduled Caste and

tribals on the basis of population.

The Governor said that the third phase of Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Scheme has been granted approval to provide basic and modern facilities in urban areas. Efforts are being made to get recognition of world-class tourist site to the State to make employment opportunities available to the people.

He said that in medical education, service has been made mandatory in rural areas for students pursuing MBBS and PG course.

Public representatives, dignitaries, Government officers-employees and school children in a large number took part in the State-level ceremony of Republic Day.

# CM Nath hoists flag, takes salute

PNS ■ INDORE

Chief Minister Kamal Nath hoisted the flag and took the salute of the parade at the main ceremony held in Indore on the occasion of Republic Day. School children presented colourful patriotic cultural programme enriched with full dignity, joy and enthusiasm. Panoramic tableaux were also taken out by various Government departments to mark the occasion. Kamal Nath addressed the people of the State at the ceremony.

The Chief Minister inspected the parade in an open jeep and met the parade commanders. Armed forces displayed celebratory firing during the parade. Seventeen teams presented attractive parade. These included STF, RAPTC, First Battalion, 15th Battalion, QRF, Police Force Men, Police Force Women, Home Guards, Fire Brigade, Traffic Police, NCC 1 MP, NCC Air Wing, Senior Girls NCC, Junior Girls NCC, Scout Guide Girls, Scout Boys teams, SPC etc.

Attractive march past was performed on melodious tune played by BSF, First Battalion and District Police Force bands. The parade led by IPS Aditya Mishra was assisted by DSP Kamal Singh Chouhan.

Various programmes were presented by the students and new constables at the ceremony. Students of Ahilya Ashram School and Khalsa College gave colourful folk dance per-

formances. Girls from the Mahesh Blind Welfare Association presented group song. New constables of Police Training College presented the programmes on Rhythmic Yoga and Silent Drill.

More than 3000 children presented mass exercise and PT during the programme. School children raised slogans of Bharat Mata ki Jai and Republic Day Amar Rahe.

The display of attractive tableaux made by various departments was also appealing to the audience. Tableaux on various departmental schemes and activities were taken out by departments including Agriculture Department on Jai Kisan Crop Loan Waiver Scheme, Chief Minister Union Farmer Incentive Scheme and Jal Shakti Abhiyan by Horticulture Department, 100 Kalam Yojana by Education Department, Messages of Dr. Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi by Tribal Welfare Department, Ayushman Bharat by Health Department, Yoga and Meditation by Jail Department, Green Indore by Forest Department, Cowshed by District Panchayat, Shunya Shakti Abhiyan and Aapki Sarkar Aapke Dwar by Revenue Department, Indore Development Authority, AKVN, Municipal Corporation, Traffic Police and Tourism Department. Officers and employees who excelled in various departments were also honoured at the ceremony.

# Lokrang 2020 begins at Ravindra Bhavan with elan



Artists perform a dance drama 'Raja Pemalshah' during Lokrang, on 71st Republic Day celebrations at Ravindra Bhavan in Bhopal on Sunday

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

## The Mathuri tribal dance was performed under the direction of Telangana Sri Patra Ramesh Babu (Chuntoor Mandal), celebrating the festival of Holi

The cultural fiesta Lokrang 2020 began with a lot of fervour on Sunday at Ravindra Bhavan. The event is being organised by Cultural Department of Madhya Pradesh.

Monday marked the second day of the cultural fest. Various heartwarming performances were held at the Lokrang 2020 on Monday.

In the evening dancing of the Malvi tradition in Ghoomar, showing the activities of the wedding ceremony as per the Malvi tradition. In this, the audience enjoyed dancing and singing on the sound of the pot. The presentation was done under the commendable direction of Pratibha Raghuvanshi (Ujjain).

In this sequence, Rajasthan Rakhi Kalbeliya (Jaipur) gave her

enchanting performance in Bhavai style dance. In the Dholu Kunitha dance, a group of male performers entertained the audience by dancing with the dhol on stage.

The next presentation was made under the direction of Hemanth Manjappa (Shimoga), praying to God for good fruit yield.

The Mathuri tribal dance

was performed under the direction of Telangana Sri Patra Ramesh Babu (Chuntoor Mandal), celebrating the festival of Holi. Purlia Chhau dance in Jharkhand in a dance centred on Veer Abhimanyu. It showcased war in Kurukshetra. It was held direction of Vishwadev Mahato (Ranchi).

Foreign traditions were showcased at the music and song and dance of the South American country Brazil. The deep culture of its local tribes was shown in this presentation. Here dances are performed to express themselves, tell stories and convey messages in a very beautiful way.

These dances are popular among locals and international dancers. This was followed by a dance of Ukraine. The audience was delighted with the presentations.

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# 'Apollo Steel Plank' launched with fervour

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uct. Sanjay Gupta, CMD, APL Apollo said, "Offering meticulous choices, Apollo Steel Planks have already started receiving enthusiastic responses from our valued customers. The new-age steel product, it's also our contribution to the efforts against deforestation as it will diminish the trees being cut to make planks by replacing it with a better alternative - Apollo Steel

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नागरिकों से विनम्र निवेदन

1. महु छावनी में एकल उपयोगी प्लास्टिक (SINGLE USE PLASTIC) पूर्णतः प्रतिबंधित/अमानक पौलिथीन का क्रय-विक्रय एवं उपयोग वर्जित है।
2. घर से निकलते समय हमेशा कागज, जूट अथवा कपड़े को बैली आवश्यक रूप से साथ रखें।
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4. कृपया शहर को स्वस्थ एवं स्वच्छ बनाये रखने में सहयोग प्रदान कर अपने अमूल्य सहयोग से उक्त शासकीय अभियान को सफल बनाएं एवं शासन के स्वच्छ भारत अभियान में अपना कीमती योगदान दें।
5. स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण-2020 में महु छावनी को स्वच्छता में नंबर -1 बनाने में सहयोग दें।
6. महु शहर के ट्रैफिक को बेहतर बनाएं। पार्किंग निर्धारित स्थान पर ही करें ट्रैफिक नियमों का पालन करें।

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IN BRIEF

**DENTAL CHECK UP-CUM-AWARENESS CAMP HELD**  
**Bhopal:** A free dental check up-cum-awareness camp was organised at Kidzee Gulmohar under the joint collaboration of Society of AMTAG for Cyber Ethics (SACE), Khulte Pankh Society and the dental surgeons of Mansarovar Dental College, Bhopal. Eighty students were examined in the camp. Apart from treatment, the students were made aware about dental health and hygiene by the team of experts and doctors. SACE provided free dental kits to all the participants during the camp. SACE President Akshay Bajpai and Khulte Pankh Society Secretary Tariq Khan were present during the camp.  
 Dental Surgeon, Dr Varsha Sharma, Dr Prakash Singh, Dr Ashwini Parashar and Dr Amit Kumar Goit of Mansarovar Dental College, Bhopal examined students. Dr Prakash Singh told that the modern eating habits are one of the biggest reasons for dental problems. "If we regularly visit our dentist and follow good eating habits we can avoid oral problems. But in modern hectic life we are least bothered about our oral care and that contributes to our oral problems", she added.  
 He also explained in detail the procedure and techniques of oral care. Dr Ashwini said that most of the dental diseases can be prevented by simple practice of brushing twice daily with a soft bristle brush. The basic aim of brushing should be to remove a thin bio film known as plaque. School Principal Reeta Agarwal, Centre Coordinator Bhawna Hargunani alongwith faculty members were present during the camp.

**ADMISSION OPEN AT ATRIA UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE**  
**Bhopal:** Admission to Atria University, Bangalore, for the academic year 2020 is now open for those interested in an interdisciplinary approach to academia. The University offers five futuristic majors in emerging fields — Digital Transformation, Energy Sciences, Interactive Technologies, Mobility, and Sustainable Life Sciences. Atria is the only university in India to offer these five unique majors. Majors are delivered via an interdisciplinary programme giving students a chance to take courses that are a combination of core courses and choice of electives. Flexible learning pathways in each will enable students to choose from Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Technology. Scholarships up to ₹20 crore have been allocated to the Founding Batch which is slated to start from August 2020.  
 Atria University's admission procedure is unique in comparison with other educational institutes in India. The final selection decision for each applicant is not based on cut-offs, pre-requisites, or standardized test scores, but rather on the candidate's potential to match and uphold the qualities of the community. The University seeks qualities like passion, rigour, initiative, self-awareness, a cooperative spirit, and curiosity, in a successful candidate. The admissions process is a three step one: online application, student engagement and interaction day, and admissions decision.

**CM GRIEVES OVER SUNITA CHANDRA'S DEATH**  
**Bhopal:** Chief Minister Kamal Nath has expressed deep grief over the death of Sunita Chandra, Arjuna Award winner and former captain of the Indian women's hockey team. Smt. Chandra is the wife of former Director General of Police Yash Chandra and mother of journalist Gaurav Chandra. Chief Minister Kamal Nath said in a condolence message that Sunita Chandra was an outstanding sports person and pride of the country. She gave new heights to Indian women's hockey. The Chief Minister has prayed to God to grant peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family to bear this profound grief.

**'PARIKSHA KI TAYARI' TO BE BROADCAST ON JAN 28**  
**Bhopal:** In context to the ensuing annual examination of class 5th and 8th in the State, a special Radio programme 'Pariksha Ki Tayari' will be broadcast on January 28. The programme will be broadcast from all the Madhya Pradesh located broadcast centers of Akashvani Radio and Vividh Bharti from 11.30 am to 12 noon. The Director Rajya Shiksha Kendra Irene Cynthia JP has urged all the departmental field officers, teachers, students and parents to listen to the programme and hold special classes in connection to the annual examinations. The Syllabus In-charge of Rajya Shiksha Kendra Dr. Ashok Parikh and Controller of Examinations KPS Tomar will hold discussions on the preparation of annual examinations and also resolve the queries.  
 After the amendment made in the Right to Education, the annual examination will be conducted again in class 5 and 8 from this year in the state. Students who fail in these examinations will have to pursue study again in the same class.  
 In respect to these examinations, there are many doubts and dilemmas in the minds of the students and their parents, which will also be addressed by experts in this particular radio programme. The programme will also provide guidance on the points of preparation of examinations for better results, use of model papers, examination syllabus, nature of written and oral examinations and arrangements for examination centers along with other points.

**22-year-old youth shot at Agaria village**  
**Bhopal:** A 22-year-old youth was shot at Agaria village under Eitkhedi police station area in the morning hours of Monday by four miscreants. The victim was shot in his stomach by miscreants. Later, Bhagwan Singh Ahirwar was rushed to hospital after he was shot by the accused identified as Dewaan Singh Thakur, Ganesh Silavat, Lakhan Silavat and Pritam Silavat after a fight which occurred at around 11 in the morning.  
 A complaint was lodged by the Dayaram Ahirwar who is victim's elder brother. The victim was shot in front of his house. He was rushed to hospital where his condition was critical.  
 On Monday, the accused came and started to argue with the victim and his family members. The victim tried to con-



Children present cultural programme during 71st Republic Day celebrations at State Assembly in Bhopal on Sunday  
 Pioneer photo

**IGRMS director unfurls national flag**

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**  
**D**irector of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, PK Mishra, hoisted national flag on the occasion of 71th Republic Day at the Veethi Sankul premises of Manav Sangrahalaya. IGRMS staff sung the national anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' and a salute by security persons held.  
 Later, officials of IGRMS presented patriotic songs 'Wande Mataram', 'Sare Jahan se Achha' and 'Chhodo Kal ki Baaten', 'Mile Sur Mer Tumhara', 'Mera Rangde Basanti Chhola' and 'Hum Sub Bhartiya Hai'—Group presentation by Rachana Shrivastava, Renu Dey, Aasha Bai, Garima Anand Dubey, P Shankar Rao, Sanjay Sapre, N Sakmacha Singh, Ravindra Gupta, Rajendra Jhariya, P Shankar Rao, Tapas Kumar Biwas and Mohd Rehan.  
 Thereafter, 'Insaaf Ki Dagar Pe' by Sanjay Sapre, Telugu song 'Bharat Mata Ki Jay-Jay Loo' - P Shankar Rao, and 'Talwaro Pe Sar War Diye'- Dr Ravindra Gupta, & 'Bharat Humko Jaan Se Pyara Hai' N Sakmacha Singh. The follows from Anant National University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat was presented the patriotic songs. On the occasion of Republic Day, Prof Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri (Former Director, IGRMS), Prof Amreshwar Galla with a large number of visitors and tribal children were present.  
 PK Mishra, Director, IGRMS in his message said, "Wishing you all the 71st Republic Day, today I am very happy. You have enjoyed this entire ceremony by turning it into a celebration. For the first time after school life, I have come to such an event. Today, I have reached those days when we participate in such programs boldly and mentally."  
 After this, a maitri cricket match was organised between team A and team B in the Coastal Village open air exhibition area of IGRMS.



Bank employees under the banner of United Forum of Bank Unions demonstrate ahead of their nationwide strike demanding wage revision scheduled on Jan 31 and Feb 01, in Bhopal on Monday  
 Pioneer photo

**भाग-1 लुप्त व्यक्ति**  
**अपराय अनुसंधान विभाग ( म.प्र. )**  
**गुम इंसान क्रमांक-31/19/ थाना टीलाजमालपुरा जिला भोपाल**  
 नाम श्रीमती निशा जेदिये पति निशांत जेदिये  
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 ऊँचाई 5.5 इंच करीब जो संफेद रंग की गोल गले की टी शर्ट व नीले रंग की सलवार पहने है पैरो में लाल रंग की चप्पल पहने है गुम इंसान का पता चलने पर पुलिस अधीक्षक एवं थाना प्रभारी को सूचित किया जावे।  
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**Public Notice**  
 (For finalizing fee structure for sessions 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23)  
 On behalf of Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee (AFRC) constituted under the Act "Madhya Pradesh Niji Vyavasyk Shikshan Sanstha (Pravesh Ka Vinnyaman Avam Shulk Ka Nirharan) Adhiniyam 2007", all the Private Unaided Professional Educational Institutions situated in the State of Madhya Pradesh, running a professional course recognized by regulatory bodies like MCI, DCI, CGIM, NCI, PCI, AJCTE, NCTE & Bar Council of India etc. and affiliated to Private University or other University situated in M.P., of which the fee is fixed upto 2019-20 or such institutes which have not got their fee regulated from Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee (AFRC) for the course approved, are invited to submit their proposal for regulation of fee for the next three years block i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23.  
 It is therefore, hereby brought to the notice of all Private Unaided Professional Educational Institutions, situated in the State of Madhya Pradesh to submit their proposal online through login id (user id) of the institute in accordance with "Madhya Pradesh Niji Vyavasyk Shikshan Sanstha (Pravesh Ka Vinnyaman Avam Shulk Ka Nirharan) Adhiniyam 2007", and rules framed thereunder, to Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee, for getting their fee regulated by the Committee for the sessions 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23 on AFRC website i.e. www.afrcmp.org. The online form will be available on AFRC website i.e. www.afrcmp.org from 27.01.2020. The Online form for regulation of fees of PG courses conducted by unaided professional Medical / Dental Education institutions will be available till first week of March, 2020 or one month before the start of counseling, whichever is earlier and for all other professional courses conducted in Unaided Professional Educational Institutions till second week of April, 2020 or one month before the start of counseling, whichever is earlier. Other relevant information/instructions and process of submission of processing fee/inspection fee etc. are being communicated to the institute by AFRC separately.  
 AFRC also invites views/suggestions from students/guardians/authorized institutions in respect of the fee regulation of the professional courses run by Private Unaided Professional Educational Institutions. They can also submit their views/suggestions through website of AFRC i.e. www.afrcmp.org.  
 Sd/-  
 (Sukhlal Sangule)  
 Deputy Secretary (Technical)  
 I/C Officer on Special Duty

**'With democracy, country has gained glorious status'**

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**  
**E**xecutive Director, BHEL (Bhopal), C Ananda, hoisted the national flag on the occasion of 71 st Republic Day here at Piplani Parade Ground. He accepted salutes from CISF contingents and the school children. PK Mishra, GM (Hydro & HR) & President (BHECNIS), Moti Singh Rawat, GM (Feeders & Pump; Cyber Security) & Vice President (BHECNIS), Sr Commandant, CISF Vertul Singh and all other GMs, DROs were present on this occasion.

Ananda greeting the gathering on the occasion of Republic Day said that with the establishment of democracy, the country has achieved a glorious status. He said the year 2020 started with renewed hopes for the organization. Highlighting the achievements of various Department Ananda said that quality has to be given prime importance at every stage of the manufacturing process. At the end, he urged the employees to make all out efforts for achieving the turnover target for the current year.  
 Later, Ananda honoured the

winning departments of the tableau competition held during the Vishwakarma Puja, winners of various performances given by cultural associations and students of the township.  
 Akhil Bhartiya Kavi Sammelan was also held at BHEL Cultural Hall, Piplani. The compositions of Dr Kuvur Baichen, Padmashree Surendra Dubey, Madan Mohan Samar, Dr Surendra Awasthi, Ashok Nagar and Mrs. Nikhat Amrohi mesmerised the audience. Kirti Shrivastava and Abhishek Garg coordinated the programme.

**CM: A new action plan should be prepared for better utilisation of District Mining Fund**

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**  
**C**hief Minister Kamal Nath said in the meeting of the Mining Department at the Mantralaya that a new action plan should be prepared for better utilisation of District Mining Fund.  
 Minister of Mineral Resources Pradeep Jaiswal was present in the meeting.  
 Chief Minister Kamal Nath said that the District Mining Fund should be used on priority basis in the affected areas. Funds should also be spent on development apart from on infrastructure of tourist destinations of the respective areas. Kamal Nath instructed to make necessary changes in Madhya Pradesh District Mining Establishment Rules 2016, to ensure maximum utilisation of District Mining Fund.  
 It was informed in the meeting that in addition to the royalty received from the main minerals, the District Mineral Fund has been set up with 30 percent amount.  
 This fund is taken by the

**Chief Minister Kamal Nath said that the District Mining Fund should be used on priority basis in the affected areas**

lease holders.  
 Priorities have also been set to use this amount in the affected areas.  
 Out of this, 60 percent fund is spent on drinking water, health and education and 40 percent on infrastructure.  
 Chief Secretary SR Mohanty, Additional Chief Secretary Finance Anurag Jain, Additional Chief Secretary Panchayat and Rural Development Manoj Shrivastava, Principal Secretary Mining Neeraj Mandloi, Deputy Secretary Mining Rajesh Shrivastava and concerned officers were present.

**Min PC Sharma hoists National Flag at Hoshangabad**

**STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL**  
**M**inister for Public Relations, Law and Legislative Affairs, Aviation and Adhyatm PC Sharma hoisted the National Flag and took salute of the parade in Hoshangabad, the district of his charge on Republic Day January 26. Freedom fighters were honoured with Shawl and Shreephall during the programme.  
 During the function, a graceful march past was conducted by the parade squads. Special Armed Forces 17th Battalion, District Police Force, District Home Guard, Senior Division NCC Boys and Senior Division NCC Girls, Government Higher Secondary Girls School, Samaritans Higher Secondary School, Government Higher Secondary School-Jumerati, Shantiniketan Higher Secondary School, Prerna Higher Secondary School, Excellent Higher

Secondary School-Naval and Army, Government SNG Higher Secondary School-Army, Prerna Higher Secondary School-Red Cross and Shaurya Dal platoon were part of the parade.  
 In the function, attractive cultural programmes were presented by the students of different schools. Tableaux were exhibited by the Government departments. Tableaux related to schemes and development of various departments was exhibited at the Police Parade ground.  
 The Former Speaker of Vidhan Sabha Sitasharan Sharma, Public representative Kapil Foujdar, Commissioner of Narmadapuram Division Rajnesh Shrivastava, IG Ashutosh Rai, DIG Ramashray Choubey, Collector Dhananjay Singh, Superintendent of Police ML Chhari along with distinguished citizens, journalists and officers-employees were present at the function.

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**PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY**

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the property ("the Secured Asset") given below The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.  
 The Details of the Account are as follows:

Loan App. No.	Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrowers	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Total Outstanding Loan Amount as on date (27.01.2020)	Description of the Secured Asset
(App. No. 00118132/ Indore Branch)	Kishore Giri (Borrower) Hemlata Bai Giri (Co-Borrower)	10.05.2018 & ₹ 9,98,014/-	₹ 7,00,000/- (Rs. Seven Lakh Only)	₹ 70,000/- (Rs. Seventy Thousand Only)	₹ 11,25,858/- (Rs. Eleven Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Only)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Survey No. 162/1, Ward No.16, Bajrang Colony, N/s Secrat Hart School Ashta, Sehore, Madhya Pradesh-466116 <b>Boundaries:</b> East: Road, West: House Of Verma Ji, North: Land Of Govt. School, South: House Of Seller.
(App. No. 00166853/ Bhopal Branch)	Moolchand Marotiya (Borrower) Sonam Valmiki (Co-Borrower)	07-08-2019 & ₹ 3,91,071/-	₹ 3,05,000/- (Rs. Three Lakh Five Thousand Only)	₹ 30,500/- (Rs. Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Only)	₹ 4,10,220/- (Rs. Four Lakh Ten Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Only)	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Plot No 73 Bihari Colony Ward No-79, Near Bhanpur Bridge/RPM School Village Bhanpur, Bhopal, (M.P.)-462010. <b>Boundaries:</b> East: Plot No. 48, West: Road, North: Plot No.72, South: Plot No. 74
(App. No. 00163808/ Shujalpur Branch)	Lata Bai (Borrower) Kailash Nath (Co-Borrower)	09-07-2019 & ₹ 3,51,693/-	₹ 2,80,000/- (Rs. Two Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)	₹ 28,000/- (Rs. Twenty Eight Thousand Only)	₹ 3,83,777/- (Rs. Three Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven Only)	All that part & parcel of property bearing P/O 59, Ward No. 15, P.H. No. 22, Survey No., 382/6, 397/6, Krishna Vihar Colony, Shihore Road, Pankhedi Kalapipal, Shajapur, M.P.-465337. <b>Boundaries:</b> East: Garden, West: 18 Feet Wide Road, North: Plot No. 60, South: Plot No. 58

The Authorised officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on 'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be sold accordingly.  
**This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.**  
 The Date of Auction is fixed for 12.02.2020  
**Place : Indore/Bhopal/Shujalpur, Date : 27.01.2020**  
 For Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF PERSON ACCUSED**  
**See Section 82 Cr. PC**  
 Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Zahir Abbas S/o Saleem Ali, R/o Ward No. 15, Tikuri Tola, Irani Mohalla, Najd Burhar Railway Station, Distt. Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the Offence in case FIR No. 0207/2019 u/s 380/411/34 IPC at PS. Darya Ganj, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Zahir Abbas cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Zahir Abbas has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 CrPC is hereby made that the said Zahir Abbas accused of FIR No. 0207/2019 u/s 380/411/34 IPC is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.03.2020.  
**By Order**  
**Sh. Kapil Kumar DP/6894/CD/2020- Metropolitan Magistrate (Central-05) (Court Matter) Room No. 241, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi**

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**APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) 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 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 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(s) / Guarantor(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 under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. 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.  
 The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. N.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(App No. 00115736/ Bhopal Branch) Vikram Singh Suryawanshi (Borrower) Suman Bai Singh (Co-Borrower)	All That Part & Parcel Of Property Bearing, Plot No. 32 & 33 Arwaliya, K. H No. 185, P. H No. 09 Itkhedi Road Near Link Road, Bhopal, M. P.-462001 <b>Boundaries:</b> East: Plot No. 26,27, West: Road, North: Plot No. 31, South: Plot No. 34	09-11-2018 ₹ 8,94,507/- Rs. Eight Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Seven Only.	23.01.2020

**Place : Bhopal**  
**Date : 28.01.2020**  
**Authorised Officer**  
**Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

# Drug peddler nabbed near Bhanpur

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chola Mandir police has nabbed a drug peddler near Bhanpur and recovered drugs worth ₹40,000 from his possession on Sunday.

Police acted swiftly on a tip-off and seized 3 gm Smack (Morphine) from his possession.

The accused was identified as Saurabh Gupta and he is a resident of Ibrahimnagar area who failed to provide details of the drugs recovered from his possession.

Police said that the accused used to work at a shop and later started illegal drug trafficking. The details of procurement

and delivery of the drugs would be probed in the further investigation.

After the initial investigation, the police have registered a case under sections 8 and 20 of the NDPS Act.

The source of the drugs and their scheduled delivery to the customer in the state capital and nearby areas would be probed.

The accused confessed that he was involved in drug peddling to make fast money and has delivered drugs in the nearby areas which would fetch him good money.

Acting on a tip off regarding drug peddling on a motor-bike the accused was nabbed

near Bhanpur while he was on his way to Ayodhya Nagar.

During the initial investigation, it was found that the accused used to target students to sell the drugs. In the investigation police would search students of which school, college and institutions were sold drugs by the accused.

Police said that his nexus have to be revealed and during the police remand further investigation would be conducted. The accused was nabbed while trying to sell drugs.

The drug peddler has been nabbed earlier and record of the earlier crimes is investigated.

## Reading marathon held by Civil Services Club

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The reading marathon was organised in the city to commemorate 70 years of the Indian Constitution. It was organised by the Civil Services Club.

It is to be noted that more than 500 youth reached the Civil Services Club to participate in this competition organised on the most popular book of the constitution written by M. Laxmikant.

But, due to limited seats, only 200 people could participate in the quiz.

The activity started at 12 noon and continued till 4 pm.

At the beginning of the activity, reading coach Lakshmi Sharan Mishra suggested the participants, to read and learn any topic quickly.

While addressing the participants, Mishra said, "No book is completely new to you. You already know many things written in that book. Those who repeat often cause disinterest in that subject," he advised that so whenever you sit reading something, first of all close your eyes and think about what you know about that subject right now. Then he said, "Then start reading the book. Now you will discover new information in the book at one glance," he also told them to read all the new information found in the book understand it and then check it with your previous knowledge, he then said that add new information to the previous knowledge, create a new visual in the mind and recall this visual repeatedly.

Then, the quizzes were also organised during the reading marathon. Around four quizzes were held. During each quiz, 10 questions were asked in this quiz by dividing the book into four parts. Vasudev Chauhan was the quizmaster in this quiz.

