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Jamia firing whips up poll fever

Teen opens fire at anti-CAA protesters, taken into custody; student hurt

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

A teenager fired from a pistol at anti-CAA protesters at Jamia, injuring a Jamia Millia Islamia student, before walking away while brandishing the firearm aloft and shouting "Yeh lo aazadi" amid heavy police presence in the area on Thursday afternoon. The boy was overpowered by police and taken into custody.

Though normalcy returned to Jamia and its adjoining area by night, Opposition parties cashed in on the opportunity to corner the BJP, accusing its divisive politics for the shooting. The incident has raised political fever in poll-bound Delhi.

The incident took place when the students were heading from Jamia to Rajghat. The march was stopped at the Holy Family Hospital near the university as the police said the protesters didn't have permission for the march. Suddenly a teenaged boy popped up with a pistol in hand and started shouting slogans against the anti-CAA protesters. He confronted the protesters and opened fire, injuring a student in the hand. The incident took place in full media glare in the presence of police. The shooting video went viral within minutes.

The gun-toting youth was overpowered by police and taken into custody. A case under section 307 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act has been registered at New Friends Colony police station, said police.

According to the shooting video which went viral within minutes, dozens of policemen in riot gear are seen behind the shooter, but none of them is seen trying to stop him. However, police said the shooting incident happened for a split second. "By the time police could react, the person had already fired the shot. Everything happened in sec-

onds. The investigation is on. The case has been transferred to the Crime Branch. We are also probing whether he is a juvenile or not," Special Commissioner of Police (Intelligence) Praveer Ranjan.

Massive protests erupted in the area after the firing with hundreds of agitated people gathering near the university, breaking barricades which lead to minor clashes with police personnel. Many sang the national anthem.

The gunman went live on Facebook before the brandishing the gun. Before the attack, the man also put out messages on Facebook stating "Shaheen Bagh Khel Khatam" (Shaheen Bagh game is over). Another message stated, "Please wrap me in saffron in my last journey with slogans of Jai Shri Ram." His Facebook profile was deleted after screenshots of his posts were circulated widely on social media platforms.

The man's Facebook profile name is "Rambhakt Gopal" (actual name withheld in case he is proved to be a minor),

which has now been deleted, also said he is taking revenge for "Chandan Bhai", referring to a Chandan Gupta, who died of gunshot during a motorcycle rally taken out to celebrate the Republic Day in 2018.

"Chandan bhai ye badla aapke liye hai (this revenge is for you)," he had posted.

Yeh lo aazadi!

Brandishing the firearm aloft and shouting "Yeh lo aazadi" amid police presence, the shooter opened fire injuring a student

Students were marching from from Jamia to Rajghat, but were stopped by police which said the protesters didn't have permission for the march

Before the attack, the man also put out messages on Facebook stating "Shaheen Bagh Khel Khatam"

The student's condition is said to be out of danger



EC slaps 72-hr campaign ban on Anurag, 96 hrs on Parvesh

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Soon after the firing incident in Jamia area, the Election Commission (EC) on Thursday imposed a 72-hour campaigning ban on Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur and 96-hour ban on BJP MP Parvesh Verma for their provocative hate speeches against anti-CAA protesters.

In its order, the EC has stated that the ban is effective from 5 pm on January 30. The EC issued the orders after it studied their responses to the show-cause notices issued on January 28. The EC refused to consider their requests for personal hearing on the matter.

Both leaders have been barred from holding any public meetings, processions, rallies, and interviews, public utterances in media (electronic, print, social media).

"Whereas the Commission has carefully considered the matter and is of considered view that Anurag Thakur has made undesirable and objectionable statements which has the tone and tenor to aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred between different religious communities and thus violated the provisions of Model Code of Conduct and Representatives of the People Act 1951.

Now, therefore the Commission hereby condemns the impugned statements made by the Thakur, the EC said in its order. The Commission expressed a similar view and tone in its order against Verma.

Thakur, who is Minister of State for Finance, encouraged the crowd at a BJP election rally this week to chant "desh ke gaddaron ko..." to which the crowd responded "goli maar saalon ko". Thakur apparently rejoiced the follow-up chant since he again repeated... "desh ke gaddaron ko..." and once the crowd responded, "goli maro saalo ko."

Verma, who is an MP from West Delhi, said that Shaheen Bagh protesters could "enter homes and rape sisters and daughters".

Kerala girl 1st coronavirus case in India

Infected student of Wuhan varsity stable at Thrissur hospital

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India on Thursday confirmed the first case of deadly novel coronavirus infection in the country. The Union Health Ministry said the patient, a woman, is a student at Wuhan University and the National Institute of Virology in Pune has confirmed about her positive status.

"She is in isolation in the hospital. She is stable and is being closely monitored," said the Ministry.

One of 20 samples has tested positive for coronavirus, said Kerala Health Minister KK Shailaja. The results of three more samples are yet to be released. "The patient had returned from Wuhan and is now kept in isolation at General Hospital in Thrissur. She is stable," she said, urging people

across the province and are individually ascertaining their willingness to be repatriated. Our mission in Beijing is working round-the-clock on the ground to work out the necessary logistics," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Ravesh Kumar said at a media briefing.

"We have made a formal request to the Government of China for bringing back Indian nationals from the Hubei province in two flights. We are awaiting the necessary approval from the Chinese side. We hope this will be granted soon," Kumar said.

Kumar said arrangements are being put in place for people to travel to the airport in Wuhan.

To keep a tab on the lethal disease and preparedness to deal with it, Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Guaba again held a high-level review meeting with the concerned Ministries of Health & Family Welfare, External Affairs, Defence, Home Affairs, Civil Aviation, Information &



travelling from China to report to the health department.

Three more suspected cases are in isolation wards in Thrissur.

Over 800 people are under surveillance at their homes in Kerala for possible exposure to the virus. "We are well prepared with multi-level surveillance, support systems on the ground. A 28-day home quarantine is crucial," the Kerala Minister added.

Meanwhile, a 23-year-old man from Tripura has died of the Wuhan coronavirus in a hospital in Malaysia, his family has claimed. "My 23-year-old grandson had gone to Malaysia around two years ago," Manir Hossain's grandfather Abdul Rahim told an agency on Thursday. "We got a phone call from the Malaysian authorities on Wednesday morning, informing us of Hossain's death due to coronavirus."

The family is from the village of Purathal Rajnagar in Madhupur police station area. Hossain reportedly used to work in a restaurant. Rahim urged the Government to make arrangements for bringing back his grandson's body.

The Government also said that it has reached out to over 600 Indians living in China's Hubei province, the epicentre of coronavirus, to ascertain their willingness to be brought back to India.

"We have established contact with over 600 Indians

Broadcasting, Labour & Employment, and Shipping.

It was decided that all those who have come from China after January 15, 2020 shall be tested as there in an incubation period, lab facilities will be augmented with six more labs becoming functional from Thursday. These are NIV Bengaluru Unit, Victoria Hospital Campus, KR Road, Fort, Bengaluru, AIIMS, New Delhi, NCDC, Delhi (5) Kasturba Hospital for infectious diseases, Mumbai and NIV - Kerala Unit.

Also, gram panchayats are being organised to make people more aware regarding the symptoms, precautions and measures taken by the State Governments regarding prevention and management for coronavirus in villages bordering Nepal.

The States have also been advised to open control rooms, appoint a nodal officer and popularise the control room number and IEC material is being prepared in local language by the concerned States. Nearly 30,000 passengers have been screened at various airports across the country.

As on January 30, 2020, a total of 7,711 confirmed cases were reported by 31 provinces, 1,370 serious cases, 170 deaths, 124 discharged and cured cases and 12,167 suspected cases. Most of the deaths reported in the elderly with co-morbid conditions.

Murder accused holds 20 children hostage in UP

Farrukhabad (UP): A murder accused on Thursday held 20 children hostage at a house in a village here.

Subhash Batham, who had invited the children for a birthday party, fired from inside the house on those who tried to speak to him, they said. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is monitoring the situation in Farrukhabad's Kasaria village, 200 km from Lucknow.

"We are ensuring the safe rescue of the children, and if needed, the NSG will also be called for the operation," said Director General of Police (DGP) OP Singh.

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Opp leaders point finger at BJP

Won't spare culprit, Shah says, orders police chief to take stringent action

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the season of hate speeches, a lone shooter fired at anti-CAA protesters, hurting a Jamia student on Thursday, and raising the fear of communal polarisation ahead of the Delhi Assembly election. It also gave ammunition to the Opposition parties to hold the BJP responsible for the shooting incident which took

place on a road at Jamia Millia Islamia.

Soon after the firing, Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari told news agency ANI, "The shooting incident proves that the people at the heart of the protest are violent in nature. They believe in bullets and bombs." He linked it (shooting) with alleged plans to assassinate Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

However, Home Minister Amit Shah was quick to tweet out an assurance that the "culprit will not be spared".

"I have spoken to the Delhi Police Commissioner on the incident of firing in Delhi and have directed him to

take stringent action," Shah said in a tweet message.

The Home Minister also said the Central Government will not tolerate such incidents.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal asked the Home Minister to take care of the "deteriorating" law and order situation in the national Capital, "What is happening in Delhi? The law and order is deteriorating. Please take care of Delhi's law and order," Kejriwal said in a tweet.

The Opposition parties latched on to the provocation speech by Union Minister Anurag Thakur to accuse the BJP of creating a situation

that led to the shooting.

The last week saw an all out attempt by the BJP to place Shaheen Bagh anti-CAA protest as its main poll plank. Led by Shah, the BJP leaders have unleashed massive outreach to convince the voters that the supporters of the anti-CAA protest, especially the Shaheen Bagh crowd, represented the so-called "tukde tukde gang".

In the process, Thakur seemed to have crossed the "line" when he allegedly egged on the crowd to "shoot" the protesters. Thakur chanted "esh ke gaddaro ko." To which the crowd chanted "Goli maro salo ko."

2 get 20 yrs in jail for raping 5-yr-old

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court on Thursday sentenced two men to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for brutally raping a five-year-old girl and abandoning her in a house believing she was dead in Gandhi Nagar in 2013, just four months after the Nirbhaya incident.

The court said it took into consideration the young age and economic background of the convicts — Manoj Shah, 30, and Pradeep Kumar, 25 — but, in the interest of justice, it deemed it appropriate to sentence them to 20 years rigorous imprisonment for the offence punishable under Section 6 (aggravated penetrative sexual assault) of the POCSO Act.

On April 15, 2013, the convicts had shoved objects in the victim's private

parts and leaving her in a house believing she was dead. The child was rescued 40 hours later on April 17 and had to undergo multiple surgeries at AIIMS hospital in Delhi.

Coming after the Nirbhaya case — another gruesome gang rape and murder of a 23-year-old paramedic student — it had triggered a massive outrage as outraged students and women staged demonstrations at the India Gate, police headquarters and near the residences of then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Additional Sessions Judge Naresh Kumar Malhotra granted a compensation of Rs 11 lakh to the victim, to be paid by the Delhi Legal Services Authority, out of which Rs 2 lakh is to be released to her immediately.

SC dismisses curative plea of Nirbhaya's rapist-killer

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Thursday dismissed the curative petition of one of the four death row convicts in the Nirbhaya gangrape and murder case saying "no case is made out". The top court also rejected convict Akshay Kumar Singh's plea seeking stay of his execution.

"The application for oral hearing is rejected. The application for stay of execution of death sentence is also rejected," said the 5-judge bench which heard the plea in-chamber. "We have gone through the Curative Petitions and the relevant documents. In our opinion, no case is made out within the parameters indicated in the decision of this Court in Rupa Ashok Hurra vs. Ashok Hurra & Another, reported in 2002 (4) SCC 388.

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Will Modi speak on Shaheen stir? All eyes on his Feb 3-4 rallies

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold two election rallies in Delhi on February 3 and Feb 4 ahead of the Assembly polls, Union Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Thursday.

Considering that several BJP leaders have raised Shaheen Bagh women sit-in during their poll campaigning, political observers in Delhi are asking whether Modi will speak on the protest which has been going on since December 15?

The first public meeting will be held at CBD Ground in Karkardooma around 2.30 pm on February 3. Modi's next public meeting will be held at Ramleela Ground in Dwarka

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February 4, Vardhan said. Campaigning for the polls will conclude at 5 pm on February 6 and voting for the 70-member Assembly will take place on February 8.

CAPSULE

TWO-DAY NATIONWIDE BANK STRIKE FROM TODAY
New Delhi: Bank unions have decided to go on a two-day nationwide strike from Friday as talks with management of public sector lenders on wage revision have failed to reach a consensus.

NIA ARRESTS WIVES OF PLFI'S ABSCONDING CHIEF
New Delhi: The NIA on Thursday arrested two women, the wives of banned Naxal outfit People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI)'s absconding chief Dinesh Gope, in a terror financing case, an official said. Hira Devi and Shakuntala Kumari, wives of Gope were arrested in connection with the terror funding of the outlawed organisation in Ranchi.

Sasi's nephew upsets balance of TN power

Dhivakaran endorses Stalin as next CM, stirs political pot

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The DMK, struggling to wrest the control of Tamil Nadu administration which it lost in the 2011 Assembly election to the AIADMK got a shot in the arm on Thursday with one of the most powerful persons from the Sasikala clan endorsing MK Stalin as the next Chief Minister of the State.

TTV Dhivakaran, nephew of VK Sasikala, the close aide

to late J Jayalalitha, who is also a convict in the disproportionate assets case, declared at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu during a marriage ceremony that there was only one person who could regain the lost status of the Dravidians. "Thalapathy MK Stalin is the leader who could do that. Only he could do it," said Dhivakaran, popularly known as the Boss in AIADMK. Mannargudi-based Dhivakaran was reportedly the "kingmaker" because of the influence he wielded in the Government during the days of Sasikala and Jayalalitha.

He chose the marriage ceremony of a close relation of SS

Palanimanickam, the MP of Thanjavur to make the announcement. Though both the DMK and the Dhivakaran camps were tight-lipped about the future plans, it has become clear that they have succeeded in building a flyover between them and the possibilities of political alliance have brightened.

But what Dhivakaran left unsaid was the impact film actor-turned-politician Rajinikanth would create in the State. "Decades ago EV Ramasamy Naicker, a Kannadiga, came to Tamil Nadu and launched the Dravida movement. But today, can we imagine a Tamil leader

would be able to do the same in Karnataka? But more and more outsiders are coming to Tamil Nadu to launch their political dreams," said Dhivakaran indirectly hinting at Rajinikanth.

The ties between the Sasikala and Karunanidhi families date back to the 1970s. It was Karunanidhi, the then DMK president who conducted the marriage between Sasikala and Natarajan, a Dravidian who later joined the Jayalalitha camp.

Stalin, who played the roles of match-maker as well as the priest, said that Tamil Nadu people are slowly and steadily understanding the truth and

the days to come would bring in more and more leaders to the DMK. Thanjavur, dominated by the Thevar caste was a stronghold of the AIADMK. But the demise of Jayalalitha and the disintegration of the AIADMK has made it easy for the DMK to regain the lost ground.

Govindarajan Satyamurty, Coimbatore-based political commentator, said the stance of Dhivakaran has brightened the prospects of Stalin and the DMK. "But the ultimate losers would be the AIADMK and TTV Dhinakaran, the AMMK leader. The 2021 election would be a direct fight between Stalin and Rajinikanth. Once the film

actor launches his party, a section of the AIADMK would join him while another part would go over to the DMK," said Satyamurty.

Though TTV Dhinakaran, brother of Dhivakaran, had launched a political outfit Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) after Sasikala and members of her family were eased out of the AIADMK by the faction led by Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami, the newly formed entity is yet to make any impact in the State. Adding to the woes of the Sasikala family, most of the confidants to the clan either went back to the AIADMK or rejoined the DMK.

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UT to get Road safety manual

NISHU MAHAJAN ■
CHANDIGARH

In a bid to equip the motorists with road safety tips, the Chandigarh Administration is all set to launch a road safety manual in the city.

The road safety manual will be given to the applicants of learner's license at the UT Registering and Licensing Authority here.

Prepared to promote road safety, the 200-page manual will equip the readers with necessary information on the traffic rules and regulations, penalty for offenders, magnitude of pedestrian death and injury in the country, how to handle emergencies situations like tyre burst, post crash management and key risk factors like speed, alcohol, mobile among others.

Apart from this, the manual with illustrations also stresses on road safety rules when approaching a roundabout, controlled or uncontrolled intersections, significance of road signs and markings, rules for parking, highway driving and procedure to get the driving license.

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The manual has been designed by Harman Singh Sidhu, president of Chandigarh based NGO-ArriveSAFE in coordination with Chandigarh Transport Department and Traffic Police and would be available in three languages including Hindi, English and Punjabi. Sidhu is also the member of Road Safety Council, Chandigarh.

Notably, as many as 96 people including 27 pedestrians died due to road accidents in Chandigarh last year while in 2018, 98 people including 35 pedestrians were killed due to road accidents in the city. "The road safety manual would be an official handbook which contains the do's and don'ts guiding people how to use public roads safely.

It is a first of its kind in the country," said Harman Singh Sidhu said while talking to *The Pioneer*.

Elaborating on the manual, he said that it would be given to the applicants of learner's license alongwith the application. It would be mandatory to buy the manual, which would serve as one stop source information and soft skills required for safe road-use.

It has been developed as a source that allows novice road users to gain knowledge, he said. For instance, the rules of 'Right of Way' i.e. who has the right to go first in any situation is not explained to the road users. Such rules have also been included in it, he further said.

"A picture is worth a thou-

sand words" and the handbook has been drafted in such a way so that even a less educated person can understand it easily, Sidhu added.

Besides introducing a road safety manual, the Administration has also decided to include road safety education in the school curriculum from next academic session in the city.

As per the data with UT Traffic Police, a total of 316 road accidents were reported in 2018, out of which 294 were due to rash driving, 12 were caused due to drunken driving and 10 due to red light jumping. In 2017, 342 road accidents and 107 fatalities were reported while the number of accidents was 428 and fatalities were 151 in 2016.

The UT Traffic Police had identified 11 black spots in view of maximum road accidents in the city. Some of these spots included Airport Light point to CRPF campus Hallomajra, Poultry Farm Chowk to BSNL turn on Dakshin Marg, Sector 29 Tribune roundabout on Dakshin Marg, Kalagram light point on Madhya Marg.

Sub-zero temperatures prevail in tourist hotspots of HP

Shimla: Major tourist hotspots of Himachal Pradesh – Manali, Kufri, Dalhousie and Shimla – recorded sub-zero temperatures on Thursday as precipitation and snowfall occurred at a few places, the Meteorological Department said.

As per data recorded at 8.30 am, Kasauli, Kalpa and Khadralla witnessed 3 cm snowfall each since Wednesday, Shimla Meteorological Centre Director Manmohan Singh said. Bhoranj received 26 mm rain-fall, followed by Baldwara 23 mm, Sangrah and Bilaspur 8 mm each, Sujanpur Tira 6 mm, Pandoh 4 mm and Rampur 3 mm, he added. The minimum temperatures decreased by 2 to 3 degrees since Wednesday, Singh said. Kalpa in Kinnaur district registered a low of minus 9.7 degrees Celsius, while Manali, Kufri, Dalhousie and Shimla shivered at minus 5.4, minus 5, minus 1.9 and minus 0.4 degrees Celsius respectively, he said.

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IN BRIEF

RAJASTHANI DELEGATION SEES PB REVENUE MIN
Chandigarh: A delegation of senior bureaucrats of Rajasthan, under the chairmanship of Rajasthan Revenue Minister Harish Chaudhary, on Thursday met Punjab Revenue Minister Gurbhinder Singh Kangar with an aim to streamline their Revenue Department by adopting and implementing best practices followed by Punjab Revenue Department. Discussions were held on Revenue Acts, Rules and Administrative Setup of Revenue Department in Punjab. Rajasthani delegation evinced keen interest in consolidation of land holdings in Punjab, which ushered Green Revolution in the State.

MCC REVIEWS E-GOVERNANCE PROJECT
Chandigarh: Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, Commissioner-cum-Chandigarh Smart City Limited CEO KK Yadav on Thursday reviewed the implementation of e-governance in municipal services. Commissioner directed all stakeholders to review and finalize Software Requirement Specifications document submitted by the implementation agency so that the municipal services can be made online at the earliest for facilitation of citizens of the city. He also advised that a single mobile app shall be developed to access all the services managed by Municipal Corporation and UT Administration for the facilitation of citizens.

NABARD APPROVES ₹140 CR TO PSADB
Chandigarh/Mumbai: To further strengthen the Punjab State Agricultural Development Bank (PSADB), the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on Thursday approved loan of ₹ 140 crore at low interest rates. The decision was taken during the meeting of Punjab Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa led delegation with NABARD chairman Harsh Kumar Banwala in Mumbai. Randhawa said that Punjab delegation has strongly taken up a case before the chairman that PSADB is back bone of farming sector and it needs to be strengthened by providing financial support.

SPARSH LEPROSY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN HELD
Chandigarh: On the occasion of Anti-Leprosy Day, the State Health Society-National Leprosy Eradication Programme, under National Health Mission, Chandigarh, celebrated Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign in all the Health Centers and Government Schools. In this regard, a camp for screening of Skin Diseases was also organized at Health and Wellness Centre Dadumajra, Chandigarh, to encourage suspected patients of leprosy to come forward and 127 patients were examined.

TINY TOTS CELEBRATE BASANT PANCHAMI
Chandigarh: The little wonders at Toddlers Ashiana, Sector-9, on Thursday celebrated Basant Panchmi — the Hindu festival that marks the advent of spring season and celebrated to worship Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge and wisdom — with great fervour and enthusiasm. The tiny tots were dressed in yellow clothes, offered yellow colored flowers to the Goddess to seek the blessings. They also brought yellow colored food in their tiffins. Children also enjoyed kite-flying activity.



In The High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh Civil Writ Jurisdiction

No..... W-7/Writs.....dated.....
CWP No. 9739 of 2019
HDB Financial Services Ltd.
Petitioner(s)
Versus
Additional District Magistrate, Patiala and others
Respondent (s)
Notice of Motion
3. Nirpal Singh son of Mehar Singh
4. Narinder Singh S/o Mehar Singh
(Both Residence are same) resident of House No. 4090, Phase-II Urban Estate, Patiala 147001.

Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that the above named respondent cannot be served under Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC in an ordinary manner so notice is hereby issued against him to appear in this court on 12.03.2020 (Actual), personally or through some one authorized by law failing which it will be heard and decided in his absence. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 24th day of Jan, 2020

By Order of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

Superintendent (writs)
For Assistant Registrar (Writs)

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, AT CHANDIGARH

SCO NO. 33-34-35, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC AUCTION

Public at large is informed that auction in the under mentioned case for recovery of amount outstanding shall be held on the date by the Court Auctioneer on the terms and conditions specified hereunder at the venue on "As where is basis :-

Title of the Case and R. C. No.	Amount recoverable	Reserve Price	Date, Time & Venue of Auction	Name of Auctioneer
State Bank of India Versus Harwinder Singh R.C. No. 2425/2017	Rs 10,87,420.00 with 12% p.a simple on reducing balance with cost from 28.01.2016	Rs. 5,70,000/- EMD Rs. 1,42,500/-	16.03.2020 at 11:00 A.M. Auction at CH Branch Office	Harvinder Singh, Branch Manager, SBI, Hathur Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana Mob: 9886535891

DETAIL OF PROPERTY TO BE SOLD

Land measuring 10 K – 3 M, detail as : Land 7K-10M detail as : land 6K-14M being 1/8 share out of land 40 K- 5M Khata No. 52/117, Khasra No. 13/1/1, 10/2, 14/15.6, 20, rect No. 15 Killa No. 16, 25/1, and land 0K- 16 M being 8/57 share out of land 5K- 14M khata No. 54/119, rect No. 14 Killa No. 7 as entered in the jamabandi for the year 2006-07 situated at V. Khurshaidpura, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana. further land detail 2K-13M bakdar 53/320 share out of land 16K-0M Khata no. 15/19/2,22/2,23/2,20/2/2,3/1 jamabandi for the year 2005-06 situated at Hujra, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt

- The intending bidder shall be required to deposit earnest money i.e. Rs 1,42,500/- by way of pay order demand draft favoring Recovery officer-II, DRT-III, Chandigarh as first bid of the reserve price by the bidder.
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit total of 25 % of the final sale proceeds after adjustment of earnest money by way of pay order/ Demand Draft favoring Recovery Officer, DRT-I, Chandigarh to the officer conducting the sale in default of such deposit, the property shall be forthwith put up again and resold.
- The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75 % of the sale proceeds before the undersigned on or before 15th day from date of sale of the property in auction exclusive of alongwith poundage fee before the undersigned on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the property in auction.
- The sale shall be subject to the provisions as contained in second schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made there under as applicable to the Act.
- The sale shall be subject to confirmation by the undersigned.
- The undersigned shall not be responsible for any error, mistatement or omission in this proclamation. Further details regarding sale proclamation can be obtained from the Court Auctioneer Harvinder Singh, Mobile No. 9886535891

06.01.2020

Recovery Officer-II,
DRT-III, Chandigarh

PUNJAB & SIND BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
BRANCH: UMARPURA, BATALA

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the Punjab & Sind Bank, Branch Umarpura, Batala, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act and in exercise of Powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice(s), calling upon the following borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in notice within 60 days of the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/ Guarantor having failed to repay the amount and as such the undersigned has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the mortgaged property described here below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rules 8 of the said rule on the dates mentioned against the Account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab & Sind Bank, Branch Umarpura, Batala, for an amount mentioned here in below, besides interest and other charges/expenses against each Account.

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

Name of Borrowers/ Guarantor	Description of Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount as per Demand Notice
Sh. Gurjinderpal Singh S/o Sh. Manohar Singh, Sh. Ravpreet Singh S/o Sh. Gurjinderpal Singh and Smt. Gurjit Kaur W/o Sh. Gurjinderpal Singh and Guarantor- Sh. Barinderpal Singh S/o Sh. Manohar Singh.	A Property measuring 10 Mls (Karan = 5') with measurements 35'x65', which is Bounded:- On East by: Rasta 20' wide, West by: Kanwaljit Kaur, North and South by: Road, out of Khasra No. 33R/25, 34R/21, 39R/1, 10/1, 40R/3, 4, 5, 6, 7/1, 8/1, 15/2 situated at Batala Garbi, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur.	26.06.2019	24.01.2020	Rs. 6,48,184/- inclusive of interest upto 31.05.2019, costs, charges other expenses thereon (Less recovery affected thereafter, if any.)

Date: 30.01.2020

Place: Batala

Authorised Officer

सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Central Bank of India

Regional Office: S.C.O. 38-59, 2nd Floor, Sec-17-B, Chandigarh.

Demand Notice

Notice under Sec. 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) have defaulted in the repayment of principal and payment of interest of credit facilities is obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned Non Performing Assets. The notice under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest act 2002, were issued to Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) on their last known addresses. However in some of the cases the notice have been returned unserved and in other cases acknowledgment has not been received and notice was pasted on their registered address, as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same .

Name of the Branch /Borrowers/ Guarantors	Description of Vehicle	Date of NPA	Date of Demand Notice	Amount of Demand Notice
Branch: Sec-35D, CHD Borrower : (1) Sh. Shiva Verma S/o Sh. Sunil Verma H.No.2050,	Skoda Rapid Elegance 1.6 TDI Car Bearing Chassis No TMBBLCNAXG011279, Engine No. CLN269407.	29.11.2019	07.12.2019	Rs. 3,43,903.63/- as on 07.12.2019 Plus further Interest/Penal interest and other expenses.

Sector-125, Greater Mohali, Sunny Enclave. (2) Smt. Reena Verma H.No. 2050, Sector-125, Greater Mohali, Sunny Enclave. **Guarantor : Sh. Manoj Kumar Verma S/o Ram Murti Verma H.No. 567, Sec-12-A, Panchkula.**

Now by way of this publication by the undersigned in his capacity as the Authorised officer of Secured Creditor (the Bank) as per provision of the Securitisation Act. 2002 calls upon you to repay the outstanding liability amount with future interest and expenses/charges as applicable, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the Secured Creditor will exercise any or all of the rights as detailed under sub section (2) of section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the said ordinance.

You are also put on notice that in terms of Section 13 of the said act you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets without obtaining written consent of the Bank . The notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law. **Your attention is invited to provisioning of sub section (8) of section (13) of the act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.**

DATE: 30.01.2020

PLACE: Chandigarh

AUTHORISED OFFICER

SAD campaign for BJP in Delhi

Capt lashes at the Akalis

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday lashed out at the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) for bartering away the constitutional principles to promote their political interest, with their latest U-turn over supporting the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Delhi assembly polls.

Capt Amarinder, reacting to SAD president Sukhbir Badal's latest statement that the party had thrown its weight behind the BJP in Delhi, said that these flip-flops had nailed the Akali lies on their stand on the unconstitutional and divisive Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

Referring to Sukhbir's explanation for the U-turn that the 'miscommunications' between the two parties had been sorted out, Capt

Amarinder demanded to know whether the BJP had agreed to amending the CAA in line with SAD's earlier stand, or the Akalis had once again surrendered themselves to the BJP at the cost of the nation's interest.

"You owe an explanation to the people," he told Sukhbir, castigating him for SAD's "unprincipled" stand on the issue of grave concern, which had been getting exposed every second day, since they openly and wholeheartedly supported CAA in the Parliament.

SAD's decision to back-track on its earlier stand to extend its support to BJP in Delhi just a week before the scheduled polls indicated that they had used CAA as a bargaining chip to secure some political gains, said the Chief Minister.

This development, he said, clearly exposed the Akalis' selfish intentions and the Badal family's desperation to hold on to power as part of the ruling alliance at the Centre.

Capt Amarinder said that

Sukhbir's shameless face-about on the issue showed that the Badals had no longer had any qualms about abandoning even the pretense of the SAD being a principled party. It was said that a party formed to uphold certain principles no longer care about political ethics, nor did it seem concerned about following the ideology of the great Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak Dev, who had propagated the oneness of all beings, irrespective of their religion, he added.

Rather than quitting the ruling NDA, which would have been the right thing to do after claiming not to support CAA without inclusion of Muslims, Sukhbir had chosen to stay with the BJP, whatever the cost for the people of India, the Chief Minister quipped.

"SAD U-turn in Delhi had also further accentuated the divide within the Akalis, which appeared to be on the verge of another split," said Capt Amarinder, adding that the party was clearly a divided House and no longer capable of giving a political fight on its

own, which had become evident in Haryana.

"Obviously, they need the BJP to hand-hold them on the political ladder, especially in view of the fact that elections in Punjab are just two years away and they have no political leg to stand on," he said adding that no wonder Sukhbir had been constrained to clarify, just two days ago, that the SAD-BJP alliance in Punjab was intact.

HITTING BACK, SAD SAYS CAPT'S STATEMENT PROVES CONG'S ANXIETY IN DELHI

Reacting to Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's about SAD-BJP unity, SAD on Thursday said that tone and tenor of the statement itself reflects Congress' anxiety and nervousness and proved that the alliance has severely affected the prospects of Congress party in Delhi polls.

Before asking SAD that why it supported its old and time tested ally BJP, the Chief Minister should have offered

his explanation that why he is going to support the same Congress party which has massacred thousands of innocent Sikhs in the streets of Delhi and other parts of the country, said SAD senior vice president and spokesman Daljit Singh Cheema.

SAD also questioned the Chief Minister that had he perused the contents of latest Justice Dhillon report on 1984 Sikh massacre which clearly states that not only the Sikhs were massacred by goons led by Congress leaders, but the Congress party went to the extent of hushing up their cases and misused the police and judiciary.

Cheema urged the Chief Minister that if he is so much against the CAA, he should dare visit 30,000 Afghanistani Sikh families who were settled in Delhi after migrating from their motherland because of religious persecution.

He said that it will give Capt Amarinder a reason that why the SAD supported the CAA.

Capt asks PWD not to disturb baring college building's heritage status

PWD proposed to construct a road through playground of the Institution

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Days after Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Partap Singh Bajwa raised the issue of road cutting through Batala's minority institute, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday directed the State Public Works Department (PWD) to find an alternate route for the proposed new road in Batala instead of cutting through the heritage Baring Union Christian College building. Taking note of the protests by the students and local residents over the PWD proposal to construct a road through the playground of the institution, set up more than 140 years ago as Baring School, on April 1, 1878, the Chief Minister made it clear that the heritage building would not be allowed to be spoilt in any manner.

The building, which had also served as the summer palace of Maharaja Sher Singh, was an iconic structure, with the minority institution continuing to groom many important personal-

ties over the decades, Capt Amarinder pointed out. "It was not in the interest of the people of the region to allow a road to run through the college playground," he said, adding that the purpose of having a new road to serve the region could easily be met by constructing it along an alternate route.

The Chief Minister said that the State Government was totally committed to protecting the interests of all the people, including the minorities, and would not undertake any initiative that would damage those interests. He directed the PWD to take into account the historic importance of buildings etc before initiating any infrastructural development plans in future.