Questions like In which state of India is the Chakma tribal Government? Under which organisation does the "Team India Wing" works? In which year was the last meeting of the National Development Council was held? CBI was established on the recommendation of which committee? were asked.

First prize was won by Sangeet Choubey, Ranjeet Tripathi and Shashank Agarwal won the second and third prize respectively.



Homeguard and civil defence contingents gather from all over the State blocking road during their protest against the departmental medical and re-nomination process, demanding wage equality compared to police personnel, at homeguard and civil defence district headquarters in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

## New Arrival Books Collection released at Swami Vivekananda Library

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The New Arrival Books Collection was released at Swami Vivekananda Library for the reading lovers of the city.

This kind of special collection library is included for its members. Most of the books are included in this collection of New Arrivals.

Manager Yatish Bhatele told that a total of 30 books has been included in this collection in the library. Which will be put on the library's display on Saturday. Books on the subject of history/exam/fiction/biography, have been included in these 30 books.

Some of the books are Girl Woman Another Author Bernardine Evaristo, The Climate Solution Author Mridula Ramesh, The magnate divan author Bakhtiar, The Man, The Dreamer, The Star Irrfan Khan Author Aseem Chhabra, The New World Disorder and the Indian Imperial Author Shashi Tharoor, The Autobiography Alastair Cook, Behold I Make All Things New Author Devdutt Patnaik, The 12 Week Fitness Project Author Rujuta Divekar, The Prospect Miracle Author

Serous Mistry, Dharma Author Chaturvedi Badrinath, Gili Gadu The Lost Days Author Chitra Mudgal, Small Talk Author Devanshi Khetarpal and more Best Sellers are included in the collection.

Every week a special collection is put on display in the Swami Vivekananda Library so that every member of the library gets a collection of good books in the library.

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People look at a car specially decorated with tri-colours on 71st Republic Day in Bhopal on Sunday. Pioneer photo

## MP will soon have a new industry-friendly law: Nath

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Kamal Nath in his message on Republic Day has said that Madhya Pradesh will soon enact a new law to make it easier to run and set up industries in Madhya Pradesh. All such permissions will be available in maximum seven days. If the permission is not given within seven days, it will be considered as permitted. This will help in increasing the economic activities that generate employment.

Seventy percent employment in new industries has been made mandatory for the youth of the State. In view of the employment potential in the real estate sector, the number of 27 permissions required for it has been reduced to five. The Chief Minister hoisted the flag at the Republic Day function in Indore and took the salute of the traditional parade.

The Chief Minister called upon the citizens to take a pledge to make the relationship between Gana and Tantra effective. He said that both gana and tantra should change their perspective, change their thinking and adopt changes. He recalled Bhimrao Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution and members of the Constituent Assembly.

The Chief Minister said that the central government has abolished the practice of making Scheduled Tribe Plan. This has made the task of estimat-

ing the amount of money needed for the development of these areas difficult. Now effort will be made to implement it again after holding a discussion in this connection with the Government of India. He said that due to GST, the amount received from the Government of India in the last one year has decreased.

The Chief Minister said that the Vision-to Delivery Roadmap 2020-25 has been made to realise Mahatma Gandhi's dreams. The goal is to develop Madhya Pradesh into one among the best states of the country by the year 2025.

On making agriculture profitable, Chief Minister Kamal Nath said that loans of about 20 lakh farmers have been waived in one year. In this, we have waived off timeless crop loans up to ₹2 lakh and current crop loans up to ₹50 thousand.

The second phase of debt waiver has now begun in which the work of waiver of current crop loans of the remaining farmers up to ₹1 lakh and timeless crop loans up to ₹2 lakh is being done.

Referring to the launch of a new scheme 'Bhavishya' to increase the storage capacity in the state, the Chief Minister said that there is a plan to build additional capacity of about 30 lakh tonnes of storage. A target has been set to increase the irrigation potential of the State to 60 lakh hectares.

## R-Day observed at Sanchi Buddhist-Indian Knowledge Studies University

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The students of Sanchi Buddhist-Indian Knowledge Studies University observed 71st Republic Day with a lot of fervour.

University's Principal, Prof. O. P. Budholia hoisted the flag. Students, teachers and staff of the university were present in the flag hoisting programme held at 9 am. Principal, Budholia asked all the students to study the Indian Constitution in-depth, along with university studies.

Budholia asked the students to try to spread the common culture and Indian tradition of our country to the whole world. He said that students should study the Indian tradition on their own and implement it in their lives so that both their words and deeds can influence the entire world.

After flag hoisting, Naveen Mehta, Co-Professor of English Department and Dr. Mukesh Verma, Assistant Professor, Department of Buddhist Studies administered the Oath of Faith to the Constitution - "We are the people of India" to all students.

Treasurer of Sanchi University Vishjit Jharia also congratulated the students on the occasion of Republic Day. He said that for world peace, the teachings of Lord Buddha should be closely studied and presented to the world.

## One held for stealing copper wire

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Govindpura police has nabbed a 30-year-old man for stealing copper wire from State Bank of India Kasturba hospital branch. The accused burgled copper wire on January 22 this month.

The accused was identified as Jitendra Parihar of Shahpura. During the investigation, police found that the accused was not paid for tiles fitting and sanitation work around 3-4 months ago at the same branch and he was in need of money and due to which he had stolen copper wire and earthing wire from Air Conditioner at State Bank of India Kasturba hospital branch.

The police have recovered a sharp-edged weapon from the possession of accused. Accused was nabbed from Anna Nagar square.

The arrest was made after a bank employee Mohan Raikwar lodged a complaint with Govindpura police, after checking the CCTV camera footages of bank and found Jitendra was involved in the burglary. He found that Jitendra had done tiles fitting and sanitation work at the bank branch.

Police registered a case after the preliminary investigation under section 457 and 380 of the IPC.

According to the police, Jitendra Parihar, has many criminal cases.

The accused revealed that around 3 months ago, he worked in bank for tiles fitting and sanitation but even after completing work his payment for the work was not done completely and in need of money he committed burglary.



Students showcase non-textile garments and fabrics at a fashion show and exhibition organised at Inter National Institute of Fashion Design (INIFD) in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS Punjab CM vows to protect secular foundations of Constitution

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Asserting that the secular foundations of India's Constitution would continue to stand firm, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Sunday vowed to protect one and all, irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

The Chief Minister declared that the nation's unity was inviolable, notwithstanding the discordant voices being raised in the current scenario. Pointing out that the resolution passed by the Punjab Assembly (on CAA) was there for all to see, the Chief Minister made it clear that the state would not allow the country's secular fabric to be destroyed at any cost. "Secularism was the message of our Guru, whose philosophy of 'Na koyi Hindu, Na koyi Musalman, Sab Rab ke bande' is imbedded in our consciousness," he said at the Republic Day function in Mohali.

He unfurled the tricolor, and also took the salute at a colourful parade, followed by a cultural extravaganza by school children. For the first time this year, the Republic Day celebration in the State witnessed an inspiring display by the Special Operations Group (SOG), constituted by the Chief Minister as an elite, specially trained force to combat terrorism, infiltration, hijacking and other sensitive threat situations.

Emphasising the need for quality and more relevant education Capt Amarinder announced that 19 new IITs would be established in the State, along with new medical colleges in Mohali, Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur.

The Chief Minister reiterated his Government's commitment to farmer welfare, even as he pointed out that the average yield of wheat had increased from 42 Quintal/hectare in the year 2006-07 to all time high of about 52 Quintal/hectare in the year 2018-19, with last year reporting record production of 183 Lakh Metric Tons of wheat.

Expressing concern on the issue of safety of women, the Chief Minister said apart from the free Pick and Drop facility by the State Police, One Stop Sakhi Centres had been established in all Districts for the "protection of our daughters."

On the critical issue of the depleting water table, the Chief Minister stressed upon the need to conserve water, whose level had come down to less than 13 MAE, as a result of 73% of it being used for irrigation purposes.

COMMITTED TO WELFARE OF ALL SECTIONS, SAYS KHATTAR

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Sunday said his Government was committed to ensuring the welfare of all sections of the society and stated that the year 2020 would be observed as the "Sushashan Sankalp Varsh".

"It has been decided to celebrate 2020 as the "Sushashan Sankalp Varsh", under which programmes and schemes will be prepared throughout the year to make the lives of people easier," he said at Jind while addressing the gathering at an event on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day.

Describing the farmers and soldiers of Haryana as the pride of the country, Khattar

said on the lines of the Kisan Credit Card, the Pashu Kisan Credit Card will be launched so that the cattle-rearing farmers could also take advantage of it.

Exhorting youngsters to stay away from drugs, the Chief Minister, in a Government statement, said 2,000 health and wellness centres would be set up in parks and gymnasiums in rural areas.

Stating that the modern lifestyle was adversely affecting the health of youngsters, he stressed on moving towards organic farming. "We can improve the health of people by minimising the use of chemicals. Apart from this, the Government is also giving a special emphasis on cleanliness," he said.

SECOND MEDICAL COLLEGE IN CHANDIGARH

Manoj Parida, Advisor to UT Administrator announced a second medical college for Chandigarh while speaking on the occasion of Republic Day on Sunday here. "A proposal to create a second medical college is in pipeline. The Administration has also decided to provide 50 acres land to PGIMER for enhancing OPD facilities in this world class institution," he said.

At present, there is one medical college-Government Medical College and Hospital in the city.

Parida said that through constant efforts of Administration, intake of MBBS course has been increased from 100 seats to 150 seats, which will provide more opportunities to the deserving local students.

## One nabbed for raping girl

The victim in his complaint told the police that accused used to lock her when he used to leave home

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Govindpura police has nabbed a 28-year-old accused who captivated a 16-year-old Dindori-based girl and sexually assaulted her for three months at Kurana Nagar. Anyhow, the victim managed to escape on Sunday and informed police.

According to the police the minor victim was sexually assaulted after she was captivated in the month of November last year and was held captive at his house at Kurana Nagar.

In her complaint, the victim stated that she was not acquainted with the accused Raja alias Rajesh and met her at weekly market in Govindpura where he lured her of better work and took her to his house in Kurana where he held her captive and sexually assaulted her.

The accused used to force her for house hold work at his house.

The victim in his complaint told the police that accused used to lock her when he used to leave home and she managed to escape the house on Sunday and reached her mother who works as labour at an under construction building at TT Nagar.

The accused sexually assaulted the victim and threatened her of life which was reported by the victim to the police. After the victim lodged a complaint police registered a case and arrested the accused.

The police have registered a case of kidnap, rape and POCSO and started further investigation.

Police found that the accused used to work as driver with a private tour operator.

His crime record details have been investigated.

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यह कि प्रार्थी रमेशचन्द्र सोनी ने आपके विरुद्ध बजावरी के लिए वाद संस्थित किया है, आपको इस न्यायालय में सूचना के प्रकाशन के 30 दिवस के पितर वाद का उत्तर देने के लिए उपसंजात/हाजिर होने के लिए सम्मन किया जाता है आप न्यायालय में स्वयं या किसी ऐसे प्लीडर (अधिवक्ता) द्वारा उपसंजात हो सकते हैं, जिसे सम्मन अनुदेश दिये गये हो और जो इस वाद से संबंधित सभी सारवान कथनों का उत्तर दे सकें। आपको यह निर्देश भी दिया जाता है कि उस दिन अपनी प्रतिरक्षा का लिखित कथन प्रस्तुत करें और उस दिन ऐसे सब दस्तावेज जो आपके कब्जे या शक्ति में हैं पेश करें जिन पर आपका प्रतिरक्षा या मुजराई का दावा या प्रतिदावा आधारित हो, और यदि आप किसी दस्तावेज पर चाहे वह आपके कब्जे या शक्ति में हो अपनी प्रतिरक्षा या मुजराई के दावे या प्रतिदावे के समर्थन में साक्ष्य के रूप में निर्भर करते हैं तो ऐसे सभी दस्तावेज को लिखित कथन के साथ उपलब्ध को जाने वाली सूची में प्रेषित करें।

आपको सूचित किया जाता है कि उपर बताई गई अवधि में इस न्यायालय में उपस्थित नहीं होंगे तो वाद को एक पक्षीय सुनवाई कर उसका निपटारा आपको अनुपस्थिति में किया जावेगा। साथ ही यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि आप निराकरण मध्यस्था के माध्यम से करने के इच्छुक हैं तो पीठासीन अधिकारी को आवगत करावें।

**नोट:-** न्यायालय द्वारा संबिदा के विनिदिष्ट पालन हेतु विकल्प पत्र निर्वाहित कराने हेतु नियत पेशी पर उपस्थित रहे।

**सही।**

# BJP slams Cong's double standard on Sami

Recalls PC's support for his citizenship

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday came out hard against the Congress for questioning the award of Padma Shri to acclaimed singer and pianist Adnan Sami.

Charging Congress with lapping up a 'set of Muslims' who always speak against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Indian Constitution, the BJP lashed out at the Opposition party for criticizing the Government for awarding 'Padma' honour to the Sami and said he was "highly deserving".

Addressing a Press conference here, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said though Congress objection was based on Sami's father having served in Pakistani air force, the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance had in the

past backed and feted the singer-musician who was invited to play Piano by the Congress Government on the occasion of 500 years of Taj Mahal, he said.

Patra took a dig at Congress saying if father's past is to cloud the present of anybody than Congress President Sonia Gandhi would be the first victim as the BJP spokesperson claimed her father was in the service of fascists Italian dictator Mussolini and Germany's Hitler and sought to know why she was given Indian citizenship.

He said former Home Minister P Chidambaram was as recently as in 2013 supporting that Sami be given Indian citizenship. BJP leader pointed out that Sami, for long, has been living in London and not in Pakistan. Everything has

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changed now since BJP has honoured the musician, he said.

Patra said Sami's father was treated in India and even his book was released by an Indian



first victim as the BJP spokesperson claimed her father was in the service of fascists Italian dictator Mussolini and Germany's Hitler and sought to know why she was given

publication as he could not do so in Pakistan, he said.

Patra asserted that Sami is "highly deserving" and was given the Padma honour on

the party does not respect Muslim women from the region.

BJP ally and Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan also backed the Government's decision to confer Padma Shri award on Sami, saying he has enhanced India's stature with his talent. Hitting out at the criticism of the decision, the Lok Janshakti Party leader said, "After completing all the formalities, he was granted Indian citizenship in 2016. He has elevated India's reputation and honour through his talent. I congratulate him on being honoured with Padma Shri."

"Those who are opposing the award to the famous singer are not aware of Indian Citizenship Law. Indian citizenship has no relation with religion. Anyone who fulfils the requisite conditions of the citizenship act can become Indian Citizen," Paswan said.

Did you get your brain from clearance sale?: Adnan reacts to Cong criticism over Padma Shri

New Delhi: As parties across the spectrum debated his contribution to India, Sami, who became an Indian citizen in 2016 and on Sunday expressed his "infinite gratitude" at being chosen for the Government award, did not mince his words in hitting out at his critics.

The 46-year-old, who has carved out a career in Hindi film music as a composer and a singer, was part of an unseemly Twitter spat with Congress pokesperson Jaiveer Shergill and also many political discussions, ranging from the controversy over the

Citizenship Amendment Act to his father's past as a Pakistani Air Force pilot. Taking umbrage at Shergill's statement that his recognition was due to his sycophancy, an irate Sami said on Twitter, "Hey kid, did you get your brain from a 'Clearance Sale' or from a second hand novelty store? Did they teach you in Berkeley that a son is to be held accountable or penalised for the acts of his parents?" Interestingly, the Congress is divided on the issue with senior leader Digvijay Singh welcoming the honour to Sami. PNS

## INSHORT

### BJP WORKER'S DEATH: SC SEEKS WB REPLY

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday sought the West Bengal Government's response on a BJP leader's plea seeking a direction to make him a party in a case related to the alleged murder of a BJP activist in 2018 in the state. BJP activist Dulal Kumar was found hanging from a power transmission tower at Purulia district of West Bengal in June 2018. Lawyer and BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia had filed a PIL seeking a CBI probe into Dulal's 'murder'.

### BOOK 'ATROCITY' RELEASED IN DELHI

New Delhi: BlueRose Publishers on Monday released a book 'Atrocity', written by Ann Alexander. The characters in the story just carry the mystery and make it much interesting. The story revolves around the main protagonist 'Jenar'. She always has nightmares which she thinks certainly have a connection with her present life.

### DOCTOR GETS HENRY VISCARDI AWARD

New Delhi: Dr Satendra Singh, disability rights' activist and doctor at Guru Tegh Bahadur Hospital, Delhi has been felicitated with the State award for best electoral practices by Delhi Chief Electoral Officer Dr Ramvir Singh on National Voters Day 2020 observed here on January 25. Dr Singh is the first ever Indian to win the prestigious Henry Viscardi Achievement Awards given to extraordinary leaders in global disability community.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GOVT BEFORE BUDGET

New Delhi: The National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People, a body working for the rights of persons with disabilities (PwD), has drafted recommendations for the Govt before the upcoming Budget. These include removal of GST on goods for PwD, raising the income tax ceiling to Rs 5 lakhs, aligning medical welfare and insurance, and lower interest rates, said the NCPEDP.

## BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY

### SC to hear plea for additional ₹7,844 cr fund to compensate victims

New Delhi: A 5-judge Bench of the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Tuesday the Centre's plea seeking ₹7,844 crore as additional fund from successor firms of US-based Union Carbide Corporation, now owned by Dow Chemicals, for giving compensation to victims of 1984 Bhopal Gas tragedy.

The Bench, comprising Justices Arun Mishra, Indira Banerjee, Vineet Saran, M R Shah and S Ravindra Bhat, will hear the curative petition filed by the Centre for enhanced compensation for the victims.

The Centre is seeking a direction to Union Carbide and other firms for ₹7,844 crore additional amount over and above the earlier settlement amount of \$470 million for paying compensation to the gas tragedy victims.

Over 3,000 people had died in the tragedy due to release of methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas. The Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) gave a compensation of \$470 million (₹715 crore) after the toxic gas leak

from the Union Carbide factory on the intervening night of December 2-3, 1984 killed over 3,000 people and affected 1.02 lakh more.

The survivors of the 1984 tragedy have been fighting for long for adequate compensation and proper medical treatment for ailments caused by the toxic leak.

The Centre had filed the curative petition in the apex court in December 2010 for enhanced compensation. On June 7, 2010, a Bhopal court had convicted seven executives of Union Carbide India Limited (UCLIL) to two years' imprisonment in connection with the incident.

Then UCC chairman, Warren Anderson was the prime accused in the case but did not appear for the trial. On February 1, 1992, the Bhopal CJM court had declared him an absconder.

The courts in Bhopal had issued non-bailable warrants against Anderson twice — in 1992 and 2009. Anderson died in September, 2014.

## SC seeks response from Maha Govt on Gawli's plea challenging life term

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday sought response from the Maharashtra Government on a plea by gangster-turned-politician Arun Gawli challenging the life term awarded to him in the 2008 murder of Shiv Sena corporator Kamlakar Jamsandekar.

Jamsandekar was shot dead in his house on March 2, 2007 by two persons, allegedly hired by associates of Gawli who was then sitting

challenging the last month verdict of the Bombay High Court, which had upheld the life term awarded to him by a trial court in the case, came up for hearing before a bench comprising Justices R Banumathi and A S Bopanna.

The Bench agreed to hear the appeal and issued notice to the state. The High Court had on December 9, 2019 upheld Gawli's conviction and life term awarded to him by trial court under various provisions of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA).

Besides Gawli, it had also upheld the conviction and sentence imposed on several other accused in the case by the trial court in August 2012.

## Delhi police seeks more forces for forthcoming polls

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Terming the "present security scenario and law & order" in the national Capital as "quite critical" due to the ongoing protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the Delhi Police has sought from the Election Commission an additional deployment of 30 companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) for the conduct of the impending Assembly polls here, as withdrawing the paramilitary already deployed for essential duties was "not feasible".

Presently, over a dozen of protests are going on against the CAA in various parts of the Capital. In a letter to the EC, Special Commissioner of Police (Intelligence) Praveer Ranjan said, "The present security scenario and law & order is quite critical than was expected to be during electioneering process of the forthcoming Delhi Assembly 2020 as large number of protests and at times even violent in various parts of the national Capital are going for more than a month now over CAA."

"Further, being capital city and also election is to happen shortly, this may continue for longer time. It is requested that 30 companies of CAPF may be provided through direct induction immediately instead of in situ as it would not be feasible to withdraw these 30



companies from important essential duties like maintaining law & order, security for VBIPs, vital installations, banks in Delhi as it may adversely affect the security and law and order scenario." The CAA has triggered a nationwide debate on whether the law violates the country's secular nature by excluding a particular religious group from its ambit, as has the iron-fisted approach adopted by police in some areas, including Delhi, to quell protests. The law favours non-Muslim refugees from the Muslim-majority countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Sources in Delhi police said that heavy police deployment has been made Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, Karawal Nagar, Brijpuri, Bhajanpura, Seelampur, Jafrabad, Welcome, Mustafabad, Okhla and several parts

which have seen repeated protests against the Citizenship Act. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has accused Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress of pursuing vote bank politics and alleged that they had "instigated riots in the capital" during the protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). According to the EC, over 71,000 persons have been booked under the various sections of the Delhi Police Act while over 3500 booked under various section of the Criminal Procedure Code after the implementation of the model code of conduct. The Delhi police needs 179 companies of CAPF/State Armed Force which include 15,000 home guards from Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and other States.

## 'Those trying to fragment India getting cover at Shaheen Bagh protest'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Raising the pitch of controversy surrounding the anti-citizenship law protest, Union Minister and BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad on Monday alleged that Delhi's Shaheen Bagh protest is emerging as "a textbook case of a few hundred people trying to suppress the silent majority".

The Minister claimed that those trying to fragment India are getting cover at Shaheen Bagh protest where the tricolours are being waived. "It is offering platform to

'tukde tukde gang' elements under the garb of opposition to the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. This protest is not just a protest against CAA it is a protest against Modi," Prasad said in a press conference.

"Lakhs of people are distressed because they can not go to office, shops are shut and their children are not able to go to school due to road block by Shaheen Bagh protesters," he said.

Prasad's comment has come close to Enforcement Directorate investigating the alleged diversion of money



and transaction of money in light of anti-CAA protests across the country.

CAA has become a core campaign issue between the challenger BJP and the ruling

AAP and the Congress, another party in the Delhi election fray.

## In relief to consumers, Onion yield to rise 7% this yr

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Despite floods in 15 States and erratic rainfall, India will witness a record production of onion, tomato, potato and other vegetables and fruits this year which may bring relief to consumers from high prices seen in the last few months. Onion production is expected to increase by seven per cent to 24.45 million tonnes in the current 2019-20 crop year.

Besides onion, production of potato — another important kitchen staple — is estimated to rise to 51.94 million tonne this year from 50.19 million tonne last year, while tomato production is also pegged slightly higher at 19.32 million tonne as against 19 million tonne last year.

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According to the ministry's projection, onion crops has been grown in 12.93 lakh hectare in the 2019-20 crop year (July-June), slightly higher than 12.20 lakh hectare

achieved during the previous year. Consequently, production of onion — the key kitchen staple — is estimated to increase to 24.45 million tonne this year from 22.81 million tonnes in the 2018-19 crop year. Onion is grown during both kharif (summer) and rabi (winter) season. The prices of onion has increased this year due to shortfall of 22 per cent

in kharif onion crop due to late monsoon rains and later excess rainfall, which led to supply constraint and sharp rise in prices. The Government was forced to import onion in a bid to contain prices, which have cooled down now to ₹60/kg from the peak of ₹160/kg in last few months. The Ministry has projected marginal drop in

production of beans, parwal, pumpkin and tapioca this year.

In 2019-20, fruits production is expected to be lower by 2.27 per cent in 2019-20 over 2018-19. It is mainly due to loss in production of grapes, banana, mango, citrus, papaya and pomegranate. Among major fruits, production of apple is expected to be higher at 2.73 million tonne this year

compared with the final output of 2.31 million tonne last year. Production of mango is estimated to decline slightly to 21.28 million tonne this year from 21.37 million tonnes last year, while that of banana output may slip to 29.64 million tonnes from 30.46 million tonne and grapes output is expected to decline to 2.15 million tonne from 3 million tonne in the said period.

As per the projection, Pomegranate production is also estimated to fall to 2.32 million tonne this year from 2.91 million tonne last year. Spices production is estimated to drop to 9.37 million tonne from 9.42 million tonne, while that of flowers output to 2.87 million tonne from 2.91 million tonne in the said period. Honey production is pegged at 1,20,000 tonne same as the last year's level, while production of plantation crops like coconut, cashewnut is projected to increase marginally to 16.4 million tonne from 16.3 million tonne.

However, total production of horticulture crops is estimated at 313.35 million tonne in 2019-20, up from actual output of 310.74 million tonne in 2018-19.

reckless State Government that views the law and constitution as mere inconveniences, treats its own citizens like criminals and wears its hostility towards ordinary citizens as a badge of pride, the duty of institutions such as the NHRC to act as checks and balances and to embody and protect the values enshrined in the Constitution of India becomes paramount.

## ANTI-CAA PROTEST

### Cong moves NHRC over police 'atrocities' on protesters in UP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A delegation of Congress leaders, led by Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, met senior officials of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and sought action against alleged police atrocities on anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) protesters in Uttar Pradesh. The Congress alleged victims have been made accused in case-related FIRs and no police officer has been named in any of the cases.

In its 31-page memorandum to the NHRC that include videos uploaded by witnesses, ground reports and other "unbiased" media reports show police firing and mercilessly beating of the protesters and photographs as "evidence", the Congress has alleged that the BJP Government in the state "treats its own citizens like criminals" and demanded a thorough probe into the deaths that took place in the State during violent protests against the CAA.

After the meeting, Rahul Gandhi alleged the UP Government has "gone to war against its own people" and urged the NHRC to act decisively to protect the "Constitutional rights of our citizens".

"A delegation of Congress leaders presented the NHRC with evidence of the atrocities against the citizens of UP by the State Govt., which has gone to war against its own people. The NHRC must act decisively to protect the idea of India & the Constitutional rights of our citizens," Rahul said in a tweet.

According to the memorandum, given the role of a



Singhi said the Congress has given detailed facts including on "deaths of 23" people and also details on how they were killed "as some were shot in the chest".

## Selling the jewel

The Govt has invited expressions of interest for Air India again. Will it succeed this time in selling off the airline?



What's next for Air India? Even with Ministers in the Government trying to talk up the sale — Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said he would have bought the airline if he weren't a Minister — the fact is that this sell-off is difficult. This time it will not be — thanks to the quality or the lack of it — the asset on sale alone. In a revised push, the Government has made it clear that it plans to sell its entire stake in the carrier. But the sell-off process by the Modi Government during both its terms has been

sporadic and questionable. Take its failure to sell off Can Fin Homes, the housing finance arm of Canara Bank. Without any reason to put it on sale, it has been more damaging to the investor community than any of the protests at Shaheen Bagh or resolutions by the European Parliament. Foreign investors are genuinely worried whether India is open to doing business at all. The Government's negativity has been on display, including that of Goyal's recent statement against Amazon's billion-dollar investment/bailout to its Indian operations. Air India is no ordinary public sector unit (PSU); it is the national airline after all. Talk of its disinvestment have flamed passionate arguments on both sides. On the one hand, some feel that it remains a vital national asset and that the Government must plough in more taxpayers' funds to keep it aloft. On the other, there are those who feel that it is a five-tonne deadweight attached to India's leg and must be divested immediately or better still, shut shop. Air India may be tottering at the edge of the precipice but it still has strengths that can be advantageous in the long run. Whoever rescues it stands to gain for it has some of the prized international slots in profitable routes, a decent fleet and has a well-developed domestic and international footprint. It has some leftover glow from being a superbrand at one time and has skilled and experienced staff, particularly on operations and engineering sides, who are also being sought by most private operators.

With the disinvestment process in a limbo and the Government failing to even make what one could best describe as "easy sells", the question about selling Air India should be put on hold. Simply because selling the national carrier is extremely complex and involves a layered process with terms and conditions. At the same time, despite Jet Airways' collapse actually providing a slight fillip to the rest of the industry, the Indian aviation industry has been hurt due to a multitude of reasons, many not of its own making. IndiGo, India's largest airline, is suffering due to engine issues. SpiceJet, owned by Government-linked entrepreneur Ajay Singh, is faced with a cash crunch, which is not being helped by several of its Boeing 737 Max aircraft grounded. So, the question about who has the money as well as the expertise to buy Air India is open, one that does not have easy answers. The same issues that arose when Jet Airways was going down in flames have re-emerged now. It would be easier and cheaper to establish a new airline than sink hundreds of millions of dollars into Air India unless one really values the slots. At the same time, during the weekend, it emerged that Dubai-based Emirates carried over 50 million Indians to Dubai and beyond, a classic case of how Indian passengers have fuelled the growth of global airlines. There is no doubt that India offers rich pickings for global airlines and could one day become a key driver of the aviation economy. We are poised to be the third largest player in this sector by 2025.

## A censure too far

India has rightly ignored the EU resolutions on CAA, argued the law is an internal matter but we must dispel doubts



It is perhaps a little hypocritical of the European Union (EU) to go so far as to pass resolutions against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) when it has traversed a spectrum of genocidal politics and refugees born of racial hatred itself. That's patronising. India is capable enough to conduct its own democratic scrutiny. Yes, all is not right with the new law that makes religion a criterion for naturalisation. And the civil society dissent against it has indeed become a pan-Indian movement to act as a counter-pressure to the

Government. Both the law, which was duly passed by Parliament, and the mass protests thereafter, are within democratic convention. Though the Government clampdown on discourse is reprehensible, the recent protests have shown how masses of people can effectively turn the tide while being leaderless and without political endorsement. To that extent, the pro and anti-CAA battle will be settled within the spirit and territoriality defined by the Constitution and may actually set us on the self-corrective course of democratic renewal. We certainly won't need any third-party intervention to make that call, India's citizens are enough to do it. Domestic matters, no matter how contentious, will have to be solved domestically. Fellow democracies indeed need to respect that.

Also, such resolutions mean nothing unless they are a precursor to some sort of practical curbs in EU's engagement with India (some EU members have suggested that as well) but that's an extreme option, considering there are nations with worst rights violations. Unless of course, this is being done to negotiate a stronger position when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Brussels for an Indo-EU summit. Having said that, the international narrative does shape global perceptions and attitudes in engaging with India. And the resolutions embody unanimity of opinion from the extreme Right to extreme Left groups, coming from 625 of 752 EU members. Sifting through them, certain key issues do come up on which the Government has to be ready to explain and demonstrate that it is receptive as a vibrant democracy and not combative like an authoritarian regime. It has to engage with counterpoints than scare them away. The key concerns are clearly about the marginalisation of a community implicit in the CAA, its link with the profiling nature of census in the National Population Register (NPR)-National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the clampdowns on dissent, including those in Kashmir following its changed status as a Union Territory. The resolution, which falls under the category of "resolutions on topical subjects," says that India has "created the legal grounds to strip millions of Muslims of the fundamental right of equal access to citizenship" and has linked the rights situation in Kashmir. The US, too, despite the guided tour of the Valley, has been critical of the detention of mainstream political leaders, who have so far worked within India's democratic template and even been allies of New Delhi, without formal charges. The viral images of an emaciated, bearded and unkempt National Conference leader Omar Abdullah have only intensified the sense of victimhood at the hands of an oppressive regime. Till date, the Government's lobbying and efforts to push its own point of view have not been too convincing. It has not made any reconciliatory moves either except by countering criticism with an obstinate aggression that is sharpening polarities. We must realise that intransigence is not always an asset even as we attempt to reset the template of diplomacy from passive to aggressive.

# A Constitutional mandate

Those individuals/leaders, who stand opposed to the CAA, must show respect to the Constitution, which empowers Parliament to make laws regarding citizenship



A SURYA PRAKASH

Continued opposition to the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which was passed by Parliament last month, and to the preparation of the National Population Register (NPR) by several State Governments, who stand opposed to the ruling dispensation, and their threatening postures towards the Union Government do not augur well either for the Republic or our Constitutional well-being.

The CAA, which has now become the law of the land, has amended the Citizenship Act of 1955 to provide succour to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians, who because of religious persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, crossed over to India before December 31, 2014, and are living here without any legal status. These nations are Islamic States, meaning Islam is the State religion over there.

Thus, automatically, unlike in India, adherents of all religions other than Islam are second or third-class citizens. Therefore, all non-Muslims are Constitutionally inferior and this has conditioned the majority to ill-treat the religious minorities in these nations. Ever since Partition, the Hindus and other minorities have been subjected to all forms of harassment and cruelty in these nations, forcing them to either convert to Islam or flee.

As a result, the population of Hindus in undivided Pakistan, which was around 24 per cent in the mid-1940s, has crashed to just 1.70 per cent. Similarly, in Bangladesh, which was earlier East Pakistan, the Hindu population has crashed from 30 per cent to about seven per cent. This should also answer the question as to why Muslims have been left out of the list of persecuted minorities under the CAA. First, they are not "minorities" and second, it is laughable to say that Muslims are "persecuted" by an Islamic State. The CAA seeks to offer some help to these subjugated minorities and to only those who entered India before the cut off date. In other words, this is not an open-ended scheme to allow for future migrants from these nations. Nor does it have anything to do with the citizens of India, whether Hindu or Muslim.

Given this reality, the attempt made by the Communists, the Congress and other parties opposed to the BJP, to spread the word that the CAA is against the Muslim citizens of India is blatantly false. This Act seeks to provide succour to persecuted religious minorities in Islamic States and it is also in line with the *Bharatiya* dharma and Constitutional dharma as well, to reach out to them. Those opposing this are abetting the non-secular, non-democratic behaviour of the citizens of Islamic nations across India's border and will thereby lose the moral right to talk about these values in the country. The Communists and the Congress are also spreading canards about the NPR, the compilation of which is critical for policy formulation. Both parties were roundly rejected in



the last parliamentary election in May 2019. In fact, although the Communists hog 30 to 40 per cent of the airtime on television debates, public support for such parties has fallen dramatically. In the 2004 Lok Sabha election, the two main Communist parties had a combined vote share of 7.07 per cent. In 2014, this was down to 4.07 per cent and in 2019, it crashed to 2.36 per cent.

So, it appears that the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is their last bastion and with the support of the Congress, the two parties seek to avenge the electoral humiliation they suffered by whipping up passions against the Government that received overwhelming public support.

Meanwhile, in a resolution, the Kerala Assembly has said that the CAA passed by Parliament has created apprehensions in various sections of society. This was followed by the Punjab Assembly, which in its resolution stated that the CAA had caused widespread anguish and social unrest in the country. It further said that "the ideology behind the CAA is inherently discriminatory and is as far away as it can be from being a humanitarian measure." The Rajasthan Assembly is the latest one to demand repeal of the CAA. These resolutions are not unconstitutional but unprecedented and are certain to pose a threat to the federal structure.

Even more worrying is that the Punjab Assembly's resolu-

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tion refers to "apprehensions" that the NPR is a prelude to the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and that it is "designed to deprive a section of people from citizenship of India." It goes on to say that because of these apprehensions, the Union Government should amend the forms and documentation associated with the NPR.

However, Assemblies in Kerala, Punjab or Rajasthan never shed tears for persecuted religious minorities in theocratic States such as Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. Further, all lectures on secularism are to be directed towards the secular, democratic citizens of India and the Government elected by them.

Three other developments in recent weeks are extremely worrying. One, several Chief Ministers have declared that they will not implement the CAA in their States. Two, the disgraceful decision to bring kids to protest sites and to get them to raise foul, abusive slogans against a duly elected Prime Minister. And three, telling the Muslims not to respond to queries from enumerators who are tasked to prepare the NPR.

Every Chief Minister and politician in the country, who has declared that CAA will not be implemented in his/her State, must immediately withdraw their statement because it will amount to challenging the supremacy of the Constitution. Parliament is

empowered to make laws regarding citizenship, naturalisation of aliens under item 17 in the Union List and no State or individual has the right to say that the law made by it will not be implemented. If Chief Ministers persist with this line, it will lead to a Constitutional breakdown and the consequences will be terrible because the overwhelming majority in this country swears by the Constitution and will not allow a few malcontents in politics to disturb its rhythm and balance.

Second, the decision by protesters to bring infants to protest sites and to get them to hurl abuses at the Prime Minister is another act of brinkmanship which no reasonable person will support. Last, asking the Muslims to boycott the NPR is equally risky because any attempt to stymie the working of a duly elected Government at the federal level will have its own implications.

Those, who are encouraging such tendencies, are treading a dangerous path. It is indeed unfortunate that one has to make such a gloomy prognosis about what lies ahead around the time when the nation just celebrated its 71st Republic Day. Everybody has to be alert to ensure that the Constitution and the democratic way of life remain undisturbed.

(The writer is an author specialising in democracy studies. Views expressed are personal.)

## SOUNDBITE

The Opposition, the CPI(M) and the Congress must put aside narrow political differences and fight together against the fascist BJP Government at the Centre.

West Bengal CM — Mamata Banerjee



For me fitness is a way of life. It is my daily routine. I cannot operate without exercising regularly or doing something for my fitness. I do yoga, running, sprinting, weights.

Actor — Anil Kapoor



The Government with a 56-inch chest will have to shed its arrogance on the new citizenship law and bend before the people who have been protesting against the law.

Former Union Minister — Yashwant Sinha



I would not say Jinnah has completely won but he is winning. There's still a choice available to the nation between Jinnah's idea and Gandhiji's idea of a country.

Senior Congress leader — Shashi Tharoor



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Imbibing Indian ethos

Sir — As India celebrated its 71st Republic Day, we need to pause and introspect on the larger picture than debate on transient aberrations — social, political and economic — to which we have become so accustomed to. Yes, as a State, we have not slipped as have other contemporary nations who have attained independence. This, we owe to the legacy bequeathed in our philosophy and culture, the tenets of which run through our genes.

The *Vedas* and the *Upanishads* had delineated a vibrant ethos for public and private good. Time and tide have posed questions and we have chosen the right path many times. What is satisfying is that we strive to make amends to the wrongs. Each era is defined by a mix of thinkers and leaders they offer. That at any given time we seem to misplace their right proportion remains an enigma. And no nation is an exception to this. Let us nevertheless celebrate an envious legacy we have inherited and pass it on to future generations.

R Narayanan Navi Mumbai

### Blunders that require quick remedy

In its report, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had confirmed that the Indian economy would grow at a rate lower than five per cent in 2019-20 rather than 7.2 per cent as predicted by it in April last year. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)'s periodic survey of the economy, too, gave a lucid account. Noting that the economy was bottoming out and growth had slowed from a rapid pace, it said recovery had been hurt as non-banking financial companies — which contribute a large share to its financing, weighing on job creation, income and consumption — are under stress. And now, the *Reuters* has forecast that India's corporate and income tax collection is likely to fall below what was collected in 2018-19, a fall for the first time in two decades.

It is here that it is difficult to fathom the philosophy behind some of the decisions taken by the ruling Government. The subjugation of Kashmir and its people and the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) have all made prospective investors wary of parking funds here. A new facet of Indian politics now is a flurry of saffron foot soldiers who remain alert all the time to counter every critic of the Government. Recently, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella had to face the wrath for his tweet on CAA. He said, "I think what is happening is sad... It's just bad." During his visit to India, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos pledged



to invest \$1 billion. His proposal didn't earn approval from the Government. A few days ago, George Soros, the billionaire investor and philanthropist, made a candid observation during his speech at the World Economic Forum, "A democratically elected Narendra Modi is creating a Hindu nationalist State" in India, alluding to the CAA. He, too, wasn't spared. These are men who command respect and wield considerable clout among the business fraternity across the world. For a country, which banks heavily on foreign investment to revive its economy, attacks on well-meaning critics will only be self-defeating.

Haridasan Rajan Kozhikode

### Stop creating walls

Sir — The Chinese have always had a fascination with walls culminating in the "Great Wall of

China" to keep the invaders out. Soon, they realised that the walls do not stop things from coming in. Now, they have put up another set of walls across a number of cities, initially Wuhan, to prevent

the spread of coronavirus. But again, the walls failed. Coronavirus has already claimed 80 lives in China and the country is making desperate attempts to stop its spread. But

emphasis must be on curing rather than just containing it. The modern world moves too fast for walls to work.

The real dilemma is to find a cure to it using scientific research, including vaccinations. There's a dire need to raise funds for medical research. Let's hope there is a solution and that it is found soon.

Dennis Fitzgerald Melbourne

### Learn from Kerala

Sir — The coronavirus threat in China has put millions of people in lockdown at a time when they should be celebrating the Lunar New Year. Given the way this disease has been spreading, many fear that it may become pandemic. Early reports suggest that the disease may have originated in bats. China must learn from Kerala's experience, which successfully contained the Nipah virus outbreak in 2018 due to adequate planning and infrastructure.

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**FIRST COLUMN**

## Leaders must get their act together

China seems to be a prime source of viruses. The doctors will do their duty as always but it would be nice if Chinese politicians act fast



GWYNNE DYER

In an emergency, the good thing about dictatorship is that it can respond very fast. The bad thing is that it won't respond at all until the dictator-in-chief says that it should. All little dictators, who flourish in this sort of system, won't risk their positions by passing bad news up the line until the risk of being blamed for delay outweighs the risk of being blamed for the emergency in the first place. You can see how this works if you consider China's response to the emergence of nCov-2019 (novel coronavirus 2019), a new viral threat potentially as serious as the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) virus of 2003. Some things it has done well but others it did very badly and the odds that the virus will spread globally are now probably even or worse.

The local health authorities in Wuhan, the 11-million-strong city in central China where the virus first appeared, spotted it on December 31, 2019, when only a few dozen cases had come to their attention. That's as fast as you could ask for. And they promptly shut down the seafood and wild game market where the victims caught the disease. Score: Nine out of 10.

China's national health authorities also acted fast. On January 9, they announced that they had a brand new coronavirus on their hands and just one day later they released its full genetic sequence online so that medical researchers worldwide could start working on it. Elapsed time: Just 11 days. Known deaths at that point: One. Score: 10 out of 10.

But these are medical professionals doing their duty according to internationally-agreed protocols. We don't know what they recommended to China's political authorities at that point but they must have called for widespread testing and probably also for travel restrictions to control the spread of the virus. But nobody dared to rock the boat: Nothing was done.

A pause here to recall how countries control the spread of a new infectious disease for which there is no vaccine nor any effective cure. Isolate the victims as soon as they are identified and give them medical support: Some will die but most will usually survive. And if you do that soon enough and thoroughly enough, the global pandemic never gets going.

There are often complicating factors. The spread will be far faster if the virus can pass from one person to another in the air. It will be much harder to isolate the people carrying the virus if they become infectious before they develop visible symptoms. But the methods available to slow or stop the spread are still the same: Identify the carriers and isolate them.

Now, back to what happened in China. The medical people did their job; the political people did not. It was two more weeks before the city of Wuhan was cut off from the rest of the country and the world. I live in London, 15 hours' flying time away and during those two weeks 2,000 people arrived from Wuhan at London's airports.

Lunar New Year, the biggest holiday in China's calendar, was coming up fast but nothing was done although half the population goes home for a visit at this time every year. Wuhan and a dozen other Hubei cities are now in lockdown but it's too late. Wuhan's mayor, Zhou Xianwang, admits that five million people have already left the city for the New Year celebrations. Score: Two out of 10.

We now have two pieces of bad news that would have made it even more urgent to seal Wuhan off had we known them at the time. The new virus does propagate through the air and people carrying it do become infectious before they display any symptoms. Zhou didn't dare advocate isolating the city and neither did anybody else, until the Great Panjandrum Himself had spoken. President Xi Jinping finally spoke on January 25, saying that China faces a "grave situation" and now the system is racing to do what it should have done two weeks ago.

Too bad but this pandemic (if that is what it becomes) will probably be on the same scale as the SARS virus and that is not really horrific: Deaths in the high hundreds or a few thousands worldwide. The mortality rate among those who catch it appears to be about two per cent, compared to one per cent for ordinary seasonal influenza. And ordinary flu kills about 400,000 (mostly elderly) people every year.

But one of these days something like the 1918 virus that caused the Spanish influenza will emerge again. That killed around 50 million people worldwide, out of a global population only a quarter of what it is now. Since Chinese food markets now seem to be a prime source of dangerous new flu-related viruses, the Chinese Government has a particular responsibility to contain them early. The Chinese doctors will do their duty, as always, but it would be nice if China had its political act a bit more together before then.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work')



PINKI RAMAUL

On December 30, 2019, the NITI Aayog released the second edition of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index, 2019, which is more robust than the first edition, SDG India Index: Baseline Report 2018, on account of a wider coverage of goals, targets and indicators and has greater alignment with the National Indicator Framework (NIF). A composite score was computed in the range of zero to 100 for each State and Union Territory (UT). If a State/UT gets a score of 100, it signifies that it has achieved the 2030 national SDG targets. The higher the score, the closer the State/UT gets towards achieving the objectives.

For North India, the report revealed contrasting performances by States, with Himachal Pradesh (HP) fortifying its position as the lead performer and securing the second rank with a composite SDG index of 69. Punjab was placed 12th with a score of 62 and Haryana ranked much lower at 18th place with a score of 57, which was even lower than the country's average of 60. Overall, Kerala achieved the first rank with a tab of 70, while Bihar was the worst performing State with a tally of 50.

The SDGs consist of a set of 17 broad-based global goals adopted by 193 countries at the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Summit at UN Headquarters in New York in September 2015. The objectives were intended to be achieved by 2030 as a part of the resolution, "Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development." These SDGs for 2030 evolved from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for 2015. India is committed to achieve the 17 SDGs, the 169 associated tar-

gets and 232 SDG indicators, which comprehensively cover the social, economic and environmental dimensions of development.

The present analysis of the three North Indian States covers only 15 SDGs since the SDG 14 (life below water) is excluded as it applies only to nine coastal States and the SDG 17 (Partnership for the goals) is only qualitatively analysed in the report.

Out of the 15 SDG indices, HP is the best performer among these three States on 11 SDG indices while Punjab is the best performer on three goals viz. SDG 2 (zero hunger), SDG 3 (good health and well-being) and SDG 7 (affordable and clean energy) and Haryana is the best performer on only one of the goals viz. SDG 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure).

However, appreciably, at an all-India level, Haryana is among the top three States in respect of SDG 9. However, Punjab has not found mention among the top three States at the all-India level on any of the 17 indices used for evaluating States and

UTs on parameters of development. Significantly, on the other hand, at the all-India level, goal-wise HP has been the top State in three SDGs viz. Goal 4 (quality education), Goal 5 (gender equality) and Goal 11 (sustainable cities and communities).

Besides applauding the achievements of the States, the report also highlights several challenges before them, which need to be comprehensively addressed by Governments. Some of the critical issues highlighted reveal that at the all-India level, Haryana ranks second-highest in urban income inequality. Punjab and Haryana have less than 10 per cent of their geographical area under forest and tree cover. Both Haryana and Punjab have surpassed the maximum limit of annual groundwater withdrawal, which is 70 per cent, so that the ground water is replenished at a normal rate. These States have to improve this ratio.

Unfortunately, in terms of sexual crimes against the girl child as well as total crimes against children, HP is the worst. Moreover, it does badly

in terms of SDG 2 (zero hunger), which reflects poorly on the performance of the State Government on ending starvation, thus requiring a more focussed approach on nutrition.

Among the positive aspects, Punjab has the highest agricultural productivity at 4,169.67 kg/Ha and is nearing the targetted productivity of 5,033.34 kg/Ha. Similarly, Punjab with Gross Value Added (GA) in agriculture at ₹2.4 lakh, has the second-highest GA after Goa at ₹3.7 lakh, which is already above the target of ₹1.3 lakh.

Cellular density is over 100 per cent in both HP and Punjab and with a HIV incidence per 1,000 uninfected population at 0.01, HP is closest to achieving the UN target of zero HIV-incidence. In terms of the average annual drop-out rate at the secondary level, HP is the best performing State with a 7.03 per cent rate as compared to 19.89 per cent in India. It leads the States in the Female Labor Force Participation Rate at 39.70 per cent as compared to the all-India rate

of 17.7 per cent.

In terms of the share of renewable power as a proportion of the total electricity generated, HP leads the country with 94 per cent of the total electricity generated in the State coming from renewable sources. The above analysis emphasises that the SDG India Index Report 2019 would spur the States towards necessary course-correction wherever required and encourage them to ensure timely achievement of the goals.

At the global level, it is widely agreed that India will play a leading role in determining the relative success or failure of the SDGs, as it is the second-most populous country, accounting for one-sixth of the world's population. In this context, it is worthwhile to quote Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General, "The coming years will be a vital period to save the planet and to achieve sustainable, inclusive human development."

(The writer is an author and editor)

**POINT COUNTERPOINT**

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 —UNION HOME MINISTER  
 AMIT SHAH



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 PRASHANT KISHOR

# Powerless discoms

The house must be set in order, else this will have catastrophic consequences for power producers, banks, States and Modi's plans to supply electricity to every household



UTTAM GUPTA

Even as there are incessant promises from the ruling establishment of electrifying all villages in the country and making power available to each and every household for maximum duration in a day, the most crucial wheel required for making this happen has got stuck. And the irony is that the political brass is only paying lip service to the urgent need for extricating it. The reference here is to the power distribution companies (discoms) — mostly owned and controlled by State Governments which procure electricity from the independent power producers (IPPs), Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) like the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and so on, besides their own undertakings such as Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam (RVUN) and sell to consumers. There are some discoms in the private sector as well but they, too, can't ignore the diktats of the state.

Ever since the dawn of the present century, the discoms have been incurring losses primarily due to three factors. First, being their sole owner and controller, the ruling establishment runs discoms as an extension of the state machinery, ordering them to sell electricity to a certain category of consumers viz. poor households and farmers either at a fraction of the cost of purchase and distribution or even free. On the units sold to this class, the discoms incur heavy under-recovery. At the same time, they are told to sell to industries and businesses at a price much above the cost to enable them to offset under-recovery on sale to preferred customers. But, even after offset, losses remain.

Second, in the course of transmission and distribution of electricity, there are so called "technical and commercial" (T&C) losses. Most of it is plain theft which is facilitated by faulty transformers, meters and other equipment. There being no revenue from stolen power, this further exacerbates the losses.

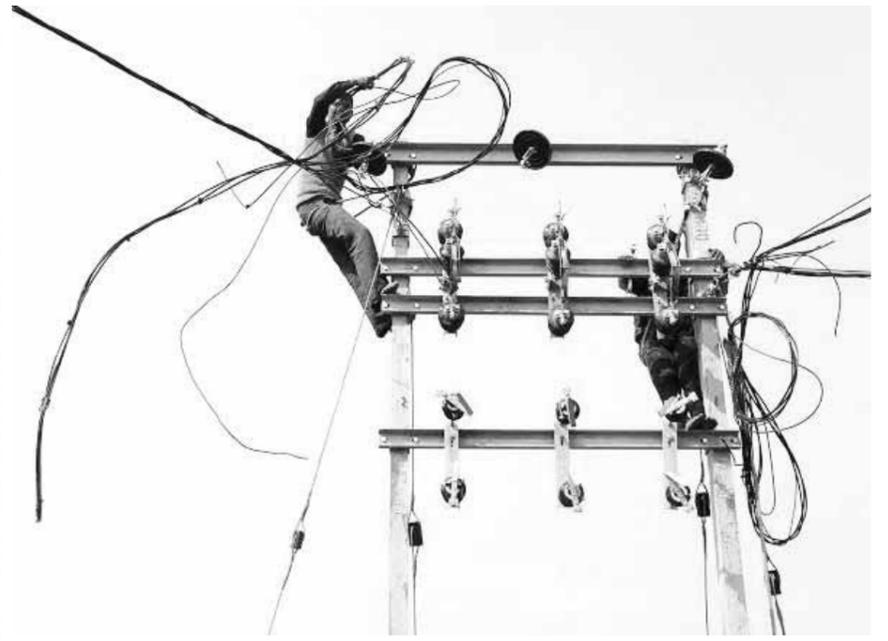
Third, under the power purchase agreements (PPAs) signed by discoms, States allow inflated tariff to generators taking recourse to "gold plating" (euphemism for claiming higher investment than actual), excessive overheads and over-invoicing of fuel bills and so on.