It may be noted that the Batala Boys Boarding School had started classes in the palace of late Maharaja Sher Singh, called the Anarkali. Recorded history shows that the palace gradually transformed into a school, with dormitories, classrooms and Chapel. This marked the beginning of the establishment of western education in Batala town and tehsil, making the institution's building an important landmark not just Batala but for Punjab.

The transition in the development of Baring High School to Baring Union Christian College was made

during 1934-1948. The college officially came into existence on June 29, 1944, with about 75 students predominantly from Hindu, Muslim and Sikh background.

At the time of India's partition, Baring College, which was then the only Christian college in East Punjab, came to Punjab.

Only days before, Bajwa had shot a letter to the Chief Minister alleging that minority institutions were being targeted under the Congress regime which could bring a bad name to the secular party. At the same time, the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee's former president has also "requested" the Chief Minister to get the role of "such mischievous elements" probed and their sinister designs nipped in the bud.

Bajwa had alleged that some people in our State "intentionally" and with ulterior motive were trying to target minority institutions by damaging their property. "It seems that someone highly placed in political echelons, wants to malign the Congress party government in the state," he had said. He had urged the Chief Minister to stall the plan of building a road that cuts through the playground of Baring Union Christian College, a minority institution in Batala.



Two shepherds manage their flock of sheep in New Chandigarh on Thursday.

Amitabh Shukla | Pioneer

Punjab Vigilance nabs MC employee, Patwari, private person for taking bribe

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Vigilance Bureau on Thursday nabbed a Municipal Corporation employee, Patwari and a private person red handed while accepting bribes in three different cases.

An official spokesperson of the Vigilance Bureau said Ashok Kumar Clerk posted at Municipal Corporation, Bathinda has been nabbed red handed on the complaint of Sukhdev Singh resident of Bathinda.

The complainant approached the Bureau and informed that the accused clerk was demanding Rs. 10,000 for issuing NOC of domestic sewerage connection and the deal was struck at Rs. 8000. After ver-

ifying his information, the Vigilance team laid a trap and the accused was caught red handed for accepting bribe of Rs.8000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses. In another bribery case Vigilance Bureau nabbed a revenue Patwari red handed while accepting bribe of Rs. 2500. Manmohan Singh, Patwari posted at Dhunda in Tarn Taran district was nabbed red handed by Vigilance team for accepting bribe of Rs. 2500 from complainant Dilbagh Singh of village Dhunda. The complainant approached the VB and alleged that the Patwari was demanding Rs. 25,000 for mutation of his land.

In another bribery case VB arrested a middle man of

Assistant Sub inspector (ASI) for accepting bribe of Rs. 15000. The spokesman said that Lakhveer Singh Sheera of Moga district was nabbed on the complaint of Kishan Singh of Moga. The complainant approached the VB and alleged that middle man of ASI Karnail Singh posted at police station Nihal Singh Wala was demanded Rs. 40,000 to help him in a police complaint and the deal was struck at Rs. 20,000. After verifying his information, a team from Vigilance bureau laid a trap and the accused Middle man was arrested on the spot while accepting bribe of Rs. 15000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses. VB also registered case against the ASI Karnail Singh in this case.

Science City to come up in Gurugram

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To make children aware of science education and informing the public about the importance of science, a Science City will be developed in Gurugram, Additional Chief Secretary, Science and Technology Department Amit Jha said on Thursday.

The Science city will be set up in collaboration with the Central Government on about 25 to 30 acres of land, Jha said in a meeting held with the officials concerned in the conference hall of Gurugram.

Jha said that in Science City, children will get an opportunity to learn scientific principles. The development of Science City will also

provide direct and indirect employment opportunities to the people of the region.

He said that in this science city, thematic galleries will be made on various scientific themes including physics, chemistry, etc. concepts.

He said that the science city will certainly benefit schools and educational institutions. He said that it will also have ISRO's space gallery which will explain how the satellite is launched in space.

He said that in this science city simulators will also be installed by ISRO so that students will be able to understand the experiences of going to space and living there.

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Police Cyber Crime Cell on Thursday claimed to have busted a hi-tech multi-crore Bank fraud racket operating across the state. The fraudster siphoned off the account money in 5 Bank accounts opened on fake identities and later on withdrew the cash through ATMs and self cheques.

A spokesperson of Bureau of Investigation said that Vijay Kumar, Location Manager Investigation, Risk Intelligence and Control Unit, HDFC Bank submitted an application on alleging a fraud of around Rs. 2 crore from a bank account of the HDFC Bank in a tech savvy manner.

The modus operandi was that the fraudsters shrewdly changed the Email IDs and Mobile Numbers registered

with the bank account of the victim to identical mobile numbers and email Id thereby updating their own mobile number and e-mail id in the targeted account hence becoming the virtual controllers of that account.

During the course of investigation, it was found that all the Government ID Proofs including Chip based Driving Licenses, PAN Cards, Hologram containing Voter ID Cards, etc. provided as KYC documents for opening the Bank accounts and for obtaining Mobile Numbers were found to be fake and fabricated.

The spokesman said all the money withdrawals were done by the fraudsters through ATM cards and cheques thereby leaving no trail for the Police to follow. Moreover, the Mobile used were made func-

tional only during the operation and remained non-accessible thereafter.

During the course of investigation, it was found that the racket was operating from Ludhiana and consisted of at least 3 persons. One of the gang members was identified as Rajeev Kumar of New Shimlapauri, Ludhiana.

The spokesman said on the basis of the physical verification and emerging details, 3 accused were nominated in this case and out of them, two accused namely Rajeev Kumar and Deepak Kumar Gupta of Shimlapuri were arrested from Ludhiana. However one accused managed to escape.

The spokesman said that from the arrested accused, Rs. ten lakh which was deposited in their own accounts have been recovered and more recoveries will be affected soon.

MLAs raise corruption issue, thorough probe needed: Hooda

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

Leader of Opposition in Haryana Assembly and former Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda termed three month old coalition Government of BJP-JJP as non-functional and said, he has been wondering when this Government would start working?

He says, he has been raising the issue of corruption since long and had stated on several occasions about rampant corruption in various departments of the State Government. As MLAs of coalition partner too are raising corruption issue, it should be investigated thoroughly.

Hooda who won in the 2019 Haryana Assembly election from the Garhi Sampla-Kiloi seat, said there has been dissatisfaction among the MLAs of coalition partner and independent MLAs since the formation of the coalition Government in the State. He said the mandate given by the people was against the BJP Government but the coalition

Government was formed against public sentiments.

In an interview with *The Pioneer*, Hooda assesses the coalition Government, Delhi Assembly election and the issues to be raised in the upcoming budget session.

Excerpts from the interview:

JJP MLAs say there is a corruption in various departments of the State government. How do you see this?

I have been raising the issue of corruption since long. Now MLAs of JJP and independent MLA too are raising it. This is a serious matter which the government should take seriously and conduct a thorough investigation promptly. Those who are involved in corruption should be punished. The allegations leveled against former minister Manish Grover by Independent MLA Balraj Kundu of Mehram are also serious and needs to be investigated.

JJP MLAs say that people's concerns are not redressed in their constituency. How are Congress MLAs placed?

We are in politics for the people. Whosoever wins the election and form the Government, public should not suffer. As JJP MLAs have raised this issue, government should take it seriously.

Three MLAs supporting government--Ram Kumar Gautam and Devendra Balraj of JJP and Independent Balraj Kundu have posed a threat to the coalition government. Do you think BJP-JJP government will complete its five year tenure?

It is well-known to all how MLAs of coalition partners are coming out openly against the government and their leadership. A coalition has been formed by rejecting the mandate, which has nothing to do with the common people. Such a Government would soon fall under its own weight and there is no need to topple it.

Congress leaders have accused the then BJP government of its failure to tackle the Jat reservation agitation-2016. 54 accused who set fire to the house of former Haryana



Finance Minister Captain Abhimanyu in Rohtak have been reported to be forgiven. What's your comment?

We welcome all the moves taken by the Jat leaders for the betterment of the people.

How do you assess three months of this coalition

Government?

Instead of public interest, the government is taking decisions that is of no use to the people. Till now the Government has neither set its direction nor taken any major steps to improve the condition of the people. This Government has no work to show in three months.

How do you see the role of Congress in Delhi Assembly elections?

Many Haryana Congress leaders including me would start campaigning for the party candidates in Delhi from February 2.

People of Haryana origin in Delhi will support Congress party candidates. People are fed up with BJP as it fails to meet the expectation of the common people. I am sure that people would support Congress and it will form the government in Delhi.

Recently senior leaders of various political parties made controversial and communal statements during their rallies. Being a former chief minister and senior politicians of the country, what would you say to these leaders?

I would only say election should be fought on issues. No one should make statements which divide people on the basis of caste and religion. Bitterness was being spread among people by the particular party leaders to divert attention from these issues. Voters should be cautious while exercising their votes.

What are the issues which Congress will raise in the forthcoming Budget session of Haryana Assembly?

Government has no industrial policy to attract investors and generate employment. There has been economic slowdown over the past many months. Besides, poverty and unemployment are increasing with each passing day and farmers were suffering. Issues

related to farmers, traders, employees, dearness, unemployment among others will be raised during the session.

State government has planned to shutdown around 1025 schools where numbers of students are not as per set guidelines. Your comment.

It is against the interest of the people, especially poor. The children of poor section of the society study in government schools. In such a situation, the government should not close these schools.

Why do you often ask when will the BJP-JJP led coalition government start working?

Around a month ago, there was hailstorm in many places and government's presence among the farmers was invisible. The cost for growing sugarcane increased but the rate has not yet been raised. The situation is such that the government is selling the land of the mill to meet the losses of the Palwal sugar mill. This government has become direction less. The government is engaged only in the transfer of

officers, they do not take care in solving the problem. Moreover, the coalition government has been in power for almost three months, but till date Common Minimum Programme (CMP) has not been decided. This government is directionless, it has no minimum common programme, but just talks about it.

Government claims law and order are under control and they have succeeded in putting check on crime. How do you see their claims?

As per data of various departments including NCRB, the state which was number one in terms of development earlier, is now number one in the case of crime. As per reports, murders, rapes and kidnapping cases are reported daily in the State. Everyday incidents of some kind harassment with women are increasing. Large numbers of Vehicles are stolen daily. There is an increase in incidents of theft, robbery, robbery and extortion. Haryana leads the country in kidnapping of children. Haryana also ranks third in the country in terms of riots.

UT Admn levies two percent market fee on 14 commodities

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Get ready to shell out more money the next time you buy Pineapple, Kiwi, Broccoli among other items in the city. For, the UT Administration on Thursday decided to levy a market fee at the rate of two percent on the sale value of 14 agricultural commodities.

The decision was taken at a meeting held here under Manoj Parida, Adviser to the UT Administrator on

Thursday.

The 14 commodities include Pineapple, Broccoli, Lettuce, Avocado, Coconut (green and dry), Dragon fruit (Pitaya), Strawberry, Baby corn, Sharda, Green almonds, Jackfruit, Dates (Khajoor) and Kiwi.

A UT senior officer said that these commodities will be included in the schedule of regulated commodities in Punjab agricultural produce market Act on the pattern of Punjab Mandi Board.

By inclusion of these commodities in the schedule, their sale will be regulated by Market Committee Chandigarh, he said.

At present, these commodities are being traded in Chandigarh Mandi (grain market) and their approximate annual turnover is ₹ 20 to 25 crores per annum. By inclusion of these commodities, it will fetch revenue of ₹ 40 to 50 lakh per annum to Market Committee, Chandigarh, the officer added.

Minimum temperature rises even as cold conditions continue in the region

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Cold weather conditions prevailed in most parts of Haryana but there was some respite in Punjab where the minimum temperature settled above the season's average on Thursday.

Hisar was the coldest place in Haryana recording a minimum of 4.1 degrees Celsius, four notches below normal, a Meteorological Department official said here. Narnaul also experienced cold conditions registering a low of 4.5 degrees Celsius. Among other places in

the state, Rohtak recorded 6.2 degrees Celsius, Sirsa 6.6 degrees Celsius, Bhiwani 6.8 degrees Celsius and Karnal 7 degrees Celsius. However, Ambala recorded a minimum of 10 degrees Celsius. In Punjab, most of the cities recorded above normal temperature. Amritsar recorded a low of 9.4 degrees Celsius, Ludhiana 8.1 degrees Celsius, Patiala 9 degrees Celsius, Pathankot 9.4 degrees Celsius, Adampur 8 degrees Celsius, Halwara 8.8 degrees Celsius, Bathinda 9.3 degrees Celsius and Faridkot 10.8 degrees Celsius.

CM seeks better communication facilities in remote areas

PNS ■ SHIMLA / NEW DELHI

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Thursday called on the Union Communications, Law and Justice Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad at New Delhi and urged him to provide better communication facilities in far flung areas of the State.

The Chief Minister urged the Union Minister to help the State in attracting investments in Information Technology sector as about 300 big hand was available at



Waknaghat in Solan district.

Thakur also urged the Union Minister to use his good

office to attract investments in areas of Centre of Excellence in Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence in the State.

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate and Marks Sheet of Main Secondary Examination of Year 2011 and Roll No.2240670 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name: Gurleen Kaur, D/O Gurdeep Singh Address: # 3265/23-D Chandigarh.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto Known as Rampal S/o Baldev Singh, Residing at Vill. Kothe Jattan, PO Hariana, Distt. Hoshiarpur-144208 Punjab, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rampal Singh. It is certified that I have complied with other Legal Requirements in this Connection.

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Jai Ram Village Balala PO Garhwal Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh Sahota. All concerned please note.

I, Raghuvir Singh S/o Curnam Singh R/O VPO Soos Distt. Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name to Raghuvir Singh. Concerned Note.

I, Roshini Devi W/O Satyawan Dahiya H.No-100, New LIG, PTC Madhuban, Karnal. Declare that I have Changed My Name From Roshini Devi To Roshini Devi.

I, Rekha Sharma W/O Rajender Sharma # 11, Vashist Nagar, Babay, Ambala Cantt. Declare that Rekha Sharma & Chandar Rekha Sharma Both Names Are One And Same Person.

I, Abhishek S/o Kamal Mash, Near Dana Mandi, Kahnuwan Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Abhishek to Abhishek Sahota. Concerned note.

I, Neha Kaushal D/o Manohar Lal Kaushal R/o vill. Kamal P.O. Diggall Teh. Ramshar Distt. Solan HP have declare that in my Gram Panchayat record my date of birth mistakenly entered as 30-04-1992 but my correct date of birth is 30-03-1992. All concerned note.

I, Sunita Kaushal W/o Manohar Lal Kaushal R/o vill. Kamal P.O. Diggall Teh. Ramshar Distt. Solan HP have declare that in my Gram panchayat record my date of birth mistakenly entered as 05-03-1974 but my correct date of birth is 11-03-1970. All concerned note.

I, Manpreet D/o Amrik Singh R/o 34, Subhash Nagar, Chhoti Line, Yamunanagar have changed my name from Manpreet to Manpreet Kaur.

I, Tirlok Singh S/O Balvinder Singh R/O Vpo. Fatehpur Distt. Kaithal I have Changed My Name Tirlok Singh Sidhu.

I, Nilam Kumari W/O Satish Kumar R/O Village Mehlanwail Distt. Yamunanagar I have Changed My Name Neelam.

I, Smt Sukhvir Kaur W/o NO 1168991 Late Hav Hardev Singh R/O VPO Chhabewal Teh & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Sukhvir Kaur to Sukhvir Kaur Jhutti vide affidavit dated 31-01-2020 before Notary at Hoshiarpur.

I, Som Parkash S/O Tirath Dass R/o # 571, Sector-5, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra (Haryana) have changed my name as Som Parkash Sindhwani. Concern may be noted.

I, Afzar Jahan D/O Sh. Kamal Ansari R/O 3835, Sector-56 Chandigarh Have Changed My Name To Aspara.

I, Anita Rani Jindal D/o Boor Chand R/O 435 Sector 12 Panchkula have changed my name to Anita Garg W/o Shammi Garg Affidavit Dated 30/1/2020.

I, Nasir Ahmed S/O Gafur Ahmed R/O Village PO Naharpur Tehsil Jagadhari Distt Yamuna nagar Haryana have changed my name to Nasir Malik.

I, Khem Raj S/O Randhir Kumar R/O VPO Banawali, Tehsil & Distt. Fatehabad have changed my name from Khem Raj to Naveen Kumar.

I, Meera D/o Jag Mohan R/O H.No.194-L, Model Town Panipat Declared That Change My Name From Meera Kohli To Meera.

I, Harnek Singh S/O Amrik Singh Village Bhat, P.O. Ahmedpur Distt. Kapurthala declare that have changed my name From Harnek Singh to Hernek Singh Sidhu. Concerned may note.

I, Rohit S/O Kashmiri Lal R/O Village Sanghe Jagir, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar have changed my name from Rohit to Rohit Chumber. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Sharda Devi spouse of No 15470952 X Rank DFR Name Rajveer Singh Chauhan R/O No. 7, Sarai Dayanant, Teh Etawah, Distt Etawah, state UP hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sharda Devi to Sharda Chauhan vide affidavit dated 28/01/2020 before Session Court, Hisar.

I, No 15493499X Rank ALD Name Shaileendra Singh posted at 13 ARMD REGT C/O 56 APO hereby declare that I have changed the name of my daughter from Pragati Singh to Pragati Tomar in my Army record.

I, Gagan Deep S/o Gurmukh Singh R/O 282, ward no. 32, Mohalla Shiv Nagar, Dhaki Road, Teh /Distt Pathankot (PB) have changed my name from Gagan Deep to Gagandeep Singh Choudhary.

I, Vikas Tiwari S/o Vikram Singh R/o #926, Sector 47/A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Vikas Tishwara.

I, Balwinder Kaur W/o Amar Singh # 705/9 Bapudham colony Sector-26 Chandigarh have changed my name to Mandeep Kaur.

I, Santosh Kumar Saroj S/o Gurind # 621/1 Block-F colony No -4 Industrial Area-1 Chandigarh have changed my name to Santosh Kumar.

I, Ramesh Kaushal S/o Haripal Singh R/O 379 Village Maloya Chandigarh have changed my name to Harnesh Kumar.

I, Sonia Bhandari W/o Kamaljit Manrow, R/o Singla Street, (Sangru) have changed my name to Sonia Manrow.

I, Sawarnjit Kaur @ Swarnjeet Kaur W/o Hakam Singh R/o W.No. 03 Preet Nagar, Kahangarh Road, Patran (Patiala) my correct name is Sawarnjit Kaur.

I, Satbir Singh S/o Pritam Singh R/o Jajpur Tehsil Dhand Distt. Kaithal have changed my name to Satbir Singh and surname Sheokand in place of Satbir Singh.

I, Bikramjit Singh S/O Pritam Singh R/O Vpo- Bishankot Tehsil/Distt. Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name From Bikramjit Singh And Vikramjit Singh Is The One And Same Person.

I, Sarabjeet W/O Joinder Singh R/O- P/O Hayat Nagar Kotli Shapur Tehsil/Distt. Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name To Sarabjeet Kaur.

I, Harkaran Singh S/O Mewa Singh R/O Village Kotla Gujran, District Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Karan Singh.

I, No. 34037614 Hav. Daljit Singh S/o Sajjan Singh R/o H.No. 20, Street 40 ft. Naraingarh, Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my minor son name in my service record Sanmdeep Singh To Sanamdeep Singh vide affidavit dated 31-01-2020 attested by notary Public Court of Amritsar. Concerned Note.

I, Harjit Kaur W/O Prem Singh R/O H.No. 57/52/1 Gali Rahimji Bazar Gujran Wala Chowk Chabutra Amritsar. Have Changed My Name To Sukhman Kaur.

I, Davinder Singh S/O Harbhajan Singh R/O H.No. A-185 A-Block G.T. Road Near Amritsar. Have Changed My Name To Devinder Singh.

I, Iqbal Singh S/o Gurinder Singh Randhawa R/o H.No.L-84, State Bank Colony Near Police Line Amritsar have changed my name to Iqbal Singh Randhawa.

I, Dheeraj Kumar S/o Tarlok Chand Ghai R/o 1036/11, Gali Suniyanian Wali Katra Moti Ram Amritsar have changed my name to Dheeraj Ghai.

I, Rajiv Kumar S/o Tarlok Chand Ghai R/o 1036/11, Gali Suniyanian Wali Katra Moti Ram Amritsar have changed my name to Rajiv Ghai.

I, Monika Padam Aliyas Neha Suri W/o Harshishan Singh Suri R/o 94-A, Gali No.3, Gokal Nagar Near Gopal Mandir Amritsar have changed my name to Neha Suri.

I, Rajan Kumar and Rajan Verma S/o Jagdish Chand R/o 327-328, Azad Nagar Sultanwind Road District Amritsar have certified that above both name's are mine one and same person.

I, Jagtar Singh S/o Dial Singh R/o H.No.95, East Mohan Nagar Amritsar have changed my name to Jagtar Singh S/o Dayal Singh.

I, Parvinder Kaur W/o Ranjit Singh R/o Vill. Muraj Wala, Po. Kang Khurd, Teh. Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Parvinder Kaur.

I, Anita Rani Vashishat W/o Pawan Kumar R/o H.No.100, Ranjit Avenue, Kapurthala, Punjab have Changed My Name To Anita Rani.

I, Kamrajit Kaur W/o Sodhi Sidhu R/o VPO Kahltwan, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Kamrajit Kaur.

I, Harjit Kaur D/o Purn Chand W/o Thomas Sahotra R/o Vill. Dhina, H.No. 367, Army Enclave, Phase-2, Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name as Christina Sahotra.

I, Vidya Rani Wife Of Gurdev Ram R/O Vpo. Aur Tehsil Nawansharh District S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name Sapling From Vidya Rani To Vidya Rani.

I, Rani W/O Riast Ali R/O Vpo Jagatpur Jattan Tehsil Phagwara District Kapurthala Punjab Have Changed My Name Rani To Rani Begam.

I, Dilbag Singh S/O Parkash Ram R/O Vpo. Mehtiana Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Gourav To Gourav Badhan.

I, Ramanpreet W/O Hardeep Singh R/O St.No.6 Kirti Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Ramanpreet Kaur. After Marriage.

I, Balwinder Singh S/O Harchand Singh R/O Near Sunder Patti, Gill Kalan Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Balwinder Singh Gill.

I, Karamjit Kaur W/O Balwinder Singh Gill R/O Near Sunder Patti, Gill Kalan Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Karamjit Kaur Gill.

I, Manpreet Kaur D/O Balwinder Singh Gill R/O Near Sunder Patti, Gill Kalan Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Manpreet Kaur Gill.

I, Dawinder Kaur W/O Amrtpaul Singh Dhillon R/O Vill. Kahan Singh Wala Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Dawinder Kaur Dhillon.

I, Gurpreet Singh S/O Shinder Singh Tung R/O Vpo. Tugal, Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Gurpreet Singh Tung.

I, Ravinder Kumar S/O Baldev Chand R/O H.No.21, Mahajan Vihar, Bhamian Road Kuliawal, Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Ravinder Kumar Sharma.

I, Ravi Kumar S/O Mohan Lal R/O 748-D, Model Town Extension Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Ravi Kumar Arora.

I, Malkit Singh S/O Kehar Singh R/O H.No.2644/1 St.No.2 Vishkarma Town Millerganj Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Malkit Singh.

I, Sunita W/O Malkit Singh R/O H.No.2644/1 St.No.2 Vishkarma Town Millerganj Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sunita Devi.

I, Rajwant Kaur Brar Alias Raj Kaur W/O Kulwant Singh R/O Village Phidde Kalan (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Rajwant Kaur Brar.

I, Menka W/o Late: Dhaminder Kumar R/O Vill: Sulehrian Khan Po. Tanda Ram Sahai Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) Pb., have known by both names Monika and Menka.

I, Malkit Singh Sidhu S/o Jangir Singh R/O Vill: Shapur Po. Buzrak Teh-Samana (Patiala) have changed my name to Malkit Singh Sidhu. that in future known to me as Malkit Singh Sidhu.

I, Inderjeet Singh S/O Prem Singh R/O Vill: Adda Jhuanigan Po. Dalpura Teh-Dera Bassi (SAS Nagar, Mohali) Pb., changed my name to Inderjit Singh.

I, Ranjeet Kumar S/O Des Raj R/O 166 Urban Estate Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Rajiv Kumar.

I, Ramandeep Kaur W/O Jashanpreet Singh R/o Sarbha (Ludhiana) changed my name to Ramandeep Kaur Grewal.

I, Jinder Kaur W/o Baldev Singh R/O Abbuwal (Ludhiana) changed my name to Rajwinder Kaur.

I, Harjit Kaur W/o Harwinder Singh Grewal R/o Vill: Sukhana (Ludhiana) changed my name to Harjit Kaur Grewal.

I, Harwinder Singh S/o Pairs Singh R/O Vill: Sukhana (Ludhiana) changed my name to Harwinder Singh Grewal.

I, Prem Lal S/O Bhagat Ram R/O Vpo. Kadiana Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Prem Kumar.

I, Joginder S/O Mangat Ram R/O Vill: Powadia Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) I known by two names Joginder alias Vijay Kumar both names are same and one person.

I, Sanjiv Kumar S/O Babu Ram R/O Guruharsahi Tehsil Guruharsahi Distt Ferozpur Have Changed My Name To Sanjeev Kumar.

I, Amandeep Kaur W/O Pardeep Singh Sandhu R/O Ward No. 2 Barwala Tehsil And Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Amandeep Kaur Sandhu. After Marriage.

I, Vicky S/O Sudesh Kumar R/O Shop No 3 B New Grain Market Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Vicky Muglani.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Rangopal S/O Baru Ram R/O Village Jaurashi Sarf Khas Teh Samalkha Distt Panipat Declared that My Son Gulab Singh Is My Out Of Control So I Disowned To My All Property And Relationships.

I, Balbir Kaur W/o Late Pritam Singh R/o # 2106, Sector-68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) declare that my son Jaswinder Singh & his wife Shefali are out of my control. So, we disown them from all our moveable-immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do at their own risk and responsibility.

We Parveen Garg S/o Brij Lal Garg and Aruna Garg W/o Parveen Garg R/o Flat No.55/1 Trishla Plus Homes Peer Musahalla, Mohali, Punjab, declare that our son Mohit Garg and his wife Kanika Aggarwal are out of our control. So wedisown them from our moveable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his/her own risk.

I, Gurdev Singh S/O Harbans Singh R/O Village Panjokhra Sahab Distt Ambala declare that my daughter Manpreet Kaur is out of my control. So I disown her from my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk.

I, Madan Lal S/O Sh. Nathu Ram R/O H.No. 754, Mohalla Sainan, Nr. Radha Krishan Mandir, Delhi Wali Gali, Hisar declare that I have disowned my son Naveen @ Bholu from my moveable / immovable property. He is not in my control. In future anybody deals with him will be themselves responsible, any other family members not responsible.

I, Ex Army NO 3388842M Hav Bhagwant Singh S/O SH Sarwan Singh resident of VPO Assi Kalan Teh & Distt Ludhiana State Punjab declare that Miss Simranjit Kaur (Female) DOB 07-08-2004 is my real daughter born from my wife Smt Kulwant Kaur.

I, Gurdeep Singh (Holder of BCDL 8538105) And Also Holder Of Indian Passport No. R5387185 Issued At Vancouver On 16/05/2017. S/O Sukhpal Singh Previously Resident Of Vpo. Hans Kalan P.S. Jagraon Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Punjab 142026 And Permanently Residing At #11 6055 138 Street Surrey, BC V3X 0J1 Canada Do hereby Change My Name From Gurdeep Singh To Gurdeep Singh Hans With Immediate Effect.

I, Purnan Singh S/o Gurmit Singh R/o Vill: Rajpur Po. Garhdiwala Teh-Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) Pb., have changed in army's document my village's name Rajpur Kandi to Rajpur.

I, Purnan Singh S/o Gurmit Singh R/o Vill: Rajpur Teh-Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) Pb., declare that in army's record my father name Gurmeet Singh and his DOB 22-02-1957 and also my mother DOB 12-06-1960 has been written wrongly. Actually my father name is Gurmit Singh and his DOB is 12-04-1946 and my mother DOB is 16-11-1950 as their other records.

I, Karmvir Kaur D/o Balvir Singh R/o Kotguru (Bathinda) declares that in +2 class certificate my mother's name is mentioned Mandeep Kaur while in B.B.A. written Manjit Kaur. The real name of my mother in Mandeep Kaur is to be corrected in my B.B.A. certificates.

I, Aruna Sharma W/o Ashwani Kumar R/O Vill&Po. Nangal Bihalan Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) declare that in my daughter Anjali Sharma school record my name written wrongly Aruna. But my correct name is Aruna Sharma. So amended my name from Aruna to Aruna Sharma in my daughter school record.

हम, वेद प्रकाश पुत्र श्री. मदन लाल व श्रीमती सुनीता पत्नी श्री. वेद प्रकाश निवासियत माकन -नं. 458 / ए कच्चा बाजार अम्बाला छावनी। हम अपने बेटे ललित कपूर और उसकी पत्नी रेखा का जो कि हमारे कहने- सुनने से बाहर है। इनको हम अपनी तमांग चल अचल सम्पत्ति से वदेखाल करते है। भविष्य मे इनके साथ जो भी लेन देन कानूनी व गैर कानूनी कार्य करेगा तो वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा। मैं और मेरे परिवार का कोई भी सदस्य जिम्मेवार नहीं होगा।

I, Jinder Kaur W/o Baldev Singh R/O Abbuwal (Ludhiana) changed my name to Rajwinder Kaur.

I, Harjit Kaur W/o Harwinder Singh Grewal R/o Vill: Sukhana (Ludhiana) changed my name to Harjit Kaur Grewal.

I, Harwinder Singh S/o Pairs Singh R/O Vill: Sukhana (Ludhiana) changed my name to Harwinder Singh Grewal.

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CORONAVIRUS THREAT

AIIMS Rishikesh gears up to meet challenge

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

In view of the scare of the Coronavirus and the alert sounded by the state health department on the dreaded disease, the All India Institute Medical Science (AIIMS), Rishikesh has geared itself to tackle the disease.

The director, Ravi Kant said that proper arrangements will be made in the institute to protect people from the corona virus. He however added that people need to be cautious rather than panic.

On Wednesday, a meeting chaired by Dean Academic Professor Manoj Gupta was held in the institute on the issue. In the meeting it was decided that separate OPD and IPD wards would be set up in the institute for the suspected patients of the disease.

It was decided that a special team of the institute will coordinate with the nodal officer of the state government to test the patients suffering from the virus. The AIIMS has also decided to organise, public awareness programmes about the disease.

On the symptoms and pre-



vention measures of the disease in a patient with corona virus, Dr Prasan Kumar Panda of the Department of General Medicine said that the corona virus infects both animals and humans.

Symptoms usually develop when a cold occurs. The feeling of being unwell like a runny nose, headache, cough, sore throat, and fever are some of its symptoms. For people with a weakened immune system, such as the elderly and adolescents, the virus can be more serious. It pertinent to mention here that the Uttarakhand government is

on an alert more on the Coronavirus. The state health department of Uttarakhand is keeping strict vigil along the Indo- Nepal border. The teams of health department at deployed at nine transit points on Uttarakhand Nepal border.

These teams have been directed to keep a close vigil on those coming from Nepal and quarantine the suspected patients of fever and flu.

Apart from these transit points, the authorities are also scanning the visitors at Dehradun airport Jolly grant, Pantnagar airport and Pithoragarh airport. Special teams of the health department are also deployed at Haridwar railway station. These teams are keeping an eye on passengers suffering from fever.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In, exercise of his right Under Section 14 of SARFAESI Act 2002. The District Magistrate Ambala vide his Order no 99-101 dated 09.01.2020 has appointed the undersigned as Duty Magistrate to monitor the Physical possession of the property (s) Mortgaged by (1) Ajit Singh (Deceased) through legal heirs 1. Dalbir Singh 2. Jasbir Singh both R/o 1189, Bengali Mohalla Ambala Cantt and 3. Sharanjeet Kaur R/o #3, Lucky Nagar Ambala Cantt. In favour of Vijaya Bank (Now Bank of Baroda) Ambala Cantt Branch. Notice (s) dated 01.10.2019 under SARFAESI Act has already been served upon the borrower by the Bank demanding repayment of Rs. 14,88,402.84 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Eighty eight Thousand Four Hundred Two and Paise Eighty four only) as on 30.09.2019 plus interest at the applicable rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses cost charges etc, accrued thereafter.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of property no 2557/8, Bengali Mohalla, Hargolal Road, Ambala Cantt.

The Duty Magistrate Cum Naib Tehsildar Ambala Cantt

SUNFIN OILS LIMITED
CIN:U01112HR1992PLC031613
Regd. Office: H.NO.884, Sector 8, Panchkula, Haryana

This is to inform that pursuant to the order of Honble High Court of Punjab and Haryana dated 03.05.2019 the Company M/s Sunfin Oils Limited has revived. Consequently, a meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on 27 February 2020 at 10.00 am at SCO -122, Dd Complex. Opp- Hotel Clark, Kurukshetra, Haryana -136118 to inter alia appoint Directors on the Board of the Company. Shareholder of the Company are requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting. Further it is informed that individual notices have already been sent to the shareholders of the Company in this regard.

For Sunfin Oils Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh. Mai Lal R/o Sirsa is owner of a house measuring 84 sq. yards situated at Sirsa vide sale deed no.9630 dated 27-11-2018 registered in the office Sub Registrar Sirsa. I have lost my previous original sale deed no.4605 dtd. 05-10-2009 somewhere. If found please contact on 9416068642. If this deed found mortgage in any bank I am fully responsible for this.

THE CHANDIGARH PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA SECRETARIAT EMPLOYEES CO-OP HOUSE BUILDING-1ST SOCIETY, LTD, SECTOR 48-A, CHANDIGARH.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the General Public that the property known as Flat no. 672, Category-A, The Chandigarh Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat Employees Co-Up House Building '1st Society, Ltd, Sector -48A, Chandigarh was originally allotted to Smt. Mohan Kaur W/o Sh. Jaswant Singh. She had sold this flat to Smt. Baneeet Kaur Chadha W/o Sh. Gurrepreet Singh Chadha R/o House no.3081, Blood Donor Society, Sector 50-D, Chandigarh. Now Smt. Baneeet Kaur Chadha has

Will continue to engage with EU on CAA: MEA

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the European Parliament deferred voting on a resolution on the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), India on Thursday said it has noted the decision not to vote and said it will continue to engage with the European Union on the issue. New Delhi also expressed concern over anti-India protests outside its embassy in London and urged the UK to take suitable action to prevent a repeat of such demonstrations.

Asserting that the CAA is an internal matter of India and it has noted the deferment of voting, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said it also noted India has noted European Commission's clarification that the EU Parliament's views don't reflect the official position of the grouping. Voting was to take place on Thursday.

"As I have mentioned earlier, CAA is an internal matter



of India. It has been adopted though due process and democratic means," Kumar said. "We will continue to engage with the MEPs, the European Parliament and other stakeholders in this matter," he said.

Kumar also said India has taken up with the British Government the issue of anti-India protests in connection with the CAA outside the Indian High Commission in London on Sunday. These

incidents create difficulties in functioning of our High Commission in London, he said adding that India hopes anti-India protests in London are not repeated in future. Meanwhile, the European

Parliament met on Wednesday in Brussels to debate the two resolutions including a sharply worded condemnation of the CAA but decided to postpone voting on them till March. The European Parliament will now take up voting during the plenary session between March 30 and April 2.

The voting, if it takes place then, will come after the India-European Union summit scheduled on March 13, which is likely to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A resolution slamming the Indian government on CAA could have jeopardised the summit, sources said.

Indian diplomats in Brussels led by the country's envoy to Belgium, Gaitri Issar Kumar, were for the last few days reaching out to the groups of Members of European Parliament (MEPs).

Sources in the Indian government termed the postponement of voting as a "diplomatic victory" for India adding "Friends of India pre-

vailed over the Friends of Pakistan in the European Parliament today."

They said efforts of outgoing British MEP, Shaffaq Mohammad, to have a resolution passed by the European Parliament against India on the penultimate day before Brexit were defeated.

Shaffaq Ahmed, a Pakistan-origin British MEP, was considered one of the architects of the resolutions, although it had the support of 559 MEPs in the 751-member European Parliament.

The CAA is a matter internal to India and has been adopted through a due process through democratic means. New Delhi expects that our perspectives in this matter will be understood by all objective and fair-minded MEPs' sources said.

Distancing itself from the MEPs' move, the EU had on Monday stated that opinions expressed by the European Parliament and its members do not represent the official position of the EU.

Govt ready to discuss all issues in Budget Session, says Modi

Opposition talks of anti-CAA protests, 'worsening' economy

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asserted his Government is open to discuss all matters in Parliament's Budget Session beginning on Friday after the Opposition parties raised concerns over "worsening" economic situation and accused his dispensation of "arrogance" and not reaching out to the anti-CAA protesters.

While the Opposition members raised a host of issues

In his concluding remarks, Modi welcomed the suggestions of most members that the session should focus on the prevailing economic situation in the country, an official statement later said.

"Most of the members have asked for discussion on the economic situation concerning the country. I welcome this and we need to discuss the economic issues as suggested by you all. We should focus on how we can turn the global scenario in favour of India and how India can gain in the prevailing global situation," said Joshi.

"In this budget session and in the beginning of the new year, if we can give a proper direction to the country's economy, it would be in the best interest of the country," he said, according to the statement. The budget session will conclude on April 3 with a recess in between. The budget will be presented on Saturday.

Referring to various other issues raised by opposition parties, Modi said there should be an open discussion on all. He asked the leaders at the meeting to see to it that they contribute to increasing the productivity of the session and Parliament.

"This is about the productivity of the session and the Parliament. In the last two sessions, we saw the increased productivity and the great public response in favour of it. As people's representatives, it is our responsibility to increase the productivity of the House, while we discuss all issues with an open mind," he said.

Asked about the opposition's charge that the government is being arrogant in not reaching out to anti-CAA protesters, Joshi noted that the bill was passed by Parliament following a long discussion and asked rival parties to introspect their role in these protests.

The BJP has accused the Congress and other opposition parties of inciting protests and violence against the law which, the ruling party has asserted, does not affect the citizenship of any Indian. In his remarks, Azad said Parliament's sessions have been shortened gradually by the Government.



including the nationwide protests against the CAA, "worsening" economic situation and "rising" unemployment at the all-party meeting ahead of the Budget Session, the Prime Minister called for a "greater focus" on economic issues in the session. Political sources said the Opposition leaders also demanded the release of detained political figures in Jammu and Kashmir.

Taking to media after the meeting, Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad said that opposition parties sought immediate release of former state chief minister Farooq Abdullah so that he could attend the session from Friday.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi told reporters after the meeting, attended by 26 parties, that the prime minister conveyed to the leaders that parties should not confine themselves to mere "charcha" (debate) but should have rich and structured discussion on every issue.

INSHORT

SC DENIES TO STEP IN ON BSP NETA PAROLE CASE

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to interfere with the Allahabad High Court order, which had granted two-day parole to BSP leader Atul Rai for taking oath as Member of Parliament in New Delhi. Rai, who had won the 2019 Lok Sabha polls on a BSP ticket from Ghosi parliamentary constituency in UP, is in jail in connection with a rape case and has not yet been able to take oath as his bail plea was earlier denied by the high court.

SC STAYS HC TRIAL ON KANIMOZHI ELECTION

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the Madras High Court proceedings on a petition challenging the election of DMK leader Kanimozhi Karunanidhi from Thoothukudi constituency in Tamil Nadu.

GANDHI GYAN VIGYAN EXHIBITION OPENS

New Delhi: Digital Gandhi Gyan Vigyan exhibition showcasing augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) based exhibits on the events related to life of Mahatma Gandhi was inaugurated by Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Prof Ashutosh Sharma on Thursday. DST has collaborated with Vizara Technologies, a technology start-up under incubation of IIT Delhi to launch the exhibit.

NATURE INDIA HOLDS ESSAY COMPETITION

New Delhi: Nature India, a one-stop site for information on Indian science, in partnership with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has organised an essay competition to provide young and experienced scientists, researchers and authors (Aged 25 to 50) in India, a platform to share ideas on how socially-impactful science can advance and strengthen the country. The essays can be submitted to natureindia@nature.com by March 9, 2020.

DAUGHTER CLAIM CASE: SC RELIEF FOR PAUDWAL

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed proceedings initiated in a Thiruvananthapuram court by a woman claiming to be the daughter of singer Anuradha Paudwal. A bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde issued notice to the 46-year-old woman on a plea filed by Paudwal seeking transfer of the case to Mumbai.

J'khand Govt trying to cover up killings of tribals for opposing Pathalgarhi: BJP

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The BJP on Thursday accused the JMM-led Government in Jharkhand of trying to cover up the killings of seven villagers in West Singhbhum district for allegedly opposing 'Pathalgarhi', a self-rule movement and defending the perpetrators of the crime.

Those supporting the movement had allegedly kidnapped seven villagers of Burugulikera in Guddi block on January 21 and killed them for opposing their stir. The mutilated bodies were recovered from a forest around 4 kilometres from the village the next day.

The killings that took place days after the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-Congress-Rashtriya Janata Dal coalition government assumed power in the state on December 29, triggered widespread outrage and CM Soren ordered an investigation by a special investigation team (SIT).

Sixteen people have been arrested in connection with the killings, according to the police. After the alleged killings, BJP president JP Nadda formed a party delegation to visit the West Singhbhum district. The delegation comprised Jaswant Singh Bhabhor (MP from Gujarat), Samir Oraon (MP from Jharkhand), Bharati Pawar (parliamentarian from Maharashtra), Gomti Saai (Chhattisgarh Lok Sabha member), Joan Barla (LS member from West Bengal) and former Jharkhand minister and MLA Nilkanth Singh Munda.

The delegation on Wednesday met Nadda and Home Minister Amit Shah and submitted the report on the incident. Talking to newsmen at the BJP headquarters here, Oraon said the JMM-led Jharkhand government, of which the Congress is a part, "is trying to cover up the incident."

"The state government got into action two days after the

incident and is now trying to cover up the incident to safeguard the perpetrators of this heinous crime in which innocent tribals were killed," he said.

Oraon said the incident took place after Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren announced that all cases against 'Pathalgarhi' activists will be taken back.

The Pathalgarhi movement is a name given to a tribal protest for autonomy to Gramsabha (village council). Its proponents want no laws of the land be applicable to the tribal people in the area and refuse to accept government's rights over forests and rivers.

Its supporters carve their diktat on rocks in their areas of influence. The name 'Pathalgarhi' is derived from the practice of carving the edicts of the leaders of the movement on large stones called 'pathal' in local language, while garhi means carving.

Bodo accord will strengthen unity of Assam: PM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

As 1,615 cadres of three ANDFB factions laid down arms in Guwahati before Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and State Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday pointed to the five-decade-old issue finding resolution on the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and said the accord between Bodo groups and the Government will strengthen the unity and integrity of the Assam.

"I welcome decision of my Bodo friends for leaving violence and reposing faith in democracy and Constitution," Modi said in a series of tweets. He said that "Bodo friends joining us on path of peace" sends a clear message that

solution to issues is possible when the path of violence is left and faith is reposed in democracy and Constitution. I welcome my Bodo friends to the mainstream. We are committed to ensure development of Bodo areas," the Prime Minister said.

"This is a victory for all, it's victory for humanity. It is inspired by the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas & Sabka Vishwas', and by the spirit of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshth Bharat,'" Modi said.

As India remembers Babu on his death anniversary, Assam is witnessing a historic chapter for peace and development, the Prime Minister said. "After a wait of 50 years, agreement with our Bodo friends heralds a new beginning. It will strengthen Assam's unity, bring development and usher in a bright future," he said.

Jolly's legal notice to Rahul for defamatory video

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Senior BJP leader Vijay Jolly on Thursday served a legal notice to former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi for a defamatory video tweet titled "speaking truth to power" on December 13 last year.

Jolly alleged that through its official twitter handle, the Indian National Congress messaged a false, incorrect, untrue, malicious and defamatory video publication of an old news clipping dated February

23, 2017 titled "Former Delhi BJP MLA Vijay Jolly booked for rape after victim alleges he drugged her drink."

Jolly stated that this was done by Congress led by Rahul Gandhi with the ulterior motive to tarnish the public image of BJP and its leaders including Jolly. "This defamatory publication was done willfully & without checking the facts, with the sole intent to tarnish my reputation and generate negative publicity against me," Jolly said in legal notice.

Lankan PM to visit India from Feb 7

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will visit India from February 7-11 and will hold talks with the leadership here on all bilateral issues. After his official engagement in Delhi, Rajapaksa will travel to Varanasi, Sarnath, Bodhi Gaya and Tirupati.

Announcing the schedule of the Sri Lankan Prime Minister, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said here on Thursday Rajapaksa will be on a state visit to India from February 8 to 11.

He will arrive on February 7 and next day will see the main engagement day where he will hold delegation-level talks with Modi. After his official engagement in Delhi, the Sri Lankan Prime Minister will travel to Varanasi, Sarnath, Bodhi Gaya, and Tirupati, he added.

In his first overseas tour after taking over the reins of Sri Lanka, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa travelled to India on a three-day visit and held talks with Prime Minister Modi. Modi had announced financial

assistance of \$450 million to Sri Lanka including \$50 million to fight terrorism after holding "fruitful" talks with the island nation's President.

Donald Trump may visit in February

The external affairs Ministry also said talks are on to firm up the dates of likely visit of US President Donald Trump to India. Trump is likely to tour India in the last part of February and India and US are likely to ink pacts on trade and defence then.

External Affairs ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said, "We are in talks with US." Besides holding summit talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Trump is likely to visit Agra and Ahmedabad and security liaison meets were on have a public event to honour the visiting President, reports said. **PNS**

Apex court allows Sarda Mines to resume mining in Odisha

New Delhi: Providing relief to mining company Sarda Mines Pvt Ltd., the Supreme Court on Thursday allowed it to resume its mining operations in Odisha subject to deposit of ₹933 crore towards environmental compensation by February 29.

A Bench of Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant also allowed the Naveen Jindal-led JSPL to transport high-quality iron ore lying in the Thakurani block mines is SMPL. The top court, however, made it clear that JSPL can transport the iron-ore only after SMPL pays ₹933 crore towards compensation for the environment.

While reserving its verdict in the case on January 16, SC had said it was "not averse" to allowing Jindal Steel and Power Ltd (JSPL) to transport the high-quality iron ore lying stacked at the non-functional Sarda Mines for its pellet plant in Odisha. The top court had taken on record an undertaking from SMPL for payment of ₹933 crore towards environmental compensation. **PTI**

Agri Ministry seeks 20% less funds for PM-KISAN Yojana

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The Agriculture Ministry has sought ₹60,000 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM KISAN) for the next fiscal year, a 20 per cent less than the previous year allocation of ₹75,000 crore. The Ministry has been able to disburse only ₹44,000 crore so far this fiscal under the scheme.

The Centre had allocated ₹75,000 crore in the Budget Estimate (BE) for 2019-20 to implement the PM-KISAN scheme, under which ₹6,000 is being provided to farmers per year in three equal instalments.

Sources said the allocation is estimated to have come down to ₹61,000 crore in the Revised Estimate (RE) for the current fiscal as some States, including West Bengal, have not rolled out this scheme and many others do not have proper data of the farmers.

The projection of the number of beneficiary farmers has also been pegged lower at 14 crore from the earlier 14.5 crore.

"The Government is



expected to allocate around ₹61,000 crore for 2020-21 fiscal, almost same amount that was provided in the revised estimate for the 2019-20 fiscal," source added.

The allocation in revised budget estimate has been lowered as the Central Government has so far distributed funds under the PM-KISAN scheme to 8.35 crore farmers, source added.

In the interim Budget presented in February 2019, the government had launched the

PM-KISAN. That apart, the Government may increase farm credit target by 10 per cent from ₹13.5 lakh crore targeted for this fiscal, source said. The target for agriculture credit for this fiscal has already been achieved.

Source also said the government may allocate ₹15,000 crore for farm insurance scheme, up from ₹14,000 crore in the current year. Already, the government has disbursed ₹12,135 crore towards premium till December 2019.

India needs better awareness on leprosy, says WHO ambassador

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Noting that efforts to end leprosy has remained wanting in India, WHO's goodwill ambassador against the crippling disease Yohei Sasakawa on Thursday pitched in for inclusion of leprosy eradication programme in the school curriculum to ensure widespread awareness about the stigmatic disease. India has 60 per cent of the total global cases.

"India has a huge population and I recognise that its efforts to reach some population groups, like those in the mountains or say the tribal population, are probably not sufficient.

"A leprosy eradication programme should be included in the school curriculum to ensure wide-

spread awareness about the stigmatic disease," said Sasakawa, recipient of the Gandhi Peace Prize 2019 for his fight against leprosy, especially in India.

"But relatively speaking I think the measures India is taking against the disease today are the most advanced in the world," said Sasakawa who is on India visit to attend an event to mark the anti-leprosy Day on Thursday. The event was organised by the Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF), an organisation engaged in social and economic upliftment of persons affected by leprosy and their families.

Sasakawa, Chairman, Nippon Foundation, said that his organisation, Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation, is working hard to



meet the government's target of making India leprosy-free by 2030.

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Health Minister too expressed his concerns that the disease continue to exist despite so many years. "I have already written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the abolishment of more than 100 discriminatory laws and I assure the patients and the foundation that these laws will be completely eradicated in the very near future," the minister added.

According to the World Health Organisation, India has the highest number of new cases of leprosy in the world annually, followed by Brazil and Indonesia. Though India officially eliminated leprosy in 2005 by bringing the prevalence rate below

1/10,000 at the national level, it has not been able to eradicate the disease despite having it as a national target.

New cases have been reported from several parts of India, especially the rural belts of Bihar, Lakshadweep, Dadra and Nagar Haveli. All the cases were attributed to late diagnosis.

With an aim to sensitise the India Inc towards people affected by leprosy and their families, S-ILF on Thursday joined hands with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). "CII, in partnership with S-ILF, will drive proactive initiatives towards awareness, advocacy, and economic integration of the leprosy affected community," said Tarun Das, Chairman, S-ILF and formed head of the CII.

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT

Failed parties supporting Shaheen Bagh stir: Irani

Amethi /Pratapgarh (UP): Union Minister and Amethi MP Smriti Irani on Thursday claimed that the political parties which failed to win the 2019 Lok Sabha elections are supporting protests like Delhi's Shaheen Bagh, where 'anti-national slogans' are being raised.

She also alleged that the intention of the Congress was to 'break the country'.

"There is anger in the entire country that in Shaheen Bagh, AAP and other political parties which had failed to win the 2019 Lok Sabha elections are supporting the talk of dividing the country," the Union Minister said here.

She alleged that "anti-national slogans are being raised at Shaheen Bagh", where protests are going on against the Citizenship Amendment Act since the law was passed in Parliament last month.

"Today, on the death anniversary of Bapu, I will only say that even Mahatma Gandhi is being cursed from the platform of Shaheen Bagh.



AAP leader Manish Sisodia has given his support to the protesters of Shaheen Bagh," she claimed.

The Union Minister said she would ask political leaders has their 'standard of politics touched so low' that after the defeat in the Lok Sabha polls, they are not able to accept it and "speaking of dividing the country from these platforms".

"They are talking about 'Jinnah wali azadi'.

Countrymen are looking at these things," she added.

To a question on the ongoing 'Ganga Yatra' in the state, she said, "It will be my fortune that I will be taking part in it in Rae Bareilly and Pratapgarh."

She, however, evaded questions on the visit of Congress president Sonia Gandhi and general secretary Priyanka Gandhi to the state earlier this

month.

Addressing a gathering in Bhetua block after laying foundation stones of 20 projects worth over Rs 5 crore, Irani claimed said now common people too will have access to solar lights like political leaders.

She also visited Bhareta village to meet families of those killed in a road accident on January 20.

During their visit here, Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi had also met the bereaved families on January 23.

In Pratapgarh, Irani said it cannot be the character of a true Indian to sit in Shaheen Bagh and talk of "breaking the country".

Attacking the Congress, Smriti Irani said, "The intention of the Congress is to break the nation. Do not expect anything from them."

I will pray Ganga Maiya for letting better sense prevail upon people who depend on this land for survival but praise other," she said. **PTI**

Yogi: Protesters speaking Pakistan's language, won't tolerate such acts

Gorakhpur (UP): Continuing his attack on anti-CAA protesters, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday accused them of "speaking the language of Pakistan" and said such acts won't be tolerated.

"Those staging protests at several places are directly or indirectly speaking in the language of Pakistan. The country is being cheated in the name of protests. Such acts won't be tolerated or accepted," the CM said during the convocation of a nursing college here.

Addressing students, the CM without taking names criticised the "distinguished personalities" who have extended support to the protesters.

"Some self-proclaimed intellectuals are misleading people about the Citizen Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens to create unrest in the country," Yogi, who earlier in the day took a dip in the Sangam in Allahabad said.

The Chief Minister said a large number of protesters didn't know against whom they were protesting. **PTI**



"When reporters at the India Gate asked them the reason behind the protest or about the law they were protesting against, surprisingly they didn't know anything about it. This proves that they are misled and we all need to come forward to stop them as such people are a hindrance to development," he said.

Drawing a comparison between minorities in India and Pakistan, CM Yogi said, "Muslims in India became presidents of the country and judges of the Supreme Court while in Pakistan, it is difficult to find any Hindu, Sikh, Christian or Jain holding top posts," he said.

CM Yogi advised the students to always treat patients with compassion and humanity. **PTI**



Protesters write on a wall during an anti-Citizenship Amendment Act demonstration, in Mumbai on Thursday

PTI

Women start indefinite dharna at Aligarh Eidgah

Aligarh (UP): Women protesting against the new citizenship law have sat on an indefinite dharna at Eidgah in Aligarh with the police booking 250 of them for unlawful Assembly on Thursday.

The police have named nine women in the FIR, leaving others unidentified.

The women have been charged under IPC sections 145, 147 and 188, SP City

Abhishek Kumar said. Section 145 relates to unlawful assembly, 147 to rioting and 188 to disobedience to order issued by a public servant.

The protest began late Wednesday afternoon and by evening a large number of people joined it, despite the police administration trying to deter them from violating

Section 144 of the CrPC that prohibits public

gatherings.

The protestors spent the night at Eidgah and Thursday morning they were joined by other women from neighbouring localities.

Last week, hundreds of women held a similar protest at the same place after the district authorities gave permission for a two-day dharna.

The protest ended after two days. **PTI**



Protesters take part in a rally against CAA, NRC and NPR, in Kolkata on Thursday

PTI

Sena endorses Shah, says Sharjeel's words dangerous

Mumbai: The Shiv Sena on Thursday endorsed Union Home Minister Amit Shah's view that alleged inflammatory statements made by Sharjeel Imam, an anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) activist, were dangerous.

No politics should be done on the issue, and such 'pest' afflicting the country should be finished off, it said.

Imam was arrested on Tuesday in connection with his speeches at Jamia Millia Islamia University in Delhi and in Aligarh during anti-CAA protests.

He has been booked for sedition, among other offences.

In an editorial published in its mouthpiece 'Saamana', the Sena, a former ally of the BJP, said, "We agree with union home minister's comments that Sharjeel Imam's alleged words of separation are more dangerous than that of Kanhaiya Kumar."

Kumar, former student leader from Jawaharlal Nehru University, had been arrested over alleged separatist slogans shouted during a protest on varsity campus.

The Sena, which has formed alliance with the Congress and NCP to

come to power in Maharashtra, is often seen walking a tightrope to preserve its credentials as a pro-Hindutva party.

"The Union Home Ministry, while initiating action against Imam, should not indulge in politics and try to finish off this pest that is afflicting our country," the editorial said.

"One must find out why such language of breaking up this country into pieces is being used by the educated youth of this country more and more frequently. Who is spewing such venom into the mind of Sharjeel who did his graduation from IIT-B and now pursuing PhD from JNU?" the Sena asked.

"Even people involved in Elgar Parishad at Pune are facing sedition charges and these people have been known as intellectuals and are well-known personalities," said the party.

"A conspiracy to bring about a conflict between Hindus and Muslims and ensure continuance of anarchy and civil war as in Iraq and Afghanistan exists. The boost for such activities is coming from a 'political laboratory,'" the editorial said. **PTI**

Cong-led UDF forms human maps of India in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram: Thousands of people came together to form human maps of India, organised by the Congress-led UDF, across Kerala as a mark of protest against the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act on Thursday.

Intensifying its protest against the CAA, the Congress-led UDF organised the formation of human map in 12 of the 14 districts barring Wayanad and Kozhikode.

The programme was cancelled in Kozhikode due to the demise of veteran Congress leader M Kamalam this morning.

At Wayanad, MP and Congressleader Rahul Gandhi took out a protest rally against the CAA.

The Congress in Kerala has been organising protest marches under the leadership of MPs and MLAs and local leaders since the past few days.

Senior Congress leader AK Antony participated in the human map in the state capital, while UDF leaders including Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala, KPCC President Mullappally Ramachandran and others participated in the protest at various places. **PTI**

Protests intensify at AMU, VC issues video appeal to students

Aligarh (UP): Protests at Aligarh Muslim University's women college against the new citizenship law intensified on Thursday with hundreds of students blocking its entry points, as the exam boycott at the AMU's engineering college continued for the fourth successive day.

The protesters, including schoolgirls, locked the gates from inside and formed a human chain to prevent teaching staff from entering the campus on Marris Road.

A university official said police had been posted at the college gates as a precautionary measure. He added, "While a section of the girls are ready to end the deadlock and resume attending classes, some others are still refusing."

Later Thursday, Vice-Chancellor Tariq Mansoor tried to reassure students in a video appeal that all their issues

from now on will be dealt without involving any "external agency". Students had been concerned that the university could once again call the police force into the campus to quell their protest against the amended citizenship law, as done on December 15.

The students wanted the VC to assure them that all "false cases" registered against their colleagues during the past six weeks would be withdrawn and there will be "no further police action or harassment" against them for protesting peacefully.

In the video message, the vice chancellor said he "deeply regretted" the incidents on December 15 and the booking of students by police. "I want to assure students I will take up these matters with police and no innocent student will be framed."

The VC said peaceful dis-

sent "is the right of every student" and every educational institution can debate any issue which disturbs the student community. He said the university administration was empowering the proctorial team, members of the teaching community and pro-protectors to tackle all situations pertaining to law and order issues within the campus.

However, the boycott of examinations at the varsity's Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology continued for the fourth consecutive day.

AMU spokesman Omar Peerzada said some classes were held for the first time to end the impasse after Prof Sufiyan Beg, principal of the engineering college, assured the students that their demands raised during Wednesday's meeting with the VC would be considered favourably. **PTI**

Kanpur admin asks 66 men to sign bonds of ₹ 2 lakh to maintain peace

Kanpur (UP): In a bizarre precautionary measure, the local administration here has asked 66 men to sign surety bonds of ₹ 2 lakh each promising to maintain peace at the Mohammad Ali park, the site of women's protest against the CAA and the NRC.

Police said though none was admitting that men were instigating protesters, several of those who received notices admitted that women from their families were taking part in the stir.

"The issue pertains to the Chamanganj police station area where women are staging a protest at the Mohammad Ali park," said Additional City Magistrate Anil Agnihotri who has issued notices under Section 107/116 of the CrPC.

"Men can instigate protesting women to indulge in sloganeering or disturb peace. Notice has been issued as a precautionary measure," Agnihotri said.

The protest at the park are going since early this month. **PTI**

NGO files complaint on presence of kids at protest in Goa

Panaji: A local NGO has lodged a complaint with the Goa police about the "presence of children" at an anti-CAA rally held by organisations affiliated with the Goa Church last week.

Organisations affiliated with the Goa Church had held a rally at Lohia Maidan in Margao on January 24 to protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) on Wednesday lodged a formal complaint with the director general of police about the presence of children at the rally.

In the complaint, SCAN director Emidio Pinho stated that "having impressionable children at such gatherings, places them in a vulnerable situation".

"Children are exposed to political ideology, aggressive and often derogatory language and this can leave a lasting memory," the complaint States.

SCAN said participating in such rallies can be detrimental to sensitive minds of children.

When contacted, a senior police officer said the complaint is being probed into. **PTI**

Lucknow: CWC issues notice to parents to send children home from protest

Lucknow: The Lucknow Child Welfare Committee (CWC) has issued notice to parents who are protesting with their children at the Clock Tower here against CAA, ordering them to send the kids home immediately or face action.

The notice that was issued on Wednesday said several children were at the dharna site and not in school which had disturbed their meals.

"Therefore, in the best interest of children and to ensure that there is no mental stress on them, it is necessary that they are immediately removed from the dharna site or else action will be taken under Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act," it said.

The notice said that anyone under 18 years of age was a child as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the CWC has to work to ensure

that their childhood, education and health are taken care of.

"In view of this, the CWC orders all such families protesting with their children near the Clock Tower to immediately send them home so that their normal routine can be restored," it said.

The statement issued by CWC (Lucknow) Chairman Kuldeep Ranjan and four of the panels members warned of action under the section which deals with crime, cruelty to children and offences punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine of Rs 1 lakh or with both.

The stir against the amended citizenship act is on since January 17 at the site. It is on the lines of Delhi's Shaheen Bagh protest against the amended citizenship act and the National Register of Citizens. **PTI**

WB Guv reprimands IPS officer publicly

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In a rare occurrence that indicated the deteriorating chemistry between the Bengal Government and Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar, the latter on Thursday publicly reprimanded a senior IPS officer of the rank of a Commissioner of Police for reading newspaper while sitting in the front row during a programme organised to offer tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Not only the Governor chided Manoj Verma the CP but also reminded him about the deteriorating law and order situation of the State.

Sources said while the Governor was on the stage at

Gandhi Ghat at Barrackpore where he was attending a programme in memory of the Father of the Nation on his death anniversary the senior police officer was reading newspaper sitting on the first row.

At the end of the programme Dhankhar not only rebuked the senior officer but also told him how the law and situation in the State was deteriorating by the day.

Later he said that "on the solemn occasion of paying tribute to Father of the Nation at Barrackpore," he was "appalled" seeing how "amidst chanting of religious mantras senior police personnel in uniform in front row kept on

casually and freely reading newspapers."

He wondered as to how "this indecorous act" could be perpetrated by men in uniform.

The incident comes close on the heels of the Governor being blockaded by the Calcutta University students who refused to let him attend the convocation programme of the university.

The Governor who was invited in the programme and was scheduled to give away awards including the D'Litt degree to Nobel Laureate Abhijeet Vinayak Banerjee was finally forced to leave the venue.

Reacting to the Thursday's

incident State Minister and Trinamool Congress leader Partho Chatterjee said "he is acting out of frustration," adding "even if a senior IPS officer has to be reminded of his duty there are procedures for that and he should not be humiliated in public.

If such things are done by the Governor then how the officer will be able to mind the law and order situation in the district?"

Another senior leader and Minister Subroto Mukherjee said "if I were to get such indecorous behaviour from a person of that stature I would return the same treatment only four times stronger."

TMC backs AAP in Delhi polls

PNS ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has come out in support of Aam Aadmi Party for the coming Assembly elections in Delhi. Her Trinamool Congress will back the AAP party's national spokespersons on Derek O'Brien has said uploading a video. The TMC will not only support Delhi Chief Minister but all the AAP candidates.

"Vote for Arvind Kejriwal and all AAP candidates..." "Vote for Aam Aadmi Party, Vote for the candidate from Rajendra Nagar constituency Raghav Chadha," O'Brien tweeted.

While Bengal BJP president poohpooed the TMC for throwing its weight behind the AAP, even as he said "Delhi is not Bengal and the TMC is not even known in the national Capital."

Reacting to his statement TMC leader Partho Chatterjee said "if TMC really has no presence in Delhi then why Dilip Ghosh has to react. He may easily ignore TMC's appeal... It seems that he is nervous about TMC's support to AAP because Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has huge fan following in other parts of the country including Delhi."

Chatterjee would not however say whether Banerjee would personally go down to Delhi for campaigning. Apparently the TMC target of appeal are the sizeable number of Bengali-speaking population in the national capital.

Banerjee and Kejriwal have shared a good relationship over the years, with the Delhi Chief Minister openly backing her in 2019 general elections. He even joined the 19-party meet in Kolkata.

Unless you visit jail, you cannot be a leader: WB BJP chief to partymen

Kolkata: West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh courted yet another controversy on Thursday when he said one cannot become a political leader unless he visits jail.

Asking party cadres to "actively" counter the ruling TMC, Ghosh said sitting back at home would not make one a good political activist.

"Don't expect to be a good political activist just by sitting back at home. You all have to work. You have to be active, so that police is forced to arrest you. Don't get cowed down by threats from TMC goons."

"Unless you visit the jail, you can't be a good leader," the BJP leader claimed.

Reacting to his comment, TMC minister Sovande Chatterpadhyay, said Ghosh, being a leader of a political party, should be more cautious about the statements he makes. **PTI**

CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

TN: 78 China returnees under house quarantine

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu Government on Thursday said 78 people who had arrived from coronavirus-hit China were under "house quarantine" and being monitored but asserted no positive case of the deadly virus has been detected in the State so far.

State Health and Family Welfare Minister C Vijayabaskar also said there was no need for any panic as preventive measures had been put in place and the Government was paying more attention after one person tested positive for the virus in neighbouring Kerala.

As of date, 78 people who had arrived from China were



case of coronavirus in Tamil Nadu," Vijayabaskar said.

He stressed on personal hygiene and advised people to wash their hands multiple times daily.