The above three factors make a deadly combination leading to shortfall in the realisation from sale, vis-à-vis the cost of supplying electricity which gets manifest in their loss. Funded by borrowings, this leads to accumulation of debt to unsustainable level. To ensure that they are able to sustain operations and the spillover effect on the rest of the economy is arrested/avoided, the Government had come out with three bail-out packages since 2000 — the latest being in 2015.

In 2015, under a financial restructuring package (FRP) orchestrated by the Union Government, over 75 per cent of the outstanding debt, about ₹400,000 crore of discoms were taken over by State Governments whereas for the balance 25 per cent, they were allowed to issue bonds — backed by sovereign guarantee — to raise funds at concessional interest rate. The FRP was intended to enable discoms to wipe the slate clean, reduce losses and eventually eliminate them.

During 2016-17 and 2017-18, they did show significant reduction with losses declining from

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₹52,000 crore during 2015-16 to ₹32,000 crore during 2016-17 and ₹17,000 crore during 2017-18. During 2018-19, this trend was reversed with losses increasing to ₹28,000 crore. The trend continues during the current year. A collateral damage has been by way of increase in pending payment to power generators. Thus, the amount due for more than 60 days increased from about ₹23,000 crore as of March 2018 to ₹71,000 crore as of November 2019. All dues including those pending for less than 60 days — as on this date — were even higher at about ₹81,000 crore.

This has a debilitating effect on the ability of generators to service loans taken from banks and financial institutions (FIs). A good chunk of those loans have already become non-performing assets (NPAs). Moreover, given their precarious finances, discoms are forced to reduce off-take which affects capacity utilisation. It leads to an anomalous situation whereby despite ample capacity, electricity generation declines affecting supplies.

There is an urgent need to set the house of discoms in order, or else this will have catastrophic consequences for all stakeholders, viz. power producers, banks/FIs, finances of States and jeopardise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's grandiose plans to supply electricity to every household. So, what is the Government doing to set things right?

From August 1, 2019, it made mandatory for discoms to open letters of credit (LOC) for getting supply from generators (gencos). Under the LOC arrangement, the bank guarantees that a buyer's payment to a seller will be received on time and for the correct amount; in the event that the buyer is unable to pay, the bank will be required to cover the full or remaining amount which in turn, it will recover from the

buyer using all available legal means. Relying on the above, in September, 2019, the Union Power Minister, RK Singh even evoked confidence that this would prevent creation of fresh dues. But this has not happened as may be seen from arrears continuing to be on an upward trajectory from about ₹49,000 crore in February, 2019 to over ₹71,000 crore as of November 2019. Clearly, the mechanism has not worked even as generators are forced to maintain supplies despite not receiving payment.

Singh was also optimistic that by incorporating a provision for penalty (or surcharge) for delayed payment at commercial rate of interest of 18 per cent in the New Tariff Policy (NTP), it should be possible to eliminate all pending dues. This may work while dealing with private entities (in fact, in those cases, the problem may not even arise in the first place) but not when it comes to dealing with state entities. So, it is unlikely that the legacy dues would be cleared.

Under the NTP (this is yet to be approved by the Union Cabinet), the Government has also proposed capping of tariff hike to 15 per cent of the under-recovered power supply cost. Further, they won't be eligible for grant or loan if they don't make efforts to reduce losses. These, too, are unlikely to work in improving their financial position and ability to clear the arrears and make timely payments in future.

Let us not forget that at present, even after increasing tariff — mostly directed at industries and businesses (a big chunk of households and farmers are never touched) — discoms incur loss. If a hike is restricted to just 15 per cent then their loss would be even bigger. Far from any help in reducing, such a stipulation will only end up increasing loss

as they lose the flexibility to hike tariff. Similarly, the pressure by way of denying grant or loan won't be of much help.

The Government is also contemplating a Special Loans Plan (SLP) under which banks will be asked to give loans to discoms to enable them to clear their dues to gencos. This will have serious implications for the banks. Considering that discoms won't be able to pay back (given their precarious finances and no effort being made to address the fundamental factors behind their losses), these loans will be NPAs from day one. For banks struggling to come out of the crisis they got into (courtesy, legacy NPAs), this will compound their woes.

True, payment by discoms to gencos (enabled by SLP) will enable the latter service loans they had taken from banks thereby preventing those loans from becoming NPAs. However, for banks, this is no consolation as one set of NPAs would have been substituted by another. Besides, the gencos will continue to remain vulnerable to payment default as long as the discoms remain financially unviable. The SLP may solve today's problem but after some time, dues will pile up requiring Centre's intervention yet again.

Let it be understood in no ambiguous terms that whether it is the FRP (granted thrice over earlier) or SLP under consideration now, these are merely "band aids." These don't offer sustainable solution even as the problem keeps on festering beneath.

A sustainable solution can emerge only by tackling the fundamental causes which contribute to losses of discoms. The Centre and States should put their heads together to do away with sops to farmers and households, eliminate theft and rein in inflated tariff under PPAs. (The writer is a New Delhi-based policy analyst)

# India is not there yet

The NITI Aayog's index of UN's Sustainable Development Goals reveals that Kerala is on top of the chart in the country while in the north, Himachal Pradesh is a leading performer and Haryana and Punjab are laggards



**LEST WE FORGET OUR DARK PAST**

This Holocaust Memorial Day, and the ceremony that will take place in Poland, carry a special poignancy because of the diminishing number of survivors and the landmark nature of the date. In the last 75 years, survivors have talked about it out of a sense to duty to the dead and the living. Philosopher Santayana said of the Holocaust: "He who does not learn from history is doomed to repeat it." That lesson must never cease to be taught. (The Guardian, editorial)

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT

# AMU students block highway

## Demands release of arrested students

**Aligarh (UP):** Hundreds of AMU students overnight blocked traffic on the main Aligarh-Moradabad Highway demanding release of a student who was held for allegedly heckling the AMU Vice Chancellor during his Republic Day speech, a university official said on Monday.

The blockade, which started on Sunday evening, continued till 2 am, the official said. AMU Vice Chancellor Tariq Mansoor was on Sunday heckled by a group of students during his Republic Day speech here soon after he termed as 'unfortunate' the recent happenings on the campus and said peaceful protests will be allowed on any issue within the ambit of law.

Four students identified as Tahir Azmi, Rafiuddin, Sudhir Gulati and A Mujtaba Faraz, who were involved in the heckling, were handed over to police.

In the afternoon, a group of protesters collected at the gate of the AMU Proctor's office demanding the release of the

### AMU cancels exam after protests

**Aligarh (UP):** The AMU on Monday cancelled an exam after more protests over the amended citizenship law, the university said.

AMU spokesman Shafey Kidwai said the exam was cancelled after a group of protesters blocked the entrance in response to a boycott call given by the AMU Students' Coordination Committee.

Over 600 students were scheduled to appear for the examination. Kidwai, however, expressed hope that the Tuesday examination won't be disturbed. He said efforts are on to persuade students not to disturb it. Hundreds of AMU students overnight blocked traffic on the main Aligarh-Moradabad highway demanding the release of Mujtaba Faraz, a former student leader. He was released on bail on Monday afternoon.

Three others, identified as Tahir Azmi, Rafiuddin and Sudhir Gulati, were released late on Sunday. The blockade, which started on

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AMU Proctor Prof Afifullah Khan had said that three students were released whereas Faraz was sent to jail.

As the news spread, huge crowds of protesters started collecting near the Purani Chungi gate of the university and blocked the Aligarh-Moradabad highway.

The AMU campus has been witnessing protests against the amended Citizenship Amendment Act.

Over 1,200 students, including those not identified, have been booked in about a dozen odd cases connected to different protests. **PTI**

### Allahabad HC asks UP Govt to file report on 'police atrocities' by Feb 17

**Allahabad:** The Allahabad High Court on Monday asked the State Government to submit a report on allegations of police atrocities against anti-CAA protesters by February 17, the next date of hearing.

A two-judge Bench comprising Chief Justice Govind Mathur and Justice Siddhartha Verma passed the order hearing a number of public interest litigations.

The court asked the State Government to mention how many people died during anti-CAA protests and complaints registered against police.

The court also asked whether truthfulness of media reports in this regard has been examined or not.

About 20 people were allegedly killed in police firing during the anti-CAA protests in Uttar Pradesh on December 20.

Rights activists have alleged that there was a 'reign of terror' prevailing in Uttar Pradesh to crack down on protests against the CAA and the NRC, demanding a Supreme Court-monitored SIT probe to ascertain the truth about police action and killings in the State. **PTI**



Protesters display placards during an anti CAA and NRC demonstration at Nagercoil in Kanyakumari on Monday | **PTI**



Protesters display placards during an anti CAA and NRC demonstration near the Ghanatghar, Lucknow on Monday **PTI**

### Can't ignore States, anti-CAA resolutions, says Yashwant Sinha

**Lucknow:** Former Union Minister Yashwant Sinha here on Monday termed the passing of anti-CAA resolutions by non-BJP States a constitutional crisis, saying this can't be ignored.

He stressed that there was no need to bring the legislation as it was "anti-democratic" and "divided people on the basis of religion".

"There is a constitutional crisis. You cannot ignore state governments. You have to take them into confidence," Sinha said when asked about resolutions passed by states against the Citizenship Amendment Act.

He expressed apprehensions that the Centre "might impose the president's rule" if the legislation was not implemented.

"They can do it. They are mad people," Sinha said while interacting with mediapersons in the presence of Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and actor-politician Shatrughan Sinha.

The former BJP leader was here as his march from Mumbai to Delhi's Rajghat for the propagation of the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi reached the city.

Further commenting on the legislation, Sinha said, "It is anti-democratic and against the basic structure of the Constitution. This type of amendment in the citizenship law was not needed."

He said an atmosphere of "ashanti, kolahal aur dar" (unrest, uproar and fear) has surfaced in the country due to Government initiatives. **PTI**

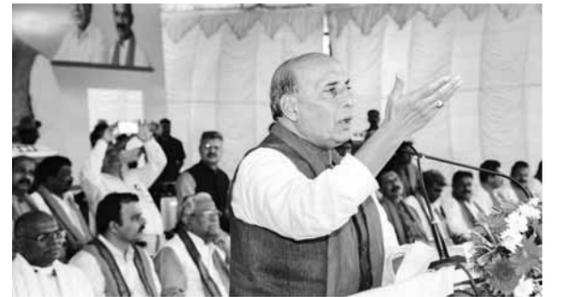
### Anti-CAA resolutions constitutional blunder: Rajnath

**Mangaluru:** Taking on Opposition parties, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday asked them not to make the "constitutional blunder" of passing resolutions against the CAA in state assemblies where they have a majority and advised them to not forget "Rasthradharm" for their 'vipakshdharma'.

Addressing a rally, the senior BJP leader also asserted that no power can now stop Kashmiri Pandits from returning to Kashmir as he strongly defended the Modi Government's decision to reorganise Jammu & Kashmir and scrap its special status under Article 370.

He also sent out a strong message to Pakistan, saying India will not touch anyone but if someone bothers it, then it is not going to let them live in peace.

Making a strong defence of the amended Citizenship Act, he said it is not a law to hurt the sentiments of any religion but to give relief to victims of religious persecution in non-secular countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has given the slogan of 'sabka sath, sabka vikas and sabka vishwas' will never discriminate on the basis of religion, he said, adding that no harm will come to the citizenship of Indian Muslims.

The Opposition raises the question that if Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians can be given citizenship, then why not Muslims of these three countries, he said.

"Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan are not secular States. These are theocratic States. Islam is the religion of these three states. India's religion is not Hindu. India is a secular country. That is why those who follow Islam can not be persecuted in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan," he said.

Amid decision by many states ruled by opposition parties to not implement the CAA, he said it is a central law and has to be followed by everyone. **PTI**

### CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

#### Thai woman with Corona-like symptoms dies in Kolkata

**Kolkata:** The medical fraternity of Kolkata got the first 'corona scare' with a Thai patient succumbing to her ailments at a private south Kolkata hospital in the city. She was reportedly suffering symptoms similar to that of the dreaded Corona virus, sources said.

Sources in the Health Department which immediately rushed to the hospital in quest of further details said another Chinese national had been admitted in the isolation ward of the Beliaghata Infection Disease Hospital with similar symptoms.

The sources in the private hospital where the Thai woman died later said they were cooperating with the Government and would pass all the details about the deceased patient. "We are preparing to send her blood serum for examination to Pune institute of virology," said a doctor adding however even the Pune Institute did not have the facility for testing Corona virus and hence the samples would have to be sent to the USA for examination.

"The State is on high alert and we have been screening people travelling in and out of India via Nepal border too," a health official said. **PNS**

#### 436 people under observation, tests negative

**Thiruvananthapuram:** At least 436 people, who returned to Kerala from China in recent days, are under observation for possible exposure to the novel coronavirus (nCoV), health officials said on Monday.

Five people are still under observation in isolation wards at various hospitals across the State, officials said, adding, all results of blood samples sent to the National Institute of Virology at Pune have been found to be negative for the virus. While three people are in hospitals at Ernakulam, one each are in Thiruvananthapuram and Thrissur, officials said.

Two people, admitted earlier to hospitals in Pathanamthitta and Malappuram, have been discharged.

Health Minister KK Shylaja said necessary steps were being taken by coordinating with district medical officers.

"We have also opened isolation wards even though we have not received any positive cases in the State," she told the media.

Meanwhile, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to arrange for airlifting stranded Indians from coronavirus affected Wuhan province in China, including those from the Southern State. Sharing the concern of Kerala, Vijayan, in a letter to Modi, said the ground situation in the province has worsened and the State had information from relatives of students from Kerala studying at various Universities there that the situation there was "grave."

There were also reports that Yichang area has also been affected, he said.

"It may be appropriate to consider operating a special flight to Wuhan/a nearby functional airport and airlift the Indian nationals stranded there and bring them back to India," Vijayan said, days after he shot off two letters to External Affairs minister S Jaishankar.

Vijayan also offered the assistance of medical professionals from Kerala in case the Indians being evacuated from Wuhan needed medical attention. He also wanted necessary instructions to be given to the Indian Embassy in China to "act proactively" and provide necessary assistance and reassurance to Indians, including Keralites stranded in Wuhan and Yichang. **PTI**

#### Pinarayi urges PM to airlift stranded Indians at Wuhan

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#### Goa Govt to form special task force

**Panaji:** The Goa Government has decided to form a special task force to monitor cases, if any, of coronavirus in the tourist State.

Health Minister Vishwajit Rane on Sunday said that people arriving in Goa from the virus-affected regions outside India would be closely monitored.

"I have given instructions to form a special task force to monitor any cases of coronavirus in Goa. All the activities, including people arriving from the virus-affected regions, would be closely monitored and reported to the State Chief Secretary," Rane told reporters. The task force will work as per the guidelines laid down by the Union Ministry of Health, he added.

The coronavirus is a large family of viruses that causes illnesses ranging from the common cold to acute respiratory syndromes, but the virus in China is a novel strain and not seen before. It has killed 26 people so far, and has caused alarm because of its similarity to SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). **PTI**

### DefExpo 2020 to be biggest with over 1K companies registered so far: Ministry

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Moreover, Defence Ministers and Service Chiefs of 35 countries have confirmed their participation for the DefExpo. A substantial number of Memoranda of Undertaking (MoUs) are expected to be inked during the Expo, resulting in forging of new business collaborations.

The theme of the Expo is 'India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub'. The aim is to bring the leading technologies in the defence sector under one roof and provide a myriad of opportunities for the Government, private manufacturers and startups.

The event will cover the entire spectrum of the country's aerospace, defence and security interests. The 'India Pavilion' will exclusively showcase the jointness between the public and private sector,

including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)/Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and innovation ecosystem, which is the key to the way forward.

There will be a sizeable Uttar Pradesh Pavilion at the DefExpo venue. Apart from displaying industrial prowess and huge potential for the investors, the UP Government will organise several cultural programmes showcasing rich cultural heritage of the northern state.

A unique experience for the visitors is planned at the Tent City, which is being especially erected at the venue.

The DefExpo 2020 is expected to see participation from over 70 countries and will be in line with the biggest of the international defence exhibitions.

### Perumbavoor's Kunhol honoured with Padma Shri

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ RERUMBAAVOOR**

**Padma Shri** got MK Kunhol. That's how people in Perumbavoor reacted to the news that 82 year old Kunhol, born as the son of Kurumban and Vallothi, a Harijan couple, has been honoured with Padma Shri, by the President of India. Padma Shri is reaching the town for the first time. (Though a film actor who was born in Perumbavoor went on to win a Padma Shri award through his performances in Tamil movies and that too in Tamil Nadu, an average Perumbavorean is experiencing the thrill of this award for the first time).

The award for Kunhol is different in many ways. It is an award which has come in search of a person who had to undergo all bitter experiences because he was born as Harijan. He was denied education in school, college and medical



MK Kunhol felicitated by friends and colleagues after being honoured with Padma Shri

college by the powers that be (both the Congress and the Communists who swear by their love for the downtrodden). Sittl, Kunhol fought against all odds, got education from the Ramakrishna Mission in Kalady where he was a disciple of Swamy Agamananda who has undertaken the task of teaching Sanskrit and Vedas to the depressed and oppressed classes and that too in 1950s and 1960s.

Kunhol was a perfect stu-

dent who went on memorising the Vedas and Upanishads much to the surprise of Swamy Agamanandaji.

The monk understood that Kunhol's life should not be wasted within the precincts of the Ashram learning Vedas. He wanted the Harijan boy to get modern education and this he was enrolled as a student in the nearby college from where he graduated in science with distinction.

Though he got admission

to MBBS course in Kozhikode Medical College, purely based on merit, the student leaders born in high society had reservations in a Pulaya youth emerging as a medical doctor and they hand in glove with the teaching fraternity ensured that Kunhol was thrown out from the "elite" college.

What Kerala lost in the meele was not only a potential brilliant medical doctor but the possibility of more Harijan youths entering the mainstream professions way back in 1950s itself.

Kunhol's life is full of struggles, sufferings and agitations against injustice. He may be the only person who takes pride of the fact that he belongs to the Harijan community. There was a former minister in Kerala who filed a complaint against the late Chief Minister E K Nayanar for calling him Harijan!

"Yes, I simply love the term Harijan. There is no other word which is more beautiful than this term and I love to be addressed as Harijan," Kunhol told The Pioneer. If you want to meet Kunhol, come to Perumbavoor and ask anybody. They will direct you to his house.

But chances are that most of the time he would be in the forefront of agitations against injustice perpetrated against humanity. It is easy to identify this small man moving along the by lanes of Perumbavoor in his traditional attire of torn saffron veshti and cotton shirt. He does not have time for soliloquies or pep talks.

The beauty of Padme Shree was fully visible when his neighbours and friends rushed to his make-shift house to greet him on hearing the news. His voice chocking with emotions, he said "Sorry, I don't have even black coffee to serve you." That's Acharya Kunhol, the last of the legendary characters in Kerala's social life.

# EU's CAA move uncalled for, says Naidu

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Against the backdrop of the European parliament set to debate and vote on a motion against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday asserted there is no scope for outside interference in India's internal matters. He also expressed concern over the trend of foreign bodies interfering in matters that are 'completely within the purview of the Indian parliament and Government'.

Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad also questioned the objectivity of European Union Parliament members who have backed resolutions against the CAA, asking if they ever raised their voices over 'victimisation' of minority Hindus and Sikhs in Pakistan.

"The Government of India has already explained that it (the CAA) is our internal matter. We believe in engagement. Lots of Left Parties there have sought this resolution and our External Affairs Minister will engage with them and explain our position," Prasad told a press conference at the Delhi BJP office.

Asked about the upcoming EU Parliament's debate, Prasad asked a counter question, "Have my esteemed friends of EU Parliament sought to raise a voice over victimisation of Hindu girls or a Sikh Granthi's daughter in Pakistan? It is high time they also need to be objective."

Naidu's remarks at a book launch event here came a day after reports indicated that a total of six resolutions have been tabled by groups within the European Union (EU), including the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D), Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) (PPE), Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance (Verts/ALE), European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR), Renew Europe Group (Renew) and European United Left/Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL) Group.

Although there was no official statement from the Ministry of External Affairs on the issue, Government sources on Sunday had said the EU Parliament should not take any action questioning the rights and authority of demo-

cratically elected legislatures, government sources. This came ahead of a debate on the clutch of resolutions against the CAA by the powerful bloc of 28 nations. The resolutions will be debated on Wednesday in the European Parliament in Brussels. Voting will take place the next day.

Expressing concern over this, Naidu said there is no scope for outside interference in India's internal matters. Making these observations, he also lamented the trend of foreign bodies interfering in matters that are "completely within the purview of the Indian Parliament and the Indian Government."

He said such efforts were totally uncalled for and unwarranted and expressed hope that they would refrain from making such statements in future. Addressing the gathering after releasing the book "TRG: An Enigma" in New Delhi today, Naidu said as a mature republic and democratic polity, India capable of addressing the concerns of its citizens and needs no advice or guidance in such matters from others.

Asserting that our polity

and democracy provided enough space for expressing differences and dissent whenever warranted, the Vice President said whenever basic and fundamental rights of citizens came under threat, citizens rose in unison and defended them, as was seen against emergency. "As a result, we have emerged as the most

vibrant democracy in the world", he added.

His remarks come after resolutions moved in the European Parliament stated that the CAA marked a "dangerous shift" in the way citizenship would be determined and would create the "largest statelessness crisis in the world".

## New citizenship law internal matter of India: France

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

France, a founding member of the European Union, considers the new citizenship law an internal political matter of India, French diplomatic sources said here on Monday. The assertion came after six resolutions were moved against the CAA. Making France's position clear, sources said the CAA is India's internal political matter and it has been stated on several occasions.

They said the European Parliament is an institution independent of member states and the European

Commission. There has been no reaction from the Ministry of External Affairs on the resolutions against the CAA in European Parliament. Official sources, however, maintained that the CAA was an entirely internal matter of India and that the legislation was adopted through democratic means after a debate in both houses of Parliament. "Every society that fashions a pathway to naturalisation contemplates both a context and criteria. This is not discrimination," a government source said, explaining why India is opposed to the resolutions at the EU parliament.

## IQBAL MIRCHI PMLA CASE

# ED arrests DHFL MD Wadhawan

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

The Enforcement Directorate on Monday arrested Kapil Wadhawan, Chairman and Managing Director of Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL), in connection with a money-laundering probe against late gangster Iqbal Mirchi and others.

The names of Wadhawans had figured in connection with the sale of three properties of Iqbal Mirchi to a front company Sunblink Real Estate Pvt Ltd allegedly linked to them.

The ED had earlier in the day called Kapil Wadhawan for questioning. Once he arrived at the ED office, he was arrested in connection with an ongoing investigation launched against late Mirchi under the Sunblink Real Estate Pvt Ltd.

It may be recalled that the name of Dheeraj Wadhawan, younger brother of Kapil Wadhawan, had come up during interrogation of the arrested accused Ranjeet Singh Bindra and Humayun Merchant.

Bindra had allegedly brokered a deal of three properties at Worli in south-central Mumbai to Iqbal Mirchi. The

properties were sold to a company named Sunblink Real Estate belonging to Sunny Bhatija who is Dheera's brother-in-law.

The allegation against Wadhawans is that DHFL had allegedly extended loans to Sunblink Real Estate Pvt Ltd, which purportedly routed money to Mirchi who died in the UK in August 2013. Wadhawan had reportedly given a loan worth over ₹ 2,000 crore on the three properties sold to Sunblink Real Estate.

The ED had begun investigation into Mirchi's assets in the city on the basis of eight cases of narcotics smuggling and extortion registered against him since 1985.

The investigations have revealed that in 1986, Mirchi had purchased three properties from Mohammad Yusuf Trust (MYT) for ₹ 6.5 lakh through his company M/s Rocksides Enterprises. These properties — Sea View, Marium Lodge and Rabia Mansion — were bought using the proceeds of crime.

Since Mirchi subsequently left the country and was declared a proclaimed offender, the properties were confiscated by the Mumbai police

under the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators Act (SAFEMA).

In the court battle that followed, MYT alleged that the properties still belonged to them and not Mirchi. The court then handed over the properties to the trust in 2005.

Subsequently in 2010, Sunblink Real Estate Pvt Ltd had bought the three properties from the then Dubai-based Mirchi and later developed them. Mirchi allegedly signed agreements in 2010 in which he received 90 million dirham for the development rights to these properties. All these are allegedly proceeds of crime.

With Kapil Wadhawan's arrest, the total number of arrests in the case has gone up to five. Earlier, the ED had arrested Haroun Yusuf and Humayun Merchant, two alleged aides of Mirchi, Ranjeet Bindra and Rinku Deshpande. While Bindra is a broker, it was Deshpande who paid the commission to the former (Bindra).

The ED has named Iqbal Mirchi and his family members, and Sunblink Real Estate Pvt Ltd and its directors as accused.

## Veterans for Ganga revival drive

New Delhi: In an effort to revive holy river Ganga, a group of citizens including veterans have come together and prepared a blueprint of a movement in this regard through a walk named 'Mundaman Ganga Parikrama'.

The group, under the aegis of Atulya Ganga, has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this regard seeking an appointment. They will also meet Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. The proposed walk or 'parikrama' envisages

circumnavigation of river Ganga from Haridwar-Gomukh to Gangasagar and then back to Haridwar, organisers of the walk said here on Monday.

They are planning to visit two lakh schools situated on the Ganga banks and organise over 200 public meetings during the 'parikrama,' expected to commence in August this year, to motivate the villagers to take the responsibility towards Ganga and its revival — and in turn save their own future. Along the route, they will map the river on

pollution levels and a final report will be submitted to the Prime Minister's office and concerned Ministry once the 'parikrama' ends. This data will be an available year on year — at the same place — so that everyone can check the improvements made — and in turn fix the accountability of resources being spent by various stakeholders of the project. The team is calling on people across the river belt, the whole of India and the world at large — to participate in the walk.

## 2017 KOPARDI MINOR RAPE-MURDER CASE

# Final hearing of convicts appeal against death penalty from Feb 25

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

The Bombay High Court will now hold a final hearing from February 25 on the appeals challenging the death sentence handed out to all the three accused in the much-discussed case involving the ghastly rape and murder of a minor Maratha girl in Kopardi village of Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district in November 2017.

This follows the order passed by Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court Pradeep Nandraj transferring the appeals challenging the punishment meted out to the accused by the trial court in the Kopardi rape and murder case from the Aurangabad bench of the high court to the principal seat in Mumbai.

Acting on a writ petition filed by the petitioners seeking transfer of the case from Aurangabad bench to the principal High court in Mumbai,

the chief justice transferred the Bombay High Court and scheduled the hearing of the "appeals challenging the trial court's judgement and sentence confirmation in the case" from February 25.

The petitioner had among other things cited that "due to the political limelight the case has got and the past history of threats to the accused and consequently to the lawyers, the Petitioners have not been able to arrange a counsel of their choice to argue their case in the Aurangabad Bench of the Bombay High Court."

In a writ petition challenging the trial court's order handing out death sentence to her client Santosh Gorakh Bhawal, one of the three persons convicted and sentenced to death in the case, Advocate Vijayalaxmi B Khopade stated that the sessions court had committed a "gross error" by hastily delivering the judgment and that the trial court

had awarded capital punishment to the applicant considering that the case fell under the ambit of "rarest of rare" principle.

Advocate Vijayalaxmi also stated that the trial court's order entailed "gross miscarriage of justice and a miscarriage of justice which may arise from the conviction of an innocent and that the trial had substituted, in patent error, cogent evidence with strong suspicion and based its reasoning on assumptions while delivering the judgment."

It may be recalled that on November 29, 2017, a fast-track set up under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act had handed out death sentence to all the three convicts in the case. District Sessions Judge (Mrs) Suvarna Keole had awarded capital punishment to all the three convicts in the case — Jitendra alias Pappu Babul

Shinde (26), Santosh Gorakh Bhawal (30) and Nitin Gopinath Bhailume (28).

A 15-year-old victim girl, who belonged to the dominant Maratha community, was brutally raped between 7.35 pm and 8.15 pm July 13, 2016 and later throttled to death. The victim girl was on her way to bring spice from her grandfather house at that time.

All the three accused in the case are Dalits. The incident, it may be recalled, had sparked widespread protests in the state, with various political parties and Maratha organisations rooting for capital punishment to the accused.

The 11-month-long trial in Ahmednagar minor girl rape and murder case had generated considerable interest among the people across the state.

The fast-track court had on November 9 2016 framed charges against three accused — Jitendra Shinde, Santosh Bhawal and Nitin Bhailume — under various sections of POSCO Act and IPC for allegedly perpetrating a sexual assault on the victim girl and strangulating her.

The Prosecution's case was that the prime accused Jitendra Shinde allegedly raped and murdered the girl, while two other accused Bhawal and Bhailume had "conspired" with Shinde in the heinous crime.

During the trial which began on December 20, 2016, the Prosecution examined 31 witnesses, while defence lawyer defence lawyer Vijayalaxmi Khopade — representing one of the three accused Bhawal in the case — examined one witness.

There were no eyewitnesses in the case and that the entire case was based on "circumstantial evidence", omissions and commissions made by the accused and forensic evidence.

Nikam, it may be recalled, had -- during his final arguments in the case -- adduced 24 pieces of circumstantial evidence built up the chain of events leading to the rape of the "homicidal death" of the victim girl who was studying in the ninth standard.

According to Nikam, the medical evidence helped the Prosecution nail the prime accused in the case.

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CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003932

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**NOTICE**

Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 28th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 6th February, 2020 at 3.30 PM. at Corporate Office : 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi- 110 025 to inter-alia approve the following:

- Un-audited Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) of the Company for the quarter ended December, 2019 and review limited review report of the Statutory Auditors for the publication as per SEBI LODR requirements.
- Quarterly Compliances/Sectorial reports submitted with the stock exchanges in accordance with LODR for the quarter ended 31st December, 2019.

For Modi Rubber Limited Sd/-  
(S K Bajpai)  
Place : New Delhi  
Date : January 27, 2020  
Head-Legal & Company Secretary

**Mumbai teen rapes minor girl after promising marriage, held**

Mumbai: A teenage boy has been held by Borivali police in the metropolis for allegedly raping a minor girl several times after promising marriage and getting her pregnant, an official said on Monday.

The accused and the 16-year-old victim knew each other from school and the matter came to light last week after the girl's mother found medical abortion pills in her home, said the Borivali police station official.

"The victim narrated the ordeal after her mother confronted her about the pills. A case was registered on Thursday. PTI

**New Okhla Industrial Development Authority**  
Main Administrative Complex, Sector-6, Noida, (UP)  
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited from eligible firms/contractors for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) & <https://tender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

Sl. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
A	1	35/GM(R)/S.M. (E/&M)-III/2019-20 Maintenance of Street light in Sector-18 Noida.	26.77
2	15/GM(R)/S.M. (E/&M)-I/2019-20	Providing street light arrangement in parks sector-137, Noida	34.87

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 10.02.2020 upto 5.00 PM shall be opened/downloaded on dated 11.02.2020 at 11.00 AM

Sl. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)	
B	1	18/GM(R)/SM (E/&M)-IV/2019-20	Supply and Installation of Fountain at Sector-150, Noida.	67.52

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 03.02.2020 upto 5.00 PM shall be opened/downloaded on dated 04.02.2020 at 11.00 AM

General Manager (R), Noida

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**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the meeting no. 05/2019-20 of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 14th February, 2020 (Friday) at the registered office of the Company at Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 at 5.00 PM to discuss the following agenda items:

- To take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended on 31st December, 2019 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015.
- To discuss any other business with the permission of Chair.

By Order of the Board  
For N K Textile Industries Limited Sd/-  
Balbir Singh  
Director  
DIN:00027438

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 27.01.2020

**RLF LIMITED**  
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In pursuance of Regulation 29 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, notice is hereby given that 05th /2019-20 meeting of the Board of Directors of the RLF Limited will be held on Thursday, the 30th day of January, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Registered Office of the Company situated at 14 Kms Gurugram Pataudi Road Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Distt Gurugram, Haryana to consider and take on record inter alia, the Un-audited Financial results for the quarter ended 31st December, 2019.

For RLF Limited Sd/-  
Ginni Chhabra  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: Gurugram, Haryana  
Date: 23rd January, 2020

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**Extract of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31st December 2019**  
(₹ in Lakhs)

S.No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		3 Months ended 31.12.2019	9 Months ended 31.12.2019	3 Months ended 31.12.2018	3 Months ended 31.12.2019	9 Months ended 31.12.2019	3 Months ended 31.12.2018
1	Total Income from Operations	1,369.54	6,727.46	2,205.95	1,990.01	6,684.18	2,129.93
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax/Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Continuing Operation	0.27	(120.08)	60.78	8.18	(172.95)	10.60
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax/Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Discontinued Operation	-	6.54	(27.83)	-	6.54	(27.83)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Continuing Operation	0.27	(120.08)	60.78	8.18	(172.95)	10.60
5	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Discontinued Operation	-	6.54	(27.83)	-	6.54	(27.83)
6	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Continuing Operation	0.27	(120.08)	60.31	7.54	(174.52)	0.13
7	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Discontinued Operation	-	6.54	(27.83)	-	6.54	(27.83)
8	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	0.27	(113.54)	22.48	7.54	(167.98)	(27.70)
9	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	0.27	(113.54)	22.54	(7.34)	(161.77)	(40.28)
10	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48
11	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)-from Continuing Operation	0.00	(1.17)	0.49	0.07	(1.70)	0.00
12	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)-from Discontinued Operation	-	0.06	(0.27)	-	0.06	(0.27)
13	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)	0.00	(1.11)	0.22	0.07	(1.64)	(0.27)

**Notes:**

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Quarterly/Nine months ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Quarterly/Nine months ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and the Company's website ([www.sunilhealthcare.com](http://www.sunilhealthcare.com))
- The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on January 27, 2020 and the statutory auditors of the company have carried out the audit of the same.
- Effective from April 1, 2019, the Company has adopted IAS 116 'Leases'. The adoption of the standard did not have any impact on the financial results of the Company.
- Consistent to decision taken by Board of Directors to phase out "marketing of Food product". The Company has discontinued the business and accordingly losses, assets and liabilities of the discontinued business has been disclosed separately.
- The figures for the previous periods have been regrouped/ rearranged, wherever considered necessary, to conform current period classifications.

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 1/27/2020  
Anil Khatun  
(Chairman cum Managing Director)  
DIN: 00759591

**MAHATRANSCO**  
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

**MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LTD.**  
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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/19- 2019-20**

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM System from the registered vendors for supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
RFXNo. 7000000791 SP/T-0801/0120- (Two Bid System)	Rs. 432.24	03.02.2020 04.02.2020
Portable Type Dissolved Gas Analyzer Kit	lakhs	Up to 17:00 Hrs. at 16:00 Hrs.

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (P&C)  
Tel. No.022-2647421/022-26472131 Extn. 2493/2491.  
For further details visit our website <http://www.srm-tender.mahatransco.in>  
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website [www.mahatransco.in](http://www.mahatransco.in). So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-  
DGIPR/4689/2019-20  
Executive Engineer (P&C)

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(ISO-9001:2015 एवं ISO-14001:2015 प्रमाणित संस्था)  
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उपस्थित, गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण की ओर से निविदा नोटिस में उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या-1 से 4 तक अंकित कार्यों की ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा समन्वयक संस्था व शह गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट [www.gdghaziabad.com](http://www.gdghaziabad.com) पर उपलब्ध है एवं UPLC की वेबसाइट <https://tender.up.nic.in> पर निविदा विक्रय की तिथि में उपलब्ध होगी। सम्बन्धित निविदाओं को ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना में उल्लेखित संस्था की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध है। निविदा को ई-निविदा को ई-निविदा प्रणाली पर उपलब्ध है। निविदा में कोई भी संशोधन/परिभाषण/परिवर्तन व औद्योगिक सूचनाओं को वेबसाइट पर ही प्रकाशित किया जायेगा।

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# Govt to sell 100% stake in AI

## Provides clarity on debt, eases bidding norms

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Moving forward with Air India stake sale process for the second time in less than two years, the government on Monday issued the preliminary bid document for 100 per cent stake in the debt-laden airline along with fixing the debt amount for prospective bidders and easing the bidding norms.

As part of the ambitious strategic disinvestment, Air India would sell its cent per cent stake in profit-making budget carrier Air India Express as well as 50 per cent shareholding in equal joint venture Air India SATS Airport Services (AISATS). All the three entities would be sold together and management control of the national carrier would be transferred to the new investor.

In a significant move, the successful bidder would have to take only a debt of ₹23,286.5 crore while the liabilities would be decided depending on current assets at the time of closing of the transaction, according to the Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) issued on Monday.

The rest of the amount of the total ₹60,074 crore debt as on March 31, 2019, would be transferred to Air India Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL), the special purpose vehicle.

Staff dues of about



₹1,383.70 crore on account of Justice Dharmadhikari Commission's recommendation on past arrears would be paid by the Government.

The new investor would continue to use the 'Air India' brand. The deadline for submitting the bids is March 17.

The Government has relaxed the bidding norms wherein network for potential bidders fixed at ₹3,500 crore and minimum stake for an individual consortium partner lowered to 10 per cent. The network criteria was ₹5,000 crore in the 2018 bid document.

Another key change is that an entity can put in a bid on the "strength of its parent", which means that an entity floated by a big corporate could participate in the disinvestment

process, the person in the

know of the PIM details said. Further, a domestic carrier with zero or negative net worth can own up to 51 per cent stake provided the network requirement is fulfilled by the consortium partner.

Briefing reporters, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri said the reason for privatisation of Air India is that the government has resources which are scarce.

According to the civil aviation ministry, there are a total of 17,984 employees at Air India and Air India Express. These include 9,617 permanent employees. The count also takes into account those on

deputation at the airline.

Excluding those on deputation, the total count would be a little over 16,000, the per son said.

There was no immediate comments from Air India unions on the bid document.

The minister made it clear that all land and building assets, including painting, arts and artefacts would not be part of the transaction.

However, certain land and buildings at Delhi, Mumbai airports and corporate offices which are core assets for running the airline will be given to the new investor on a right to use basis for a limited period, he noted.

## Air India along with Air India Express great asset, says Puri

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Civil aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday said Air India along with Air India Express is a "great asset", as the government came out with preliminary bid document for disinvestment of the national carrier.

The Minister of State for Civil Aviation said the successful bidder would continue to use Air India brand.

The government on Monday announced sale of 100 per cent stake in debt-laden Air India as it issued the preliminary bid document for the strategic disinvestment and has set March 17, as the deadline for submitting expression of

interest. As part of the strategic disinvestment, Air India would also sell 100 per cent stake in low-cost airline Air India Express and 50 per cent shareholding in joint venture AISATS, as per bid document issued on Monday.

Management control of the airline would also be transferred to the successful bidder.

The Minister of State for Civil Aviation further said the lessons have been learnt from 2018 with regard to Air India stake sale. In 2018, the government proposed to offload 76 per cent equity share capital of the national carrier as well as transfer the management control to private players. However, there were no bidders.

# Budget may bring in new policy to revive power discoms

IANs ■ NEW DELHI

The upcoming Union Budget may bring about a new policy to reduce the losses of power distribution company and revive them.

Union Power Minister RK. Singh on Monday said that the Power Ministry has discussed and proposed the new scheme with the Finance Ministry and was hopeful that it would find place in the Budget 2020-21.

The new scheme would include elements of the current UDAY scheme and would provide assistance for reduction of discoms' losses, he told reporters on the sidelines of an event here.

Allocations under the new scheme will make allocations based on efficiency. The minister said that the government aims to reduce the losses of discoms to 15 per cent from 18.79 per cent loss in the financial year 2018-19.

According to official sources, the scheme may come up as a revised version of UDAY — UDAY 2.0 — which would provide another lease of life to ailing power discoms by extending financial support in the form of loans and grants.

This would support discoms to cover their payment to the generators and lenders while also investing in upgrading power infrastructure.

The accumulated losses of all discoms have again shot up to over ₹80,000 crore, as of now, out of which close to ₹60,000 crore is overdue.

The new financial support scheme will come with stringent conditions of regular power tariff revision by discoms and bringing down AT&C (aggregate, technical and commercial) losses to a level of 15 per cent within a year.

Non-adherence to conditions will stop loans and grants facility to state-run discoms.

The scheme for revival of stressed power discoms was launched in November 2015. The Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana's (UDAY) prime objectives were financial turnaround and operational improvement of the discoms along with the reduction of cost of generation of power development of renewable energy efficiency and conservation.

Singh observed that the proposed new scheme would be replace the current multiple programmes into a single focussed initiative.

## Budget booster likely for capital gains on property & equity

IANs

New Delhi: In what is being billed as a make or break Budget to revive the economy, the Modi government is likely to introduce heavy duty measures for rationalization of key equity taxes, including scrapping capital gains on sale of property, shifting the tax applicability of dividend distribution tax to the receiver and extending the timeline of long term capital capital gains tax from the current 12 months to 24 months.

The breakthrough measure, if it materializes, will be doing away with capital gains on sale of property. The move has the potential to revive the real estate sector which is in the doldrums and facing immense stress.

## Auto sector seeks incentive-based scrappage scheme in Budget

IANs

New Delhi: In its efforts to boost the slow-down-battered automobile sector, the industry has demand an incentive-based vehicle scrappage scheme for removal of old vehicles. The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has sent this and other recommendations to the government for the upcoming Budget 2020-21.

Besides, SIAM has called for a reduction in GST rate on vehicles to 18% from the current 28%.

"... we have urged the Finance Ministry to consider announcing an incentive-based scrappage policy and also increase Budget allocation for ICE bus procurement by State transport undertakings," SIAM President said.

## UK court orders sale of Force India yacht linked to Mallya

PTI ■ LONDON

A British court on Monday ordered that a luxury yacht owned by Force India Limited be sold and its proceeds be used to pay back Qatar National Bank to enforce its mortgage on the vessel.

During court proceedings, brought by the bank in the Admiralty Division of the High Court in England, it had been claimed that liquor tycoon Vijay Mallya's son Siddharth Mallya was the ultimate beneficial owner of the yacht.

However, the bank said

that without grappling with that issue, their claim was focused on recovering outstanding loan payments estimated at around Euro 6 million.

"Security for the loan... included a personal guarantee from Dr Mallya, an individual closely connected with the borrower," notes the judgment handed down by Justice Nigel Teare in London on Monday.

"The sum claimed in this action is rem Euro 5 million plus interest and the costs of collection" which the claimant is entitled to recover," it adds.

## ED arrests DHFL CMD in money laundering case, alleges links with Iqbal

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Enforcement Directorate has arrested the CMD of Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL), Kapil Wadhawan, in connection with its money laundering probe against deceased gangster Iqbal Mirchi and others, officials said on Monday.

They said Wadhawan, 46, has been arrested under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as he was allegedly not cooperating in the probe and was "untrustworthy" in his dealings and statements made to the agency.

Wadhawan was arrested after questioning during the day at the agency office at Ballard Estate here.

He was on Monday produced before the designated PMLA court which remanded him in the ED custody till January 29.

essary as he was aware of the transactions and payments made towards purchase of the three properties in Worli in central Mumbai allegedly owned by Iqbal Mirchi.

"Kapil Wadhawan, being chairman and managing director of Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL), had visited London along with a city-based real estate broker to meet Iqbal Mirchi in 2010. He has been instrumental in siphoning off huge amounts of money as part of the illegal deal between Mirchi and the Wadhawans," the ED said in its remand note.

"Kapil Wadhawan played a very crucial role in the nefarious transactions by way of money laundering. He diverted huge funds from DHFL to shell companies which was then transferred to Wadhawans-owned Sunblink Real Estate Pvt Ltd," the agency said. The case relates to Mirchi's Mumbai properties, which have been called as proceeds of crime by the ED.

# BUSINESS CORNER

## 18 SSB PERSONNEL GET POLICE MEDALS

New Delhi: The President of India awarded the Police Medals for Gallantry, President Police Medals for distinguished service and Police Medals for meritorious service to 18 SSB personnel on the occasion of the Republic Day this year. Police Medals for Gallantry to 01 officer & 03 personnel, President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service to 03 Officers and Police Medal for Meritorious Service to 07 officers and 04 personnel have been awarded.

## SB SHASHANK BAGS NATIONAL AWARD

New Delhi: SB Shashank was presented National Award for Election Management by the President of India Ram Nath Kovind. The award was presented on National Voters Day on 25th January at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt. new delhi in presence of Sh Ravishankar Prasad, Law Minister and Sunil Arora Chief Election Commissioner. Shashank was recognized for showing resoluteness and firmness in handling the issue of securing voting rights of Bru tribe at the time of state assembly elections of 2018 when he was chief electoral officer, Mizoram. He is currently serving Delhi Government.



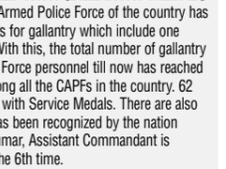
## CLW CELEBRATES 71ST REPUBLIC DAY

CHITTARANJAN: The 71st Republic Day was celebrated with gaiety and fervor today at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW). Praveen Kumar Mishra, General Manager/CLW, hoisted the National flag at Oval Ground. Smt. Sunita Mishra, President, CLW — Women's Welfare Organisation (CLW-WWO) along with other members, Sr. Officers of CLW, teachers and students from various schools, members of Staff Council, representatives of press & media were also present on the occasion.



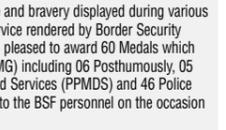
## 76 CRPF BRAVEHEARTS HONOURED WITH GALLANTRY MEDALS

New Delhi: CRPF — the largest Central Armed Police Force of the country has been awarded with as many as 76 medals for gallantry which include one President's Police medals for Gallantry. With this, the total number of gallantry medals won by the dedicated and daring Force personnel till now has reached upto 1976 — again the highest ever among all the CAPFs in the country. 62 Force personnel have also been awarded with Service Medals. There are also seven CRPF bravehearts whose valour has been recognized by the nation more than once. Among them Naresh Kumar, Assistant Commandant is honoured with the prestigious PMG for the 6th time.



## GALLANTRY AWARD TO BSF OFFICERS

New Delhi: In recognition of the courage and bravery displayed during various duties and distinguished/meritorious service rendered by Border Security Force personnel, the President of India is pleased to award 60 Medals which include 09 Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG) including 06 Posthumously, 05 President's Police Medal for Distinguished Services (PPMDS) and 46 Police Medal for Meritorious Services (PPMS) to the BSF personnel on the occasion of "REPUBLIC DAY-2020".



## GRSE OBSERVES REPUBLIC DAY

Kolkata: Rear Admiral VK Saxena, IN (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director, GRSE, Kolkata, hoisted the National Flag in Main Courts, GRSE on the Occasion of Republic Day 2020. Shri S.S.Dogra, Director (Finance), Cmde Sanjeev Nayyar, Director (Shipbuilding), Cmde. PR Hari, Director (Personnel) and other Senior Officials of GRSE were present on the Occasion.



## PRESIDENT HONOURS CRPF FOR ITS ROLE IN POLLS

New Delhi: President of India Ram Nath Kovind honoured CRPF with a Special Award for its commendable role in Force coordination during the 2019 General Elections and three state Assembly Elections. At a solemn function held in New Delhi on the occasion of the National Voters day, Dr. AP Maheshwari, Director General and Nikhil Rastogi, Commandant received the special award on behalf of CRPF, ever obliged to the Nation. The prestigious award was part of the Best Electoral Practices Awards-2019 given away.



## PUNJAB'S CHIEF ELECTION OFFICE BAGS AWARD

Chandigarh: The Election Commission of India has awarded the Chief Electoral Office Punjab with the "Best State for Accessible Elections" award for making elaborate arrangements to facilitate the Persons With Disabilities (Divyang) voters during General Elections 2019. The President of India Ram Nath Kovind conferred this coveted award upon the Chief Electoral Officer Punjab S Karuna Raju during National Voter's Day function held at Zoravar Auditorium in Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.



## GAIL ORGANISES INDUSTRY MEET

New Delhi: In order to share knowledge and experience about cutting edge digital technologies among India's oil and gas companies, GAIL (India) Limited today organised an Industry Meet on Digital Transformation here. Inaugurating the Industry Meet, GAIL Chairman & Managing Director Dr Ashutosh Karnatak said "Digital Yatra 2.0 is launched. Gone are the days to walk and run, not even the time to sprint. But we have to fly. Let's all get on-board on this digital journey. So, think digital and be digital."



WESTERN RAILWAY			
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/03/2020 Date 27/01/2020			
S. N.	Description of Material	Quantity	T.O.D.
38	18 W (4Feet Length) LED Tubular Lamps	4231 Nos.	13.02.2020
39	Valve Magnet G-21 for Application	270 Nos.	14.02.2020
40	Relay AC Immune, Plug-in Type	1067 Nos.	17.02.2020
41	Primary Total Hip Replacement Set consisting 5 Items *	4 Set	18.02.2020
42	Bipolar Hip Replacement Set consisting 3 items	4 Set	18.02.2020
43	Unicondylar Knee - Uni Femer	20 Nos.	18.02.2020
44	Unicondylar Knee - Articulating Insert	20 Set	18.02.2020
45	Unicondylar Knee - Uni Ticia Coracaloy	20 Nos.	18.02.2020
46	Distal Humerus Plate 2.7/3.5, Darsolateral, 7 Holes, Left 441.267 *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
47	Distal Humerus Plate Medial, Left, 5 Holes Titanium 441.285	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
48	PFNA Nail 240mm, Dia11mm 473.806s or similar*	18 Nos.	18.02.2020
49	LCP Medical Proximal Tibial Plate 3.5 right, 4 Holes 439.954 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
50	LCP Medical Proximal Tibia Plate 3.5 left, 8 Holes 439.957 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
51	LCP Proximal Tibial Plate 3.5 low bend, 4 Holes 04.124.200 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
52	LCP Proximal Tibial Plate 3.5 low bend, 6 Holes 04.124.205 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
53	Hydroxyapatite Coated Tapered Schanz Screw 130mmX30mm D196130306 or similar *	87 Nos.	18.02.2020
54	Hydroxyapatite Coated Tapered Schanz Screw 150mmX50mm D196150506 or similar *	107 Nos.	18.02.2020
55	Distal Humerus Plate 2.7/3.5, Darsolateral, 5 Holes, Right 441.264 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
56	Twin Cell of 4V/12AH capacity, Lead Acid Batteries	1399 Nos.	19.02.2020
57	Energy Cum Speed Monitoring System	21 Set	19.02.2020
58	Ball Bearing 2310 DMW	32 Nos.	19.02.2020
59	Hot Roller Round Steel Bar SRO 16	6000 Kg.	19.02.2020
60	Hot Roll Steel Flat 35 ISF 6	2000 Kg.	19.02.2020
61	Complete Brake Gear Arrangement	47 Set	19.02.2020
62	Set of Connectors	1 Set	19.02.2020
63	Cube Pre-shortening Insert	2700 Nos.	19.02.2020
64	Hand Operated Isolating Valve	2 Nos.	21.02.2020
65	Bogie Frame Arrangement	20 Nos.	21.02.2020
66	Carbon Brush for Baby Compressor	412 Nos.	21.02.2020
67	G.I. Milti Steel Tubes 20mm Medium	3188 Mtrs.	22.02.2020
68	SIEMENS Make Programme Switch ZSMS	35 Nos.	22.02.2020
69	UTS Thermal Paper Ticket	44359 Nos. (in Thousand)	24.02.2020
70	Indian Standard Equal Angle Size 65 X 65 X 6mm	1000 Kg.	24.02.2020
71	Set of Axle Box Assembly	18 Set	24.02.2020

**UNITED LEASING AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED**  
 Regd. Office: Plot No.66, Sector-34, EHTP, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001.  
 CIN: L17100HR1983PLC033460, Phone: 011-26258237, 49075251  
 Email. Id: investorrelations@uiltd.com, website: www.uiltd.com.

**BOARD MEETING NOTICE**  
 In pursuance of Regulation 29 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that 4th/2019-20 meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Leasing and Industries Limited will be held on Thursday, the 30th day of January, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at Registered Office of the Company situated at Plot No. 66, EHTP Sector-34, Gurgaon Haryana-122001 to consider, approve and take on record inter alia, the Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 31st December, 2019 and any other business with the permission of the Board.