Responding to a question on the status of some Tamil Nadu medics studying in China's Wuhan city, the epicentre of the virus, he said the Chinese Embassy has informed the State Government that they were safe. "We are taking all follow-up action to ensure their wellbeing," he added. The novel coronavirus epidemic death toll in China has touched 170 with over 7,000 others being infected while it spread to at least 17 countries. **PTI**

under Government monitoring, he said. "Public Health Department doctors are in touch with all the 78 on a daily basis. Nobody is affected, none of them is in a hospital. They are in their homes. They are in house quarantine," the Minister told reporters here.

"So far there is no positive

Install thermal scanners at Dabolim airport: Goa to Centre

Panaji: The Goa Government on Thursday urged Union Health Ministry to install thermal scanners at the State's lone airport to detect suspected cases of the novel coronavirus, whose outbreak has been reported from China.

Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said on Thursday he met Union Health Ministry officials and requested them to install scanners at the international airport in Dabolim, around 25km from here, where hundreds of domestic and foreign tourists arrive everyday.

At present, screening is being done at various airports, including Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Cochin, Bengaluru and Hyderabad for passengers returning from China and Hong Kong.

The Minister said passengers arriving in Goa by cruise ships at Mormugao Port Trust harbour should also be screened.

Rane said "around four people" who had travelled to either China or Hong Kong recently have been admitted in the isolation ward of the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) near here.

Earlier this week, the first suspected case of the coronavirus was detected in the State. A foreigner, who had arrived in Goa from China, was kept under observation at the GMCH's isolation ward after he showed symptoms similar to the coronavirus infection.

A thermal scanner checks the body temperature of a person and shows if he/she has symptoms of viral infections.

The coronavirus is a large family of viruses that causes illnesses ranging from the common cold to acute respiratory syndromes, but the virus that has killed people in China is a novel strain and not seen before. **PTI**

Doctors' body warns of possible spread to Kashmir Valley

Srinagar: A doctors' body on Thursday warned that there was a potential threat of novel coronavirus spreading to Kashmir as tourists from around the world visit the valley.

President of the Doctors Association of Kashmir (DAK) Suhail Naik said China is located near India and there were chances of coronavirus reaching the valley as it is a tourist destination.

"Following the recent outbreak of coronavirus in China, there is a potential threat of the novel virus in Kashmir as people from different parts of the world come here as tourists," he said in a statement.

"Many countries have direct air travel with Kashmir. So the coronavirus may come to Kashmir by that way and we have to take care before it is too

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late," he said.

Naik said although no case of coronavirus has been reported in the valley yet, the government particularly the health department needs to be prepared for any emergency.

Novel coronavirus (nCoV) is a large family of viruses that causes illnesses ranging from the common cold to acute respiratory syndromes. The virus is a novel strain and not seen before, he said.

The chief of DAK said the virus can be passed between humans through close con-

tact.

"It is imperative that the government and specifically the health department should be prepared for handling the situation," he said.

Naik said the virus does not seem to pass easily from person to person unless there is close contact, such as when providing unprotected care to patients.

The common symptoms of the novel coronavirus include respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.

He said there have been clusters of cases in healthcare facilities, where human to human transmission appears to have occurred, especially when infection prevention and control practices are inadequate. **PTI**

Central team to visit Maha, no confirmed case found in State

Mumbai: With ten persons quarantined in three hospitals across Maharashtra for possible exposure to novel coronavirus, a central Health Ministry team is likely to visit the State to take a review of preparedness for tackling the disease, an official said on Thursday.

State Health Minister Rajesh Tope assured that no confirmed case of coronavirus infection has been found in Maharashtra so far.

Twenty-seven persons are under observation in the State and as a precautionary measure 10 of them have been quarantined — six at Kasturba Hospital in Mumbai, three at Pune's Naidu Hospital and another at a hospital in Nanded.

"A team of Centre's health department is likely to visit Mumbai in coming days as more and more cases of suspected novel coronavirus are surfacing," a senior state official told **PTI**. "All the suspected coronavirus patients will continue to be kept under observation for at least 28 days," the official said, adding that the number is likely to go up.

When asked about the purpose of the central team's visit, the official said, "It is aimed at taking a review of the preparedness for prevention and management of the disease. The team will also give some critical inputs."

Speaking to reporters in

Aurangabad, Health Minister Tope said 4,790 people had been screened for symptoms of the infection at the Mumbai airport as of Wednesday.

"There is no confirmed patient of coronavirus in the state. Four flights land every week from China. We are scanning passengers for symptoms of coronavirus," he said. The government had earlier appealed to those who returned from China after January 1 to report to State-run hospitals if they were suffering from cough and mild fever. Novel coronavirus belongs to the coronavirus family that causes illnesses ranging from the common cold to acute respiratory syndromes. **PTI**

43 China returnees screened in Gujarat, no positive case

Ahmedabad: The preliminary health screening of 43 persons, who arrived in Gujarat from China over the last few days, did not show any symptoms of novel coronavirus infection, officials said on Thursday.

No case of coronavirus has been found in the State so far, they said.

"None of the 43 persons, who arrived in Gujarat from China in the last few days, were found with symptoms of coronavirus. Our teams are in constant touch with them. As a precautionary measure, we have asked them to remain

indoors. So far, no positive case have been reported in the state," Commissioner of Health, Jai Prakash Shivahare, said.

"Some persons who had reached Vadodra via road were also found to be asymptomatic. We are in constant touch with the central government for a better coordination," he said.

According to Shivahare, the state government has tied up with the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune to check the samples for detection of possible coronavirus cases. "But as of now, we have not

sent any samples," he added.

The official added that students from Gujarat, who are currently studying in China, as well as their parents here can contact the State Emergency Operation Centre on 079-23251900 to seek Government's help or share any other information.

He said the state health department has put in place a round-the-clock screening facility, with a thermal scanner, at Ahmedabad airport to detect possible cases of coronavirus and also set up an isolation ward in a civil hospital here to treat patients suspected of contracting the infection. **PTI**

Raj to identify, examine travellers from China

Jaipur: The Rajasthan Government on Thursday said it will identify all travellers arriving in the State from China and get them examined in view of the novel coronavirus outbreak.

Additional Chief Secretary (Medical and Health) Rohit Kumar Singh gave this information during a video conference with the Union Health Ministry. Singh said instructions have been given to identify all passengers coming from China to Rajasthan and to get information about those staying in various hotels with the help of police department.

He said 18 passengers from China arrived in Rajasthan in January and two of them with initial coronavirus-like symptoms were screened and examined.

Out of these, the test report of one patient admitted in the isolation ward in Jaipur was negative and blood sample of another suspect have been sent to a Pune laboratory. Both the suspected patients are healthy, he said. **PTI**

Amendments on rationalisation of reservation policy to give representation to Paharis OK'ed

Jammu: In a major decision aiming to rationalise the existing reservation policy and give representation to Pahari speaking people, the Administrative Council which met under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, G.C Murmu on Thursday approved several amendments in the Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005.

According to the press statement issued by the Jammu & Kashmir Government, there will now be reservation of 8 percent to SCs, 10 percent to STs, 4 percent to Social Caste, 4 percent to Residents of ALC/IB, 10 percent to RBA, 4 percent to PSP and 10 percent to EWSs in direct recruitment. A horizontal reservation of 6 percent will be available to Ex-Servicemen and 4 percent to PHCs.

For admission in Professional Institutions, the reservation percentages will now be 8% to SCs, 10% to STs, 4% to Social Caste, 4% to ALC, 10% to RBA, 4% to PSP and 10% to EWSs. A horizontal reservation of 4% will be available to PHCs, the press statement added.

For post graduate courses in MD/MS/M.Tech., Engineering and Agricultural Sciences and similar other postgraduate courses, the revised distribution of seats will be 8 percent to SCs, 10 percent to STs, 10 percent to RBA, 4 percent to ALC/IB, 4 percent to Social Caste, 4 percent to PSP, 2 percent to Children of Defence Personnel/Para-military forces and J&K Police Personnel, 1 percent to candidates possessing outstanding proficiency in sports and

10 percent to EWSs.

According to the government spokesman, "there are around 9.6 lakh Pahari speaking people across Jammu and Kashmir spread over mainly in Rajouri, Poonch, Baramulla (Uri and Boniyar), Kupwara (Karna and Keran) and pockets of Anantnag, Budgam, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian".

Following the reorganization of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and enactment of the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Act, 2004, it had become imperative to rationalize the existing reservation percentages to give representation to the Pahari speaking people in the matters thereto. For this purpose, necessary amendments have been approved in the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005 to include PSP in the category of socially and educationally backward classes.

As per the extant reservation rules, the percentage of reservation in direct recruitments is 8 percent to Scheduled Castes (SCs), 10 percent to Scheduled Tribes (STs), 2 percent to Weaker and under privileged Classes (Social Caste), 3 percent to Residents of areas adjoining Line of Actual Control (ALC)/International Border (IB), 20 percent to Residents of backward areas (RBA). There is also a horizontal reservation of 6 percent available to Ex-Servicemen and 3 percent to Physically Challenged Persons (PHC). **PNS**

FLUTTER IN KOLHAPUR CIVIC BODY

BJP corporator kisses Cong member on cheek at meet

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A BJP corporator caused a flutter in the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) in western Maharashtra, by kissing a fellow male Congress corporator sitting next to him on his cheek at a special general meeting held on Thursday.

Amid a special general meeting of the KMC called to consider Mayor Surmanjari Latkar's resignation, the House was taken aback to see BJP corporator Kamalakar Bhopale planting a deep kiss on one of the cheeks of Congress corporator Sharangadhar Deshmukh of the ruling Congress-NCP alliance, setting next to him.

Before long, a video clip of the incident went viral in the media. As could be seen from the video clip, the members of both the treasury and Opposition benches broke into peals of laughter, as a straight-faced Bhopale all of a sudden pulled Deshmukh closer to him with both of his hands and planted a kiss. Deshmukh took Bhopale's act in his stride and was



BJP corporator Kamalakar Bhopale kisses on one of the cheeks of Congress corporator Sharangadhar Deshmukh at a special general meeting of the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC) in western Maharashtra on Thursday

all smiles.

Incidentally, Deshmukh is the leader of the House and chairman of the civic standing committee. Though the actual reason behind Bhopale's act was not immediately known, one could gather from the chain of events that led to the incident was that the BJP corporator was more comfortable being with the ruling Congress-NCP alliance corporators than with his own party corporators. The BJP and Tararani Aghadi combine are an Opposition alliance in the KMC.

Soon after the special general meeting started, Bhopale walked across from the Opposition benches to the treasury benches and sat next to Deshmukh.

An hour and a half later, Bhopale planted a kiss on Deshmukh's cheek. Before doing so, Bhopale was heard saying: "I do not get as much of respect in my own party as much as I do in the ruling Congress-NCP alliance. I am very happy being with the ruling alliance corporators."

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a major decision aimed at reducing the influence of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the crucial co-operative sector, the Shiv Sena-led Maha Vikas Agadhi (MVA) Government has removed the administrators and all the directors appointed by the previous BJP Government in 19 co-operative sugar factories in various parts of the State.

The successive Congress (and NCP since 1999) Governments had over the years derived their political clout from the co-operative bodies, including sugar factories and banks. However, after the saffron alliance Government replaced the previous Congress-led Democratic Front (DF) Government in the state in 2014, the BJP had taken control of the cooperative sector by appointing its administrators and directors on various co-operative sugar factories.

During its tenure, the BJP-led Government had suffocated several big sugar co-operative societies managed by the NCP and Congress leaders, by reducing quantum of loans extended to them from time to time through co-operative banks.

With several of these sugar cooperative factories incurring huge losses, some of the NCP and Congress leaders running these sugar cooperative factories had switched over to the BJP in the run up to the Lok Sabha and State Assembly polls held last year.

However, after the advent of the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress grand alliance's MVA dispensation took over the reins of the State last month, the Uddhav Thackeray Government has initiated the process to regain the control of the co-operative sector once again. The NCP, which has over the years built a strong base in western Maharashtra through sugar-cooperatives, holds the crucial Cooperation ministry in the Uddhav Thackeray government. Its senior leader Balasaheb Patil is the Co-operation Minister in the MVA government.

Official sources said that the Uddhav Thackeray, through the Pune-based State Sugar Commissionaire has issued an order annulling the appointments of administrators and directors made by the previous BJP government in 19 co-operative sugar factories in various parts of the State.

The 19 sugar co-operative sugar factories, in which the

state government has removed the BJP-appointed administrators and directors, include Ajinkyatar Cooperative Sugar factory, Satara, Dr Patangrao Co-op sugar factory, Kadegaon-Sangli, Someshwar cooperative sugar factory, Baramati, Purna Co-op sugar factory, Hingoli, Adinath coop sugar factory, Solapur, Chhatrapati Co-op sugar factory, Indapur, Raobahadur co-operative sugar factory, Shirol, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar co-op sugar factory, Osmanabad, AAjara co-op sugar factory, Kolhapur, Vithalrao Shinde co-op sugar factory, Madha, Rena Co-op sugar factory, Latur and Bhima coop sugar factory, Phatasaund.

Sources said that the state government would soon appoint its nominees as the administrators and directors in these 19 sugar co-operative factories.

In another measure, the MVA Government has initiated steps to show the door to the BJP-appointed directors in district co-operative banks, market committees and cooperative societies (coming under the purview of sugar factories) and replace them with the nominees belonging to the three parties in the current Government in the State.

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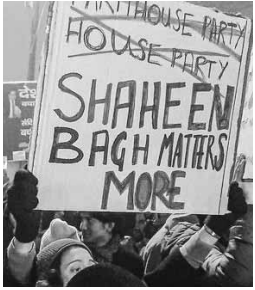
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A ban too late

The BJP's tinder-box speeches have had a bigoted youth shooting at protesters. Delhi polls are no more local



The Election Commission (EC) may have banned Union Minister Anurag Thakur and MP Parvesh Verma as star campaigners and even set a curfew for their public speeches but that isn't enough to counter the hate propaganda the BJP has unleashed. One that is manifesting itself as misplaced warriors and jeopardising the Delhi polls. For while the EC has been proactive enough to ban them for their incendiary remarks branding all disagreeing citizens as traitors or terrorists, the bottle has been uncorked. It doesn't take rocket science to

understand that when there is open exhortation to "shoot the traitors" and a mass frenzy worked up over having identified the "real enemy" from the entrails of a nation divided, there will be consequences. One that saw some delinquent firing at a protester in Jamia with a crusade-like zeal and mischievously justifying it in the name of Lord Rama. May be he was a sympathiser, who has indulged in theatrics simply to effect a plot twist. But let's not forget, daredevilry thrives in an atmosphere that emboldens it. So far, divisive politics was confined to the game of numbers and electoral compulsions. Even the voter could sense that. Now, in the new regime that wants to overturn the civilisational idea of India into a militaristic trap of Hinduism, it is an opium that has dulled people's minds into submission and a willing suspension of belief. They now have internalised the politician's logic as their own. Therein lies the problem that no Election Commission diktat can tame. Perhaps, it could have halted the adventurism last year itself, when most BJP bigwigs, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, unleashed inflammatory campaigns prior to the Lok Sabha elections. But it let them off without so much as a censure, raising the first questions of institutional propriety. Once a threshold has been crossed, be it by an inch or a mile, it really doesn't matter; the transgression has been all but sanctioned. And now that the BJP has a monolithic charge of governance, there is really no fear of crossing the line, leave alone civility. Which is why a new stricture won't stop these motormouths from door to door canvassing. So apart from being a disincentive, there is no stopping their propagandist run, just that it won't be overt but insidious.

The BJP has nothing to lose in its no-holds barred campaign, desperate as it is to get a hold of Delhi's heart though it has got all the Lok Sabha seats in its kitty. The only way it can force a change is to replicate the national agenda at the locality level, rather make the national local. This tinder-box politics has so far served it good and if indeed it manages to harden the faultlines and inflame passions, it might be able to make inroads. So it has consciously crafted its campaign for the Delhi polls, mainly on the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) to consolidate Hindu votes among communities from the Hindi heartland where the issue has found positive resonance, namely the Purvanchalis and the Pahadis. Besides, now that the abrogation of Article 370 and the Ram temple are on the "work done" list, the BJP will be using every opportunity to push its citizenship law. Why this becomes significant as a voter's choice is because a citizenship document becomes a qualifier of sorts for future Government largesse and benefits. Also, the party is betting big on momentary aggression, knowing full well that any punitive action, backlash and outrage can only come after the remarks have had their intended effect. That's why Thakur lashed out at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Congress and anti-CAA protesters as traitors. Verma raised the spectre of Shaheen Bagh's anti-CAA protesters "entering homes to rape and kill women" and vowed to raze mosques in the Muslim-majority colony. Perhaps, the BJP has got it wrong on the women of Shaheen Bagh, who have pioneered this movement without seeking endorsement and refused to become a subset of the politics of the day. Also, the party, which has been championing the protection of Muslim women by going to town with the Triple Talaq Act, certainly isn't concerned about their other issues like the impact of citizenship and identity politics on their homes and lives. Or would it want to devalue the women of Shaheen Bagh as an aberration or worse, misguided and fielded by "urban Naxals?" Or may be, just may be, the party has given up its pretence of tokenism. That perhaps explains the mass resignations of Muslim members from the BJP's unit in Madhya Pradesh. The gloves are off, the fangs are out. And when lives are at stake, seldom does anybody want to talk about improving them.

What a start?

India has had a great beginning to the game calendar. Let's hope the boys can keep it up



It would take a very mean-spirited person to not feel bad for New Zealand cricket captain Kane Williamson. Losing by a hair's breadth at the World Cup, possibly with some serious questions asked of the umpiring, he has taken a lot on his shoulders. And recently at home, where New Zealand lost to India thanks to Mumbai ace Rohit Sharma hitting two maximums in the last two balls of a super over to win India a T20 match and a series, he will be asked questions. The manner in which India won the third match has some great portents for the Indian cricket team in 2020. Say what you will about Virat Kohli but India's cricket captain has brought in a new attitude, belief and confidence. That ignores how he has inspired a new level of fitness and diets among his teammates. His winning spree has also inspired a level of fanatical loyalty in his team and their most ardent followers, a level of loyalty that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not command despite an attendant PR machinery at his service. Kohli gets his team to win and do so consistently. Not even Kohli's predecessor MS Dhoni has managed such a feat.

Can Kohli, Sharma and their teammates carry on this winning formula to the T20 World Cup later this year? After all, while Kohli has been a team member in a couple of World Cup wins, he has yet to lead India to a title and that remains an empty space in his tremendous resume. His winning mentality should now bring us a World Cup. As Rohit said in a post-match interview, it was important for team members to step up given the enormity of the occasion. This team spirit was also evident in the manner Rohit acknowledged Mohammad Shami's contribution to the big day. Shami got rid of Kane Williamson in the final over and followed it up with the wicket of Ross Taylor in the final delivery of the 20th over. And through those taut moments, Shami held his nerves to execute a picture-perfect yorker to get rid of Taylor off the final ball where New Zealand required one run to win. Perfect grace under pressure. Of course, there is no taking away the limelight from Rohit. He is just 32 and has already scored over 8,000 runs in ODIs. He is the only batsman in history to smash three double hundreds in ODI cricket, a feat difficult to replicate. If his fitness holds, Rohit can blast several records and hold the top order with Shikhar Dhawan and Kohli and give our bowlers the pitch to clean up the rest.

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Police academy lessons

While dispersing crowds or unlawful assemblies, men in uniform have to bear in mind that their charter is limited to restoration of normalcy, not teaching the crowd a lesson



KK PAUL

Undoubtedly, internal security along with law and order are integral to our domestic affairs. But sometimes, their handling by various State police forces leaves much to be desired. Several pictures of police handling of the students in the recent anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) agitation have not only stained the uniform but also the reputation of the police as a well-trained unit. Reports of women protesting at night in the open, being forcibly deprived of their blankets by policemen, hardly give them any credit. Senior officers being in a denial mode, even as the death toll in firings continued to rise — which appeared to be quite disproportionate to the level of protest, besides, usage of a particular phraseology — all point towards an unprofessional conduct. Similarly, the alleged police action inside the library of a university and inaction at another university remain inexplicable.

In the context of the agitation against CAA-NRC-NPR, section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and its prohibitory powers with the executive have been much in the news. In fact, this law is a legacy of the pre-independence days. There is a history behind this provision, which goes back to the administration of one of the Princely States, way back in the 1860s. When the Code of Criminal Procedure was being finalised before its publication in 1898, the utility of this law was recognised and it was incorporated as section 144. In the Code, the colonial masters had used the provisions of this law as unbridled executive power over the freedom fighters. After the Britishers left, the Government of India has retained the Code as inherited, along with Section 144. The difference is that after independence, in the Constitution of India, in the chapter on fundamental rights, we have Article 19, which protects the rights of an individual for freedom of speech and expression along with right to assemble peacefully and without arms, besides other similar rights.

Immediately after the promulgation of the Constitution in 1950, there arose a need to balance the provisions of Article 19. At that time, the Constituent Assembly had converted itself into a provisional Parliament as the General Elections for the first Lok Sabha were still quite far in the future. Also, at that time there was no Rajya Sabha. On the question of amending the Constitution, it was accepted that the provisional Parliament was fully empowered for amending the Constitution. The need for the 1st Amendment in 1951 by the provisional Parliament had arisen because the right to freedom of speech and expression guaranteed by Article 19(1)(a) was interpreted to be so liberal that "it would not render a person culpable even if he directly incited violence and abused his freedom." In the background is the case of Romesh Thappar (1950), where a view was taken by the Supreme Court that local breaches of public order were no grounds for restricting the



freedom of speech. Later, this was revised after Dr Ram Manohar Lohia's case (1966), where it was held that an activity which affects "law and order" may not necessarily affect "public order" and an activity prejudicial to "public order" may not necessarily affect "security of the State." At the same time an act which merely affects the security of others may not constitute a breach of "public order."

Over the years, there have been several celebrated cases where the applicability of Section 144 has been adjudicated at various levels. An order under 144 CrPC restricts the fundamental rights of the citizen and can adversely affect the interest of parties but is subject to judicial review. It has been held that the order must be in writing, stating the reasons for imposition of restrictions. In Dr Praveen Bhai Togadia's case, the Supreme Court had taken the view that "it would interfere only if the order was patently illegal or without jurisdiction or with ulterior motive and on extraneous consideration of political victimisation by those in power. Normally, interference should be the exception and not the rule."

In Baba Ramdev's case, at Ramliha Maidan (June, 2011), the Supreme Court had observed certain contradictions in the affidavits of Union Home Secretary and the Police

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Commissioner. It was also mentioned that most of the gathering was asleep around 1.30 am and as such could not have posed any imminent threat. The justification for use of force at that hour of the night was also found inadequate. The impact of Section 144 is remedial and of a preventive nature, which must adhere to the test of proportionality. Further, freedom of expression being integral to democracy, the Supreme Court has held that in case those, who hold elected offices, felt that it was their duty to criticise any law promulgated as unconstitutional and against public interest and discuss that in public, it was protected by Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution. Laying down the basic conditions for use of Section 144, it has been held that disturbances of public tranquility, riots and affray lead to subversion of public order and they need to be prevented in time. At the same time nuisances dangerous to human life, health and safety have to be abated and prevented, keeping in mind always that orders have to be in writing and are justiciable.

Even if on paper, adequate justification for promulgation of 144 CrPC exists, the core of the problem lies at the use of force while dispersing an unlawful assembly. One of the centralities of police training throughout the country is minimal use of force.

In case its use becomes essential, then it has to be appropriately moderated and calibrated. A certain extent of sensitivity while facing a crowd of women and children, or students, needs to be observed. Unfortunately, at times, in the heat of the moment and in a developing situation, one loses patience and all the "mantras" learnt during training and refresher courses are lost sight of.

The situation can, however, be rectified by separation of law and order from investigation and having dedicated police personnel to handle such situations. The police forces, while dispersing the crowds or unlawful assemblies, have to bear in mind that their charter is limited to restoration of normalcy in the area by use of force or otherwise. Becoming violent and trying to teach the crowd a lesson by unbridled use of force should not even be thought of. To maintain a degree of restraint in spite of provocations requires a very tough mental training, which may be possible only if there are specialised units for handling such situations. This takes us back to separation of forces dealing with enforcement of law and order from crime-related police functions.

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SOUNDBITE

What is happening in Delhi? The law and order is deteriorating. Please take care of Delhi's law and order.

Delhi Chief Minister
—Arvind Kejriwal



Unhone meri IMDb rating badli hai, mera mann nahi. (They have changed my IMDb rating on Chhapaak, not my mind).

Actor
—Deepika Padukone



Pakistan rejects the Indian PM's statement. It is to divert attention by turning to the 'unpredictable Pakistan craze.' Don't underestimate us.

Pak Foreign spokeswoman
—Ayesha Farooqui



Fearing loss in Delhi polls, the BJP and Amit Shah have hatched a conspiracy to defer the election, that's why police remained silent spectators.

AAP MP
—Sanjay Singh



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nitish under scanner

Sir — This refers to the news report "JD(U) expels Kishor, Pawan" (January 30). The action against Prashant Kishor and Pawan Varma did not come as a surprise as there have been numerous spats between the JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar and the two now-expelled leaders over the party's support to the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and its tie-up with the BJP for Delhi elections. While Kishor and Pawan have taken a firm stand against the CAA, Kumar has been irresolute about the law, at best.

While the party has gone with the line that the two leaders brought the expulsions upon themselves due to their anti-party activities, the fact remains that inner-party democracy is being held hostage by an autocratic leader who is willing to go to any lengths to cling on to power. Incidentally, Kumar, who swears by secularism, cannot be ignorant of the fact that the CAA is discriminatory in nature but still he has chosen to support it as he no doubt needs the BJP as an ally in Bihar.

To add insult to injury, Kumar "revealed" that he had inducted

No place for violence in a democracy

The sudden appearance of a gun-wielding man at Jamia, who shot and injured one of the students protesting against the Citizenship Amendment Act in the presence of a large contingent of cops, could be a corollary of the chant of "desh ke gaddaron ko, goli maaro sa***n ko (shoot the traitors)" at a BJP rally. It cannot be delinked from Anurag Thakur's incitement to violence. It was an inspired attack to intimidate the protesters to call off their agitation. Few buy the argument that the attacker was "planted" or put up by the Opposition. The assailant was heard shouting "yeh lo azaadi (here's your freedom)" and "Delhi Police zindabad (hail Delhi police)" as he was moving backwards in grand style, with the pistol held high, towards a posse of cops.

TV channels had a field day with the incident. The extensive coverage brought out the gravity of the attack. For all the senseless violence he was capable of committing, he had the sense of humour to say that he was "giving freedom." The police did not swing into action with alacrity to disarm the man, thereby bringing ignominy upon themselves. More culpable than the actual attacker (it is immaterial what name he goes by) are those who have created the climate in which he could feel emboldened to brandish a pistol and fire at a com-patriot. One TV channel, whose chief anchor was recently heckled on board a flight by a comedian, blamed the incident on Rahul Gandhi, Arvind Kejriwal and the anti-



CAA protesters and made a case for winding up the sit-ins at Shaheen Bagh and other places. The maxim, "Facts are scared but comments are free," is nowadays followed more in the breach. The DCP South East Delhi condoned the delay in nabbing the attacker by explaining that he emerged from the protesting crowd.

With Delhi election just a week away, tension in the city is reaching a flashpoint. The BJP should not say or do anything to precipitate the national Capital into incidents of the kind at Jamia. There is no place for violence in a democracy; it has to be repudiated and replaced with non-violence. Religious hatred is calamitous and must be an anathema to us. The Jamia shooting should be a wake-up call for the BJP and the Modi Government to ensure that things don't go out of control and Indian democracy does not get sullied.

David Milton
Maruthancode

Kishor into the party at the behest of BJP strongman Amit Shah. So how does Nitish do Shah's bidding

at all times? And did he really not need the brilliant strategist by his side? These are questions that are

best answered by time.

Ashmit Aaron
Jammu

Well done Team India

Sir — This refers to the report "Super Overs aren't our friends: Kane" (January 30). The Indian cricket team must be commended for an enthralling win in the Third T20 International match and for registering a maiden T20I series victory in New Zealand as well after beating the Kiwis in a nail-biting match played at the Seddon Park, Hamilton.

After taking an unassailable 3-0 lead in the T20I series, the Indian team has exhibited an absolute dominance over the Kiwis. Keeping in view the ICC T20 World Cup, which is scheduled to be conducted in Australia this year, the ongoing series in New Zealand can be considered vital for the Indian team as the pitch conditions of both the nations are quite similar in terms of bounce. Although the Men in Blue have clinched the T20I series, the final judgement must be made after the remaining ODI and Test series. There's a long way to go for the World Cup.

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FIRST COLUMN

Sops needed to boost spending

To revive economic growth the 2020-21 Budget should focus on expenditure while compromising on fiscal ratios



KETAN AGGARWAL

Ever since the Modi Government came to power for the second term, it has implemented various strategies to overcome the fiscal deficit and keep inflation in check. The slowing economy needed Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to resolve issues like the agrarian troughs, slump in the real estate, aviation and infrastructure sectors and the Public Sector Bank (PSB) crisis. The most ambitious promise of the NDA-led Government in their election manifesto of 2019 was to support the marginalised farmers by providing ₹6,000 per year directly into their bank accounts under the Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. To combat the issues related to real estate, Sitharaman announced building 19.5 million rural homes by 2022. A continued focus was maintained on connectivity development under the national highways and rural road programmes. To provide support to PSBs, ₹70,000 crore was infused to improve their deteriorating lending capabilities. As per the announcement made by the FM, corporate taxes would be reduced and foreign direct investment (FDI) would be further opened in the aviation sector. However, even with strong Budget plans, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) slipped to five per cent in the second quarter of 2019 from nearly eight per cent in 2018-19 which further slipped to 4.5 per cent in the third quarter of 2019. Deteriorating domestic consumption was a major reason for the slow growth rate as the private consumption rate declined from 11 per cent to a mere three per cent in the first half of 2019. The largest employer in the country, the automobile sector, also faced a severe setback due to the lack in consumption and overproduction. The Government decided to cut corporate taxes from 30 per cent to 22 per cent to fuel the economy and attract more investments.

Despite all these efforts, the economic slowdown is still continuing and the lack of liquidity is another area of concern. The fiscal deficit for the period April-October rose to 3.3 per cent of the GDP, which is a major pain point. Despite policy rate cuts, there has been no substantial credit growth. The high Government expenditure is a burden, which further increases the fiscal deficit. Another major roadblock is the ease of doing business in India. There should be structural reforms to deal with challenges such as land acquisition and labour, environmental and other regulatory clearances. With all these challenges looming large, Sitharaman's Budget announcements on February 1 are keenly awaited and the masses are expecting some sops.

Tax relief to individual tax payers: In the previous year corporate tax rates were slashed to boost the economy. Likewise, individual tax payers are looking for a relief in tax rates. The exemption limit should be increased to ₹3 lakh and to ₹3.5 lakh for senior citizens respectively. This would mean more disposable income with each tax payer, which would help in boosting private consumption. Also, recommendation has been made by the committee constituted to draft new tax laws to introduce five tax brackets of five per cent, 10 per cent, 20 per cent, 30 per cent and 35 per cent. The expectation from the Government is an increase of the exemption limit under Section 80C from ₹1.5 lakh to ₹3 lakh as it was last revised in 2014.

Higher interest deduction for housing loans: The FM should focus on increasing the deduction of interest on housing loan. It should also increase the limit of one self-occupied property to ₹250,000 and two self-occupied properties to ₹300,000.

Abrogation of LTCG: To cheer up the stock market, the Government should consider giving relief on Long Term Capital Gains tax. This would increase the liquidity in the market and directly increase consumption. An increase in private consumption would lead to healthier market condition thus in turn increasing the overall demand for goods.

Strategic disinvestment: The Government should achieve its disinvestments goals by March 31, so that it can overcome its revenue shortfall from tax collection. A distinctive strategy should be announced for disinvestments in Air India.

Increase in defence spending: There has been little to no change in the Defence Budget for a long time. A major focus should be incentives for defence sector MSMEs under the 'Make in India' programme.

Infrastructure development: As India currently has infrastructure projects worth ₹102 lakh crore in the pipeline, which will rise to ₹300 lakh crore eventually, there is a strong demand to provide a draft for Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) to address the funding crisis.

The predicament of the Government now would be whether to increase its expenditure or not. However, this spending is required for the economy to recover. The Government has set a fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent of the GDP. According to economists, which include the likes of Abhijit Banerjee, fiscal deficit should not be an area of concern when demand and investments are slowing down. To revive economic growth, the 2020-21 Budget should focus on more expenditure while compromising on the fiscal ratios. For now, we can count on the fact that this fiscal gap would help in the long run to pave the way for economic recovery of India.

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AS BOTH LEADERS (KISHOR, VARMA) HAVE BROKEN PARTY DISCIPLINE, THEY ARE BEING EXPELLED FROM THE PRIMARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY.

—JD(U) GENERAL SECRETARY KC TYAGI

POINTCOUNTERPOINT



I CONGRATULATE NITISHJI FOR REMOVING ALL THE OBSTACLES AND IMPEDIMENTS FROM HIS PATH IN HIS PURSUIT OF SHORT TERM POLITICAL GAIN.