For United Leasing and Industries Limited  
 Sd/-  
 Place: New Delhi Chandni Arora  
 Date: 24th January, 2020 Company Secretary & Compliance officer

**PREMIUM MERCHANTS LIMITED**  
 Registered office: Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025  
 CIN: L51909DL1985PLC021077, Tel: +91 11 61119658  
 Email Id: premiummerchants123@gmail.com, website: www.pmltd.com

**NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that the meeting no. 06/2019-20 of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 14th February, 2020 (Friday) at the registered office of the Company at Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 at 4.00 PM to discuss the following agenda items:  
 i. To take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended as on 31st December, 2019 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015.  
 ii. To discuss any other business with the permission of Chair.

By Order of the Board  
 For Premium Merchants Limited  
 Sd/-  
 Balbir Singh  
 Director  
 Place: New Delhi  
 Date: 27.01.2020  
 DIN:00027438

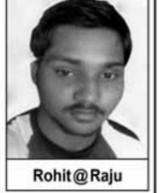
## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Rahul Grover S/o Jagdish Grover R/o G-9/75, Sec.-16, Rohini, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 110/2016 U/s 279/338 Delhi IPC P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Rahul Grover** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rahul Grover** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Rahul Grover** of FIR No. 110/2016 U/s 279/338 Delhi IPC P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 11.03.2020.

By Order  
 Sh. Pranav Joshi  
 DP/901/N/2020 Metropolitan Magistrate  
 (Court Matter) Room No. 286, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely **Rohit @ Raju S/o Ramchandar R/o H.No.75, Mangolpur Kalan, Panna Mohalla, Delhi Aged-19 Years** has been reported missing/kidnapped since 14.01.2020 from area of P.S. South Rohini vide DD No. 27-A Dated 15.01.2020 registered at Police Station South Rohini, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-  
**Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Green coloured inner & Chocolate coloured pajama, slipper in feet.  
 Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, South Rohini, Delhi at E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>



Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-  
 FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, South Rohini, Delhi  
 DP/366/RD/2020 Tel.: 011-27514282, 27512189

**पावरग्रिड POWERGRID**

**NOTICE**

1. Approval under Regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations 1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations 2019 for (i) Revision of Transmission Tariff for 2001-04 tariff block, 2004-09 tariff block, 2009-14 tariff block, (ii) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2014-19 tariff block and (iii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block for **Petition 1:** For (i) 315 MVA ICT-II at Malerkotla Sub Station, (ii) 400 KV Hissar-Jaipur Line with associated bays, (iii) 400 KV Bawana-Bhiwani-I and Bawana-Bhiwani-II lines with associated bays, (iv) 400 KV D/C Abdullahpur-Bawana transmission line with associated bays, 315 MVA ICT-II at Abdullahpur sub-station, 220 KV Jorian (HVPNL) bay at Abdullahpur sub-station, and 400 KV D/C Nalagarh-Hissar transmission line with associated bays, (v) ICT-I at Nalagarh with associated bays, (vi) ICT-II at Nalagarh with associated bays, (vii) ICT-II at Jalandhar with associated bays, (viii) Bus Reactor at Nalagarh with associated bays, (ix) ICT-I at Jaipur (Bassi), (x) Two nos. LILO bays associated with ICT-Jaipur, (xi) ICT-II at Jaipur with associated bays, (xii) 220 KV Jalandhar-Dasuya line, (xiii) LILO of Chamera-Moga line and ICT-I at Jalandhar with associated bays, (xiv) 400 KV D/C Nalagarh-Hissar transmission line with associated bays and 2 nos. 400 KV bays at Nalagarh for Kunihar and (xv) 400KV D/C Nalagarh-Hissar transmission line ICT-I, Bus Reactor and 2 Nos. 220 KV bays at Abdullahpur for Topla (HVPNL) under Nalagarh-Hissar Transmission System in Northern Region and **Petition 2:** For Asset-I: Moga-Hissar D/C transmission line alongwith 220 KV Hissar-Hissar (BMB) D/C line and 400 KV S/C Hissar-Bhiwani Ckt.-I transmission line alongwith associated bays at Hissar and Bhiwani Sub-stations and Asset-II: One bay at Bhiwani Substation for termination of one Ckt. of 400 KV Bawana-Bhiwani transmission line and 400 KV Bawana Bhiwani transmission line and 400 KV S/C of Hissar-Bawana transmission line upto Bhiwani alongwith associated bays at Hissar under Moga-Hissar-Bhiwani Transmission system.

2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (1) Rajasthan Rajya Vidut Prasaran Nigam Limited, (2) Ajar Vidut Vitan Nigam Ltd. (3) Jaipur Vidut Vitan Nigam Ltd. (4) Jodhpur Vidut Vitan Nigam Ltd. (5) Punjab State Electricity Board, (6) Haryana Power Purchase Centre (7) Power Development Deptt. Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, (8) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. (9) Delhi Transco Ltd. (10) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (11) BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (12) North Delhi Power Ltd. (13) Chandigarh Administration. (14) Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd. (15) North Central Railway. (16) New Delhi Municipal Council. (17) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board.

3. Tariff details:

a) 2001-04, 2004-09, 2009-14 and 2014-19 block

Petition No.	Asset No.	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Petition-1	Asset-I	-	No impact	-
	Asset-II	2529.96	2040.54	2116.17
	Asset-III	1749.98	1449.07	1491.22
	Asset-IV	10965.87	9190.64	9078.79
	Asset-V	222.47	219.23	210.57
	Asset-VI	191.81	187.33	175.72
	Asset-VII	229.84	280.61	320.84
	Asset-VIII	92.59	91.60	88.10
	Asset-IX	453.76	450.19	524.98
	Asset-X	58.45	62.53	69.49
	Asset-XI	159.69	165.29	191.43
	Asset-XII	338.38	342.93	393.91
	Asset-XIII	1059.95	1064.19	1090.16
	Asset-XIV	-	-	643.69
	Asset-XV	-	-	6055.11

Revised Transmission Tariff for 2004-09

Petition No.	Asset No.	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Petition-1	Asset-I	135.23	135.96	136.73	137.55	129.40
	Asset-II	1213.54	1177.69	1142.27	1179.27	1304.71
	Asset-III	745.74	769.31	881.77	857.81	834.49
	Asset-IV	4924.78	6441.14	6375.60	6140.25	5534.16
	Asset-V	178.77	175.32	170.60	165.94	161.80
	Asset-VI	140.83	137.86	134.95	132.08	129.61
	Asset-VII	337.79	318.64	299.59	280.62	262.75
	Asset-VIII	78.61	78.36	78.16	78.00	78.00
	Asset-IX	441.76	426.69	488.03	502.71	488.25
	Asset-X	96.19	86.81	95.59	96.84	97.76
	Asset-XI	176.36	211.14	204.82	198.58	192.47
	Asset-XII	332.14	355.49	391.79	385.93	380.51
	Asset-XIII	966.50	935.14	958.08	1080.20	1049.43
	Asset-XIV	5625.94	5452.34	5307.34	5159.08	4768.90
	Asset-XV	4999.65	4848.38	4684.93	4521.54	4151.82
Petition-2	Asset-I	193.81	194.75	196.79	197.96	175.64
Asset-II	318.92	318.81	318.83	318.90	319.18	

Revised Transmission Tariff for 2009-14

Petition No.	Asset No.	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Petition-1	Asset-I	2682.28	1968.43	1991.25	2003.08	2029.64
	Asset-II	8556.96	8470.35	8351.23	8230.30	5380.00
	Asset-III	8985.43	8858.89	8641.88	8416.22	8255.86
	Asset-IV	2292.82	2420.38	2468.32	2509.60	2560.91
	Asset-V	451.01	413.50	417.85	422.41	430.03
	Asset-VI	-	-	-	-	-
	Asset-VII	-	-	-	-	-
	Asset-VIII	-	-	-	-	-
	Asset-IX	-	-	-	-	-
	Asset-X	-	-	-	-	-
	Asset-XI	-	-	-	-	-
	Asset-XII	-	-	-	-	-
	Asset-XIII	-	-	-	-	-
	Asset-XIV	-	-	-	-	-
	Asset-XV	-	-	-	-	-

Revised Transmission Tariff for 2014-19

Petition No.	Asset No.	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
Petition-1	Combined Asset	12233.65	12224.39	12236.71	12355.38	12509.58	
	Petition-2	Combined Asset	2908.64	2949.63	2985.46	3023.26	3066.44

b) 2019-24 block

Petition No.	Asset No.	DOCO (Notional Effective)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Petition-1	Combined Asset	06.09.2001	11566.47	11670.69	11723.61	11784.96	11950.87
	Combined Asset	04.11.1995	2724.07	2870.16	3015.15	3133.56	3542.27

4. A copy of the application made for determination of Tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at [www.powergridindia.com](http://www.powergridindia.com).

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application to be filed by any person, including the beneficiary under the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4th Floor, Chandrakol Building, Jangpoh, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : Gurgaon  
Date : 21.01.2020  
Sr. General Manager (Commercial)

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A Maharatna PSU

# Chinese Premier visits Coronavirus-hit Wuhan

Toll reaches 80

Beijing: Chinese Premier Li Keqiang visited the coronavirus hit Wuhan city on Monday, the first such trip by a top leader as the death toll climbed to 80 with 2,744 confirmed cases.

Li arrived in Wuhan to inspect the epidemic control and prevention work, state-run China Daily reported.

He heads the high-powered group of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) officials empowered to deal with the rapidly spreading virus on war footing.

Ahead of his visit, Chinese health authorities announced the death toll due to coronavirus has sharply increased to 80 with 2,744 confirmed cases.

The confirmed cases of pneumonia caused by the novel coronavirus officially described as 2019-nCoV included 461 patients who are in critical condition. Sunday saw 769 new confirmed cases, 3,806 new suspected cases and 24 deaths, all in Hubei province of which Wuhan is the provincial capital, the National Health Commission (NHC) said.

The NHC on Sunday said the new coronavirus is contagious even in its incubation period, which lasts up to 14 days, and that the virus' ability to

spread is getting stronger.

By the end of Sunday, the pneumonia situation resulted in 80 deaths. As many as 51 people have recovered while there were currently 5,794 suspected cases, it said. A total of 32,799 close contacts have been traced, the commission said, adding that among them 583 were discharged from medical observation on Sunday, with 30,453 others remaining under medical observation. The figures also showed that 17 confirmed cases had been reported in Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions and Taiwan, with eight in Hong Kong, five in Macao. **PTI**

# GERMANY URGES CITIZENS TO AVOID 'UNNECESSARY TRIPS' TO CHINA

Berlin: Germany urged its citizens on Monday to avoid "unnecessary trips" to China amid fears over the rapid spread of a deadly virus.

Berlin also said it was considering evacuating citizens from Wuhan, the city at the centre of the outbreak. "Travellers should consider delaying or cancelling any unnecessary trips to China," Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told a press conference in the capital. **AFP**

# Dems demand Bolton testify at Trump's impeachment trial



Washington: The stakes over witness testimony at President Donald Trump's impeachment trial are rising now that a draft of a book from former national security adviser John Bolton appears to undercut a key defence argument.

Bolton writes in the forthcoming book that Trump told him that he wanted to withhold hundreds of millions of dollars in security aid from Ukraine until it helped him with politically charged investigations, including into Democratic rival Joe Biden. Trump's legal team has repeatedly insisted that the Republican president never tied the suspension of military assistance to the country to investigations that he wanted into Biden and his son.

The account immediately gave Democrats new fuel in their pursuit of sworn testimony from Bolton and other witnesses, a question expected to be taken up later this week by the Republican-led Senate. The trial

complained about this at the time of his very public termination. If John Bolton said this, it was only to set a book."

Trump said people could look at transcripts of his call and statements by Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelinsky that there was no pressure for such investigations to get the aid.

He also falsely claimed Monday morning that the Democrat-controlled House "never even asked John Bolton to testify?" In fact, Democrats did ask Bolton to testify, but he didn't show up for his deposition.

They later declined to subpoena Bolton, as they had others, because he threatened to sue, which could lead to a prolonged court battle.

Bolton, who acrimoniously left the White House a day before Trump ultimately released the Ukraine aid on September 11, has already told lawmakers that he is willing to testify, despite the president's order barring aides from cooperating in the probe.

"Americans know that a fair trial must include both the documents and witnesses blocked by the President — that starts with Mr Bolton," the impeachment managers said in a statement.

First, though, Trump's legal team will begin laying out its case in depth, turning to several high-profile attorneys to argue against impeachment. **AP**

# Mongolia closes China border to cars, shuts schools

Ulaanbaatar: Mongolia has closed its border crossings with China to cars, temporarily shut schools and suspended public events to prevent a deadly virus from reaching its soil, authorities said.

The measures announced by the vast, landlocked country are the most drastic steps taken by any nation so far over concerns about coronavirus, that has rapidly spread across China.

Mongolia has not recorded any cases of the pneumonia-like virus.

Vice Prime Minister Enkhvshin Ulziisaikhan said the decision was made because cases have been confirmed in China's neighbouring region of Inner Mongolia.

"Pedestrians and cars are prohibited to cross the Chinese border," Enkhvshin said on Sunday, saying the schools and universities would stay shut until March 2, along with other public places such as gaming centres. **AFP**

# Slovenia's PM resigns, calls for snap poll

Ljubljana: Slovenian Prime Minister Marjan Sarec announced on Monday he would step down and called for fresh elections, following weeks of rising tensions within his minority five-party coalition Government.

"With these members of parliament and this coalition I cannot fulfil the people's expectations," he told journalists.

"The most honest thing we could do now would be early elections... To ask people whether they trust me and they want me to continue to work," added Sarec, who became Prime Minister in September 2018 following a previous snap election.

Sarec, 42, is Slovenia's youngest-ever Prime Minister. He was previously best known as a comedian and political satirist before he launched himself as an anti-establishment politician.

Slovenian President Borut Pahor will now have to start talks with political parties to see whether any of them can form a new coalition that commands a parliamentary majority and thus avoid a fresh poll. **AFP**

# Palestinians say Abbas rejected Trump's bid to discuss peace plan

Ramallah: Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas has rejected multiple approaches by Donald Trump to discuss the US president's upcoming proposal for peace with Israel, three officials said on Monday.

The Trump administration reached out several times in recent months, including via third parties, but Abbas has rejected the proposals, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"There will be no discussion with the Americans until they recognise the two-state solution," one senior official said, adding that Abbas had refused to engage with Washington over what the official called Trump's pro-Israel bias. **AFP**

# US ARMY INVESTIGATING PLANE CRASH IN TALIBAN-HELD AREA

Kabul: A Taliban spokesman and Afghan journalist affiliated with the militant group say that a US military aircraft crashed in eastern Afghanistan on Monday.

Tariq Ghazniwal, a journalist in the area, said that he saw the burning aircraft.

In an exchange on Twitter, he told The Associated Press that he saw two bodies and the front of the aircraft was badly burned. He added that aircraft's body and tail was hardly damaged. His information could not be independently verified.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said a US airforce plane crashed in the Ghazni province. He claimed the crash killed "lots" of US service members.

Ghazniwal said the crash site was about 10 kilometers from a US military base.

US Army Maj. Beth Riordan, a spokeswoman for US Central Command, declined to comment when



A US military plane crashed in eastern Afghanistan on Monday, according to a Taliban spokesman.

told about the Taliban claim. She earlier acknowledged American military officials were investigating reports of a crash.

However, pictures on social media purportedly from the crash site showed what could be the remains of a Bombardier E-11A aircraft, which the US military uses for electronic surveillance over Afghanistan. **AP**

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**Statement of Un-Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended December 31, 2019**  
**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Nine Months F.Y 2019-20**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Year Ended (₹ in Lakhs)					
		Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year Ended	
		31.12.2019	30.09.2019	31.12.2019	31.12.2018	31.03.2019	
1	Total income from Operations (Refer Note -2)	14,041.81	17,672.44	17,300.97	48,620.59	50,476.79	67,584.91
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	615.19	812.72	416.40	2,406.07	2,105.87	2,701.73
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period Before Tax (After Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	615.19	812.72	416.40	2,406.07	2,105.87	2,701.73
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period After Tax (After Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	477.64	573.63	371.46	1,780.21	1,564.60	2,142.52
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (After Tax) and other Comprehensive Income (After Tax))	477.64	573.63	371.46	1,780.21	1,564.60	2,142.52
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each)	469.17	469.17	469.17	469.17	469.17	469.17
7	Reserves Excluding Revaluation Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	28,586.11
8	Earnings Per Share for Continuing and Discontinued Operations (Before & After Extraordinary Items) (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each)	1.02	1.22	0.79	3.79	3.33	4.57
	Diluted	1.02	1.22	0.79	3.79	3.33	4.57

**NOTES:**

- The Auditor has conducted Limited Review of these Financial Results. The results were reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors has taken on record the financial results at its meeting held on January 27, 2020
- The statement has been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (IND - AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.
- Effective April 1, 2019, the Company adopted Ind AS 116 "Leases", applied to all lease contracts existing on April 1, 2019 using the modified retrospective method along with the transition option to recognize Right-of-Use Asset (ROU) at an amount equal to the lease liability. Accordingly, comparatives for the quarters ended December 31, 2018, nine months ended December 31, 2018 and year ended March 31, 2019 have not been retrospectively adjusted. The effect of this adoption is not material on the profit for the period and earnings per share.
- Figures for the previous period have been regrouped/ rearranged wherever necessary to make them comparable with current figure.

On behalf of Board of Directors  
For, Gulshan Polyols Limited  
Sd/-  
(Dr. Chandra K. Jain)  
Chairman and Managing Director

Date : 27th January, 2020  
Place : Delhi

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Important Information regarding Cancellation of Notice Inviting Tender [e-tender (NT) Reference No.: - 14/SHSB/Mannequin Procurement/2019-20]

Notice Inviting Tender for Rate Contract & Supply of Mannequins for Dakshta Skill Training Labs Across all Districts of Bihar

It is being informed to all concerned that the 'Notice Inviting Tender for Rate Contract & Supply of Mannequins for Dakshta Skill Training Labs Across all Districts of Bihar', published in leading newspapers [PR No.11122 (Ni.Ni.) 2019-20] on 25.11.2019 and uploaded on the websites '<http://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>' and '[statehealthsocietybihar.org](http://statehealthsocietybihar.org)' is hereby cancelled due to single bid submission.

Executive Director  
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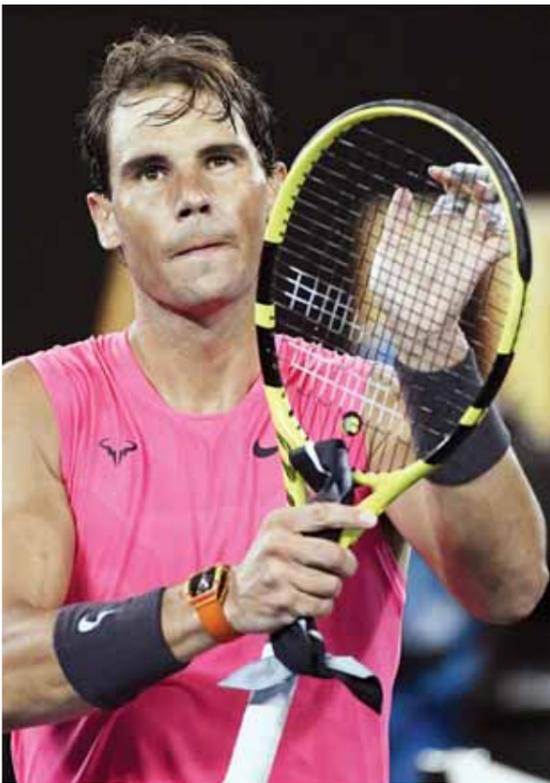
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Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DHFL) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to DHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to DHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 00000099 of Gurgaon Branch) Prakash Chand Sethi (Borrower) Sashi Sethi (Co Borrower 1) Sanjay Sethi (Co Borrower 2)	19-12-2019 / ₹ 67,53,177/- (Sixty Seven lakh Fifty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven) NPA (01-10-2019)	Apartment No. 1804, 18th Floor Tower No. 27, Lotus Panache, GH-005 Sector 110, Noida Noida Gautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh- 201301
(LC No. 00001123 of New Delhi-west Branch) Dinesh Gupta (Borrower) Renu Gupta (Co Borrower 1) Eminent Five Apparels Private Limited (Co Borrower 2)	27-12-2019 / ₹ 85,53,481/- (Eighty Five lakh Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One) NPA (01-11-2019)	Flat No-501 5th Floor Tower No-A1 Global Land Masters Sector- 30 Panchkula Panchkula Haryana-134112
(LC No. 00001120 of New Delhi-west Branch) Dinesh Gupta (Borrower) Renu Gupta (Co Borrower 1) Eminent Five Apparels Private Limited (Co Borrower 2)	27-12-2019 / ₹ 85,51,087/- (Eighty Five lakh Fifty One Thousand Eighty Seven) NPA (01-11-2019)	Flat No 404 4th Floor Tower No-A1 Global Land Masters Sector- 30 Panchkula Panchkula Haryana-134112
(LC No. 00000211 of Gurgaon Branch) Ashish Nagpal (Borrower) Ashwarya Nagpal (Co Borrower 1) Surindra Kanta Nagpal (Co Borrower 2) Shiva International (Guarantor 1)	27-12-2019 / ₹ 51,24,833/- ( Fifty one lakh Twenty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three) NPA (01-04-2018)	Flat No- 21

# Nadal settles Kyrgios score

World No 1 beats home favourite in four-set classic to step closer for 20th Slam



Rafael Nadal celebrates after defeating Nick Kyrgios in their fourth round singles match

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

Rafael Nadal won a grudge match with Nick Kyrgios to reach the Australian Open quarter-finals and keep the heat on Roger Federer's record for Grand Slam titles on Monday.

The world number one, labelled "super salty" by Kyrgios after he criticised the Australian's behaviour last year, fought off a furious challenge to go through 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (7/4).

As the tennis world mourned the death of Kobe Bryant, Kyrgios arrived at Rod Laver Arena wearing an LA Lakers shirt, and 15-year-old Coco Gauff had tributes to the basketball great scrawled on her trainers during the doubles.

Nadal and Kyrgios had been feuding with some bad-tempered matches but the Spaniard said he was impressed by what he'd seen from the often-temperamental Australian at this tournament.

Kyrgios fought back to challenge Nadal in a high-octane clash played in good spirit, with a polite handshake afterwards — a far cry from some of their previous exchanges.

"When he is playing like today with this positive attitude he gives a lot of positive things to our sport," said the Spaniard.



Simona Halep serves to Elise Mertens during their fourth round singles match

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Elsewhere, powerful Swiss Stan Wawrinka beat fifth seed Daniil Medvedev 6-2, 2-6, 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-2 to set up a quarter-final with Germany's Alexander Zverev, who overcame close friend Andrey Rublev 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

And Simona Halep rose to number two in the world with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Elise Mertens, taking a big step forward in a rapidly clearing women's draw.

The Wimbledon champion from Romania, who avoided an exodus of top seeds in the previous round, will next play Estonia's Anett Kontaveit, a 6-7 (4/7), 7-5, 7-5 winner against Iga Swiatek of Poland.

20 Major titles.

"She's strong, I'm here just to face any challenge I have. So I'm not thinking negative," Halep said of Kontaveit. "I just want to go there and to give my best."

Angelique Kerber, the 2016 champion, was the latest big name to fall as she went down to Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/4), 6-2.

Pavlyuchenkova's quarter-final will be against Garbine Muguruza, the two-time Grand Slam

champion who is resurgent since reuniting with coach Conchita Martinez, beating Kiki Bertens 6-3, 6-3.

"It's like couples, we all want Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston to get back together, right?" joked Martinez, the 1994 Wimbledon champion.

Earlier, Martina Navratilova and John McEnroe were among the big names to criticise Court, the 24-time Major-winner whose 1970 sweep of the Grand Slam titles was marked with a short ceremony at Rod Laver Arena.

Navratilova said the devout Christian's deeply conservative views were "actually hurting people", while fellow American legend McEnroe called Court a "crazy aunt".

In today's quarter-finals, six-time champion Roger Federer will play America's Tennyis Sandgren and title-holder Novak Djokovic, going for his eighth title, is against big-serving Canadian Milos Raonic.

Australia's women's world number one Ashleigh Barty plays two-time Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova, and Tunisia's Ons Jabeur, the top-ranked player from Africa, takes on America's Sofia Kenin.

## Tough to hit Bumrah: Tom

PTI ■ AUCKLAND

In awe of Jasprit Bumrah, New Zealand wicketkeeper Tim Seifert says the Indian speedster's subtle variations have been difficult to pick in the ongoing T20 series and his side needs to learn a thing or two about adapting from the visitors.

India beat New Zealand by seven wickets in the second T20 International in Auckland on Sunday to grab a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

Bumrah returned with figures of 1-21 from his four overs as Indian skipper Virat Kohli changed his bowling plans from the first game.

"Even in the first game, Bumrah bowled slower balls that were going wider. Normally, death bowlers get into straighter lines, plus yorkers and mix it with chest height. He kind of changes things a lot and is tougher to play," Seifert said.

"...The ball was holding a lot more which made it tougher. So sometimes as a batsman you have to move away from the stumps and see if they bowl straight. I was backing myself to do something different instead of just standing there at the wicket," said the stumper, who remained unbeaten on 33 off 26 balls.

"It was tricky and the ball was holding a little bit. When Kane (Williamson) got out in the over against Yuzvendra Chahal, we knew it was the over to push because they had Bumrah coming back," he added.

He said New Zealand batsmen need to take a cue from their Indian counterparts on how to adapt to different conditions quickly.

"...Indian batsmen showed how to get under the ball and time it. They showed it a couple of times that and on the slower wickets you just have to keep it like that. Once you lose your shape, you are not in position," he said.

"Try to get them (bowlers) off line or off balance, try to get into that position to hit good balls. That's T20 cricket as well. Sometimes it's going 100 per cent but some times you have to take a breath and re-assess. Indian batters did that well."

Seifert believes New Zealand bowlers did reasonably well in the two games but they have been outplayed by the Indian batsmen.