—STRATEGIST AND FORMER JD(U) LEADER PRASHANT KISHOR

Learn from the world

Countering illicit trade not only requires cooperation between global institutions but also the designing of effective strategies and improving regulatory frameworks between countries



NAJIB SHAH

The sobering fact that India does not rank high in the Global Illicit Trade Environment Index (GITEI), an annual study brought out by *The Economist Intelligence Unit*, and needs to take corrective action to bring down the risks of illicit trade raise troubling concerns for policymakers. According to the index based on four parameters — Government policy; supply and demand; customs environment and transparency and trade — India ranks 49 globally and nine, in the Asia Pacific-rankings which we can most certainly improve.

In the context of the growing menace of illicit trade worldwide, the World Economic Forum (WEF) estimates the global market of illicit trade to be about \$3 trillion by 2022. It has been pointed out by the WEF that while everybody does express concern, the response to this problem has been disorganised and leaves a lot to be desired.

The need of the hour today, as brought out at the sixth edition of MASCRATE (Movement Against Smuggled and Counterfeit Trade), conducted under the aegis of FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE), is to proactively and conscientiously address the many issues exacerbating the state of the global problem of illicit trade and understand its visible outcome and measurable impacts. There is also an immediate need for harnessing the potential of multilateralism through inter-governmental actions and of an effective monitoring and inspection of Free Trade Zones (FTZs) to ensure legitimate trade flows so that FTZs do not become "hotspots" for illicit trade and organised crime.

Countering the beast of illicit trade not only requires an understanding of and cooperation between institutions globally but also the designing of effective global strategies and improving the regulatory framework. Unfortunately, no country can claim to have eliminated the problem. Everybody has had varying degrees of success and all countries have paid a price. Trade in smuggling, contraband, counterfeit and pirated goods has risen steadily in the last few years and now stands at 3.3 per cent of global business. Hence, its existence and operation are broad in scope and large in value, impacting not only the global economy, causing losses to the industry, Government and society but also adversely affecting the health and safety of consumers. Additionally, it is facilitating an underground economy and organised crime. Tragically, illicit operators display greater cooperation between each other across nations than what governmental institutions do, both within a country and across borders. It is imperative for countries to share experiences in order to understand the global dimensions of the illicit trade challenge so that a possible framework may be set up to tackle it.

Highlighting the challenges of tackling the problem of tobacco smuggling, Tim Sheppard, Counsellor (Australian Border Force), Australian High Commission, emphasises that if the risks are minimised upfront there will be less work for law enforcement officers to do. According to him, high tax rates on tobacco have actually incentivised tobacco smuggling. On a moderate investment, importing a container of illicit cigarettes could provide a 5,000 per cent return on investment without the same kind of fines or penal provision such as in narcotics. The Australian Government was cognisant of the problem and consequently increased the fines

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and prison terms for tobacco smuggling to 10 years of imprisonment and penalty to the tune of five times of duty avoided. Also, the close cooperation between the Australian Border Force and Department of Home Affairs, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and the Australian Taxation Office has led to good results. More than 600 tonnes of illicit tobacco, estimated to be about AUD 600 million in evaded duty, has been seized in the last one year.

Vincenzo Tuzi, Guardia di Finanza Attaché, Embassy of Italy says that the number of unusual products seized in recent times indicate the presence of large criminal organisations who have kept a tab on markets and economics before starting production of market-specific counterfeit goods. To tackle such a scenario, Tuzi emphasises the need for every country to have the same penalties for certain kinds of fraud. This would facilitate cooperation in investigation.

Italy has an anti-counterfeiting MIS in place which at an operational level allows Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) holders to work actively with the law-enforcement agencies by sharing information about their products that could be a target for fraud. The system provides reports for the IPR holders on fraud and other information useful for the protection of their rights. This database also provides useful feedback through data and risk analysis for various statistical purposes and has proven to be a starting point for further investigation projects on a tactical and strategic level.

In their report, Huw Watkins, Head of Asia Policy, IPR, UK and Julian

Saldanha, First Secretary, Revenue and Customs, British High Commission, say that 2.5 per cent of exports worldwide were counterfeit goods as were 6.5 per cent items used in IT and communication. India ranked sixth in the world in counterfeit production. Given this background, enforcement agencies need to look at the entire chain in the life cycle of counterfeit goods —from the placing of orders, to manufacturing, to shipping, to importation, to retail sale to wholesale and reworking and transportation. This needs to be followed by an identification of areas in the chain where disruption of the illegal activity could be done. As per Watkins, while FTZs have been beneficial for trade, they have also been very vulnerable to exploitation by criminals.

Outlining some of the challenges that the US faces while dealing with the SAARC countries and with India, Shilpi Jha, Senior Legal Counsel for Intellectual Property-South Asia, Embassy of the USA, says there is a major lack of awareness, right from the consumers up to the Government level, on not just IPR issues but also on industry and Government initiatives in this area. There is also a lack of coordination among agencies especially given India's federal polity, the fear of losing/lack of trust as industries always fear that sharing too much data with custom/police will cause information to leak out and counter-wise the enforcement machinery feels that by doing too much work on behalf of the industry, the latter's responsibility will diminish.

Such insights on stemming and addressing the challenges of illicit trade are very instructive for India in its fight against this debilitating malaise. The Australian experience in tackling tobacco smuggling

could be useful for the country as it is facing a similar challenge today. The possibility of developing an anti-counterfeiting information system in India on the lines of the Italian experience could be definitely explored. The strategy of examining each link in the counterfeit chain and tackling the weaker link to disrupt the chain, an approach adopted by the UKIPO could also be usefully examined by the authorities. These authorities could also examine the role of SEZs and find out whether there exist similar instances of such misuse in the country. India could also consider MOUs with online trading platforms to educate them about the possibility of their being misused for the sale of counterfeit goods. The authorities could relook at the present efforts at publicising the ill-effects of buying smuggled and counterfeit goods and develop a more robust publicity strategy to this effect. Finally, issues such as a lack of trust, lack of cooperation among agencies and lack of appreciation of the nefarious impact of counterfeiting are common to India. An institutional mechanism to address these challenges could also be explored.

If India develops a greater communication flow between nations and between various enforcement agencies in the country, modifies the many best practices according to the needs and situations prevalent here and equips enforcement agencies with the latest technological tools that keep them ahead of the curve, then we will be able to weaken this adversary, which has been damaging economies and societies and compromising the safety and security of nations the world over.

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Enable the new education policy

The Budget must make provisions that encourage modularity with multiple pathways of vertical and horizontal connectivity between various formats of certification and help create a future-proof workforce



SHANTANU ROOP

India's demographic dividend —the average age of the population is 46 years in the US, 42 years in Europe, 48 years in Japan and 27 years in India — is a mammoth opportunity for the country. With the right education and skills, the country can harness its true potential and bring massive improvements to the economy.

The Union Budget is an important milestone to set the pathway and take the right steps in that direction. The new national education policy proposed by the Government has raised hopes of all stakeholders but the Budget needs to send the right signals and make provisions for the policy to bloom.

Increase allocation for educa-

tion: A spending of three to 3.5 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on education does not augur well for a country like India. Most developed nations (and several of the developing ones) have already moved their education budgets closer to the six per cent mark.

India should also provision for such improvements as this shall help bridge some part of the inequality and poverty in the country and pave the way for inter-generational social and economic mobility.

India will need to aggressively invest in improving the physical infrastructure in primary schools, take radical steps to improve student retention, make provisions for the specially-abled, spend higher amounts on teachers' training and improve the pay structure for the educators so as to attract the best talents to the profession and bring better governance and performance management by inculcating a hope of rising and a fear of falling.

GST exemption for five years for education and education service providers: The Union Government's target to double the Gross Enrollment

Ratio (GER) from the current 25 per cent to 50 per cent shall require a consolidated and comprehensive effort by the Government, the institutions, the service providers and all other stakeholders, who will have to play their respective roles in governance, products, infrastructure (both physical and technology) and service delivery.

Exempting the input services from the Goods and Service Tax (GST) shall help reduce the fee charged by the institutions and make the courses more affordable. The country will also benefit from the entry of many more education providers who would be able to provide several modular, multi-modal, technology-enabled and relevant skill training programmes to the learners. They will also help improve the overall skills in emerging areas. Hence, making these courses exempt from GST would bring down their prices and make them more affordable.

Recognition for online programmes: In today's online world, e-learning and online courses complement the education already provided by the traditional classrooms and

help personalise learning through the use of various machine learning technologies. The Government must now go aggressive with online learning courses and make provisions for recognising and legitimising them. The Government should allow many more universities to launch their online offerings. This will enable institutions to innovate on their product and offer modular, contemporary and multi-modal education to the learners in all the three areas, namely preparation, repair and upgradation. This shall go a long way in improving the GER for the country, fill the skill gap and create a resilient and productive workforce.

Subsidy for apprenticeships: Learning-by-doing and earning-while-learning are powerful tools to make education more engaging, purposeful and employable. The huge dropout rate of students — of the about 23 million students taking the Class 10 Board examinations in India, only 80 lakh reach the altar of universities — primarily due to financial constraints and archaic pedagogy, can be partially arrested by degree-linked appen-

ticeships that combine the benefits of a modular degree (diploma in the first year, advanced diploma in the second that can roll up to a degree in the third year) with employability skills.

The Government must create a separate provision to provide higher incentives to the employers for hiring trainees and apprentices. This shall help improve the industry-academia connect and help create more employable students.

RUSA funds for providing skill training to students: So as to attract a larger section of the students to the innovative formats of learning and making them employable, the country would benefit from higher allocation in student scholarships and free-ships. The Union Budget should create provisions to use Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) funds by the higher educational institutes for subsidising the upskilling costs of the students to make them employable. This shall help institutions take new steps, partner with the industry and organise outcome-linked training programmes for their students.

Education loan availability:

Categorising the lending to the education sector as a "priority sector lending" shall improve the uptake of loans by the students and improve affordability for many middle-class scholars. Granting infrastructure-class status to educational institutions shall reduce the rate of interest for the education sector, promote innovation and make education affordable and accessible to many more.

The Government must make provisions to subsidise the education loans availed by students (currently, education loans are more expensive than car loans). This shall help in making education affordable and improve the return on investment for the scholars and their parents.

Use of technology to improve governance and learning outcomes: The Budget must make provisions to incentivise the use of technology to improve the equity and quality of education. Special incentives must be given by the Government for investment in technology in the sector.

The industry shall benefit from tax incentives in capital purchases; GST exemptions in purchase of software

and services by educational institutions and provisioning of smart devices for teachers and students. Subsidies for investment in emerging technologies like big-data, data analytics, machine learning and Artificial Intelligence shall set the momentum for many institutions to become role models.

Skill gaps and looming unemployment pose a great risk and challenge for the Indian economy. As it is, the future of jobs is uncertain as disruptive technologies are playing havoc with it. Hence, with the objective of creating an employable and resilient workforce, the country will need to look at investing in University 4.0 — keep the students at the centre, rebalance the trinity of cost, quality and scale and think harder about the purpose of learning. The Budget must make provisions that encourage modularity with multiple pathways of vertical and horizontal connectivity between various formats of certification and help create a future-proof workforce.

(The writer is founder and CEO of an online learning services organisation)

World markets tumble as coronavirus fear spreads

AP ■ LONDON

Shares tumbled in Europe and Asia on Thursday as the impact of the virus outbreak in China expanded to include flight cancellations and other wider precautions to help stop its spread.

Taiwan's benchmark dived 5.8 per cent as its market reopened after the Lunar New Year. Shares fell in most other markets, with the CAC 40 in Paris dropping 1.1 per cent to 5,890.00 and Germany's DAX shedding 1 per cent to 13,215.90. In Britain, the FTSE 100 declined 0.9 per cent to 7,415.93.

The declines looked likely to carry over into US trading. The future contract for the S&P 500 lost 0.7 per cent, as did the future for the Dow. The death toll from the virus rose to 170, with 7,711 people in China and elsewhere confirmed infected, as foreign evacuees from the worst-hit region in central China began returning home under close observation.

After world health officials have expressed "great concern" that the disease is starting to spread between people outside of China, Japan's Nikkei 225 index sank 1.7 per cent to 22,977.75, while Hong Kong's

Hang Seng index skidded 2.6 per cent to 26,449.13. In Australia, the S&P ASX/200 declined 0.3 per cent to 7,008.40. South Korea's Kospi lost 1.7 per cent to 2,148.00.

Shares also retreated in India and Southeast Asia. Mainland Chinese markets remained closed for the Lunar New Year holiday.

"With equity markets pumped to juicy levels by the relentless flow of cheap central bank money around the world, unexpected Wuhan-like events leave them acutely vulnerable to potentially aggressive corrections," Jeffrey Halley of

Oanda said in a commentary.

The World Health Organization was due to meet Thursday in Geneva to consider whether to issue a global alarm that might prompt more controls on movement inside and to and from China, resulting in greater disruptions to businesses and markets. In other news, South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co. said its operating profit for the last quarter fell 33.7 per cent from a year earlier.

But it predicted earnings will improve in 2020, driven by a gradually stabilising computer chip market and increasing 5G smartphone sales.

Samsung, the world's biggest producer of smartphones and semiconductors, has suffered a sharp drop in profit over the past year with an industry-wide glut forcing chip-makers to slash prices to clear out inventory.

The Bank of England was expected to issue a decision on interest rates later on Thursday.

Overnight, stocks lost momentum on Wall Street as investors tuned in to a news conference by Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell. Speaking to reporters Wednesday afternoon, Powell acknowledged that there's a risk the outbreak could slow

the global economy. But stocks barely budged after the Fed announced would leave its benchmark interest rate unchanged at a low level. The move, which was widely expected, reflects the central bank's mostly positive view of the US economy.

Last year, the Fed cut its benchmark interest rate three times after having raised it four times in 2018. Powell credits those rate cuts with revitalising the housing market, which had stumbled early last year, and offsetting some of the drag from President Donald Trump's trade war with China.

Sensex skids 285 pts on F&O expiry; RIL slumps over 2%

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equities resumed their downward spiral on Thursday as concerns over the China coronavirus outbreak sapped risk appetite amid expiry of January derivatives contracts.

India on Thursday reported its first case of the novel coronavirus, with a student testing positive in Kerala.

After swinging over 550 points during the day, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 284.84 points, or 0.69 per cent, lower at 40,913.82. It hit an intra-day low of 40,829.91 and a high of 41,380.14.

Likewise, the broader NSE Nifty closed 93.70 points, or 0.77 per cent, down at 12,035.80. Index heavyweight Reliance Industries was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, falling 2.62 per cent, followed by Nestle India, IndusInd Bank, UltraTech Cement, M&M and SBI.

On the other hand, Bajaj Auto, PowerGrid, ICICI Bank, Asian Paints, NTPC, HDFC, L&T and Maruti ended with gains. According to analysts, benchmark indices turned highly volatile ahead of the expiry of January futures and options (F&O) contracts.

During afternoon session, markets continued to trade lower led by selling in large-cap stocks which added to the already skittish sentiment ahead of the Budget, they said. Further, weakness in other Asian bourses as rising concerns over the impact of China's coronavirus on the world economy also affected domestic sentiment, traders said.

"Fears of economic slowdown as the coronavirus spreads to other nations has dampened the mood of investors across the globe. A few of results announced so far failed to provide a picture of economic revival with banks

disappointing due to weak asset quality that triggered profit booking.

"With expectations high, the market to stay focused on the upcoming Budget for further green shoots in the economy," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

All BSE sectoral indices ended with losses, with energy, oil and gas, FMCG, healthcare, metal and IT falling up to 2.29 per cent. Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices lost up to 1.26 per cent. Bourses in Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea ended with steep losses. Markets in China remained closed. Stock exchanges in Europe too opened on a negative note. Brent crude oil futures fell 1.63 per cent to USD 57.97 per barrel.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee depreciated by 23 paise to 71.51 per US dollar (intra-day).

₹ slides 22 paise to 3-week low on equity rout

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee lost 22 paise to close at a three-week low of 71.49 against the US dollar on Thursday tracking heavy sell-off in domestic equities amid rising concerns over the outbreak of coronavirus.

Forex traders said most Asian currencies declined after the US Federal Reserve kept its key policy rates steady.

Moreover, market participants are also assessing the economic implications of the coronavirus outbreak and awaiting cues from the Union Budget.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic currency opened weak at 71.39 a dollar.

It finally settled for the day lower by 22 paise at 71.49, a level not seen since January 8. On Wednesday, the local unit had closed at 71.27 against the greenback.

Gold jumps ₹400 on wedding season demand

New Delhi: Gold prices on Thursday jumped ₹400 to ₹41,524 per 10 gram in the national capital helped by wedding season demand and overall recovery in global prices, according to HDFC Securities.

Silver prices also climbed ₹737 to ₹47,392 per kg from ₹46,655 per kg on Wednesday. In the previous trade, gold had closed at ₹41,124 per 10 gram.

"Spot gold of 24 karat in Delhi was trading higher by ₹400 supported by wedding season demand and overall recovery in global gold prices. The busy wedding session in coming months may support spot gold prices to trade up," HDFC Securities Senior Analyst (Commodities) Tapan Patel said.

PTI

Petrol, diesel prices to go up by ₹0.50-1 a litre from April

New Delhi: Petrol and diesel prices may go up by 50 paise to Re 1 per litre beginning April when India leapfrogs to using Euro-VI emission-compliant ultra-clean auto fuels.

Currently, BS-IV grade fuel, equivalent to Euro-IV emission-compliant fuel, is being supplied in the country and the government decided to leapfrog to BS-VI grade fuel from April 2020 to cut vehicular emissions, which are one among the many reasons for

rising pollution in the national Capital and other cities.

Sanjiv Singh, chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the country's largest oil firm, said that all of the company's refineries have started producing BS-VI grade fuel and the same will reach depots across the country by next month. "We are very much sticking to April 1 deadline and 100 per cent of petrol and diesel in the country will be BS-VI compliant from April 1," he said. PTI

Bharti Infratel Q3 net profit jumps 23% to ₹798.7 cr

New Delhi: Telecom infrastructure company Bharti Infratel on Thursday posted a 23 per cent jump in consolidated net profit at ₹798.7 crore for the third quarter ended December 2019.

Its net profit stood at ₹648.4 crore in the year ago period. Total income slipped 4.2 per cent to ₹1,684.5 crore. However, after incorporating its share of revenue from Indus Towers, Bharti Infratel showed 1 per cent year-on-year increase in segment revenue to ₹3,673 crore for the reported quarter.

It said the telecom industry continues to face financial uncertainty due to the recent Supreme Court judgement on statutory dues, but for which growth of towers and co-locations would have been even stronger.

PTI

Employees of PSU banks to go on 2-day strike from today

New Delhi: Operations of public sector banks are expected to be hit beginning Friday as unions will go on a two-day nationwide strike following the failure of wage revision talks with managements.

However, private sector lenders like ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank would be operational. Many banks, including SBI, have informed customers that operations may be impacted to some extent due to the strike. Cash deposit, withdrawal, cheque clearances, instrument issuance and loan disbursement operations would be affected.

With this strike, banks would be closed for three days including Sunday. Banks will open only on Monday, February 3. The three-day break in banking operations could also lead to drying up of

ATMs.

The strike will coincide with the beginning of the Budget session of parliament and presentation of the union Budget 2020-21 (on February 1). The strike call has been given by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), an umbrella body of nine bank unions, including All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC), All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA) and National Organisation of Bank Workers (NOBW).

Earlier this week, a meeting with the Chief Labour Commissioner remained inconclusive. AIBOC President Sunil Kumar said.

The wage revision for employees of public sector banks is pending since November 2017.

UK-EU divorce today; India on target list for post-Brexit UK trade campaign

PTI ■ LONDON

India is among the countries on the UK Government's target list for a new post-Brexit trade campaign from Saturday, a day after the country formally leaves the European Union, as it seeks to strike new ties with partners around the globe at the end of 47 years of EU membership.

Mumbai is among 18 cities across 13 countries to be part of the drive, designed to push the message that Britain is now free to do its own new trade deals with countries around the world as a non-member of the soon-to-be 27-member economic bloc, after 47 years of UK membership ends on Friday.

"On 1 February, the new GREAT 'Ready to Trade' campaign will launch in 18 cities across 13 countries outside the

EU, as the UK seeks to deepen our relationships with future global partners," Downing Street said in a statement on the eve of Brexit.

The campaign will initially feature digital outdoor advertising in signature locations across the chosen cities and later expand to other activities. Besides India, the others on the list include Australia (Perth, Melbourne, Sydney), Brazil (Sao Paulo), Canada (Toronto), China (Shanghai, Hong Kong), Japan (Tokyo), Mexico (Mexico City), Singapore (Singapore), South Africa (Johannesburg), South Korea (Seoul), Turkey (Istanbul), UAE (Dubai) and USA (New York, Los Angeles, Chicago).

The UK's Department for International Trade, leading the new drive, says its "GREAT" brand has already proved suc-

cessful around the world, with surveys indicating those who recognise it are almost twice as likely to say they would trade with the UK in the next three years than those who don't.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has pledged a "new and improved" trading relationship as part of a "truly special UK-India relationship" on the election campaign trail last year. But as a member of the EU, the UK was not permitted to open up any separate negotiations with other countries. With the EU Withdrawal Agreement, the so-called divorce bill costing the UK around GBP 30 billion, now having been formally passed by the European Parliament on Wednesday evening 621 votes to 49, UK's exit on Friday at 2300 GMT (04:30 IST on Saturday) remains a mere formality.

BUSINESS CORNER

HUDCO CELEBRATES ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2020

New Delhi: HUDCO celebrated its Annual Sports Day at the Thyagaraj Stadium. M Nagaraj, CMD HUDCO, welcomed Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, Secretary MoHUA and senior dignitaries of the Ministry who also participated in the activities with fervour and friendly competition. Highlighting the benefits of regular exercise, Shri Mishra urged all officials and employees to make exercise a part of their daily regimen so as to prevent lifestyle diseases and work towards a 'Fit India'.



OPENING OF HEALTH UNITS AT CHITTARANJAN

Chittaranjan: The Four Health Units i.e. SP North Health Unit, SP East Health Unit, Simjuri, Fatehpur were being operated on alternate basis due to administrative reasons. Under the able guidance of Praveen Kumar Mishra, General Manager, CLW it is now decided to operate all the Health Units spread over Chittaranjan township i.e. SP North Health Unit, SP East, Simjuri, Fatehpur as well as the Health Units at Amladahi and OPD on a simultaneous basis, as per the working hours of the health Unit, w.e.f. February 3, 2020.



PRABHAKAR APPOINTED CANARA BANK MD, CEO

New Delhi: LV Prabhakar Executive Director, Punjab National Bank has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Canara Bank with effect from date of assumption of office on or after February 1, 2020. LV Prabhakar assumed office of Executive Director of Punjab National Bank on March 1, 2018. Prabhakar holds a Master's Degree in Agriculture and a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB). Prior to joining PNB he served Allahabad Bank in various capacities.



CISF ADJUDGED 'BEST MARCHING CONTINGENT' IN R-DAY

New Delhi: CISF contingent consisting of 148 Officers and men (Dy Commandant-01, Lady Sub Officers-03, Other Ranks-144: Total 148) led by Prabh Simran Singh, Dy Commandant participated in Republic Day Parade-2020 held at Rajpath, New Delhi. The Contingent of CISF has been adjudged the "Best Marching Contingent" amongst Paramilitary Force and other Auxiliary Marching Contingents. It is a matter of pride and glory for CISF to participate in this prestigious National Celebration. This is sixth time that CISF Contingent has won the Best Marching Contingent award. Earlier CISF Contingent was adjudged Best Marching Contingent in the year 2007, 2008, 2013, 2015 & 2017.



NHPC SIGNS MOU FOR ASSISTIVE AIDS TO PWDS

New Delhi: NHPC, India's premier hydropower company has signed an MOU with ALIMCO in presence of Sh. Nikhil Kumar Jain, Director (Personnel) NHPC and Sh. D.R. Sarin, CMD, ALIMCO for providing Assistive Aids and Devices to persons with disabilities (PwDs). The Aids and Assistive Devices shall be provided to around 2000 Divyangjians (PwDs) at 07 (seven) locations across the country i.e. Bandipora (J&K), West Siang and Kamble (Arunachal Pradesh), Lakhimpur and Dhemaji (Assam), Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand) and Churachandpur (Manipur). Speaking on the occasion Shri N.K. Jain, Director (Personnel) NHPC said, "The MOU has been signed between NHPC and ALIMCO with the aim of empowering divyangjians (PwDs) in order to be at par with mainstream society and also explore newer opportunities in life."



RLY LAUNCHES FIRST EVER PARCEL VAN ON LHB

New Delhi: Member Rolling Stock, Railway Board, Rajesh Agarwal and Member Traffic, Railway Board, Purnendu S. Mishra launches the first ever High Capacity Parcel Van on LHB at Delhi Safdarjung Railway station on January 30, 2020. Ravinder Gupta, General Manager, Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala and other Senior Railway Officers were also present on the occasion. Designed and Manufactured by Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, this is the first ever High Capacity Parcel Van on LHB platform. It has successfully completed oscillation trials and has been issued with speed certificate by RDSO for 130 Km/h.



SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED PERSON



General public is hereby informed that this person namely Nitish Kumar Sharma S/o Ashok Sharma R/o 242, Rajpura Gurmandi, Delhi Age : 20 years, Height : 5'6", Face : Long, Complexion : Fair, Build : Normal, wearing black colour jacket and jeans, has been missing/ kidnapped since 12.01.2020. In this regard DD No. 53A dated 13.01.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Model Town, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO : P.S. Model Town, Delhi
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Tel. No. : 011-27459202, 27456072
Fax: 24368639, DP/969/NW/2020
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Rajbir Singh Maan@Bero S/o Jeet Ram, R/o VPO-Khera Khurd, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 191/17, u/s 138 N.Act, has been registered at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Rajbir Singh Maan@Bero cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Rajbir Singh Maan@Bero has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Rajbir Singh Maan@Bero accused of CC No. 191/17, u/s 138 N.Act, P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer said complaint on or before 14.04.2020.

By Order
Sh. Vaibhav Mehta, Metropolitan Magistrate-05, (North), Court Room No. 114, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/966/ION/2020-(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Dalip S/o Janadhan Pal, R/o E-144 Indra Kalyan Vihar, Okhla-I, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 553/06 u/s 41 IPC, has been registered at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Dalip cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Dalip has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Dalip accused of FIR No. 553/06 u/s 41 IPC, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer said complaint on or before 02.03.2020.

By Order
Sh. Virender Singh, Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 208, 2nd Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/9687/NW/2020-(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY

General Public is hereby informed that one lady (depicted in the photo) namely Seema W/o Sh. Som Pal R/o H.No. 542, Gali No. 05, Ambekar Nagar, Haiderpur, Delhi Aged-22 Years has been reported missing since 27.12.2019 vide DD No. 32A Dated 28.12.2019 lodged at Police Station Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Complexion: Shallow, Height: 4'2", Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Pink coloured suit and yellow coloured salwar and pink coloured slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing lady, may inform SHO, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Sd/-
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-27495198, 27495527
DP/9696/NW/2020 Mob.: 8750870226

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Ankit S/o Kailash, R/o H.No. S-56/57, Mangol Puri, Delhi is involved in case FIR No. 246/17 u/s 379/34 IPC at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Ankit cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Ankit has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Ankit of FIR No. 246/17 u/s 379/34 IPC at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.03.2020.

By Order
Sh. Virender Singh, Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 208, 2nd Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/9691/NW/2020-(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rajan Singh, S/o Virender, R/o Kumar Tower, Industrial Area, Wazirpur Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case Reg. No.528620/16 & FIR No. 204/11 at P.S. Kanjhawla, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Rajan Singh cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Rajan Singh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant) Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Rajan Singh of case Reg. No.528620/16 & FIR No. 204/11 at P.S. Kanjhawla, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 27.03.2020.

By Order
Ms. Pooja Aggarwal, Metropolitan Magistrate, Room-112, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi
DP/3679/RD/2020-(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: Pooja D/o Ram Charan R/o H. No. N-332, JJ Colony, Sawda, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Kanjhawla. since 18.01.2020. In this regard DD No. 009-A dated 18.01.2020 has been registered at P.S. Kanjhawla, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, Age: 19 years 7 Months, Height: 5'5" ft., Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Wearing: Black Colour Suit & White Colour Pajami & Pink Colour Sweater and Stool. Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Kanjhawla, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph. No. : 011-25951486
Tel. No. : 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No. : 7065036125
Fax No. : 011-24368639 DP/3675/RD/2020

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Sandeep S/o Rajender R/o D-208, Mangol Puri, Delhi. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case CR No. 032313/16 u/s 379/411/34 IPC. has been registered at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Sandeep S/o Rajender cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Sandeep S/o Rajender has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, Sandeep S/o Rajender CR No. 032313/16 u/s 379/411/34 IPC required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 19.03.2020.

By Order
Sh. Virender Singh, MM, Room No. 208, 2nd floor Rohini Courts Delhi
DP/9690/NW/2020-Court matter

Niti V-C: Alternate measures needed to boost economy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government should focus on alternate measures to stimulate economy as it is not possible to give fiscal stimulus, Niti Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar said ahead of the Budget.

Kumar also said growth-enhancing measures are the need of the hour to achieve India's potential growth rate of 7-8 per cent per annum.

He attributed the current slowdown to low investment, muted consumption expenditure and lagging exports. Experts are divided over whether the Government should provide stimulus to boost slowing economy without bothering too much about fiscal deficit.

"Growth-enhancing measures are the need of the hour to achieve India's potential growth rate of 7-8 per cent per annum. "However, the Government's ability to finance a large stimulus is admittedly constrained. Therefore, attention will have to be on alternate measures to stimulate a recovery," Kumar said in a newsletter 'arhNTIT'.

The Niti Aayog's vice-chairman noted that some green shoots of recovery are now visible with the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for

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both manufacturing and services showing a smart rise to above 52, which signifies expansion.

He also said there have already been plenty of measures taken by the Government in the recent past, including the decision to lower corporate tax rates in September 2019.

"The equity markets have responded positively and strongly to these measures and recorded all-time highs. Still, all eyes are now on Budget 2020 for further growth-enhancing measures," Kumar said.

Noting that growth, equity and sustainability can no

longer be viewed as mutually exclusive, he said, "We cannot achieve one goal while neglecting the other two."

Our policy design should, Kumar said, always have these three principle goals that are also enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or the Global Agenda 2030, for the achievement of which, all UN members have given their unequivocal commitment.

The Indian economy, which till recently was hailed as the fastest-growing major economy, has seen growth rate decline in each of the past five quarters, falling to over six-year low of 4.5 per cent in July-September 2019.

The National Statistical Office (NSO) has estimated the gross domestic product (GDP) in the current financial year at 5 per cent, which is 11-year low.

During the current year ending March 2020, the fiscal deficit target has been pegged at 3.3 per cent of the GDP.

However, there are apprehensions the Government may miss the target in view of the slower economic growth and likely shortfall in revenue collection, mainly because of massive cut in the corporate tax rate.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present Budget 2020-21 on February 1.

Bajaj Auto Q3 net up 8 pc at ₹1,322 crore

New Delhi (PTI): Bajaj Auto on Thursday reported 8.33% increase in consolidated net profit at ₹1,322.44 crore in the third quarter ended December 31, 2019. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹1,220.77 crore in the same period last fiscal, Bajaj Auto said in a regulatory filing.

Total revenue from operations stood at ₹7,639.66 crore as compared to ₹7,435.80 crore in the corresponding period last fiscal, a growth of 2.74%, it added. The company said driven by reduction in cost of material, increase in prices and additional realisation from US dollar to rupee conversion, there was an improvement in its EBITDA margin during the quarter.

Total vehicle sales were at 12,02,486 units as against 12,59,828 units in the year-age period, down 5%, Bajaj Auto said. Motorcycle sales during the quarter stood at 10,27,161 units as against 10,78,384 units in the corresponding period last fiscal, a decline of 5%.

Commercial vehicle sales were also down 3%at 1,75,325 units as compared to 1,81,444 units a year ago, the company said. Motorcycle sales in the domestic market were down 16% at 5,42,978 units. Overall exports however grew by 7% to 5,62,772 units in the third quarter.

Tata Motors Q3 net profit at ₹1,756 crore

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Tata Motors on Thursday posted a consolidated net profit of ₹1,755.88 crore for the third quarter ended December 31, 2019. The auto major had reported a net loss of ₹26,960.8 crore during the October - December period of 2018-19.

Total revenue from operations stood at ₹71,676.07 crore as compared with ₹76,915.94 crore in the year-age period, Tata Motors said in a regulatory filing.

On a standalone basis, the company posted a net loss of ₹1,039.51 crore as against a profit of ₹617.62 crore in the year-age quarter. Standalone total revenue stood at ₹10,842.91 crore as compared with ₹16,207.67 crore in the same period a year-ago. During the third quarter, the company's standalone wholesales, including exports, declined 24.6 per cent to 1,29,185 units.

Revenues of British arm Jaguar Land Rover increased to 6.4 billion pounds, up 2.8 per cent as compared to same period last fiscal. The brand's total retail sales fell 2.3 per cent during the period under review as against the same period of previous fiscal.

While Jaguar Land Rover has continued its turnaround, market decline and BS-VI stock

reduction in domestic market has affected company's performance, Tata Motors said.

Jaguar Land Rover continued its turnaround and transformation journey with another quarter of strong delivery. China continues to improve gradually while Project Charge is well ahead of plans having already delivered 2.9 billion pounds so far, it said.

In India, the auto industry continues to be impacted by the general economic slowdown. The profitability was impacted by adverse mix where despite increasing market shares, M&HCV volumes declined, the company said.

"This coupled with proactive system stock reduction of ₹3,800 crore resulted in loss of operating leverage," it said.

It further said, "Though the near-term market situation is fluid, we are optimistic on the medium term as we launch our exciting BS-VI range of products with our system inventory at a multi-year low. We remain focused on driving our turnaround strategy and transitioning seamlessly to BS-VI."

LIC HOUSING Q3 NET PROFIT MARGINALLY DOWN AT ₹602 CR

LIC Housing Finance on Thursday reported consoli-

dated net profit of ₹602.25 crore in October-December of 2019-20, marginally lower than a year ago. The company had posted a net profit of ₹607.29 crore during the same quarter of the previous financial year.

The consolidated income in Q3 of FY20 rose to ₹5,006.12 crore, from ₹4,465.76 crore in same period of FY19.

On standalone basis, the net profit was ₹597.53 crore during the quarter under review which remained nearly flat on year-on-year basis.

The financing arm of the country's largest life insurer had reported a net profit of ₹596.31 crore during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.

The total income (standalone) during the quarter under review increased to ₹4,996.46 crore from ₹4,439.43 crore in same period year ago.

The main business of the company is to provide loans for purchase or construction of residential property.

"During January 2020, the company has received the inspection report from the National Housing Bank (NHB) for the year 2018-19, which is under examination," LIC Housing Finance said.

Kotak to withdraw court case against RBI, to pare promoter stake to 26% in 6 months

New Delhi: Private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank on Thursday said it will withdraw a case concerning dilution of promoters' shareholding in the bank which it had filed against the RBI in the Bombay High Court.

Kotak Mahindra Bank said the RBI has given its in-principle acceptance for reducing promoters' shareholding to 26 per cent of the paid-up voting equity share capital (PUVESC) of the bank within six months from the date of final approval of the regulator. The RBI had asked the bank to cut promoter shareholding to 20 per cent of paid-up capital by December 31, 2018, and 15 per cent by March 31, 2020.

"With respect to our proposal... RBI vide its letter dated January 29, 2020 has conveyed its in-principle acceptance for promoters' voting rights in the bank to be capped to 20 per cent of PUVESC until March 31, 2020; and promoters' shareholding in the bank to be reduced to 26 per cent of PUVESC of the bank within six months from the date of final approval of the RBI," Kotak Mahindra Bank said in a regulatory filing. Among others, it will also cap the promoters' voting rights to 15 per cent of the PUVESC from April 1, 2020, onwards. **PTI**

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	12147.75	12150.30	12010.60	12035.80	-93.70
BAJAJ-AUTO	3108.50	3185.00	3041.10	3142.00	50.15
ICICIBANK	527.65	533.95	524.15	531.10	4.50
POWERGRID	192.40	195.25	191.40	194.00	1.60
EICHERMOT	20200.00	20580.00	20200.00	20300.00	107.75
NTPC	113.45	114.80	112.05	113.75	0.55
HDFC	2413.00	2428.70	2386.90	2411.00	6.75
INFRATEL	245.20	249.50	241.20	245.75	0.55
DREDDY	3152.30	3170.00	3118.55	3154.00	5.75
UPL	541.95	551.35	539.10	543.00	0.85
MARUTI	7020.00	7049.00	6981.00	7020.00	9.70
IT	1365.95	1376.80	1353.00	1365.00	-0.70
ASIANPAINT	1800.00	1808.90	1786.00	1795.55	-1.40
HEROMOTOCO	2486.95	2522.00	2464.00	2484.00	-2.35
HCLTECH	612.00	613.85	603.65	607.90	-0.95
BRITANNIA	3208.95	3234.70	3192.45	3205.00	-9.20
TITAN	1191.00	1191.50	1176.20	1182.00	-4.20
AXISBANK	735.75	736.40	727.30	730.45	-0.35
HDPCBANK	1238.95	1238.95	1217.20	1227.90	-7.95
BHARTIARTL	492.00	492.00	480.10	487.35	-3.95
KOTAKBANK	1637.80	1640.30	1617.50	1627.95	-12.50
TATASTEEL	451.90	454.45	441.40	448.20	-4.00
TCS	2160.00	2165.00	2125.00	2134.65	-19.95
TATAMOTORS	190.95	192.55	184.25	186.30	-1.75
HINDUNILVR	2074.90	2078.00	2049.45	2052.00	-22.20
VEDL	142.15	143.40	139.80	140.60	-1.60
INFY	789.70	789.70	778.00	780.60	-9.10
TECHM	805.60	807.95	784.00	794.90	-9.65
IOC	119.00	119.95	116.15	118.45	-1.45
ITC	236.25	237.00	233.00	237.20	-2.95
BAJFINANCE	4465.00	4485.00	4344.85	4358.00	-61.00
ADANIPORTS	381.00	383.70	376.85	378.00	-5.35
GRASIM	809.00	809.00	787.25	791.00	-11.30
COALINDIA	191.40	192.35	187.50	188.20	-2.85
JSWSTEEL	261.30	262.10	255.25	257.30	-3.95
NSTLEIND	15802.00	15810.85	15471.25	15623.00	-243.75
SUNPHARMA	451.50	453.75	440.30	441.95	-8.15
ONGC	117.55	117.55	115.00	115.50	-2.15
ULTRACEMCO	4569.00	4588.50	4464.15	4480.00	-88.20
M&M	578.00	582.55	563.85	566.50	-11.25
SRIN	316.75	317.75	305.65	310.00	-6.45
INDUSINDBK	1252.00	1254.00	1221.55	1231.60	-26.65
GAIL	126.25	127.15	123.00	123.45	-2.80
BPCL	480.05	484.50	465.15	468.30	-10.75
CPIA	461.00	461.00	446.35	451.00	-10.55
WIPRO	247.60	247.60	240.20	240.95	-5.80
ZEE	273.45	274.55	266.05	267.80	-6.45
HINDALCO	197.30	197.75	192.70	193.00	-4.75
RELIANCE	1479.00	1479.70	1440.00	1443.60	-36.85
BAJAJFINSV	9924.00	9950.00	9603.35	9621.65	-272.60
YESBANK	40.80	40.85	38.55	39.10	-2.10

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	29078.75	29094.85	28423.30	28533.00	-512.40
DMART	1977.80	2064.00	1977.80	2050.50	75.85
PIDILITIND	1535.00	1545.00	1495.00	1522.10	25.40
PFC	118.50	120.30	116.55	119.10	1.00
ICICI	1327.90	1340.90	1308.20	1333.30	9.40
DIVISLAB	1961.50	1973.00	1935.75	1967.90	6.65
HDFCAMC	3131.00	3201.00	3154.85	3177.00	-0.65
MCDOWELL-N	638.95	647.85	630.85	633.70	-1.10
SHREECEM	23427.30	23649.00	23279.20	23391.30	-114.90
HDCLIFE	605.90	608.55	597.15	602.00	-3.95
BANKBARODA	93.50	93.55	92.00	93.00	-0.70
RAJAJHIND	3435.00	3482.80	3356.50	3391.25	-26.05
SRIIFE	1014.00	1017.00	989.30	999.75	-8.95
BERGPAINT	571.00	579.90	563.55	568.00	-4.05
ICICIRULI	526.95	528.45	513.50	522.00	-5.95
BIOCEN	237.85	239.80	233.00	234.50	-2.95
ACC	1552.75	1556.40	1525.35	1535.10	-16.60
UHL	1279.80	1280.40	1250.50	1259.00	-15.05
CONCOR	580.00	584.65	568.30	572.10	-7.55
SIEMENS	1530.00	1534.40	1503.50	1508.00	-20.20
HAVELLS	616.00	617.05	603.00	607.80	-8.20
DLF	258.60	258.85	252.05	254.50	-4.10
ASHOKLEY	84.55	84.95	82.25	83.25	-1.35
MOTHERSUMI	141.35	142.30	137.30	139.25	-2.35
PETRONET	273.60	276.45	268.70	269.20	-4.65
PNB	61.10	61.25	59.65	59.90	-1.05
IDEA	5.25	5.60	5.00	5.15	-0.10
IBULHSGFN	317.00	318.50	304.75	309.00	-6.15
OFSS	2900.45	2910.00	2813.45	2845.00	-56.85
AMBUJACEM	2141.5	2142.00	2087.00	2097.5	-4.20
HINDZINC	199.75	199.75	193.50	194.30	-4.35
NMDC	122.55	123.40	118.45	119.80	-2.65
CALAHLC	224.00	274.50	266.40	267.00	-6.00
LUPIN	745.90	745.90	735.55	728.20	-16.65
MARICO	346.90	349.70	335.10	336.50	-8.25
L&TH	119.75	119.75	115.65	116.90	-2.95
HINDPETRO	246.00	246.95	238.20	239.45	-6.25
DABUR	492.00	496.30	472.15	478.90	-13.10
PAGIND	25144.05	25144.05	24300.10	24360.00	-679.15
PGH	11160.05	11245.00	10739.40	10849.85	-310.20
GICRE	255.00	256.26	246.00	247.50	-7.80
BANDHANBNK	451.00	451.10	435.00	436.80	-14.35
BOSCHLTD	14667.00	14700.00	14155.00	14205.00	-532.55
NHPC	26.30	26.40	25.05	25.20	-0.95
INDIGO	1451.00	1456.95	1405.00	1408.50	-53.60
NACL	161.00	161.50	153.35	154.45	-6.10
SRTRANSFIN	1107.00	1108.35	1030.05	1043.50	-63.75
AUROPHARMA	598.10	599.65	585.78	588.00	-29.35
COLPAL	1490.00	1508.00	1465.70	1391.00	-91.30
PEL	1712.90	1712.90	1562.60	1571.90	-130.40
GODREJCP	724.00	730.80	677.60	680.50	-60.35

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Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
HCLTECH	609.30	613.95	604.00	608.05
TATAMOTORS	191.05	192.50	184.35	186.20
BAJAJFINSV	9970.00	9970.00	9600.00	9632.85
ESCORTS	758.10	835.55	758.10	818.25
RELIANCE	1483.95	1483.95	1440.00	1442.50
BAJFINANCE	4464.00	4485.75	4345.90	4362.55
SBIN	317.80	317.80	305.70	310.70
ICICIBANK	529.80	533.80	524.20	532.30
HDPCBANK	1236.00	1239.35	1217.45	1227.10
YESBANK	40.90	40.90	38.55	39.05
NAVINFUOR	1234.00	1239.50	1161.55	1194.35
GAYAPROJ	56.85	56.85	56.85	56.85
DMART	1977.00	2063.35	1977.00	2051.65
BAJAJ-AUTO	3105.00	3184.00	3043.25	3143.75
JINDALSTEEL	175.90	181.90	172.40	175.80
IBULHSGFN	317.70	318.10	304.75	307.90
TATASTEEL	452.10	452.45	441.65	448.40
AUROPHARMA	508.80	509.10	466.75	480.30
MCX	1380.00	1383.80	1232.10	1274.80
PILLITIND	1540.00	1544.00	1493.45	1522.00
CCDL	209.60	224.80	209.60	222.15
STAR	442.20	484.75	442.20	468.60
TCIS	2161.00	2165.45	2125.50	2138.05
INDUSINDBK	1251.00	1253.75	1221.05	1231.40
JKTYRE	83.90	85.40	77.25	77.75
COLPAL	1475.00	1506.45	1386.00	1395.75
LICHSGFN	460.05	461.85	435.20	440.15
L&TFH	120.70	120.70	115.70	117.05
VEDL	142.70	143.40	139.80	140.95
IDFC	5.26	5.60	5.01	5.18
IDEFCRSTB	42.50	43.00	40.25	40.75
APOLLOHOSP	1686.00	1710.00	1681.00	1687.25
MODYEING	97.90	101.75	96.20	98.10
HDPC	2450.00	2450.00	2388.55	2411.85
BHARTIARTL	495.00	495.00	480.10	489.55
IOC	120.00	120.20	116.20	117.15
RIILBANK	334.55	334.70	320.10	322.00
FERROMET	1320.00	1324.80	1266.55	1261.90
PEL	1710.30	1710.30	1536.05	1578.60
LT	1365.55	1376.35	1353.10	1371.25
MARUTI	7002.25	7050.00	6982.00	7019.45
DABUR	495.90	496.15	472.30	478.15
CONCOR	584.90	584.90	568.70	572.60
JUBLFOOD	1760.00	1840.00	1760.00	1833.70
AXISBANK	739.30	739.30	727.50	731.30
HAVELLS	616.75	616.75	603.90	606.90
BANDHANBNK	454.85	454.85	435.00	437.80
ACC	1540.50	1554.00	1526.30	1531.75
WOCKPHARMA	347.60	361.40	347.60	354.55
TATAGLOBAL	385.00	385.75	379.95	380.95
NITTECH	1938.80	1938.80	1832.35	1849.25
ADANIENT	233.50	233.50	228.35	231.10
KOTAKBANK	1644.00	1644.00	1619.00	1628.10
BPCL	478.10	484.35	466.15	469.40
RADIO	384.55	409.55	379.85	402.55
ZEEL	274.05	274.40	266.05	267.65
JFINANCIAL	102.85	104.85	100.60	103.00
DLF	260.00	260.00	252.10	254.65
GODREJCP	729.00	729.00	678.00	684.40
INFY	792.00	792.00	778.05	780.70
INDIGO	1455.00	1455.15	1405.10	1415.70
JSWSTEEL	262.80	262.80	255.40	256.90
TATAMTRDVR	80.30	80.50	76.70	77.65
DREDDY	3150.00	3170.00	3121.60	3154.50
HEIDELBERG	199.25	202.05	196.00	200.20
HINDPETRO	246.00	247.00	238.90	239.60
NTPC	113.95	114.75	112.15	113.90
COALINDIA	191.65	192.25	187.50	187.95
EICHERMOT	20280.00	20580.00	20252.00	20335.25
BANKBARODA	93.20	93.50	92.05	93.05
INFRATEL	245.00	249.00	241.10	246.25
ITC	238.40	238.40	233.00	233.85
SPARC	202.10	207.70	197.55	203.50
OBEROIRPLY	568.00	568.00	530.50	554.00
DIXON	425.00	425.00	411.00	450.25
ONGC	117.00	117.90	115.05	115.60
HEROMOTOCO	2490.00	2521.00	2464.05	2482.15
SNPHARMA	449.55	451.20	440.55	442.80
M&M	579.25	587.00	564.50	566.80
HINDUNILVR	2074.00	2076.00	2051.00	2058.45
PNBHOUSING	454.80	451.80	436.70	442.20
HINDALCO	197.15	197.70	192.75	193.95
BHEL	992.50	993.45	977.00	981.50
BEL	101.85	103.40	100.30	100.75
JUSTDIAL	593.85	603.00	578.50	581.85
CANBK	203.95	204.55	200.20	202.10
IGL	507.95	521.00	503.80	516.80
RPOWER	1.73	1.74	1.71	1.71
AUBANK	1043.20	1076.15	1024.05	1047.45
HDPCFMC	3199.90	3203.20	3156.30	3190.55
TATAELXSI	399.55	962.00	93.50	95.10
ASIANPAINT	1807.00	1809.00	1786.80	1805.40
GODREJPROP	1095.00	1097.00	1072.30	1088.00
STRANSFIN	1106.10	1118.00	1030.75	1046.30
BHEL	44.75	44.75	43.30	44.05
ABCAPITAL	102.10	103.70	99.50	100.40
COMMSINDS	599.00	600.45	580.10	584.05
MANAPPURAM	186.70	192.30	184.90	190.80
NBC	36.50	36.75	34.00	34.45
BERGEPAINT	57.05	57.90	56.20	56.55
TITAN	1187.10	1189.90	1176.85	1179.15
NOCIL	118.40	118.40	108.20	109.90
ASHOKLEY	84.95	84.95	82.25	83.40
IRCON	487.00	498.00	472.05	480.00
TATAPOWER	60.90	61.55	59.05	60.25
RVL	1225.50	1248.60	1208.75	1237.05
MGCL	29.10	29.30	27.35	27.55

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TOP LOSERS

Bajaj Auto 1.48 Bajaj Finance -2.13

Power Grid 0.91 Indusltd -2.13

IOCL Bank 0.91 Ultratech -1.86

Axis Bank 0.50 MM -1.84

L&T 0.42 SBI -1.80

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IOCL Bank

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Bajaj Finance

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Power Grid

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Reliance

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Eicher Motors

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Hindalco

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NTPC

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L&T GRAPHICS

China coronavirus death toll rises to 170

Confirmed cases soar to 7,736

Beijing: The deadly coronavirus has hit all provinces in China, including the remote region of Tibet, mostly due to travellers from Wuhan city, the ground zero of the epidemic, as the virus claimed 170 lives, infected 7,736 others and spread to 20 countries, including India.

Chinese health officials on Thursday announced 38 more fatalities mainly from the worst-affected central Hubei province, taking the death toll to 170.

Tibet, which till now remained the only Chinese province untouched by the virus, reported its first case on Thursday, with a resident from Wuhan who travelled to the Himalayan region reporting sick.

As the spread of the virus intensified, many countries, including India, started preparation to evacuate their citizens from Wuhan and other cities in Hubei province.

The virus is causing concern all over the world as the number of cases abroad has gone up to 75, with India and the Philippines reporting their first cases. The condition of the Indian patient, a woman med-

ical student from Wuhan university, was "stable" and she was kept in an isolation ward at a hospital in Thrissur.

In a big relief for Indians - mostly students and professionals - stranded in Wuhan, the Indian Embassy in Beijing in a note circulated through social media on Thursday said that preparations are on to evacuate them from the virus-hit region on Friday.

"We are preparing for air evacuation from Wuhan tomorrow in the evening. This flight will carry those Indian nationals who are in and around

Wuhan and have conveyed consent for their evacuation," the note said. "There will be another flight subsequently which will carry those who are from other parts of Hubei province."

Besides India, several other countries including the US, France, Japan, South Korea, are airlifting their nationals from Wuhan.

A large number of people from Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh from the neighbourhood besides African countries were also reportedly stranded in Hubei province.

So far, four Pakistani

France confirms 5th case

Paris: The daughter of a Chinese tourist who is seriously ill in a Paris hospital has become the fifth person in France to be confirmed with the coronavirus, officials have said.

Her 80-year-old father was the fourth confirmed case in France of the new coronavirus that has killed more than 100 people since it emerged in the Chinese city of Wuhan in December.

"A fifth case has been detected," Health Minister Agnes Buzyn told a news brief-

ing on Wednesday. "It's the daughter of the Chinese tourist who was hospitalised recently in intensive care in a serious condition," Buzyn added.

The woman in her thirties, "whose condition has worsened, who needs oxygen," has also been placed in intensive care, Buzyn said.

The minister said a first plane was due to fly Wednesday evening to Wuhan, the epicentre in China, to repatriate 200 French people stranded there. **AFP**

nationals and two Australians were reported to have been undergoing treatment for the virus in China.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organisation (WHO) will meet in Geneva on Thursday to again consider whether the virus constitutes a global health emergency.

"In the last few days the progress of the virus, especially in some countries, especially human-to-human transmission, worries us," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Wednesday.

He named Germany, Vietnam and Japan, where there have been cases of people catching the virus from others who returned from China.

Russia to shut border with China

Moscow: Russia said on Thursday it was closing its border with China to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus and would stop issuing electronic visas to Chinese nationals.

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin told a government meeting that the order had been signed "to take measures

"Although the numbers outside China are still relatively small, they hold the potential for a much larger outbreak," BBC quoted the WHO chief as saying.

Michael Ryan, head of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, told the media that "the whole world needs to be on alert now. The whole world needs to take action."

Chinese President Xi Jinping, who on Tuesday called the virus a "demon" which should be brought under control, has ordered the military to throw open army hospitals to treat the coronavirus cases.

It is important for the military to step up its organising and leadership functions, enable closer coordination with local

authorities, adhere to the principles of scientific treatment and ensure self-protection, Xi was quoted as saying by state-run China Daily.

"Military hospitals must make all-out efforts to accept and treat patients, and research institutions should press ahead with their research and development to contribute to victory against the outbreak," he said.

Also as it battled to stem the spiralling coronavirus which is causing devastating impact, China on Thursday allocated nearly USD four billion funding to support efforts to contain the dreaded disease across the country.

Separately, Alibaba's Jack Ma Foundation and Bill &

Melinda Gates Foundation have announced grants for the research to develop a vaccine to counter the deadly virus.

As the virus brought the country to a standstill, concerns are also being raised about its impact on the economy.

China is still in an emergency control mode dealing with the virus threat and not yet started counting the costs and the impact it would have on its already slowing down economy. The world's second largest

economy grew by 6.1 per cent last year, the lowest annual growth rate in 29 years, amid the bruising 18-month long trade war with the US. The government is hoping to halt the slowdown this year after reaching the phase one trade deal with Washington.

But with coronavirus causing devastating impact by virtually bringing the country to halt, analysts say it may have substantial impact on the economy this year. **PTI**

Pak not to evacuate its citizens to show 'solidarity' with China: Official

Islamabad: Pakistan Government has decided not to evacuate its citizens from the coronavirus-hit Wuhan city to show "solidarity" with its all-weather ally, a senior official announced on Thursday though four Pakistani nationals have contracted the deadly disease in China.

There were up to 800 Pakistanis studying in various universities in Wuhan — a city of 11 million people which has been quarantined by the Chinese authorities in an effort to stem the spread of the deadly virus that has

killed 170 people and infected nearly 8,000 others.

Pakistan has decided not to evacuate its nationals from China in accordance with the recommendations of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Zafar Mirza said.

"We believe that right now, it is in the interest of our loved ones in China (to stay there). It is in the largest interest of the region, world, country that we don't evacuate them now," he was quoted as saying by Dawn News. **PTI**

'Hidden' animal spreading deadly Chinese coronavirus: Lancet study

Beijing: While bats may be the original hosts of the novel Chinese coronavirus, an animal sold at a seafood market in Wuhan may be spreading the deadly virus to humans, a study published in The Lancet journal suggests.

The analysis of 10 gene sequences of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) from nine patients in the central Chinese city of Wuhan found that the virus is most closely related to two bat-derived SARS-like coronaviruses.

The researchers, including those from the Shandong Academy of Medical Sciences in China, said that their analysis suggests that bats might be the original host of the virus.

However, an animal sold at the Huanan seafood market might represent an intermediate host that enables the emergence of the virus in humans, they said.

For this reason, the researchers noted, future evolution, adaptation and spread of this virus requires urgent investigation.

Cell and secretion samples were taken from the lungs of the patients who were diagnosed with viral pneumonia of unidentified cause.

The harvested samples of the 2019-nCoV virus were then analysed to determine the origin of the virus, and how it enters human cells. **PTI**

White House bars Bolton book release over 'top secret' material

Washington: The White House told former national security advisor John Bolton that a book reportedly containing damaging evidence for President Donald Trump cannot be published because it breaks secrecy laws.

The warning was made in a letter to Bolton's lawyer dated January 23 but only made public on Wednesday as Trump's impeachment trial intensified in the Senate.

The National Security Council said after preliminary review of the manuscript — a vetting process applied to any White House employees writing books — that it contained

"significant amounts of classified information."

"Some of this information is at the TOP SECRET level," the NSC said in a letter to Bolton's lawyer Charles Cooper, adding that "the manuscript may not be published or otherwise disclosed without the deletion of this classified information."

Democrats are pressing for the Senate to subpoena Bolton after reports that his White House memoir "The Room Where It Happened" corroborates the abuse-of-power impeachment charge against Trump.

Bolton reportedly writes that the president personally told him in August a

freeze in military aid to Ukraine was directly linked to Trump's demand that Kiev announce investigations into Joe Biden, the frontrunner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Several hours before the NSC letter went public, Trump lashed out at Bolton on Twitter, saying he had written a "nasty & untrue book. All Classified National Security."

Despite the formal review process of Bolton's book, drafts have already circulated around Washington, where the passages describing Trump's relationship with Ukraine caused a sensation. **AFP**

Netanyahu tells Putin Mideast deal a 'new opportunity'

Moscow: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday hailed US President Donald Trump's Middle East peace plan as a new opportunity after flying to Moscow to discuss it with President Vladimir Putin.

"I think there's a new and perhaps unique opportunity here," said the Israeli premier, who stood alongside Trump at the White House when the plan was announced Tuesday and called it a victory for Israel.

Trump's plan angered Palestinians by proposing Israel retain control over Jerusalem as its "undivided capital" and giving the green light to annex Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

"I'd like to speak to you and hear your insights and see how we can combine all our forces for security and peace," Netanyahu told Putin at the start of their Kremlin meeting.

"You're actually the first leader I'm speaking with after

my visit to Washington about President Trump's Deal of the Century," he added.

The Russian leader did not mention the peace plan in his public remarks. Netanyahu, facing graft charges, is contesting March elections and hoping the proposal will boost his re-election chances.

The March 2 vote is Israel's third in less than a year, with polls suggesting the Prime Minister's rightwing Likud is again neck-and-neck with the centrist Blue and White party led by ex-military chief Benny Gantz.

Netanyahu was visiting Russia on the same day that it released a young US-Israeli woman jailed for drug trafficking over a small amount of cannabis found in her luggage as she transited a Moscow airport.

Her case caused an outcry in Israel and her release came after Netanyahu pleaded her case with Putin, who issued a pardon. **AFP**



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To, Sh. Sachin Shukla, S/o. Sushil Kumar Shukla, R/o. G 81/2, Gali No.14, 3rd Floor, Jagat Puri, Delhi-110051. (Borrower, & Noticee No. 1). And Sh. Pushpa Shukla, W/o. Sh. Sushil Kumar Shukla, R/o. G 81/2, Gali No.14, 3rd Floor, Jagat Puri, Delhi-110051. (Mortgagor & Noticee No. 2).

SUB: DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Dear Sir/Madam, I, Harish Sharma, Authorised Officer, of "The Kangra Co-Operative Bank Ltd.", Head office at C-29 Community Centre, Panikha Road, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058, having its registered office at 1916, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi, and amongst others it has one of its branch at A-73, A-Block, Jagat Puri, New Delhi-110051, do hereby serve upon you with the following notice under the provisions of Section 13(2) of the above mentioned Act.

- That you Noticee No. 1 is a member of "The Kangra Co-Operative Bank Ltd." having Membership No. 53676 and Membership Account No. JP/18/216.
- That on the request of Noticee No. 1 a Secured Loan Business amounting to ₹10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only), was sanctioned to you in your Membership Account No. JP/18/216, being maintained at your Jagat Puri Branch.
- That, in compliance of the terms of granting the above mentioned Secured Loan Business facility, to the Noticee no. 1, the Noticee no. 2, who is also a nominal member of our Jagat Puri branch of the Bank, having Nominal Membership No. 860, and had also mortgaged her BUILT UP THIRD FLOOR WITH ROOF/TERRACE RIGHT CONSISTING WHATSOEVER THEREON SITE, WITH COMMON ENTRANCE, PASSAGE, STAIRS & PARKING, ETC. WITH UNDIVIDED IMPARTIBLE PROPORTIONATE OWNERSHIP RIGHTS IN THE ENTIRE LAND UNDERMATH, BEARING PROPERTY NO. G-81/2, AREA MEASURING 75 SQ.YDS. (i.e. 62.71 sq.mtr.approx.), OUT OF REGD.NO.16, KILLA NO.27/1, SITUATED IN THE ABADI OF JAGAT PURI, IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE KHUREJI KHAS, DELHI-110051, and bounded as East: PROPERTY NO.G-81/1, West: GALLI 15 FT. WIDE, North: OTHER PROPERTY, South: OTHER PROPERTY. As security in the above mentioned Secured Loan Business facility being sanctioned to the noticee no.1.
- That due to the failure on the part of the noticee no.1 in properly operating the above mentioned account, it becomes an overdrawn Account and continued to remain overdrawn due to which the same was declared Non Performing Asset w.e.f. 20-10-2019 as per our Bank's record and is still continuing to remain an N.P.A. account till the date of this Demand Notice.
- That, on several occasions our Bank officials have contacted both the Noticee no. 1 and Noticee no. 2, and had also intimated/informed you about the deteriorating condition in the above mentioned account, due to which further proceedings that could be initiated shortly against them under various provisions of the Law, and the consequences that they could face later on under such Legal Proceedings.
- That despite of having knowledge about the deteriorating condition in the above mentioned account subsequent to which further Legal proceedings that could be initiated shortly against you, you have failed to make satisfactory/sufficient payments towards the above mentioned account, as a result of which the following amount including interest is due from you as on 30-11-2019:- Debit balance in your, Secured Loan Business a/c. (Including Int.) ₹3,46,124.00
- That since you have failed to make satisfactory payments towards your above mentioned account, as mentioned here in above despite all our efforts and in view of the facts that your Loan account has already been declared Non Performing Asset, it has been decided to invoke the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, for recovery of the above amount by disposing of your property mentioned in Para 3 above which is lying mortgaged with us.
- That you are therefore called upon to make the full payment towards discharge of the liabilities of ₹3,46,124/- as mentioned above together with further interest, Penal interest and other charges as are applicable in your above mentioned loan accounts from time to time from 30-11-2019 till the date of payment, with in the mandatory period of 60 days, from the date of receipt of this notice failing which the bank would have no other option but to proceed under the provisions of Section 13(4) and 14 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, for taking possession and disposal (selling off) your above mentioned mortgaged property for recovery of the above mentioned amount.
- Please take note that as per section 13 (13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this Notice, you are restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the Secured Assets referred to in this Notice, without prior written consent of the Bank.
- Needless to mention that this Notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

Please note that a copy of this notice is retained in the Bank for reference and further action.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully
HARISH SHARMA
AUTHORISED OFFICER

Copy to:-
Smt. Pushpa Shukla, } for information and necessary action you are
W/o. Sh. Sushil Kumar Shukla, } the Mortgagor, surety and thus jointly and
R/o. G-81/2, 3rd Floor, Gali No. 14, } severally responsible for repayment of the
Jagat Puri, Delhi-110051. } dues of Sh. Sachin Shukla.

HARISH SHARMA
AUTHORISED OFFICER

Australia heatwave renews bushfire worries

Sydney: Australia was bracing for a heatwave to sweep across the country's fire-ravaged southeast in the coming days, with the forecast stoking fears the soaring temperatures could inflame bushfires.

Temperatures reached above 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) on Thursday in South Australia state, where dangerous fire weather warnings were issued in several bushfire-prone areas.

The heatwave is then expected to hit Melbourne and Canberra on Friday before parts of Sydney reach 45 degrees Celsius on the weekend.

Authorities say the searing heat, accompanied by dry winds, would bring severe bushfire conditions to parts of New South Wales and Victoria -- where more than 80 fires are still burning across the state.

"We've had the benefit of some suppressed, benign conditions over the last few days. However, as we've heard, it's going to be hot and dry," Victoria Emergency Services Commissioner Andrew Crisp said, urging residents to be prepared for bushfires to flare.

"If you're gonna wait until you see the smoke or the fire at your doorstep, it's far too late.

You've gotta get out early," he said.

Storms are forecast to follow the heatwave, bringing rain that could help dampen fires but also the potential for wild weather, including flash flooding.

Extreme weather has battered parts of Australia in recent weeks, bringing giant hail, floods and landslides.

The renewed fire threat came as worst-hit New South Wales announced an inquiry into the catastrophic bushfire season, which has left at least 32 people dead and devastated vast swathes of the country since September. **AFP**



WESTERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM

Corrigendum to Tender Notice No.: W641/22/19/33 dated 05.12.2019.

Chief Engineer, Western Railway, Churchgate invites the following E-Procurement Tender: **Tender No.: W641-22-19-54. Description of Works Tender:** Outsourcing of Cooking of food including serving and up keeping of kitchen in each camping coach / rest room (33 nos.) for track machines working in BCT/ BRC/RTM/ADI/RT divisions of Western Railway. **Item to be modified:** **Closing date of e-Tender:** From 11.02.2020 to 25.02.2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE


Public at large are hereby informed that my client, Smt. Seema Rawal W/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o L-43, Second Floor, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 is the owner of property No. 1655, Gali No. 15, Upper Ground Floor (Right Side Portion), measuring 50 Sq. Yds. approx. carved out of Khata No. 693, situated at Govind Park, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 by virtue of Sale Deed, duly regd. with S/R New Delhi as Document No.6657, Book No.1, Volume No. 15612, on page 60 to 70 on dated 11/12/2019 and colony duly regularised vide DDAM/C.D. Reso No. 27, on dated 02/04/1975. If any person/organisation has got any rights, interest, title, claim, encumbrances, charges etc. of any nature whatsoever in respect of above mentioned property or any part thereof can send their objections with their documentary evidence at below address within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that the said property is entirely free from all such claims, interest, charges etc.