"To be honest, in the first game they were 110-1 and they had wickets in hand. We didn't bowl too badly in that first game. In the second game, we only got 130 and it is tough to bowl at Eden Park (with that total)," he said.

"170 was the target in mind but once you get 130 on the board, that was going to be very hard at Eden Park against a team that is very strong and playing really well. But our spinners were outstanding. Good balls have gone to boundary."

He said coming into the T20 series on the back of a lost Test rubber in Australia also didn't help New Zealand's cause in the first two games.

"Boys are coming off a Test series (in Australia) and a lot of them haven't played T20 cricket for a while," he said.

"But for some like me, I have had the Super Smash for the last two months, so I have played a lot of T20 cricket. They have two games under their belt now so hopefully they will have a better understanding."

Asked if New Zealand would want to play on India's strength of chasing, Seifert replied, "Even in ODI cricket, India have chased down big totals but I think on that wicket it was going to get slower and slower."

## PSG go 10 points clear

AFP ■ LILLE

Neymar dedicated his second goal in Paris Saint-Germain's 2-0 win at Lille to basketball legend Kobe Bryant, whose death in a helicopter crash earlier on Sunday shocked the world, as his double shot the French champions 10 points clear at the top of Ligue 1.

The world's most expensive player slotted home the 52nd-minute penalty and went over to television cameras by the side of the Stade Pierre Mauroy pitch to make the number 24 with his fingers in honour of Bryant's shirt number.

"It's deeply saddening for the world of sport and



Neymar celebrates after scoring

for all of us," said Neymar to Canal+ after the win, which put PSG 10 points clear at the top of the league.

"Not just for basketball fans, but for everything he did for sport."

He had already put his side ahead with a fine strike in the first half before putting the game out of reach and increasing the gap between them and second-placed Marseille.

His 12th league goal of the season tipped the balance in the Parisians' favour after a positive start for the home side, who were unbeaten at home ahead of the match.

"We deserved to win, I think we played well," said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel.

"We controlled the match and counter-attacks and this is not easy to do against a good team like Lille."

Lille stay seventh after the defeat, two points away from the European places.

## Struggling Napoli beat leaders Juve to spoil Sarri San Paolo return

AFP ■ NAPLES

Piotr Zielinski and Lorenzo Insigne scored in the second half as struggling Napoli shocked champions Juventus 2-1 to spoil coach Maurizio Sarri's return to the Stadio San Paolo on Sunday.

Sarri had not been back to Naples since being sacked in May 2018 after three successful campaigns, and before moving to Chelsea.

This season he has taken over eight-time reigning champions Juve, a move seen as a betrayal by his former team, the two-time Serie A runners-up.

Juve missed the chance to open up a six-point lead on Inter Milan at the top of the table, after Antonio Conte's side were held for

## Past haunts the present



Lorenzo Insigne, center, celebrates with teammates after Napoli beat Juventus

their third consecutive draw.

Inter are three points behind Juve with Lazio a further two points adrift in third after city rivals Roma ended Simone Inzaghi's side's 11-match winning streak.

"It is pleasant and exciting to go back," said Sarri despite the

game, always halfway between pressure and waiting, we made mistakes."

In Naples, Zielinski broke the deadlock after 63 minutes finishing off a rebound after Insigne was denied by Juve goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny.

Insigne volleyed in a second after 86 minutes to an explosion of joy among the crowd.

Cristiano Ronaldo pulled a goal back as the game headed into injury time for his 13th goal in nine consecutive games in all competitions.

The visitors pushed for the equaliser but Alex Meret smothered Gonzalo Higuain's goal-bound effort, as Juve crashed to just their second defeat of the season.

Napoli move up to tenth place, 12 points off the Champions League places after ending a run of three consecutive defeats.

## Warriors look to bounce back against Rockets



PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Awadhe Warriors will look to capitalise on home advantage and bounce back to form when they take on the Mumbai Rockets on the final day of their home leg at the Premier Badminton League here today.

With both coming off a loss in their last tie, it will be a stern test of nerves for the two teams.

The Awadhe Warriors suffered a 1-2 loss at the hands of Hyderabad Hunters while the Rockets went down 2-5 to the Pune 7 Aces in their previous outings.

Having begun their campaign on a high with a gritty 4-3 victory over the North Eastern Warriors, the Awadhe Warriors were aiming to continue their winning streak but the Hunters proved to be too strong.

Despite the outcome not going their way, they had a few positives coming out of the match.

Ko Sung Hyun and Shin Baek Cheol's partnership is growing stronger day by day. The pair, who won three BWF titles last year, has taken their confidence into the league and remains unbeaten so far.

Former world No 10 Wong Wing Ki Vincent gave an effortless display in front of the roaring home fans while Subhankar Dey's stamina and tenacity impressed one and all.

The Warriors also have world No 14 Beiben Zhang in their ranks.

"Our last match did not go our way but that hasn't dampened our spirit. The crowd support here has been fantastic. We are looking forward to finishing our home leg with a win," said Zhang.

Meanwhile, Mumbai Rockets will be gunning for their first victory of the season after a disappointing start for the former runners-up that saw them lose to the high-flying Chennai Superstarz and the Pune 7 Aces.

## All senior players, Klopp to miss FA Cup replay

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp confirmed he will not take charge of the Reds' FA Cup replay against Shrewsbury, nor will any senior players from the European champions take part.

Klopp made 11 changes as the League One side, 59 places below Liverpool in the English football pyramid, came from 2-0 down to secure a replay at Anfield on Sunday.

However, the German did still include a handful of experienced players such as Adrian, Joel Matip,



Dejan Lovren, Fabinho and Divock Origi.

Even they are set to miss the replay as it falls a few days into Liverpool's two-week winter break from Premier League action.

Klopp said he has already promised that week off to first-team players and that under-23s coach Neil Critchley will take charge of team.

Liverpool went out of the League Cup in December when a team fielding five debutants and an average age of 19 was beaten 5-0 by Aston Villa.

Critchley was also in charge for that game with Klopp and the first team away in Qatar for the Club World Cup.

## Third Pak-B'desh T20 rained off

PTI ■ LAHORE

The third Twenty20 international between Pakistan and Bangladesh was abandoned without a ball being bowled Monday because of bad weather in Lahore, giving the home side a 2-0 series victory.

Murky conditions and drizzle delayed the scheduled 13:00 pm (0830 GMT) toss at the Gaddafi stadium pitch, but play was called off three hours later.

Pakistan won the first match by

five wickets on Friday and the second by nine wickets the next day.

The series win helped Pakistan hang on to their number one ranking in Twenty20 internationals with 270 points, leading Australia by just one point.

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam said the series win will help the team's confidence.

"Our bowling was outstanding in both the games... helped us keep them down to low totals," said Babar who lost 2-0 in Australia last year in his first series as skipper.

## Real go top with win

AFP ■ MADRID

Real Madrid moved top of La Liga for the first time since October on Sunday after grinding out a 1-0 win away at Real Valladolid to make Barcelona pay for their surprise defeat to Valencia.

It is 16 weeks since Madrid last finished a round top of the pile and it looked like a scrappy contest at the Jose Zorrilla would end goalless until Nacho Hernandez headed in the winner with 12 minutes remaining.

Victory means Zinedine Zidane's side pull three points ahead of Barca, whose 2-0 loss away at the Mestalla on



Nacho embraces Real's coach Zinedine Zidane after scoring

Saturday under new coach Quique Setien could prove a turning point in a nip-and-tuck title race.

"Nothing changes, we are happy with the win,"

said Zidane. "There are 16 games left and we will have to fight until the end if we want something. Nothing changes."

Madrid now have the luxury of hosting their struggling city rivals Atletico Madrid, who are 10 points back after a goalless home draw with Leganes, with a cushion next weekend, not to mention on the back of a 19-game unbeaten run.

"We are top of the table again after being there a long time ago," said captain Sergio Ramos. "We have to keep going."

"Defensively what we are doing we are doing very well, it is our strength," said Zidane.

## Indian women's lose 1-2 to NZ

PTI ■ AUCKLAND



The Indian women's hockey team lost 1-2 to New Zealand in its second match of the ongoing tour here on Monday.

The Indians had earlier defeated New Zealand Development squad 4-0 in the opening match of the tour.

New Zealand started the game on an attacking note and earned a penalty corner early in the first quarter and the chance was brilliantly converted by Megan Hull in the third minute of the match.

India drew parity when young Salima Tete converted a penalty corner in the dying minutes of the first quarter.

The visitors matched New Zealand in the second and third quarters but a defensive error in the final 15 minutes cost India dearly as they concede a penalty stroke, and Megan

Hull made no mistake from the spot.

India's chief coach Sjoerd Marijne was disappointed with the result.

"We created enough scoring opportunities but we were not productive enough. New Zealand were very successful in the little changes they got. They executed them well," he said.

"It is not about how many opportunities you create but how effective you are. New Zealand were stronger today and in the beginning we were struggling with that. But after the first quarter, we played much better."

"We created eight shots on goal and four penalty corners. We are definitely working on being more effective in the coming matches," he added.

India will again take on New Zealand in the third match of the tour on Wednesday.



# PARENTS SHOULD BE PRIMARY ROLE MODELS IN KIDS' LIVES

Good role models are still crucial for your kids, so consider enlisting close family members or caring neighbours to guide your children through challenging social interactions. It's going to get harder before it gets easier, but there is a silver lining. Taking a moment to think about why they are lying should help you respond to their lies appropriately, writes TEAM VIVA

As the primary role models in children's lives, parents play a vital part in showcasing honesty. They also have the most influence when it comes to instilling a deep-rooted commitment to telling the truth. As children mature and acquire a more sophisticated understanding of social etiquette, parents must help children differentiate between little white lies told to spare people's feelings and downright dishonesty. All children lie. Teaching children about the importance of honesty early and teaching them how to resolve situations so they don't need to rely on lying will ensure they will be honest most of the time.

Children and adults lie for similar reasons, to get out of trouble, for personal gain, to impress or protect someone, or to be polite. At a young age, kids will experiment with the truth and they continue to do so through all the developmental stages, with varying degrees of sophistication and elaboration. For maximum influence at each developmental stage, address the subject of lying in an age-appropriate way. Learn how to respond appropriately to kids of different ages when they're caught telling a lie.

Because toddlers' language skills are just emerging, they do not have a clear idea yet of where truth begins and ends. At this age, toddlers also have a fairly shaky grasp on the difference between reality, day-dream, wishes, fantasies, and fears. Remember that toddlers are trying to exhibit their independence and they can make a power struggle out of any disagreement.

Make it clear that you are not taken in by the lies, but move on gracefully after listening to and gently correcting your child. Avoid confronting the child further or digging for the truth unless the situation is serious and demands more attention.

Maintaining the lies may still be difficult, even though they are becoming better at concealing them. Talk openly to your children and continue reading stories together and notice when a child is being honest and provide praise and positive feedback.

Most important, because school-age children are keen observers, continue to be good role models. Be careful about what reflexive lies you may be used to saying — even something as small as. For trickier situations, as when your child must offer thanks for a gift that she doesn't like, help her focus on the positive aspects of the gift.

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Young children start to learn to lie as they mature cognitively and socially. In order to lie, children have to understand that other people have their own beliefs and thoughts that are not the same as theirs. A child also has to realise that other people may believe things that are wrong.

One way to teach your children the importance of telling the truth is with a word picture. Most kids don't necessarily understand how hard you work for your family, but they do understand that when you get your paycheck, you deposit it into a bank. Then the bank pays you a little something called interest for keeping your money there.

In the same way, explain to your children that each time they tell the truth, a deposit is made in your "trust account." The



more deposits that are made, the more you trust them. And thus, the more privileges they earn in return.

Initially, the returns on their deposits might be spending the night out at a friend's house or staying up a bit later on a weekend. As their account grows, bigger dividends might be a cell phone, texting and even driving a car. Your children need to know that if just one lie is told to you, it can completely deplete their trust account with you. Then they'll have to start from scratch to make deposits to build up that trust once again.

One idea for helping your kids understand this principle is to use Monopoly money as a visual to demonstrate the deposits and withdrawals from their "Trust Account." What are some other creative ways you can think of?

Deciphering truth from fantasy can be tricky, especially things we see on TV. Make

**One way to teach your children the importance of telling the truth is with a word picture. Most kids don't necessarily understand how hard you work for your family, but they do understand that when you get your paycheck, you deposit it into a bank. Then the bank pays you a little something called interest for keeping your money there**

up a fantastic story with your child about things that could not be true — such as flying, living in the clouds, or meeting animals that talk. Explain that these stories are fun, but they are not reality. Some things we see such as shows with cartoon characters, or hear about like fairies or monsters, are not actually true but "made-up" stories. Discuss when it is okay to pretend and explain that sometimes it is important for us to tell the truth — to say what is actually real.

Children need to be able to trust their parents. It is fundamental to the parent-child relationship and it becomes generalized by the child to all other relationships s/he has later in life. There are ways to explain the truth to kids at every age in age appropriate ways. There is a multitude of scientific research out there to back up my very strong opinion on this matter. To help your child better understand



why honesty is so important, set up a few demonstrative scenarios that can give her a visual understanding of honesty and lying. Create two obstacle courses in your back yard. One should be simple and the other one quite difficult. After your child goes through both, ask her which one was easier. Discuss how the one with all the obstacles represents lies that increasing-

ly get bigger and harder to get through, which is why telling the truth is so much easier. The negative effects of telling tales are related to whether it is perceived as lying by others, for example by parents or teachers. It is difficult to study whether children who lie a lot without others finding out also show these negative effects.

Trend Slazer

Deepika, Rishi in *The Intern* remake

Actors **RISHI KAPOOR** and **DEEPIKA PADUKONE** will star in the official Hindi remake of the Rober De Niro-Anne Hathaway starrer Hollywood comedy hit, *The Intern*.

Deepika wrote, "Thrilled to present my next. The Indian adaptation of *#TheIntern*."

Excited to be a part of the film, Rishi said, "*The Intern* is a very relevant film for the present-day Indian workplace milieu. It showcases human relationships beautifully. I am very excited to be working with Deepika and being a part of this heart-warming story. It is great that Warner Bros and AZURE are officially making this film in India."



**'Considering the fact that Salman (Khan) sir is such a huge star, never have I ever imagined that I will get another chance to work with him again, after Bharat. When the film worked I was just happy with the fact that I had worked with Salman Khan. However, when the opportunity for Radhe came, I was on cloud nine.'**

—Disha Patani

**AYUSHMANN KHURRANA's** lip-lock with co-star Jitendra Kumar is the highlight moment of *Gabru*, the first-launched track of the forthcoming comedy *Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan*.

Ayushmann and Jitendra play on-screen lovers in the film, which aims at being a quirky comedy centred on homosexuality and the societal taboos around it.

Overall, the video makes for a fun watch, with Ayushmann breaking into the *nagin* dance at one point, with co-star Gajraj Rao.



Cardi B looks like nemesis Minaj

Rapper **CARDI B** has sparked off plastic surgery rumours lately and many netizens feel she resembles her nemesis **Nicki Minaj** now.

Cardi B stepped out for Clive Davis and the Recording Academy's pre-Grammy gala, during which people noticed difference in her physical features.

A user said, about her likeness to Minaj, "This is really mysterious why would Cardi go out to get her arch enemy's face put on hers? This is disturbing. I guess imitation really is a sincerest form of flattery." The troll went on speculating what works have been done on Cardi B's face.



A tribute to Kobe Bryant



Billie Eilish



Tanya Tucker

# A SONG FOR DIVERSITY

The attendees at the 62nd annual Grammy Awards, besides paying a tribute to lost heroes, including basketball player Kobe Bryant and late rapper Nipsey Hussle, called out for more inclusiveness. Then 18-year-old Billie Eilish swept with five wins, capping off an incredible breakthrough year. Here are the top moments from the gala

**D**rama over fairness and inclusion at the Grammy Awards carried over to music's big night as newcomers and mainstays in the industry supported Sean "Diddy" Combs and his powerful speech putting the Recording Academy on a clock to fix the nomination process when it comes to rap and R&B in major categories. "I think if they smart, they listen to Diddy," soulful singer Lucky Daye said on the red carpet.

British rapper Labrinth added, "Hopefully there's a conversation to really think about what's happened." Days ago, the academy's just-ousted CEO Deborah Dugan claimed that the awards are rigged and filled with conflicts of interest. At the Clive Davis gala, Combs — who was honoured — spoke for 50 fiery minutes, saying in part: "So I say this with love to the Grammys because you really need to know this, every year y'all be killing us man. Man, I'm talking about the pain. I'm speaking for all these artists here, the producers, the executives. The amount of time it takes to make these records, to pour your heart into it and you just want an even playing field."

Combs urged in his speech that substantive change should come within 365 days. Legend Smokey Robinson had words of support for Combs, his friend but he said he wasn't surprised about the Grammy criticism. "Diddy could actually be a politician. I thought this speech was powerful. It touched on a lot of things people were afraid to say," he said.

Of Dugan calling out manipulation of the nomination process, he said, "It's not like it's news. We've known it all along. It's just coming to the forefront. All that is hidden will come to light."

Tyler, The Creator said backstage after his *Igor* won best rap album that he's "half and half" on the controversy over whether Grammy voting is fair. "On one side, I'm very grateful that what I made could just be acknowledged in a world like this," he said. "But also, it sucks that whenever we, and I mean guys that look like me, do anything that's genre-bending, they always put it in a 'rap' or 'urban' category. I don't like that 'urban' word. It's just a politically correct way to say the N-word. When I hear that, I'm just like why can't we just be in pop?" His other half feels like the "rap nomination was a backhanded compliment."

Bluesman Keb' Mo', who has served in academy positions over the years, said his experiences on the inside have been "nothing but integrity." He added, "Nothing's perfect but my experience is the Grammys trying to maintain integrity and the artistic process." Others said Combs' words and support will hopefully go a long way.

"I believe that, you know, sometimes there's always a tweaking that can be done. I think sometimes you may have to just revisit the process," said gospel artist Tasha Cobbs Leonard. "I have hope that's what's happening now in every category."

The Grammys have been criticised over the years when Beyoncé, Kanye West, Eminem, Mariah Carey and other top stars have lost in major categories,



Priyanka Chopra Jonas with Nick Jonas

GRAMMYS ON TWITTER

Most tweeted moments

- Demi Lovato performs *Anyone*
- BTS fans react to *Purple you tweet*
- Billie Eilish wins Record of the Year

Most tweeted musicians

- BTS
- Demi Lovato
- Ariana Grande
- Camila Cabello
- Billie Eilish

Most tweeted songs

- *Old Town Road*
- *Bad Guy*
- *Anyone*



Singer and songwriter, Lizzo

including album of the year and best new artist. The rap and R&B stars often fall short of their pop, rock and country counterparts.

Boys Noize, along with Skrillex and Ty Dolla \$ign, also supported the cause on the red carpet. "Everybody should be here. More black, more female," Boys Noize said. Ty Dolla \$ign added: "The people will rise for sure."

Billie Eilish has won album of the year and record of the year to cap a dominant night of five victories at the Grammy Awards. The 18-year-old Eilish won

A LIST OF WINNERS

**Record of the year:** *Bad Guy*, Billie Eilish

**Album of the year:** *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?*, Billie Eilish

**Best new artist:** Billie Eilish

**Best pop vocal album:** *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?*, Billie Eilish

**Best rap/sung performance:** *Higher*, DJ Khaled featuring Nipsey Hussle and John Legend

**Best rap album:** *Igor*, Tyler, The Creator

**Best comedy album:** *Sticks & Stones*, Dave Chappelle

**Best pop solo performance:** *Truth Hurts*, Lizzo

**Best rock song:** *This Land*, Gary Clark, Jr

**Best spoken word album:** *Becoming*, Michelle Obama

**Best music film:** *Homecoming*, Beyoncé

**Best country album:** *While I'm Livin'*, Tanya Tucker

**Best country song:** *Bring My Flowers Now*, Tanya Tucker

**Best country solo performance:** *Ride Me Back Home*, Willie Nelson

**Best rap song:** *A Lot*, 21 Savage featuring J Cole

**Best music video:** *Old Town Road (Official Movie)*, Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus

**Best score soundtrack for visual media:** Hildur Guðnadóttir, *Chernobyl*

**Best song written for visual media:** *I'll Never Love Again*, Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper

album of the year for *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?* and record of the year for *Bad Guy*. Her album beat a group of nominees that included Lana Del Rey, Lizzo and Ariana Grande. "Can I just say that I think Ariana deserved this?" Eilish said as she accepted the award. Her other Grammys include best new artist, and song of the year for *Bad Guy*. She told the music stars in the crowd that "I grew up watching all of you."

John Legend, Meek Mill, DJ Khaled and a host of musicians paid tribute to Nipsey Hussle at the awards, filling the vast stage with a soaring performance of his music. The tribute kicked off with Mill performing a new song called *Letter to Nipsey*, which mentioned a letter President Barack Obama wrote in Hussle's honour. "When we lost you, it really put some pain on me," Mill rapped. "Real hitters never die."

Then DJ Khaled and Legend sang their collaboration with Hussle, DJ Khaled's track *Higher*, which later won the Grammy for best rap/sung performance. Legend sang while playing the piano as a choir sang along with them. Other performers including Kirk Franklin, Roddy Ricch and YG, each took turns doing solos.

Hussle was killed outside of his South Los Angeles clothing store in March 2019. Sunday's performance featured musicians, background dancers and Eritrean clothing in honour of Hussle's African roots. The tributes to Hussle were made even more poignant by the loss earlier in the day by another icon — basketball superstar Kobe Bryant.

He played for 20 years for the city's NBA team. Bryant's death in a helicopter crash earlier in the day was acknowledged in the opening minutes of the Grammys broadcast. Before her performance, Lizzo said, "This is for Kobe." She went on to perform *Truth Hurts* and *Cuz I Love You*.

Host Alicia Keys said she was feeling "crazy sad" about Bryant. She was joined on stage with Boyz II Men, who collectively sang *It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday*. "The whole world lost a hero," the singer said in front of the audience. "We are standing her literally heartbroken in the house that Kobe Bryant built." The NBA legend, his 13-year-old daughter Gianna, and seven others were killed in the crash on a steep hillside in dense morning fog in Southern California. He was 41 and had retired from the Lakers in 2016.

Some shed tears for Bryant on the red carpet. Others were almost speechless ahead of the 62nd annual awards show. Music artists including Billy Ray Cyrus, Rick Ross and Kirk Franklin paid tribute to Bryant, the 18-time NBA All-Star and five-time champion. Debbie Allen, who is married to former Laker Norm Nixon, was seen crying. DJ Khaled said the news about Bryant's death was "devastating."

Actor Priyanka Chopra also paid tribute to the late basketball star Bryant in a special way. She took a moment to style her decorated nails with the number "24" written on her index finger. "RIP Mamba," Priyanka shared on her Instagram page with a purple heart

emoji, alongside an image of her tribute. While attending the Grammys, she walked arm-in-arm with her husband and singer Nick Jonas, wearing a custom Ralph & Russo design, which featured a plunging neckline and also included diamond-adorned pieces, fringe sleeves and intricate embroidery.

Outside Staples Centre, fans wearing Bryant's No 8 and No 24 jerseys flocked to the arena to show their respect for the Laker legend. A few hundred people gathered at LA Live in front of a mega screen with a smiling Bryant that read, "In Loving Memory of KOBE BRYANT 1978-2020".

With tears running down her cheeks, Demi Lovato stood on the Grammys' stage in a white ballgown and belted her new single *Anyone*, written just four days before her near fatal overdose in July 2018. It was the 27-year-old's first time at the Grammy Awards in two years and her first big performance since that fateful day.

At age 61, Tanya Tucker has won the first two Grammy Awards of her career, 48 years after her first hit at age 13. Tucker won best country album for *While I'm Livin'*, her first album of original material in 17 years. She also won best country song for *Bring My Flowers Now*, which is also nominated for overall song of the year. Tucker has been nominated for Grammys 14 times. He is still very young compared to the winner of the other major country Grammy, 86-year-old Willie Nelson, who took home best country solo performance for *Ride Me Back Home*. It was Nelson's ninth Grammy.

Hildur Guðnadóttir took home a Grammy for music she first thought no one would care to hear. The female composer won best score soundtrack for the HBO miniseries *Chernobyl* during the pre-telecast ceremony. The soundtrack already won her an Emmy late last year. And in January she became the first woman in 19 years to win best original score for *Joker* at the Golden Globes. "I think it fits really well with the images of the film, and I was happy with how the music worked with the narrative and characters in this series," she said backstage of the *Chernobyl* soundtrack. "But I never thought anyone would ever listen to the soundtrack record, honestly. I've very surprised to be here today."

Michelle Obama is a Grammy winner. The former first lady won her first Grammy Award for best spoken word album for the audio book of her 2019 memoir *Becoming*. Obama was not on hand to accept the award. Her husband, former president Barack Obama, has two Grammys in the same category, one for his 2005 audio book *Dreams of My Father* and another for his 2007 audio book *The Audacity of Hope*. The spoken word album category includes poetry, storytelling and audio books.

Beyoncé's *Homecoming* has won the Grammy Award for best music film. The Netflix film weaves together Beyoncé's 2018 performances at the Coachella music festival, which included numerous nods to historically black colleges and universities.

—With inputs from agencies

## Sacred Games, Mirzapur among most-searched web content

A study on most searched OTT content reveals that *Sacred Games*, *Mirzapur*, *Made In Heaven*, *Criminal Justice* and *Lust Stories* have been appreciated globally.

According to a study by SEMrush, the most searched for web series online was *Sacred Games* followed by *Mirzapur*, *Made In Heaven*, *Criminal Justice* and *Lust Stories*. Each was searched on an average of 5.01, 3.51, 1.93, 1.77, and 1.37 lakh times respectively during the period mentioned. The global research tracked the most-searched web content between January and December 2019.

The study shows there is a huge audience that wants to see on-screen, life-like characters facing real-world challenges. Fernando Angulo, head of com-



munications at the Boston-based SEMrush, said, "Indian cinema has come a long way. Our study shows that the Indian audience is very sophisticated and have access

to content that is at par with what Hollywood produces. What makes web series even better than Hollywood fare is that Indian audience find it relatable.



It also has the character depth and narrative equal to the best anywhere."

While crime-based series have a huge following, web-series

centred on romance and cricket are popular as well. The study found, of the 10 most searched web series, *Inside Edge*, which delves into the highs and lows of

a fictional T20 cricket franchise, was searched an average 84,000 times.

*Selection Day*, another cricket-based series, was the 10th most explored web-series. Angulo added, "Our study is beneficial to brands that want to reach a sophisticated, cosmopolitan, enlightened audience that believes in societal change. We provide brands with the opportunity to associate themselves with stars and stories that are thriving online. Brands can include narratives of popular web series into their advertising. For instance, a brand that wants to reach young, professional, independent, and affluent women has a mirror into such women's wants. We've found how large the demographic of such women is."

—IANS

# THE UNSEEN WORLD

India Art Fair presents artworks by sculptor GIRJESH KUMAR SINGH and a show titled *30x30* by Gallerie Ganesha. While the former reflects the trauma of our contemporary society, the latter showcases never seen before works by masters

The sculpted terracotta heads by Baroda-based artist Girjesh Kumar Singh compel you to gaze and mull over the medium, message and mood at a time when there is a debate on humanism and identity. His *Laga Chunri Mein Daag* at Rukshaan Art Booth, which will be displayed at India Art Fair, is, therefore, a community of lively and connected spirits.

Art centre director Rukshaan, who often brings artists with alternative voices from Baroda, says, "His sculptures are made from broken bricks of destroyed homes as they reflect the trauma we are living with in our contemporary societies." He has collected these broken bricks from his home town in Uttar Pradesh and other Indian cities. It highlights his interest in destroyed building sites and their legacy.

Girjesh's tensile terracotta faces line the walls and grab your attention instantly, simply because they are invested with his life's experiences. The artist combines destruc-

tion with something human and historical and brings forth the difficult truths which are too often suppressed or ignored.

His portraits of charismatic men and women depict humanity in more ways than one. "I try to showcase all kinds of faces. They're not of any specific community but maybe native Americans, Europeans, minorities and sages with their hair bunched up. The expressions on each face are distinct, definite and powerful, some joyful, some serene, others stern. Others smirk at you, some have a cynical look and some even frown. But each one is worth watching. Girjesh has deep observational skills and is able to translate emotions onto the terracotta profiles. Perhaps it is their inner state, worries and tribulations that are being unveiled.

The strong cement-brick bond he works with holds multiple metaphors — of construction and demolition in our own lives. With every road we take, our old memories stay with us. The cement that



Shobha Bhatia. There will be a collection of 30 artworks by celebrated Indian artists. Says Shobha, "We have represented these 30 artists over the years but their works have never been seen before. Paresch Maity's large canvas on Gandhi's Dandi march, Sakti Burman's dreamlike work, Alok Uniyal's introspective portrayal of a girl, Avijit Dutta's take on nature's bounty, Devdatta Padekar's poignant painting on human relationships — these new works are some of the major highlights amongst others. Although modern art movement in India is comparatively recent, we have always had a rich heritage and tradition in art. Paintings from the Indian miniature series, dating back to the 16th century or the even older tribal and folk art, have inspired many artists in recent times. In spite of the colonial influence, almost subjugation, of Indian art, the Bengal School kept alive the Indian legend. While Indian artists welcomed the European technique and style, the soul of Indian art remained connected to their traditional heritage. The exhibition attempts to highlight the fact that the essence of all things Indian, including art, is in the traditional and its aesthetics, by virtue of its deep rooted ancient heritage which is spiritually linked too."

Some of the sections of Indian art that will be exhibited are folk and tribal, Bengal school artists, modernists and contemporary masters. Artists include Jangarh Singh Shyam, Janani Shyam, Neelkant Choudhary, Umashankar Shah, K.S.Kulkarni, Satish Gujral, Sakti Burman, A.Ramachandran, Maite Delteil, Shyamal Datta Ray, Ganesh Pyne, Paresch Maity, Jayasri Burman, Avijit Dutta, Devdatta Padekar, Maya Burman, Vinita Karim, Asit Halder, Kshitiendranath Majumdar, Mukul Dey, Haren Das, Dhirendranath Brahma, Suhars Roy, Laxma Goud, Sisir Sahana, Nayana Kanodia, Badri Narayan, Alok Uniyal and Neeraj Goswami.

(India Art Fair runs from January 30 to February 2.)



BY REINTRODUCING A HUMAN ELEMENT TO DAILY OBJECTS, GIRJESH REMINDS US THAT THE MEANING OF BUILDINGS, THEIR HOMELINESS AND UTILITY CAN ONLY EXIST THROUGH OUR INTERPRETATIONS

binds the bricks remains even after a building is razed to the ground. Themes of identity and migration define his work. "You migrate from one place to another but never leave a place fully — the emotions become a part of your identity," says Girjesh.

He is interested in the history of his materials as he wants to know the actual past events, architectural structures and the human narratives that established them.

By reintroducing a human element to these objects, the artist reminds us that the meaning of buildings, their homeliness and utility can only exist through our interpretations. Furthermore, by asking us to consider the lives of the people who might once have inhabited them, he also poses inevitably emotional questions about current human situations: "Where people might be and what has become of their lives?"

India Art Fair will also present the 30th anniversary of Gallerie Ganesha through its show titled *30x30*, curated by gallery director

## The poetry of earth

Through his solo exhibition, *Growing Wild*, artist RAJESH RAM depicts the loss of nature as he feels urbanisation has taken over



The life-size bronze sculptures and oil paintings by artist Rajesh Ram at the Palette Art Gallery might grab your attention instantly. His solo exhibition, *Growing Wild*, explores and confronts the interactions between nature and human culture.

Says the artist, "Nature and human culture have inspired me in their own ways. My works were related to *Panchatantra* and my wife has been into urban farming. This gave me the opportunity to connect closely with nature. I also have a family background of farmers. So this is automatically reflected in my works."

Humans have often defined themselves in relation to each other. Through his work, Rajesh draws his childhood memories of village life, intertwined with the moral teachings. He also explores the binaries of human and animal, rural and urban contexts. "I draw a lot from my experiences in Jharkhand, which has traditionally lived close to nature. Over time, nature has lost its beauty and urbanisation has taken over. The concrete build-



**'I draw a lot from my experiences in Jharkhand, which has traditionally lived close to nature. Over time, it has lost its beauty at the cost of human progress'**

ing have replaced the beauty of trees and mountains and plants are nowadays merely a show-piece," says Ramesh.

At the heart of Ramesh's work is the man who is hopeful. Talking about the title of the exhibition, Rakesh says, "Nature has been my inspiration for this exhibition. Growth and development are part of life. It is the character of nature to grow in its own way. The title is inspired by this."

The medium used in his work is bronze, which has continued to co-exist with nature since long and proven to have had a long-lasting effect on the same. His work addresses the contradictions of growth and of favouring one species over the rest. The work also speaks of the loss of nature, the contested space of individual and the cost of human progress. The three accompanying paintings appear to demonstrate man-animal harmony where the laws of the jungle prescribe the rules of society. They also suggest a desire for balance within and between ecosystems.

(The exhibition is on view till February 12.)

We talk about soil and clay. She says that working with them heals — emotionally and physically. There is talk of childhood memories. She says all the dust had vanished and her memory is now crystal clear. She recounts the watermill back in her village in Bihar. A composition of water, sound, light, the splash on the iron sheets, the entire musicality of it. "In the evening, when you looked down the well, there were innumerable fireflies hanging there. How does one describe that?," smiles Shambhavi.

It's a hectic day for the painter, printmaker and installation artist whose non-figurative work has always dwelled upon the condition of the farming community. As she takes a break from guiding her staff for the forthcoming solo exhibition *Burukuwa* Dwan, the artist, whose work *Cosmic Seeds Light* was acquired by the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York, says, "You'll see the mud-and-hay textured walls of their houses, the grey mist that rises from the field on winter mornings explores various facets of interplay between man, nature and art."

In fact, *Bhoomi*, another solo show by her will be running simultaneously at Gallery Espace, which will have her iron sculptures and installations. Interestingly, the conversation with Shambhavi is not linear, her striking work at 2018 Kochi Biennale *Maati Ma*, featuring four of her works — *Lullaby*, *Water Garland*, *Rippers Melody* and *Brail* takes the conversation forward and what the viewers will experience in her forthcoming exhibitions as she exhibits in the capital after a gap of six years.

The artist, whose poetic work forever carries social undertones says, "Burukuwa is the last star. The moment villagers see it, they know it's 4 am and time to start the day. It is a magical hour. When you're half asleep, the kind of sound that comes with their activities of getting ready for the day is reminiscent of musicians on the stage getting ready for a performance. The sound, the light, the last musings of the night, and the farmer's first glance at the fields early morning — these are the connections I have grown up with as I would frequently go to my grandparents' place in the village. But these are also the relationships people are increasingly refusing to see — that's where my work *Braille* comes in."

## 'Darkness is transparent, you can see through'

Artist SHAMBHAVI says you can reacquire yourself with your country through its cultural traditions

In many ways, when Shambhavi takes the farmers' tools from their world and makes sculptures out of them, she is in fact pleading for them. This Patna College of Arts and Crafts pass-out adds, "But remember, my education is mostly from experience rather than reading." For someone who now lives in Delhi's urban landscape, there is no dichotomy. "I am clear that I don't see here. I want to say something here, about them. And maybe my art can make a bridge."

Talking about her association with Takshila Foundation's programme in Bihar's countryside, the artist says, "We run long-term residencies for international and national artists and students at Siwan, so that they actually get to connect to rural landscape at all levels and understand the multiple dimensions of living that life."

Back in the late 80s when she was a scholar at Lalit Kala Akademi Regional Centre in Lucknow and painted huge canvases, most people called them abstracts. "Believe me, at that time, I didn't even know the 'A' of abstract. I painted the riverbank and my village engulfed in darkness — when there was no electricity. The drawings were realistic but they were covered with dark and everyone read it as abstract art. Yes, I painted very clear dark because darkness is transparent, you can see through."

Travelling abroad extensively for residencies and shows and the consequent 'distanceness' from home allowed her to see things here more clearly. "When you travel you read your homeland much better, perceptions change. When I am in Bihar, I am not Bihar, when I am out, I am. The moment I leave India, I am more Indian. Out there, you're questioned about India and not regions. When such questions are posed, you embrace the whole country. And I cherish the fact that I got such experiences from



a very young age — a time when I was not very politically or intellectually charged. You know, I made it a point to travel to most countries without reading about them. When I came back, then read. It has always been the other way round for me. This way, it becomes a fresh experience with the land — travelling to the unknown."

Insisting that art and music makes one understand a country much more effectively, she adds, "It was a huge experience to see people going to the museum as if it was a temple — something completely absent here. That gives you a kick to keep working. In India, we may have a very small art world but the world we live in is amazing. Connection with creativity is so well presented there which inspires you. Here we are still distant."

As the conversation veers towards the need for an overhaul in art school curriculums, she asserts, "It is in such a run down state. We haven't come out

of the British system yet. It's shocking to see that they don't even understand the difference between art and decoration. Not just art schools, the entire school curriculum needs to be looked at. We all study maths in school and realise that everyone doesn't become a mathematician. But at least when a mathematician is sitting with me, I understand who is he. Then why is it that when an artist is around, we tend to think that what he does is some kind of an extra-curricular activity?"

The countryside may have always inspired Shambhavi, but she also sees how it has metamorphosed over the years. "Now when I go, I can experience the emptiness there. The warmth has faded, of course my grandparents' generation is no longer there, cousins have scattered. There is a strong isolation, a feeling of being left out. The pressure and crisis of currency is now very visible."

—IANS

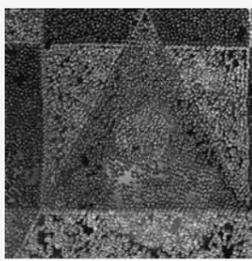
Gallery Latitude 28 presents *The Exodus of Eternal Wanderers*, a solo show of Sudipta Das, who, through her works, interrogates the realities of climate change and appeals to humanity about its most important outcomes, human migration. TIME: 11 am to 7 pm WHEN: Till February 28 WHERE: Gallery Latitude 28, Lado Sarai.



Kautilya Foundation & Aamad Dance Centre presents *Pratibha Vasantotsav Festival*. It will celebrate Srijan, a budding artist who has emerged through the *Guru-Shishya Parampara* on stage. It will emphasise different moods of *Vasantotsav* and give the message for unity. WHEN: February 1 TIME: 6 pm onwards WHERE: Triveni Kala Sangam, Mandi House.



Curated by Anuj Daga, *Building Ruins* presents experiments of RISD alumni in India since 1990s. It brings together 19 artists/designers from RISD and presents fragments that have emerged out of the multiple readings of *Building Ruins* by virtue of their diverse practices. WHEN: January 31 to February 1 WHERE: Agenc Colab, The Dhan Mill, Chhatrapur.



Gallery 1000A presents *Miscellaneous and the Mute*, a solo art show by Josh PS, whose works offer a means of reading between the strokes. They speak the language of exploitation and resistance, non-violence and bondage and the righteous desire for freedom. WHEN: Till February 29 WHERE: Gallery 1000A, Lado Sarai.



Gandhara Art Gallery and Dhoomimal Art Centre presents *Art: Bengal Now*, an art exhibition that showcases contemporary artworks from Bengal, which have inherited a significant historical language from its modern past. WHEN: Till February 7 TIME: 11 am to 7 pm WHERE: Dhoomimal Art Centre.



Lakers great, teen daughter & seven others also killed in helicopter crash

# LOSS OF A LEGEND

## Kobe Bryant Factfile

**Name:** Kobe Bryant  
**Former Team:** Los Angeles Lakers (1996-2016)  
**Position:** Guard  
**Height:** 6feet, 6inches, 1.98m

► Bryant was the son of Joe "Jelly Bean" Bryant, who played eight seasons in the NBA

### AWARDS/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Bryant won five NBA championships — 2000, 2001, 2002, 2009, 2010
- Named NBA Finals Most Valuable Player in leading Lakers to titles in 2009 and 2010
- Earned Olympic Gold medals with USA at 2008 Beijing Olympics and 2012 London Olympics
- Named NBA regular-season MVP in 2007-08 season and a record-breaking four-time NBA All-Star Game MVP — 2002, 2007, 2009 and 2011
- On January 22, 2006 scored a career-high 81 points in Lakers' 122-104 victory over Toronto, second-most points in a game in NBA history
- In 2018, his movie "Dear Basketball" won the Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film.
- Named an NBA All-Star 18 times - 1998 and 2000-2016
- Two-time NBA scoring champion - 2006 and 2007
- Had both his jersey numbers, 8 and 24, retired by the Lakers, an unprecedented move
- Scored 33,643 points, grabbed 7,047 rebounds and passed off 6,306 assists over 1,346 career NBA games
- Scored a season-high 60 points in his last NBA game on April 13, 2016 in a 101-96 Lakers' victory over Utah, becoming the oldest player in NBA history to score 60 points at 37 years and 234 days



In this June 14, 2009, photo, Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant celebrates with his daughter Gianna, following the Lakers 99-86 defeat of the Orlando Magic in Game 5 of the NBA Finals at Amway Arena in Orlando



A body is covered, left, while another sits at right at the scene of a helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant AP

"Saddened to hear about the tragic demise of Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna & others on-board the helicopter. My condolences to his family, friends and fans across the world. #KobeBryant."  
 — SACHIN TENDULKAR

"Absolutely devastated to hear this news today. So many childhood memories of waking up early and watching this magician doing things on the court that I would be mesmerized by."  
 — VIRAT KOHLI

"I am in shock over the tragic news of Kobe's and Gianna's passing. Words can't describe the pain I'm feeling. I loved Kobe — he was like a little brother to me. We used to talk often and I will miss those conversations very much. He was a fierce competitor, one of the greats of the game and a creative force."  
 — MICHAEL JORDAN

"Kobe was a legend on the court and just getting started in what would have been just as meaningful a second act. To lose Gianna is even more heartbreaking to us as parents. Michelle and I send love and prayers to Vanessa and the entire Bryant family on an unthinkable day."  
 — BARACK OBAMA

"Kobe Bryant, despite being one of the truly great basketball players of all time, was just getting started in life. He loved his family so much, and had such strong passion for the future. The loss of his beautiful daughter, Gianna, makes this moment even more devastating...."  
 — DONALD TRUMP

"For 20 seasons, Kobe showed us what is possible when remarkable talent blends with an absolute devotion to winning."  
 — NBA



## England thump SA for series win

AFP ■ JOHANNESBURG

Ben Stokes and Mark Wood made a double strike shortly before tea, breaking stubborn South African resistance and setting up a 191-run win for England on the fourth day of the fourth and final Test at the Wanderers Stadium on Monday.

The win clinched a 3-1 series victory for England.

Set to make a world record 466 to win, South Africa reached 181 for two before Stokes bowled home captain Faf du Plessis for 35.

In the next over man-of-the-match Wood dismissed Rassie van der Dussen for 98. He went on to claim four for 54 to finish with match figures of nine for 100.

Quinton de Kock and Temba Bavuma shone briefly but South Africa were bowled out for 274.

Van der Dussen and Du Plessis batted for all but 13 minutes of an extended two-and-a-half hour afternoon session to give South Africa some hope, making the England bowlers toil on a hot afternoon.

But Stokes bowled a ball which hit a crack and kept low, deflecting off the toe of Du Plessis' bat into the stumps.

Van der Dussen looked set for a maiden Test century but in the next over he fell to Wood two short of the landmark.

It was the second wicket for Stokes — both which came at crucial times shortly before an interval. His first victim was opening batsman Dean Elgar, who was caught and bowled playing an awkward pull shot in the penultimate over before lunch. Stokes finished with two for 47.

De Kock and Bavuma batted brightly in a fifth wicket stand of 48 before Broad bowled a vicious bouncer which Bavuma gloved to wicketkeeper Jos Buttler.

Broad had Dwaine Pretorius caught at fine leg in his next over and the rest followed.

Vernon Philander, playing in his last Test, struck a couple of beefy blows before falling to Wood who supplied the coup de grace, another lifting ball flicking Anrich Nortje's glove on its way through to Buttler down the legside.

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

Nine people were killed in the helicopter crash that claimed the life of NBA star Kobe Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter, Los Angeles officials confirmed on Sunday.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said eight passengers and the pilot of the aircraft died in the accident. "There were no survivors... There were nine people on board the aircraft, the pilot plus eight individuals," Villanueva said.

The helicopter crashed in foggy weather in the Los Angeles suburb of Calabasas. Authorities said firefighters received a call at 9:47 am about the crash, which caused a brush fire on a hillside.

The Los Angeles Police Department air support division grounded its helicopters until the fog lifted in the afternoon due to the weather conditions.

"The weather situation did not meet our minimum standards for flying," said police spokesman Josh Rubenstein.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby said firefighters had to hike to the site with medical equipment and hose lines to extinguish the blaze.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti confirmed that Bryant's daughter Gianna was among the victims.

"LA is grieving with the Bryant family over the loss of Gianna, who perished with her father and friends in today's tragedy," Garcetti wrote on Twitter.

Gianna was one of Bryant's four children with his wife Vanessa.

The retired NBA star, 41, and Gianna were flying to a game his daughter was expected to play in when their helicopter crashed, according to US reports.

Local media said the other victims included another player and a parent.

Orange Coast College confirmed that its baseball coach, John Altobelli, 56, was also on board the helicopter.

CNN said Altobelli's wife, Keri, and one of their two daughters, Alyssa, were aboard the chopper as well.

PTI ■ POTCHEFSTROOM

Indian wrist spinner Ravi Bishnoi's repertoire of skills will meet a match in Australian Tanveer Sangha's variations in a face-off between two talented tweakers during the quarter-final of the ICC U-19 World Cup here today.

The white ball cricket in recent times has seen wrist spinners emerge as an important cog and junior cricket is no different where Bishnoi, easily the tournament's most impactful bowler, would like to give his team the advantage over the Australian side.

With 10 wickets from three games, Bishnoi has proved why Kings XI Punjab has invested ₹ 2 crore on him during the auction.

Statistically, even Sangha

## India start favourites vs Aus



has been at his best with 10 wickets with 5 for 14 against minnows Nigeria. But there's been a four-wicket haul against the West Indies and a wicket to show against England for the player of Indian origin.

Today, both the wrist spinners will be key to their team's chances and Australia will look to improve their dismal record against India at the junior level.

In the last five U-19 encounters since 2013 (different teams have played though), India have won four with one game being abandoned due to rain.

As a team, India are way ahead both in terms of quality as well as temperament with the likes of Yashasvi Jaiswal (two half-centuries), his opening partner Divyansh Saxena and skipper Priyam Garg showing glimpses of their talent.

In the bowling department, lanky UP boy Kartik Tyagi, who breaches the 140 kph barrier quite regularly, and left-arm seamer Akash Singh, moving the white ball

back into the right-handers, are a heady combination.

And there is left-arm spinner Atharva Ankoekar, who came back brilliantly against the Junior Black Caps despite being attacked early on. He got three crucial breakthroughs but a finger fracture in his right hand could be an impediment while fielding.

While Jaiswal, Garg, NT Tilak Verma and Saxena make India's batting look strong, Australia skipper Mckenzie Harvey (nephew of former Australian all-rounder Ian Harvey) is a tough customer with the bat as he showed with an innings of 65 against England in their final group game.

## Sean puts Zim on front

AFP ■ HARARE

A fine second Test century by Sean Williams enabled Zimbabwe to dominate the opening day of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Harare on Monday, as they reached 352 for six at the close.

The Zimbabwe captain, who won the toss and chose to bat first, made 107 from 137 balls, an innings which swung between the swashbuckling, with 10 fours and three sixes, and the pragmatic.

He was well backed up by Brendan Taylor who made a run-a-ball 62 and Sikandar Raza who hit two sixes and four fours in his 72.

Looking to bounce back from



Sri Lanka bowler Lahiru Kumara, centre, celebrates the wicket of Prince Masvaure AP

last week's 10-wicket defeat in the first Test, Zimbabwe pressed on in the evening with Regis Chakabva on 31 and debutant Tinotenda Mutombodzi on 10.

Williams went on to bring up his second Test century — his first was against New Zealand in Bulawayo four years ago — by sweeping Embuldeniya for four.

## Concussion substitute introduced in IPL | Sarfaraz's double ton rescues Mumbai

No change in match timings as Mumbai will host final

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The title clash of the Indian Premier League (IPL) will be held in Mumbai on May 24 and the night matches will have usual 8pm start as the Governing Council decided against changing the timings, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly announced on Monday.

"There will be no change in the timing of IPL night games. It will start from 8 pm like earlier years," Ganguly told reporters after the IPL Governing Council meeting.

"We will have only five double headers (4pm and 8 pm) this time. We have decided to reduce the number of double headers," Ganguly said adding that the "final will be held in Mumbai."

In a first, concussion substitute and 'third umpire no ball' will also be introduced in the

### New selection committee to pick squad for SA ODIs

**NEW DELHI:** The revamped selection committee with a new chairman at helm will pick the Indian squad for the three ODIs at home in March, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said on Monday.

L Sivaramakrishnan, Ajit Agarkar, Rajesh Chauhan and Venkatesh Prasad are some of the key contenders to replace outgoing chairman MSK Prasad (South zone) and Gagan Khoda (Central zone) in the five-member panel.

"The Test squad for New Zealand has already been picked by the old committee and new committee's first

meeting will be held before home ODI series against South Africa. The interviews for short-listed candidates will happen soon," Ganguly said.

The BCCI President also informed that while Madan Lal and Sulakshana Naik are the members of Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), Gautam Gambhir is being replaced as he can not hold any position being a Member of Parliament.

Meanwhile Ganguly also informed that all-rounder Hardik Pandya has still not attained match fitness after his back surgery.

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upcoming edition of the popular T20 league, the former India captain informed.

"The concussion substitute and the no ball rule are new additions for the season," he said.

In a noble gesture, the BCCI will have an 'All Stars Game' between all top international

PTI ■ DHARAMSALA

In-form Sarfaraz Khan rescued Mumbai with an unbeaten double century, powering the visitors to a comfortable 372 for five after a top-order collapse on the opening day of their Group B game against Himachal Pradesh.

The 22-year-old Sarfaraz, who had hit an unbeaten triple-hundred in the last game against Uttar Pradesh, took a listless HP attack to cleaners, hitting 32 fours and four sixes during his unbeaten 226-run knock.

Electing to bowl the picturesque HPCA stadium, the home pacers exploited the windy conditions, grabbing three quick wickets to leave Mumbai reeling at 16 for three.

Sarfaraz started the rescue act first by conjuring up a 55-run stand with 'crisis man' Siddhesh Lad (20), to steady Mumbai's ship.

And then he found an able ally in Aditya Tare (62), with



Mumbai's Sarfaraz Khan celebrates after completing his double hundred PTI



then put an unbroken 158-run stand, before umpires drew stumps early owing to bad light after 75 overs.

It was Sarfaraz show once again as he will strive to reach his second successive triple hundred, a rare feat in any form of cricket.

**MAJUMDAR LEADS BENGAL**  
**KOLKATA:** Anustup Majumdar hit an unbeaten 94 under pressure to help Bengal reach 286 for five in Group A match against

Delhi at Eden Gardens.

Majumdar, who looked in formidable form, had some anxious moments as he survived a run-out chance to remain unbeaten, alongside Shahbaz Ahmed (39 not out) at the end of day one.

The home team turned the game around in the second session as Majumdar found a fine ally in wicketkeeper-batsman Shreevats Goswami (59). Scoring above four runs

per over, the duo stitched a 117-run fifth wicket stand to give Bengal the edge.

Earlier put in to bat, Bengal's top three batsmen, including last match's triple centurion, Manoj Tiwary (7), got out inside lunch.

### VINAY GRABS SIX

**CHANDIGARH:** Puducherry found themselves on the mat at 37 for 4 after their veteran pacer R Vinay Kumar grabbed six wickets to bowl Chandigarh out for a paltry 134 in their top of the table Plate clash.

Vinay Kumar triggered a Chandigarh middle-order collapse with twin blows in his successive overs en route to 6/32 as the hosts were dismissed after lunch inside 38 overs after they were sent in to bat.

In reply, the Plate leaders Puducherry were reeling at 37 for four, trailing by 97 runs at close on first day with Chandigarh new ball bowler Shreshth Nirmohi returning with figures of 3/17.