Satish Khatana (Advocate) Enrl. No. D/149/99 6/161, DDA Flats Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019/1178737



3D Monitoring and Construction supervision of BG Tunnel

Open tender through e-tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed Contractor(s)/firm(s) for the following works: **E-Tender No. CE/CON/J-I/NS/2020/01. Name of work:** 3D Monitoring and construction supervision of Single Line BG Tunnel No. 12 at Km. 105645 to Km. 116551 in between Tupul - Imphal including parallel safety Tunnel. **Approx. Value:** ₹5,26,40,111.52. E-tender will be closed at 14:30 hrs. on 21-02-2020 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 21-02-2020. For Details Please visit www.ireps.gov.in. **Chief Engineer/Con7, Maligaon Northeast Frontier Railway (Construction Organisation)**

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Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended December 31, 2019 (Rs. In Lacs, except per share data)						
Sl. No.	Particulars (Refer Notes below)	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Nine Months Ended	Nine Months Ended	Year Ended
		31.12.2019	30.09.2019	31.12.2018	31.12.2019	31.03.2019
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	12.42	14.95	28.88	28.60	39.06
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	(22.05)	(40.67)	(36.73)	(73.62)	(95.44)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	(22.05)	(40.67)	(36.73)	(73.62)	(95.44)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	(22.05)	(40.67)	(36.73)	(73.62)	(95.44)
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08
	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)					
a) Basic		(0.22)	(0.41)	(0.37)	(0.75)	(0.97)
b) Diluted		(0.22)	(0.41)	(0.37)	(0.75)	(0.97)

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosures) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2019 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.rlfid.com.



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Tender Notice

The office of Executive Engineer(Gen.), Dharasu Power House, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites sealed tenders from interested firms for following work/supply:

NIT No - 17/EE(Gen.)/MB-II/19-20: Repairing and re-insulation of 1 No. rotor pole coil of 76 MW Hydro Generator at MB-II, Dharasu Power House.

NIT No - 18/EE(Gen.)/MB-II/19-20: Retrofitting of Cable tray and other Associated works at Valve House of Dharasu Power House MB-II Chinyalisaur.

Estimated Cost : Rs 561750/-, Rs. 1498335/- GST Extra

Earnest Money : Rs 16900/-, Rs. 45,000 respectively

Tender document Fee : Rs 590/-, Rs. 1180/- respectively

Last date of downloading the tender : 20.02.2020

Last date of submitting the tender : 20.02.2020 up to 15:30 Hrs.

Due date for opening the tender : 24.02.2020 at 11:00 Hrs.

For eligibility criteria and fuller & further details kindly visit our website www.uttarakhandjalfavidyut.com. Bidders are advised to regularly visit our website for further details, subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc.

पत्र सं. 48/-दिनांक: 29.01.2020 (Executive Engineer)


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WESTERN RAILWAY
VARIOUS WORKS

Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) II, Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara - 390 004, invites sealed tenders as per the details given below:

Tender No.:- Dy.CE/CJ/BR/293 (SLT). **Name of the work:** Providing Consultancy Services for preparatory activities including Final Location Survey, documentation/drawings and bid process management for Inviting Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) tenders for execution of project works in connection with Broad Gauge Doubling between Anand-Godhra section of Vadodara Division Western Railway (Route Km: 78.80 Km). Approximate Cost Work: ₹ 48.20 Lakhs. EMD: ₹ 3.53,100/-. Completed Tender forms can be submitted upto 15.00 hrs. on 25.02.2020 in the above office in the nominated tender box upto 15.00 hrs. on 25.02.2020. The tender box will be sealed at 15.30 hrs. on 25.02.2020 in the above office.

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Trend Blazer

'Never thought I will last this long'

Actor **NEHA DHUPIA**, who has appeared in Hindi, Punjabi, Telugu and Malayalam films over the past two decades, has said that she never thought she would last in the film and entertainment industry for so long.

Neha, who is currently shooting for the MTV reality show *Roadies*, said: "I have completed two decades not in Bollywood but in front of the camera. It feels amazing. When I started, I didn't thought that I was going to last this long but I am glad I did."

Neha made her acting debut as a child artist in a Malayalam film named *Minnaram*, which released in 1994.



'I am not much into celebrating my birthday but every year makes me feel grateful. I usually spend this day with my family and close friends but I couldn't pick a better way to celebrate this year than working on something that makes me excited. And seeing that it is with talented director Prakash Jha and the entire cast, it makes it even more special.'
—Chandan Roy Sanyal

Filmmaker **SUBHASH GHAI** says that his forthcoming short film *Gandhi: A Perspective* is an unbiased effort.

"People, including some youngsters, have doubts about the successful journey of *Gandhi ji*. We have tried to give them answers through this film. I haven't tried to make commercial film on his (Mahatma Gandhi) life. We did not put any "masala" in the film, it is entirely based on research," said Ghai.



Sylvester ditches his trademark black dye

Action star **SYLVESTER STALLONE** has embraced his natural grey hair and ditched his trademark black dye.

The 73-year recently took to Instagram to show off his new look. In the clip, the Oscar-nominated actor is seen chatting in the back of his car as he pumps his fist and says: "Keep punching, my friend. Keep punching."

Alongside the clip, the actor shared a motivational post that read: "Sometimes I wake up and feel like doing nothing. Just relaxing. Just very true. If anyone says different, they're lying — it's human nature."



ART HAS ITS OWN MOODS

From asking questions about contemporary art to reminiscing childhood, artists at the India Art Fair depict how they consciously engage themselves with historic traditions, says **UMA NAIR**

Showcasing modern-day sensibilities and international signatures which have transcended time, India Art Fair unveiled its 12th edition to Delhi. Among the many booths to explore, two Mumbai-based galleries, Jhaveri Contemporary and Chemould Prescott, stood out for their multifaceted materials and media and compositional character.

JITISH KALLAT's ANAGRAM

Mumbai-based Jitish Kallat's works will make you feel inquisitive. His *Anagram* at Chemould Prescott is the kind of work that will draw you to it for its doodled, sensitive riddle-like texture. At its heart lies a confusion — the artist perpetually brings us to the question of what is contemporary and how did it process itself out of the roots of modernism. Recently, someone said, "In art, it has fragmented and metamorphosed; in architecture and design, it has consolidated into an aesthetic that is ubiquitous and monolithic. Its new and experimental ideas long in the past, the utopian movement has become a classic style," and this juncture makes us believe that contemporary art has its own moods. Created out of acrylic, gesso, lacquer, charcoal and aquarelle pencil on linen, Kallat's works echo harmony and intricate soliloquies.

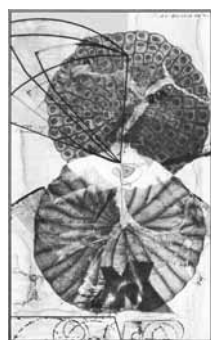
MATHEW KRISHANU's CROWD

Jhaveri Contemporary created a riveting booth with Mathew Krishanu's *Crowd*, an oil and acrylic on canvas, as well as Monika Correa's *Mood Indigo*, a warp and an unbleached weft. Krishanu's painting had a short-lived elegance in terms of its perspective. Born in Bradford, the younger son of an English Christian Minister and an Indian theologian mother, Krishanu spent part of his early childhood in Bangladesh. In an interview, he recalled how he felt caught between two disparate worlds during his visits to his maternal family in India.

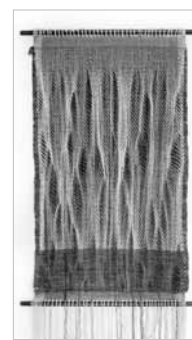
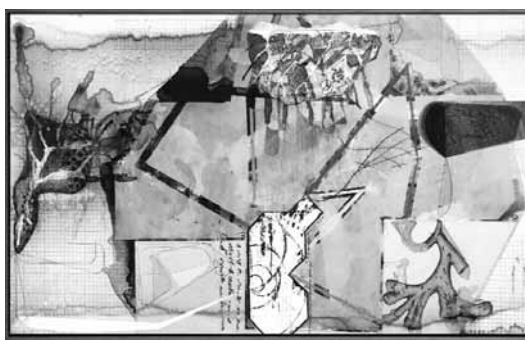
The experience left him with a sense of being "somewhat outside both the cultures." We detect this duality in his paintings where we see people with their sense of a spectacle but we don't know what it is.



Mathew Krishanu's *Crowd*



Jitish Kallat's *Anagram/Palindrome*



Monika Correa's *Mood Indigo*

Krishanu has spoken of the bright lights in his childhood — how the sun would reflect both on his windows and life in a glassy way. He also shared about childhood memories and long, endless summer holidays.

The neatly laid out vertical figures of each person in the crowd certainly leave a deep impact because the painting is built on the moods of nostalgia. They also hinge on quasi-autobiographical narrative, in which memory and art

history appear to fix a moment in time — the collective recall of a childhood where the sun never sets.

MONIKA CORREA's MOOD INDIGO
Monika Correa, wife of the late

Exciting little discovery

Compact Sedans are not meant to be exciting. Or are they?



KUSHAN MITRA



Venue with the same turbo engine and just like in the Aura, Hyundai's powertrain engineers have managed to work out the kinks leaving almost no perceptible turbo-lag.

This is a properly nice engine and when it is coupled to a car with great ride and superb handling, you forget about the rear-end. On the roads that lead to the Jam Gate outside Mhow, which is the entrance through the pass onto the fertile plains of Malwa, you begin to have some fun. And this was with three people and a lot of equipment in the car, which cannot be called a light load. It took all the corners with aplomb and while you do need to mash the gears in the lower end of the powerband, once you hit the sweet spot, it is a very rewarding powerband. Despite the 'fun', non-economical, I had driven the Aura, which still delivered a quite surprising 13 kilometres to the litre. The lightweight and good road handling qualities helped in delivering a decent fuel economy even when you want to have some fun.

Compact Sedans were born out of a lacunae in the rules. They have become a practical solution for those who wanted the convenience of a boot and there is a reason the taxi segment adopted it en masse. But Compact Sedans were never 'fun' and I never thought that I would see the day when I could describe one of them as fun. But the Aura Turbo is actually a fun car that is not just nice to drive but practical as well. And there are variants with a 1.2 BS6 diesel and a 1.2 BS6 petrol, which, though not as peppy as the turbo, share the great ride and handling characteristics. Having said that, the managing director of Hyundai India, SS Kim told me that almost a third of Venue sales have been of the car equipped with the same Turbo engine. We also know that Hyundai is fitting the same engine in the Nios and that the i20 could come up with an even more powerful power unit. And to deliver power and fun at a decent ex-showroom price — ₹8.54 lakh — the Aura Turbo could be a game changer. Personally, I'd stick to a hatchback and can't wait for the Turbo Nios.

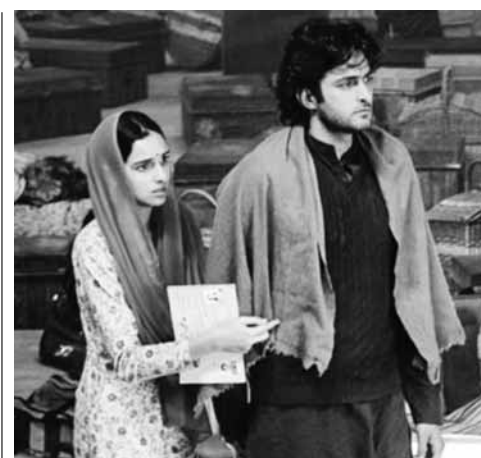
Maruti Suzuki first made a sedan out of the Swift, the Dzire, and in its second generation, it created what is by far one of the most successful cars ever made in India. It became the small taxi of choice across the country's length and breadth

box, which just took a meat cleaver to the back-end of the car. Either that or they just added a little 'third box' to the hatchbacks, making you scratch your head when looking at the cars. To call them aesthetically pleasing would mean that one's sense of aesthetics have gone awry. However, as they got more used to the restrictions and managed to work around the entire vehicle, they became better. The third-generation Dzire and second-generation Amaze along with the Tata Tiago and Ford Aspire are smart-looking cars. Yes, there is that sense that they're trying to fit into a shirt, one size too small, but compared to previous iterations, they are clearly way better.

Then there is Hyundai and the new Aura. While I was never a fan

of the original Santro's look, and Hyundai has had some strange cars after that, I am looking at Eon as contemporary Hyundai cars are extremely attractive. From the Venue to the Verna, the forthcoming Tucson and the third-generation i20, which will be showcased at the Auto Expo 2020, Hyundai's design language has evolved to a nice place. My long-term car right now is the refreshed Hyundai Elantra as it stands out with its very sharp looks. But this is about the Aura, and I am afraid to say that the rear-end of the car is well, strange! I don't understand the need for the blacked-out C-pillar and the reflector strip through the boot. While I would not be so extreme as to call this an aesthetic assault, let us just leave this here by saying that I am not a fan. Which is a pity because I really do like the i10 Nios hatchback that the Aura is based on.

But when you drive the Aura, specifically the one with 1.0 litre Turbo, you forget the way the car looks because it suddenly proves that Compact Sedans can move. Sure, there have been 100 horsepower compact sedans before but those have been diesel. And while I do not want to get into a debate on the merits of diesel and petrol right now, it suffices to say that petrol engines are more responsive than diesel ones. I have driven the



Shikara not just a film but a movement: Vidhu

Filmmaker Vidhu Vinod Chopra believes that his forthcoming film *Shikara*, on the Kashmiri Pandit exodus of 1989 and 1990 from the Kashmir Valley, is not just a film but a movement. He added that the film is a tribute to Kashmiri Pandits and their mothers.

"Real refugees have worked in this film. This is not happening just in India but all around the world where people who have gone through a certain tragedy, have been associated with a film based on their life. I feel it will not happen ever again. The film is a tribute to the Pandit community — to us and to our mothers. And I want you the media to tell the world to come and see what happened to us. It's been 30 years but no one made a film on this subject. It was like someone tried to hide our story. I feel this film is not a movie but a movement," said Chopra, who is a Kashmiri Pandit.

The Kashmiri Pandit exodus happened as a result of the community being targeted by Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) and Islamist insurgents in late 1989 and early 1990.

Chopra was interacting with the media at a special screening of his film, where he

was present with the film's lead actors Aadil Khan and Sadia, besides writer Abhijat Joshi, and lyricist Irshad Kamil. It was his mother who told Chopra to make a film on the subject, the filmmaker revealed. "I feel it's the story of all of us (Kashmiri Pandits). Our homes were snatched but we stood on our feet with courage. I feel this story is not a story of just one mother. My mother inspired me to make this film. Before she died, she told me that if possible, make a film on Kashmir. She passed away in 2007 and in 2008, I completed first draft of this film," he said.

The director, who made *Mission Kashmir* in 2000 on the subject of terrorism in the state, said: "It's been 11 years since then and (scriptwriter) Abhijat Joshi has worked with me on this film for five to six years. We did a lot of hard work for this film and we are proud of the film. We wanted to show people what happened with us and how, despite that, we are standing on our feet. There is hope in our lives and we are settled here. We are not beggars and we are not asking for any help from the government, and that's really a big thing."

(The film is slated to release on February 7.) —IANS



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A LABOUR OF LOVE

Author JYOTSANA SHAHANE shares how NARAYANI NAYAK's out of print cookbooks inspired her to make necessary additions and changes in *The Classic Konkani Cookbook* with a view to open the cuisine's secrets to a range of food lovers. An edited excerpt

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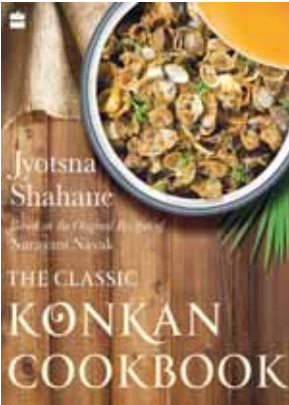
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ingredients bought fresh every day from the neighbourhood vegetable market.

Every meal, for me, was a journey of discovery. Of ingredients unknown, of exotic tastes and surprising textures. The lunch *thali* was dotted with all kinds of vegetarian preparations. Two types of lentils, four vegetables, chutneys, pickles, salads, rice, *rotis*, buttermilk and

homemade curds were part of the daily meal.

Forty-odd years of sharing such meals have given me a fondness for the taste of Konkani food, a liking that led me to learn and reproduce the preparations at my own table for my family and in my blog on Indian food, *The Cooks Cottage*, which I began writing in 2004.

A few characteristics that struck me were the freshness and simplicity of the food. Then there was the use of all kinds of vegetables, some quite unknown to me at the time. Lastly, the fact that nothing was wasted. Every part of vegetable or fruit was used. Stalks, leaves, and peels were used to great effect in curries, *chutneys*, and pickles. In a country where many people do not have enough to eat, this resonated with me.

When Nayak wrote the book, the average housewife in India spent almost the whole day in the kitchen, cooking food from morning to night, for her husband and family. With an average of four to six children per household, large amounts were cooked. The day began with a cooked breakfast, carried on to a hot lunch and ended with a large dinner, interspersed with helpings of snacks and sweets as well. A meal, served on a *thali* or a banana leaf, consisted of a couple of vegetables, a lentil dish, a fried snack, two *chutneys* and a salad besides a sweet dish and buttermilk to wash it all down.

Ways of cooking and eating have changed today. Most people have time to cook just one or two main dishes and these must provide all the nutrients necessary for a healthy living. Besides changing from the old measures of *tola* and seers to grams and cups, I have rewritten most of the recipes to increase or decrease the amount where necessary, suggested substitutions if the main ingredient is not easily available, shortened the preparation time by using modern appliances, and given alternatives to those who do not have the time or energy to start from scratch.

The recipes were tested by me over a period of two years and then retested by my many Konkani friends, who gave insights into spicing and traditions and names in each corner of the region. Some were rigorously tested by my friends from the US, who were totally new to the cuisine, to check for ease of use, clarity, method and measures. One was vastly overqualified for the job, being an auditor of NASA reports.

The addition of red and green chillies in most recipes has been reduced as many recipes were overpoweringly pungent. They can, in fact, be made optional, so the flavour of the main ingredient comes through. I have added more popular meat and seafood recipes from the region as the original book had very few, surprisingly so, since seafood is available in abundance on the Konkani coast.

All these changes have been made with a view to making this cuisine more accessible and reproducible by interested cooks around the world. As with the original book, this has been a labour of love.



A tropical substitute

Now with many people looking for plant-based alternatives to meat, jackfruit's trajectory is up

If you've never heard of jackfruit, keep your eyes open: You'll start noticing it everywhere. Jackfruit is a very large tropical fruit often used as a meat substitute. It packs some nutritional wallop, and the fact that you can cook, chunk or shred it like chicken or pork, makes it a go-to main ingredient in many vegetarian and vegan dishes.

Its flavour is neutral and it takes to all kinds of seasonings. Jackfruit is native to India, and also grows in Southeast Asia, Mexico, the Caribbean and South America. It ranges from 15 pounds to a whopping 70.

For cooking, freshly picked, non-ripe jackfruit generally is used. Once ripe, jackfruit can be used in sweeter dessert preparations. It's available whole or sliced into more manageable pieces. Unripe, it's green and unyielding; as it ripens, it softens, turns yellow, gets some brown spots and starts to smell fruity.

It's also sold canned, sometimes in brine or syrup, and you can find various types in specialty and Asian food stores and, increasingly, traditional supermarkets. Now with many people looking for plant-based alternatives to meat, jackfruit's trajectory is up, up, up.

Robert Schueller, head of marketing at Melissa's Produce, a specialty produce company, has noted that upward trend for several years. "It was about five years ago that the fruit started to really take off. Vegetarians and vegans found out how this fruit could be used as a 'meat substitute' for pulled pork sandwiches and as a taco meat," he says.

As word spread in the US about jackfruit's versatility,

Schueller says, Melissa's went from selling a few cases a week to thousands of cases a week. Melissa's also offers plastic containers of jackfruit pods containing just one or two servings. Jackfruit also is popping up on menus across the country, at vegan and vegetarian restaurants, yes, but also in dishes at more mainstream establishments. Tomatillo, a Mexican restaurant in Dobbs Ferry, New York, has a quesadilla and taco made with jackfruit nestled in alongside other meaty and vegetarian offerings. In Chicago, Alulu Brewpub serves up Vegan Sicilian Jackfruit Flatbread on a menu alongside in-house cured pork belly.

Angela Means, owner of the vegan Jackfruit Café in Los Angeles, says that people are turning to a vegan diet for many reasons, including environmental, health and animal-rights concerns.

"We eat meat because of the texture and the spices. Jackfruit is a great substitute," Means says. "It's one of the best choices for us because we can mimic meat, Jackfruit grows in abundance and it has potassium, fiber, magnesium, lots of nutrients. We put it in tacos and we make sandwiches, like a barbecue pulled pork," adds she.

Jackfruit Café also serves a fish patty made of jackfruit combined with seaweed. "You wouldn't miss anything — we could give you our taco and you wouldn't even know it's vegan," Means says. Jackfruit Café tries to educate people in its community about jackfruit and alternatives to a meat-eating diet, she says, predicting, "in seven to 10 years, jackfruit will be as popular as beef."

—AP

gorge us

The Monkey Bar presents its new menu, with cool additions like 'small plates via the tandoor.' On offer are the much-loved *kulchas* of Delhi and Amritsar, Malabari mutton *kulcha*, Butter chicken *kulcha* and offbeat Onion and cheese *kulcha* using indigenous Kalimpong cheese. More gems fired in the tandoor include *Thelawala* mutton *seekh*, *Bandel* and *malai* fish *kebab*, Curry leaves and Pepper chicken. **Time:** 12 pm to 12 am **Price:** ₹2,000 for two (with alcohol) and ₹1,400 (without alcohol) **Venue:** Monkey Bar, Vasant Kunj.



TCK by The China Kitchen has introduced 12 new cocktails paired perfectly with your Chinese zodiac. There are cocktails inspired by Chinese zodiac animals, namely black rat, angry ox, easy tiger, soft rabbit, dragon spit, snake in the grass, high horse, naughty goat, drunken monkey, red rooster, salty dog and tipsy pig. **Price:** ₹199 per cocktail **Venue:** TCK, Cyber Hub, Gurugram.

Daryaganj has introduced seafood delicacies like *Tawa* fish, a sole fish fillet marinated with ginger, garlic, gram flour and Indian spices, the original *Tandoori* pomfret and signature Fish *tikka* marinated with mustard, carom seeds and lemon. **Date:** Till February **Time:** 11:30 am to 4 pm; 5:30 pm to 12 am **Price:** ₹1,200 for two (plus taxes) **Venue:** Daryaganj, Aerocity and CP.



L'opera presents new savoury flavours with French Rendezvous. It offers specially curated food with complete authentic and delightful flavours. One can choose from Carbonara bacon and Cream, Chicken mince loaded fry, Pumpkin and coconut salad, Tomato sauce with vegetable Pasta and much more. **Date:** Till February **Time:** 10 am to 10 pm **Price:** ₹800 for two **Venue:** all L'opera outlets.



The Irish House presents the *All Good Inside* menu, which features extended grilled and baked options for clean eaters, diet-friendly food as well as cocktails for keto, vegan and paleo lovers and a lot more. **Price:** ₹1,200 (for two) **Time:** 12 pm to 12 am **Venue:** Outlets at Nehru Place and Noida.



The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi presents Chinese New Year menu at EEST. It offers specially curated menu inspired by the Chinese culture, highlighting dishes, Asparagus water chesnut in Ganlanchai sauce, Double-cooked pork, Sichuan chicken dumpling, Sour soup fish, Mapo tofu and much more. **Date:** January 31 **Time:** 6:30 pm till midnight **Price:** ₹2,500 plus taxes (Vegetarian); ₹2,800 plus taxes (Non-Vegetarian) **Venue:** The Westin Gurgaon, New Delhi.



GREEN TEA NOODLES WITH SESAME CHICKEN

- WHAT YOU NEED**
- Noodle: 100 gm
 - Ginger: 5 gm
 - Garlic: 10 gm
 - Green tea: 3 gm
 - Lemongrass: 4 gm
 - Kaffir lime: 10 gm
 - Lemon juice: 10 gm
 - Soy sauce: 20 ml
 - Salt to taste
 - Sesame oil: 10 gm
 - Vinegar: 10 gm
 - Sweet chilli sauce: 30 gm
 - Dry red chilli: 10 gm



- Boneless chicken thigh: 120 gm
- Yakinori sheet: 10 gm
- Cucumber: 25 gm
- Spring onion: 10 gm
- Sesame seeds: 5 gm

METHOD

- Cut the chicken thigh in strips and marinate with salt, pepper and dry red chilli. Dust a bit corn flour and keep it aside.
- Blanch noodles and spread on clean table to dry. Put some oil so that it does not get sticky. Make green tea stock.
- Cut juliennes of cucumber, spring onion and *nori* sheet. Keep them aside for later use.

- In a separate bowl, mix soy sauce, vinegar, chop garlic, lemon juice, green tea stock, sesame oil, salt and black pepper. Mix everything and your dressing will be ready.
- Heat oil and deep fry the chicken strips. In a separate pan, toss ginger, garlic and add sweet chilli sauce. Then add fried chicken and toss it. Season it with sesame seed and sesame oil.
- Toss the noodles in dressing and add vegetables. You can add blanched mushroom if you like.
- Serve the noodles and place the chicken strips on top.

Courtesy: Manoj, partner chef at The Piano Man

RECIPES



SINDHI KADHI

WHAT YOU NEED

- Refined oil: 1½ tbsp
- Gram flour: 3 tbsp
- Fenugreek seeds: 1 tsp
- Turmeric powder: 1½ tsp
- Water: 3 litre
- Potatoes: 2
- Tomatoes: 500 gm
- Drum stick (optional): 1
- Lotus stem: 1
- Cauliflower
- Colocasia (*arbi*): 200 gm
- Okra: 200 gm
- Salt to taste
- Tamarind soaked in warm water
- Oil for frying
- Mustard: 1½ tsp
- Curry leaves
- Cumin: 1½ tsp
- Red chilli powder: 2 tsp
- Coriander leaves: 2 tbsp

METHOD

- Put refined oil in a deep vessel.
- Once hot, shallow fry gram flour

until golden brown.

- Add the fenugreek seeds just as it starts to change colour. Then add turmeric powder and after a few seconds, put water to it.
- Put cubed potatoes and lotus stem. Parboil and keep them aside. Heat oil for frying after parboiling. Deep fry cauliflower florets, colocasia and okra till golden brown. While frying, add some salt to the veggies.
- Puree the tomatoes and add to the vessel. Let the *kadhi* simmer on a low flame.
- Meanwhile, heat water in another small pot. Add parboiled lotus stem and drum sticks to it. After another 10 minutes, add the fried cauliflower, colocasia and okra together.
- Now strain the thick tamarind water. Add this to the *kadhi* and simmer for another 10 minutes. For tempering, heat the oil in a small frying pan, add mustard seeds, curry leaves, cumin seeds and red chilli powder. Put all of it to the *kadhi*. Garnish with coriander leaves and serve hot with peas *pulao* or steamed rice.

Courtesy: Chef Saransh Goila, author of food travelogue, *Indian on My Platter*

Winner, once again

Novak dominates 50th Federer clash in straight sets to book place for record 8th Australian title

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

Novak Djokovic shattered the hopes of ailing rival Roger Federer on Thursday to sweep into a record eighth Australian Open final and move closer to his 17th Grand Slam crown.

In the 50th instalment of one of sport's greatest rivalries, the Serb shrugged off a tentative start to reinforce his recent dominance, showing no mercy to the Swiss maestro in a 7-6 (7/1), 6-4, 6-3 win.

He will play either fifth seed Dominic Thiem or seventh-ranked German Alexander Zverev in Sunday's final, but it will take a monumental effort to prize another title from the 32-year-old.

Of the seven Melbourne finals Djokovic has made, he has won them all. If any extra motivation was needed, winning on Sunday will see the Serb reclaim the number one ranking after Rafael Nadal was sent packing in the last eight.

"Respect to Roger for coming out tonight when he was obviously hurt and not even close to his best in terms of movement," said defending champion Djokovic, who is into his 26th Grand Slam final.

"He started well at the beginning and I was pretty nervous. It was very important for me to win that first set. Mentally I relaxed after that."

It was the fourth time Djokovic had beaten Federer at the semi-final stage in Melbourne after doing the same in 2008, 2011 and 2016. Federer, the 2018 champion, came into the match carrying a groin injury that he picked up in his five-set, come-from-behind quarter-final win against Tennyson Sandgren.

He was seen around Melbourne Park before the match with tape on his upper right leg and there were rumours that he might pull out.

But that is not in the 38-year-old's nature — he has only ever given up four walkovers in his long career



Novak Djokovic celebrates after defeating Roger Federer in their semifinal match. AP

Thiem vs Zverev
Live from 2:00pm IST
SONY SIX & TEN 3 NETWORK

"I'm confident. I'm happy how I'm feeling. I got through a good, nice training block. No plans to retire. From that standpoint, we'll see how the year goes, how everything is with the family. We'll go from there. Of course, I hope to be back." — ROGER FEDERER

"It's never easy to play Roger. Obviously he was hurting. You could see it in his movement. Respect to him for trying his best." □ NOVAK DJOKOVIC

— and the show was on. Djokovic was clear favourite after beating the third seed in every Grand Slam meeting since

Wimbledon 2012, but in their 50th career clash it was Federer who initially set Rod Laver Arena alight.

Federer had three break points to make it 5-1 in the opening set, but Djokovic dug deep to fend them off as he clawed back, breaking again and again as the Swiss was serving for the set.

It went to a tiebreaker which the second seed dominated to pull off a remarkable turnaround in a set that Federer threw away.

Federer took a medical time at the end of it, apparently for a back issue, and he wasn't moving as freely in the second set.

But he clung on until he fluffed an easy shot at the net to hand Djokovic set point at 4-5 and the Serb cracked a top-quality crosscourt volley to go two sets to one in front.

Djokovic was pumped and Federer rapidly running out of steam.

When the Swiss star was broken to go 4-2 behind in the third, there was no way back as his rival extended his winning record over him to 27-23.

Bala hopes more players will follow her to Europe

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Mohammed Salim, Bhaichung Bhutia, Sunil Chhetri, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu are some stellar names who have played for European clubs in the past. Now, for the first time ever, an Indian woman is set to take to the pitches in Europe by storm, and she is none other than Ngangom Bala Devi.

The 29-year-old Indian national team forward is now set to become the first woman from the country to get a professional contract with a European club, after Rangers Women FC signed her an 18-month deal on Wednesday.

"I really cannot describe how I feel right now. Playing in Europe has always been a dream for me, and now it has come true," a positively glowing Bala said.

"We all know about the history, the heritage, and the culture that a club like Rangers carries with its name. I am proud to be associated with a club like that, and it will further motivate me to press forward and improve my game," she said.

"The rate at which women's football is moving forward, I hope to see more of these young girls following me to Europe and improving the national team in the future," she continued.

Bala has been on top form for the past year, earning the top scorer's award in both the Hero Indian Women's League 2018-19 and the 25th Senior Women's National Football Championship, scoring 26 and 21 goals, respectively. She was given a week-long



trial at Rangers Women FC in November last year, after which she came back to join the national team and clinched Gold with them at the 2019 South Asian Games, where she also finished as the top scorer — netting six goals in four games.

The 29-year-old feels that she was truly made to feel at home in the Scottish capital, where the coaches studied her game and helped her ease into the physical style of football played in the United Kingdom.

"Yes, the style of play is more physical in Scotland, but the coaches really helped me adjust to that during my trial. They gave me some crucial tips on how to tweak my game in order to suit the physical style and we could really see those results on the pitch," she went on.

"We all have seen European football on television or on YouTube, and have dreamt

of ourselves playing under such conditions," she said. "Now that I have got this opportunity, I want to grab it with both hands and show the country that we can all do well if we work hard and give it our best."

IN THE COURT OF SH. MANU MITTU Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Chandigarh
M/s ICICI Bank Ltd Vs. **Ram Avtar Meena**
CNR No. CHCH03-021174-2018
Next Date: 24.02.2020
Publication Issued To: **Ram Avtar Meena S/o Ganpat Meena Resident of House No. 189, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Sector-12, Chandigarh**
In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 24-02-2020 at 10:00 a.m.
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Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Chandigarh
Date, this day of 08-01-2020

IN THE COURT OF Ms. Navneet Kaur Civil Judge Jr. Div., Chandigarh
M/s ICICI Bank Ltd Vs. **Anil Rana**
CNR No. CHCH02-003579-2019
Next Date: 08.03.2020
Publication Issued To: **Anil Rana Son of Janak Rana Resident of House No. 212-B, Vasant Vihar, Phase-2, Dhakauli, Zirakpur, Mohali, Punjab- 160104**
In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 06-03-2020 at 10:00 a.m.
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Civil Judge (Junior Division) Chandigarh
Date, this day of 22-01-2020

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
IN THE COURT OF Ms. Navneet Kaur Civil Judge Jr. Div. Chandigarh
ICICI BANK LTD, Vs. **AKSHAY KUMAR**
CNR No. CHCH02-003578-2019
Next Date: 06-03-2020
PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: 1. AKSHAY KUMAR SON OF RAVI KUMAR SHARMA RESIDENT OF HOUSE NO. 1968, 3rd FLOOR, MANIMAJRA, CHANDIGARH-160036. 2. SONIKA NEGI WIFE OF AKSHAY KUMAR RESIDENT OF HOUSE NO. 1968, 3rd FLOOR, MANIMAJRA, CHANDIGARH-160036.
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Dated, this day of 22-01-2020
Civil Judge Jr. Div. Chandigarh

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule CPC)
IN THE COURT OF Sh. Jaginder Singh Civil Judge Junior Division-2, Phagwara
CNR No. PBKPA0-000314-2019
Next Date: 20-02-2020
Charan Singh aged 70 Years son of Bhag Singh R/o Ranipur Kambo Tehsil Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala.
Vs. **Balbir Singh son of Joginder Singh, resident of Village Rani Kambo, Tehsil Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala and others.**
Publication Issued to: Defendant No.4.
4. Chandi Sarpanch R/o Village Rani Kambo, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala.
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Sh. Jaginder Singh Civil Judge Junior Division-2 Phagwara

COURT NOTICE
In the Court of Sh. Gurnsher Singh CJJD-CUM-JMIC, Amritsar.
Publication Notice Under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC
CNR NO. PBAS02-005660-2018
Next Date: 17-02-2020
Publication
IDBI BANK Vs. **DAVINDER KAUR**
Suit for RECOVERY
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In above titled appeal the respondents could not be served. It is ordered that the respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 17-02-2020 at 10:00 A.M.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Amritsar
Take notice that, in default of their appearance on the day before mentioned, the above said case will be heard and determined in their absence according to law. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 08/01/2020.
(GURSHER SINGH) Civil Judge Junior Division, Amritsar

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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) 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 DHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sr. No.	Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable Properties	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(LC No. 00041337 of our Chandigarh - Madhya Margh Branch) Sanjay Kumar (Borrower) & Jaya Balodi (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Flat No. 101 2 BHK, 2nd Floor Baba Apartment, Shivji Enclave, Kharar, Rupnagar-140301.	30.07.2019 & Rs. 18,87,663/-	25.01.2020
2.	(LC No. 00005573 of our Patiala Branch) Harjinder Singh (Borrower) & Niranjan Singh (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property: Imamgarh Mohalla Panj Peer Road, Near Rajshani Karyana Store, Patiala, Punjab-147001.	30.07.2019 & Rs. 6,08,179/-	27.01.2020
3.	(LC No. 00006284 of our Patiala Branch) Jaspal Singh (Borrower) & Senh Lata (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property: At Harman Nagar Patran, Near Water Tank Patran, Patiala, Punjab-147105.	30.07.2019 & Rs. 12,42,844/-	27.01.2020
4.	(LC No. 00000944 of our Patiala Branch) Sant Ram (Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property: Khewat No. 3/9, Kharsa No. 312/1, Bhagat Singh Colony, Village Alpur Anyan, Patiala-147001.	26.09.2019 & Rs. 2,61,415/-	28.01.2020
5.	(LC No. 00005410 of our Patiala Branch) Ved Parkash (Borrower) & Usha Rani (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property: House # 75, Thekedaran Wali Gali, Ward # 5, K Near Shiv Cycle Store Khanuri, Patiala-147001.	27.03.2019 & Rs. 24,81,293/-	27.01.2020
6.	(LC No. 00001242 of our Patiala Branch) Jeet Lal (Borrower)	All that part and parcel of Property: Ward No. 15, Sunder Basti, Near Nagar Khara, Patran, Patiala-147105, Punjab.	29.10.2019 & Rs. 5,86,357/-	27.01.2020
7.	(LC No. 00002909 of our Patiala Branch) Raj Kumar (Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Goodwill Colony, Vill. Noor Kherian, Goodwill Colony, Patiala-147001, Punjab.	29.10.2019 & Rs. 9,75,190/-	25.01.2020
8.	(LC No. 00006708 of our Patiala Branch) Nitin Kumar (Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Gharani Patti Samana, District Patiala, Nagar Council Samana, Patiala, Punjab-147001.	29.10.2019 & Rs. 9,96,458/-	27.01.2020
9.	(LC No. 00006868 of our Patiala Branch) Jarnail Singh (Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Mohalla Amangarh, Samana, Balmiki Mandir, Patiala, Punjab-147001.	29.10.2019 & Rs. 18,35,724/-	27.01.2020
10.	(LC No. 00001223 of our Patiala Branch) Major Singh (Borrower) & Sinderpal Kaur (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Kharsa No. 106/5(8-0), 6/1(1/2-14), Green Town Sd School, Samana, Patiala-147101.	27.03.2019 & Rs. 17,05,548/-	27.01.2020
11.	(LC No. 00000188 of our Ludhiana Metro Branch) Raji Rani (Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Plot in Gali No. 1, Bihari Colony, Churpur Road, Haibowal, Ludhiana-141001.	30.07.2019 & Rs. 7,59,076/-	28.01.2020
12.	(LC No. 00004191 of our Ludhiana Metro Branch) Rishav Kumar (Borrower) & Mrs. Shwani Rani (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Sita Nagar, Street No. 1, Bhullar Road, Jassian, Jaswal Singh Chowk, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001.	30.04.2019 & Rs. 18,66,629/-	28.01.2020
13.	(LC No. 00002275 of our Ludhiana Metro Branch) Babli Devi (Borrower) & Sanjeev Kumar (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: B-21- 5557/3, Near Hanikrishan school, Daba Colony, Gobind Nagar, Ludhiana-141003.	26.09.2019 & Rs. 6,58,875/-	28.01.2020
14.	(LC No. 00000652 of our Patiala Branch) Amandeep Kaur (Borrower) & Krishna Devi (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Khewat Khatoni No. 281/382, Kharsa No. 212/2(7-17), 213/3(10-9), Vikas Colony, Nabha, Dist. Patiala, Punjab-147201.	26.07.2019 & Rs. 15,67,444/-	28.01.2020
15.	(LC No. 00000857 of our Patiala Branch) Sunil Kumar (Borrower) (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Ward No. 16, Subhash Park, Near Arora Hospital, Samana, Patiala, Punjab-147101.	28.08.2019 & Rs. 5,09,095/-	28.01.2020
16.	(LC No. 00004013 of our Jalandhar Branch) Manish M (Borrower) & Mr. Sat Pal (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Hadbast No. 134, Mohalla Santpura, Shakti Kapurthala, Kapurthala, Punjab-144601.	30.04.2019 & Rs. 18,82,382/-	28.01.2020
17.	(LC No. 00004615 of our Jalandhar Branch) Sukhwinder Singh (Borrower) & Parminder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Kh. No. 20701-15, Mohalla Sant Pura, Dandpura Road, Near Rohiwal Gurudwara, Kapurthala, Punjab-144601.	23.04.2019 & Rs. 21,16,457/-	28.01.2020
18.	(LC No. 00004658 of our Jalandhar Branch) Mangwinder Singh (Borrower) & Amarjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower)	All that part & parcel of Property: Santpura Mohalla, Near Rohiwal Gurudwara, Tehsil Kapurthala, Kapurthala, Punjab-144601.	20.05.2019 & Rs. 20,74,267/-	28.01.2020
19.	(LC No. 00003708 of our Jalandhar Branch) Manjit Kaur (Borrower), Jaspal Singh (Co-Borrower) & Jatinder Kumar (Guarantor)	All that part & parcel of Property: Plot No. 31, Hadbast No. 133, Sheikhpur, Tehsil & Distt. Kapurthala-144601.	20.05.2019 & Rs. 9,78,621/-	28.01.2020

DATED: 31.01.2020
PLACE: CHANDIGARH
Sd/- SORABH PAHWA (AUTHORISED OFFICER,) FOR DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

COURT NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF Sh. Jaginder Singh Judicial Magistrate First Class-2, Phagwara
CNR No. PBKPA1-002241-2018
Next Date: 29-02-2020
M/s Samporna Feeds is (Proprietorship Concern), Vill. Mouli, P.O. Vill. Jamalpur Opp Mauli Gate, G.T. Road Tehsil Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala its through Proprietor Asish Gupta S/o Sh. Yogesh Chander Gupta R/o 200 Hargobind Nagar Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala its Attorney Sh. Charan Dass S/o Sh. Gurmit Ram R/o Nathewal P.O. Sarhail Tehsil Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar.
...Complainant
Vs. **Sh. Rajesh Singh S/o Sh. Shiv Saran Singh R/o M/s. Ankur Poultry Farm, Bhelai Kala, Mohanganj, Tehsil Rai & Distt. Ra Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh) Pin Code- 229001.**
Publication Issued to: Sh. Rajesh Singh S/o Sh. Shiv Saran Singh R/o M/s. Ankur Poultry Farm, Bhelai Kala, Mohanganj, Tehsil Rai & Distt. Ra Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh) Pin Code- 229001.
In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 29-02-2020 at 10:00 A.M.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Kapurthala
Sh. Jaginder Singh Civil Judge Junior Division-2 Phagwara

COURT NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF Shaminder Pal Singh Judicial Magistrate First Class-6, Jalandhar.
CNR No. PBJL03-011134-2019
Next Date: 20-03-2020
NETA METAL WORKS Vs. SOUTH INDIA MACHINERY STORES
Publication Issued to: 1) South India Machinery Stores, 4902/14, Somani Market, Hauz Quazi, Delhi-110006. 2) Sh. Ramesh Puri Proprietor/ Partner South India Machinery Stores, 4902/14, Somani Market, Hauz Quazi, Delhi-110006.
In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that the accused should appear in person or through counsel on 20-03-2020 at 10:00 A.M.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Jalandhar
Judicial Magistrate First Class-6, Jalandhar

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
IN THE COURT OF Ms. Sumukhi Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana.
CNR No. PBLD02-001356-2018
Next Date: 05-02-2020
Jagtar Singh Vs. **Hoshiar Singh**
Publication Issued to: 4 Paal Gogna S/o Lal Chand S/o Ram Kishan
5 Shakuntla Devi W/o Lal Chand S/o Ram Kishan Both R/o Mandiala Kalan Teh Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.
6 Jagir Singh S/o Basant Singh R/o H.No. 336, Bharat Nagar, Ludhiana.
7 Ranjit Singh S/o Lahora Singh R/o Village Rajgarh, Teh & Distt. Ludhiana.
In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 05-02-2020 at 10:00 A.M.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Ludhiana
Ms. Sumukhi PCS Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana

COURT NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF Shaminder Pal Singh Judicial Magistrate First Class-6, Jalandhar.
CNR No. PBJL03-013102-2016
Next Date: 20-03-2020
KAPSONS INDUSTRIES LTD Vs. **M/S KALYANI ENGINEERING WORKS**
Publication Issued to: 1) M/s Kalyani Engineering Works, through G.R. Makharja, Partner, 109-110, Anand Indl. Estate, Mohan Nagar-201007, Gaziabad, U.P. 2) G.R. Makharja Partner M/s Kalyani Engineering Works, through G.R. Makharja, Partner, 109-110, Anand Indl. Estate, Mohan Nagar-201007, Gaziabad, U.P. 3) Vinod Makharja Partner M/s Kalyani Engineering Works, through G.R. Makharja, Partner, 109-110, Anand Indl. Estate, Mohan Nagar-201007, Gaziabad, U.P.
In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that the accused should appear in person or through counsel on 20-03-2020 at 10:00 A.M.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Jalandhar
Judicial Magistrate First Class-6, Jalandhar

COURT NOTICE
In the Court of Sh. Jasveer Singh Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Amritsar
CNR No. PBAS030168262018
Next Date: 26-03-2020
M/s K.R. Traders, Shop No.309, 2nd Floor, Sarai Sant Ram, O/S Hall Gate, Amritsar through its Proprietor Sh. Kanav Arora.
...Complainant.
Versus **Mr. Mukesh Chauhan**
U/s 138 Negotiable Instruments Act
Notice to: Mr. Mukesh Chauhan, Prop M/s Shakti Corporation, Qila No. 16, Village Bedha, Patti Hassanpur Road, Hodal-121106, District Palwal, Haryana.
...Accused
Whereas complaint has been made before me that the above said accused has committed (or) suspected to have committed the offence punishable under section 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act and it has been returned to warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused has absconded (or) is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant.
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused is required to appear before this Court (or before me) to answer the said complaint on 26th day of March 2020. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 20th day of January/2020.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Amritsar
Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar

COURT NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF Shaminder Pal Singh Judicial Magistrate First Class-6, Jalandhar.
CNR No. PBJL03-027063-2018
Next Date: 31-03-2020
INDERJIT KISHAN LAL AND SONS Vs. **GUNNU SWEETS AND NAMKEEN**
Publication Issued to: 1) Gunnu Sweets and Namkeen- VPO Dangoli Himachal Pradesh-174303 2) Mr. Amit Gupta S/o R.K. Gupta Prop. M/s Gunnu Sweets and Namkeen VPO Dangoli Himachal Pradesh.
In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that the accused should appear in person or through counsel on 31-03-2020 at 10:00 A.M.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Jalandhar
Judicial Magistrate First Class-6, Jalandhar

COURT NOTICE
In the Court of Sh. Jasveer Singh Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Amritsar
CNR No. PBAS030068292018
Next Date: 04-02-2020
Jal Bhavani Logistics through its Karta HUF Sh. Sumet Kapoor S/o Sh. Raman Kapoor, 282/5, East Mohan Nagar, Amritsar.
...Complainant.
Versus **V And S International Pvt. Ltd.**
U/s 138 Negotiable Instruments Act
Notice to: 1 V and S International Pvt. Ltd. 36 Km. Mile Stone, Delhi Jaipur Highway, Behrampur Road, Gurgaon, Haryana. 2 V and S International Pvt. Ltd. 36 Km. Mile Stone, Delhi Jaipur Highway, Behrampur Road, Gurgaon, Haryana through its Managing Director Sahil Guaba. 3 V and S International Pvt. Ltd. 36 Km. Mile Stone, Delhi Jaipur Highway, Behrampur Road, Gurgaon, Haryana through its Managing Director Sahil Guaba. 4 V and S International Pvt. Ltd. 36 Km. Mile Stone, Delhi Jaipur Highway, Behrampur Road, Gurgaon, Haryana through its Managing Director Sahil Guaba.
...Accused
Whereas complaint has been made before me that the above said accused has committed (or) suspected to have committed the offence punishable under section 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act and it has been returned to warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused has absconded (or) is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused is required to appear before this Court (or before me) to answer the said complaint on 04th day of February 2020. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 20th day of January/ 2020. For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Amritsar
Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Amritsar

COURT NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF Shaminder Pal Singh Judicial Magistrate First Class-6, Jalandhar.
CNR No. PBJL03-026138-2018
Next Date: 03-04-2020
VIJAY KUMAR SUNEEL KUMAR Vs. **KRISHNA BHANDAR AND ONION MERCHANTS**
Publication Issued to: 1) Krishna Bhandar and Onion Merchants- Public Bus Stand Ghat, Assam through its Proprietor Uma Shankar Sahu. 2) Uma Shankar Sahu- M/s Krishna Bhandar and Onion Merchants- Public Bus Stand Ghat, Assam.
In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that the accused should appear in person or through counsel on 03-04-2020 at 10:00 A.M.
For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Jalandhar
Judicial Magistrate First Class-6, Jalandhar

Series sealed, India look for experimentation

Rishabh, Samson & Saini can get chance in playing XI as Men in Blue eye T20 whitewash

PTI ■ WELLINGTON

An unassailable lead has opened up the window for experimentation but there will be no letup in India's intensity when they face a heartbroken New Zealand team in the fourth T20I here today.

Mohammed Shami and Rohit Sharma combined to pull off a thrilling win via a Super Over in the third game for a 3-0 lead and a maiden T20I series win on New Zealand soil.

There is only a short turnaround time for the last two matches, back-to-back in Wellington and Mt Maunganui today and on Sunday, respectively.

Both teams spent Thursday travelling from Hamilton to Wellington, and with a similar tight schedule for the final game of the series as well, there seems to be little chance of nets.

While a five-match T20I series is a rarity, India's early victory means both sides can contemplate various permutations in light of the T20 World Cup later in the year.

From an Indian perspective, need of the hour is to find a balance between experimentation and the winning desire.

Both skipper Virat Kohli and coach Ravi Shastri pride themselves on a win-at-all-times mentality, and they have a rare chance to blank out a 5-0 sweep in this T20I series, thus etching out a slice of history.

Kohli even mentioned the same in the post-match presentation at



Indian players get ready for national anthem before the start of third T20I between India and New Zealand in Hamilton on Wednesday BCCI/Twitter

Seddon Park on Wednesday night.

India wouldn't need to change too much to retain a near full-strength playing eleven. There are obvious contenders for certain spots in both batting and bowling department should experimentation kick in.

Sanju Samson and Rishabh Pant are waiting for opportunities, with the former expected to get a look-in. Pant's call-up would depend on which batsman is left out, and whether KL Rahul will continue to

New Zealand vs India (3rd T20)
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STAR SPORTS 1 NETWORK

keep wickets.

While the top trio is assured of places, Shreyas Iyer has been in superb touch and can claim to pin down a spot on his own as well. Both Manish Pandey and Shivam Dube need more game time as well.

Any of the top four can be rested over the next two games. Indeed it wouldn't be a stretch of imagination

if one of Kohli and Rohit Sharma were alternately rested in Wellington and Mt Maunganui. Such a move would allow the youngsters to keep their spots whilst maintaining the experience in the side too.

More changes are to be expected in the bowling department.

Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav and Navdeep Saini are waiting in the wings. All three may not get a look-in immediately. Rest assured though, the team management is sure to rotate a spinner and pacer each.

Sundar is part of Kohli's new-ball strategy on the big Australian grounds, so he can expect a run-in over the next two games. Saini could replace Shardul Thakur, especially if Sundar adds his batting depth to the lower order.

The final question would be over Jasprit Bumrah's inclusion. While he had an off night in Hamilton, there ought to be thoughts about his workload. He is part of both the ODI and Test squads, and is a shoe-in for the T20 World Cup later on as well.

While there have been no concerns about any injury issues, the management needs to be wary of overplaying him in non-consequential bilateral matches.

For New Zealand, there is a straightforward change coming up. Colin de Grandhomme is no longer with the squad, giving up his spot for batsman Tom Bruce.

This could be an easy swap for the hosts given that they have been light in the middle order during the past three matches.

There is also a school of thought that Kane Williamson should move up top. Given his batting master class in the Hamilton T20I, there is potential for him to open the innings with Martin Guptill with Colin Munro sliding down.

Mitchell Santner was promoted on Wednesday night to add more momentum to the innings, and it remains to be seen if it was a one-off ploy or something the Black Caps could consider experimenting with.

Black Caps include Jamieson for ODIs

PTI ■ WELLINGTON

Injuries to frontline fast bowlers have forced New Zealand to opt for fresh blood in their pace attack, including the country's tallest cricketer Kyle Jamieson, for the upcoming three-match ODI series against India.

The 6'8" tall uncapped Jamieson could be in for a potential debut in the series starting February 5 in Hamilton, while Scott Kuggeleijn and Hamish Bennett return to the squad after a long absence.

Injury has meant the likes of Trent Boult, Lockie Ferguson and Matt Henry are unavailable for the series.

Nicknamed *Killa*, the towering Jamieson has been using his height to good effect in the domestic circuit, bouncing out batsmen.

The 25-year-old has of late sparked for New Zealand A, including against the touring India A side recently.

The Black Caps will rely on Tim Southee's experience, while Colin de Grandhomme returns to the squad after being left out for the last two T20Is.

Jimmy Neesham and Mitchell Santner will be the all-round options.

Meanwhile, spinner Ish Sodhi has been included in the squad for only the first ODI in Hamilton.

He will be released for



Kyle Jamieson (right) in a file picture

the second unofficial Test between India A and New Zealand A in Christchurch on February 7.

Coach Gary Stead said his team was aware of the task at hand and looked up to his batsmen to step up.

"We've seen from the Twenty20 series (India) are clearly as strong as ever," Stead said.

"While the bowling lineup has a fresh look, the batting is very settled and we'll likely have the same top eight batsmen from the World Cup finals.

"Tim Southee has an important job leading our new look pace attack, which has a huge opportunity against some of the very best batsmen in the world.

India A all out for 216

PTI ■ CHRISTCHURCH

Shubman Gill's run-a-ball 83 was the only high point for India A as New Zealand A grabbed the opening day honours in their first unofficial Test on Thursday.

India A were all out for 216 in their first innings and New Zealand A responded strongly, reaching 105 for two at the close of play and reducing the deficit to 111 runs with plenty of wickets in hand.

Sent in to bat after the coin landed in favour of home team captain Hamish Rutherford, India A soon found themselves in a spot of bother at 34 for three in the 17th over at the Hagley Oval.

The 20-year-old Gill, seen as one with a bright future, found an able ally in skipper Hanuma Vihari (51), and the duo added 119 runs for the fourth wicket to steady the ship.

However, off-spinner Cole McConchie (3/33), who was the second most successful home bowler behind medium pacer Michael Rae (4/54), dismissed Vihari in a bizarre manner after the batsman had done all the hard work.

After Vihari played a sweep shot directly into the shin of Rachin Ravindra at silly mid-on, the ball flew towards the wicketkeeper and Dane Cleaver calmly pouched it.

Vihari's knock was a 79-ball effort was studded with eight hits to the fence.

Stumper Kona Bharat seemed to be settling in nicely when the visitors lost the big wicket of Gill off Rae's bowling.

From 183 for five, it did not take the New Zealand A attack to warp up the India A innings.

The home team lost skipper Rutherford for 28 but his opening partner Will Young (26) was there in the middle when stumps were pulled out.

Ravindra made 47 off 67 balls with the help of seven boundaries.

Rain save Lanka in 2nd Test

AFP ■ HARARE

Heavy rain and bad light in the afternoon frustrated Zimbabwe's push to build a match-winning position on the fourth day of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Harare on Thursday.

A downpour mid-afternoon forced the players off the field and, although they returned briefly after tea, only 54 overs were bowled in the day, restricting Zimbabwe to 241 for seven at the close, an overall lead of 354.

The Zimbabwe captain Sean Williams, who made a century in the first innings, was 47 not out when bad light forced the players off and must now decide whether to declare overnight to give his bowlers a full day to try and win the match and square the two-Test series.

Brendan Taylor set the tone for the home side during the morning session when he made his second half-century of the match. The 33-year-old struck a rapid 67 as the hosts added 117 during an extended morning session.

Taylor had picked up quickly from his run-a-ball 62 in the first innings, passing 2,000 runs in Test cricket on his way to 67 from 75 balls.

His innings, which included eight fours and a six, ended when he was on the wrong end of an lbw shout from Lahru



Kumara, the ball looking certain to slide down the leg side.

Sikander Raza added 70 with Williams for the sixth wicket before also departing leg before, this time to a ball from left-arm seamer Vishwa Fernando that appeared to pitch outside leg stump.

In the brief 26-ball passage of play in the evening session Tinotenda Mutumbodzi stepped too far away to off to give himself room and lost his leg stump to Suranga Lakmal.

Williams played serenely for his 47 which came off 76 balls and included six fours.

Umesh eager to play white-ball cricket

NEW DELHI: India pacer Umesh Yadav is eager to make a comeback in the limited-overs squad and has said he is working hard to become a regular in the team in white-ball cricket.

"Who wants to sit outside the ground? I am also human. I am working really hard and am very eager to play white-ball cricket again," Umesh told *Timesofindia.com*.

"I am thankful to the selectors who gave me the

opportunity to play for the country. They are the best judge. I am trying my best to make a comeback to white-ball cricket. For this, whatever I have to do, I will," he added.

He was left out of the ODI and T20Is squads for the series against New Zealand but feels he will make his presence felt in the two-match Test series against the Kiwis.

"Honestly, I am looking forward to this (playing Tests in New

Zealand). I am eager to play red-ball cricket in New Zealand. I have performed well in recent times and I'm in good touch too. My series against Bangladesh was good too. I am pretty positive about my selection for New Zealand Test series.

"If I am selected, I am going to give my 100 per cent. I have worked a lot on my line and length. I am hoping for the best," he signed off. **IANS**

Eves face England in tri-series opener

CANBERRA: India will take on England in the women's triangular series opener here today, hoping to put the finishing touches to their T20 World Cup preparations.

Matches against England and hosts Australia, two of the world's top teams, will be an ideal opportunity for India to plug the gaps as they continue their search for an ICC tournament silverware despite boasting a team full of talented players.

They came close to winning it in the 2017 ODI World Cup,



Harmanpreet Kaur poses with trophy ICC

only to lose by nine runs to England in the title clash.

A year later, their campaign ended in the semifinals of the World T20 in the West Indies,

going down to England again.

Chief coach WV Raman, under

whom the team has dished out a fearless brand of cricket over the past one year, feels playing in the tri-series will help his outfit before the T20 World Cup.

The mega-event will be played in Australia from February 21 to March 8.

India are placed alongside the hosts, Bangladesh, New Zealand and Sri Lanka in the group stage. Bengal's rookie batter Richa

Ghosh is the only new face in the squad.

Richa has been rewarded for her exploits in the women's Challenger Trophy, where she smashed 36 off 26 balls in one of the games with four boundaries and a six.

The team has no other surprises and 15-year-old Haryana schoolgirl Shafali Verma will also be playing her first global meet following some good performances at the international level in her first season. **PTI**

Neeraj relieved to be competing again

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Just being able to compete again is a bigger relief for Neeraj Chopra than booking an Olympic berth and the star javelin thrower says his comeback after a lengthy injury lay-off has given him hope that the hard times are well and truly over.

Chopra qualified for the Tokyo Olympics with a throw of 87.86m at the ACNE League meeting at Potchefstroom on Tuesday, after missing the entire 2019 season following a surgery on his elbow.

"I am feeling good and relieved to have qualified for the Olympics. The best feeling though is that I am able to come back to competition after my injury and subsequent surgery," the 22-year-old said from his training base in South Africa.

His throw of 87.86m was his second best ever behind 88.06, achieved during his Gold medal winning show at 2018 Jakarta Asian Games. Chopra said he is now focussed on winning a medal in Tokyo where the Olympics will be held in July-August.

"I will be taking part in national and international competitions without pressure of having to qualify for Olympics. At the same time, I will focus on my training and on my technique to keep on improving my performance in the competitions leading up to the Olympics.



"I will try my best to win a medal in Olympics and this performance is giving me hope," he said.

Chopra, who also won a Commonwealth Games Gold in 2018, said the pain in his elbow has now fully subsided.

"I did not feel any pain on my elbow during the competition. My training in South Africa is going well. I thought I will begin with some caution and avoid straining my elbow.

"After the first few throws, I felt good and did not have any issue with my elbow. So I decided to put in some effort and it came out well. It was a big throw after a long time," he said of his performance on Tuesday.

Pune 7 Aces end Superstarz winning streak

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Chirag Shetty beat Satwiksairaj Rankireddy in a highly-anticipated clash as Pune 7 Aces ended the winning streak of Chennai Superstarz with a 5-2 scoreline in the first double header of the *Star Sports Premier Badminton League* at the GMC Balayogi Sats Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad on Thursday.

With this third consecutive win Pune climb up to the second spot right behind Chennai Superstarz in the league standings as they accumulated 14 points.

The biggest highlight of the day was the showdown between Rankireddy and Shetty, who partnered each other to a historic Thailand Open title win last year. With Rankireddy pairing up with Sumeeth Reddy for Chennai and Shetty appearing with world champion Hendra Setiawan for the Aces, it was a clash that none of the Indian badminton fans wanted to miss.

What gave the match an extra edge was the fact that it was the



Hendra Setiawan & Chirag Shetty celebrate after win in PBL match

fourth rubber of the tie and happened when the two teams were locked at 2-2. Playing the Trump for Pune was a huge responsibility for Shetty and Setiawan and right from the first point, they showed they were up for the challenge.

Shetty showed exceptional alertness at the net. Chirag, who had previously admitted that his partnership with Setiawan was helping sharpen his net play, remained a wall to take the opener 15-12 for his team.

The second game witnessed a little bit more of firepower from Satwik as the score remained level till 6-6. With Pune once more upping the ante to go up to 10-7 Rankireddy briefly raised hopes of a comeback to make it 10-10. Satwik's trademark smashes finally made their appearance as he kept it level till 13-13. Under pressure, Sumeeth Reddy took the initiative to save a match point at 13-14 before Hendra's mastery finished the 15-12, 15-14 Trump win to seal the tie for Pune.

"It was a completely different experience for me. We have played against each other many times in practice but this was the first time we faced each other in a competitive match," said Shetty on seeing his regular partner on the opposite side

of the net.

In the other matches of the day, Commonwealth Games Gold medalists Chris and Gabrielle Adcock continue to remain unbeaten with yet another commendable performance. The Pune pair beat Chennai's Rankireddy and Jessica Pugh 15-10, 15-12.

2019 Thailand Masters champion Loh Kean Yew inflicted Lakshya Sen his first PBL defeat of the season with a gritty 15-13, 10-15, 15-8 win that tested the nerves and tenacity of both the players. Pune also won the other men's singles match of the day with Kazumasa Sakai notching up a 15-10, 15-12 win over Sathish Kumar Karunakaran, who impressed on his PBL debut.

The only match that did not go Pune's way was the women's singles. Chennai's Trump Kirsty Gilmour proved a tough hurdle for Pune's former national champion Rituparna Das as the World No 30 Scot refused to take her foot off the pedal to win 15-12, 15-6.

Sindhu, Tai face off today

NEW DELHI: The fifth edition of PBL is all set for the biggest showdown today as two of the world's best shuttlers, PV Sindhu and Tai Tzu Ying will face off against each other in the most-awaited clash between the last two year's champions, Hyderabad Hunters' and Bengaluru Raptors. With Tai and Sindhu orchestrating two of the most enthralling matches on the BWF World Tour last year, excitement for this encounter was high ever since the auction for the fifth edition of the league was held and both have termed the encounter as the toughest match.

"Tai is always fun to play against. It's not going to be easy. But we'll be playing in front of our home crowd. Yesterday (Wednesday) we had a few losses, but overall we won the tie. It's going to be a good fight tomorrow (Friday). I am really looking forward to it," said the world champion.

With the defending cham-



PV Sindhu & Tai Tzu Ying

pions Raptors suffering a loss in each of their three ties so far, the former World No 1 knows the importance of a win against the World No 6. A win against Sindhu would be crucial to help turn around the fortunes of last year's champions.

"When you compare tomorrow's (Friday) match with other matches we play on the Tour, this is a very different one. Because this is PBL, we have to work along with our team members so that the Raptors manage to get a win. It's very crucial for us to win this match," said Tai. **PNS**

Odisha hammer Assam by innings & 3 runs in Ranji

PTI ■ CUTTACK

Odisha thrashed Assam by an innings and three runs on the fourth and final day of a Ranji Trophy Group C match on Thursday, after the visitors suffered a dramatic batting collapse.

Resuming at the overnight score of 102 for no loss, Assam crumbled like a pack of cards to be bundled out for 195 in the space of 24 overs.

The home team picked up seven points for the win and took its tally to 35 points from seven games at the top of Group C.

Right-arm medium-pacer Rajesh Mohanty was the wrecker-in-chief, picking up four wickets including that of top-scorer Mandal.

In another Group C match, Maharashtra eased to a five-wicket win over Tripura in Agartala to improve its tally to 21 points.

At the Air Force Complex ground, Palam in New Delhi, Services outplayed Jharkhand by 118 runs, thanks to Pulkit Narang's 6 for 58.

KARNATAKA BEAT RAILWAYS

NEW DELHI: Medium pacer Ronit More (6/32) recorded career-best figures to fashion Karnataka's 10-wicket bonus-point win over Railways in group B match.

The right-arm medium pacer More, who had picked up one wicket in the first innings, ran through Railways' batting line-up to bundle the hosts out for a paltry 79 in their second essay, setting themselves a target of 51 runs for an outright win.

Karnataka openers Rohan Kadan (27 not out) and Devdutt Padikkal (24 not out) overhauled the target in 8.2 overs as the Karun Nair-led team gained seven points from the match.

Meanwhile in Dharamsala, the Mumbai-Himachal Pradesh match was called off after the fourth and final day's play was also washed out without a ball being bowled.

Also in Kolkata, weather once again played spoilsport for Bengal at Eden Gardens as the home side had to settle for one point against Delhi in their rain-hit group A clash.

Bengal needed three wickets, while for Delhi, who were overnight 217/7, had a stiff task to score 101 runs to secure three points.

But rain and bad light had the final say as only six overs were possible in two intervals on the final day.