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China virus puts India on alert

Coronavirus screening for 11 who returned from China; quarantine wards set up

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the world gears up to tackle the deadly coronavirus outbreak, as many as 11 people — seven in Kerala, two in Mumbai and one each Bengaluru in Hyderabad — are under observation in hospitals to check for possible exposure to the deadly virus, which originated in China. The suspects are among hundreds of passengers who recently returned from China.

Officials in Kerala said another 73 people are being kept under medical surveillance at their homes in the State. Over 20,000 passengers returning from mainland China and Hong Kong underwent thermal screenings at the seven international airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Cochin.

In Mumbai, two Indian students, who returned from Wuhan, China, have been kept under observation for suspected infection of coronavirus. Also, on the basis of the details provided by the Indian Embassy in China, around 25 students who have returned to India recently from Wuhan are being closely monitored, the official said. Their details have been shared with district-level officers and they are being monitored closely for any symptoms.

In neighbouring Nepal, a student who came back from the same Chinese city has been found infected with the fast-



A thermal screening device for passengers arriving in India from China, including Hong Kong, in view of the outbreak of coronavirus in China, at T3 of IGI Airport in New Delhi

spreading disease, sending panic across the globe.

India is on high alert and sources in the Union Health Ministry said the country may soon start screening all fliers from Nepal and Bhutan and those who travelled by road.

In Delhi, AIIMS too has set up an isolation ward and kept beds ready for providing treatment to any suspected case of coronavirus infection.

AIIMS director Randeep Guleria said, "We have an iso-

lation ward and we have beds kept ready for providing care and treatment for suspected coronavirus cases in Delhi or elsewhere in India. All precautionary measures — in terms of personal protection equipment for healthcare workers to prevent the spread of the disease while treating infected patients — are in place."

Guleria said hospital preparedness with regard to management and infection prevention control facilities has

been also reviewed. "If need be, we have the capacity to increase our isolation ward facilities and provide treatment to such patients," he added.

In Mumbai, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has created an isolation ward at the Kasturba hospital. "The isolation ward has been created for diagnosis and treatment of persons suspected to have the virus infection," said Dr Padmaja Keskar, executive

health officer of the BMC.

Keskar said the two persons under observation at the hospital have mild cough and exhibited cold-related symptoms. Doctors at the airport have been asked to send travellers returning from China to the isolation ward if they show any symptoms of the virus.

"All private doctors in the city have been asked to alert us if they observe symptoms of coronavirus in any person who has returned from China," she added. According to Kasturba Hospital sources, they have received detailed instructions from the Maharashtra Government about how to deal with coronavirus infection.

As on January, 24, 2020, nearly 20,844 passengers from 96 flights have been screened for the virus symptoms while health advisory has been extended to 12 more airports—Ahmadabad, Amritsar, Coimbatore, Guwahati, Gaya, Jaipur, Bagdogra, Lucknow, Trivandrum, Trichy, Varanasi and Vizag in addition to the current seven, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Cochin.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) had already alerted Nepal about the possible risk of the spread of the virus. "Coronavirus is responsible for the outbreak of pneumonia in Wuhan, so the movement of people between Nepal and China could spread the deadly virus to Nepal," said the WHO recently.

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Centre aims to build 40 km NHs each day

Gadkari to hold review meetings twice a month to ensure deadline

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

To give a major fillip to road constructions across the country, the Centre on Friday set a target of building 40 km of national highways (NH) every day under new projects, expansions, doubling and renovations.

Taking stock of the ongoing ₹3 lakh crore projects, Road Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said he will hold a review meeting on the first and third Mondays of every month to ensure timely completion at various legs.

The target for highway building in the current financial year (2019-20) is 12,000 km, which is higher than the 10,800 km achieved in the 2018-19 fiscal. Till December 31, 2019, road construction stood at 24-25 km/day, which came down from 32 km/day because of extended rains.

A senior Road Ministry official explained that by the end of this fiscal, construction will cross 35 km/day because the work is at peak from November to mid-June and it dips from June to November because of weather conditions. NH construction averaged



about 12km/day in 2014-15 and had a quantum jump to 30km/day in 2018-19. According to the Ministry, as of March 2019, India had about 1,42,126 kilometres of NH.

To deal with the timely construction of projects, Gadkari has directed all chief engineers in the Road Ministry and all members of Central road making agency NHAI to organise two "Review Mondays" every month. Technology and video-conferencing will be the means for review and monitoring.

"Delay in completion of projects invariably leads to cost escalation. Hence, we need to focus on review and monitoring to keep the construction under check in addition to timely delivery of projects," said Gadkari after the two-day long marathon meeting at Manesar near Gurugram.

About 740 national highway projects of 16 States were reviewed where Gadkari instructed to start performance audit of officers and fix respon-

sibility for delays.

Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways General (Retd) VK Singh and officials of the Ministry and stakeholders were present in the meeting.

"The review was done State-wise. All senior officials of the Ministry, NHAI, State Governments, contractors, concessionaires, and consultants attended the meeting. Every ongoing project was reviewed with a 360-degree view from all stakeholders. The meeting led to identification of issues and way forward with clear timelines for most of the delayed projects," said a NHAI official present in the meeting.

Delay in land acquisition and impediment in regulatory clearances such as for quarrying, etc, as well as lack of coordination and communication between and within Government agencies emerged as main roadblocks in completion of road projects.

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CAPSULE

34 US TROOPS INJURED IN RECENT IRANIAN STRIKE

Washington: Nearly thirty-four US troops suffered traumatic brain injuries or concussion in the recent Iranian air strike on a military base in Iraq housing American personnel, the Pentagon said on Friday. US President Donald Trump had initially said that no Americans were injured in the strike on the Ain al-Asad base in western Iraq earlier this month although authorities later reported that 11 troops were injured.

SLOWDOWN IN INDIA TEMPORARY: IMF CHIEF DAVOS

Davos: IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva on Friday said growth slowdown in India appears to be temporary. "We'd a downgrade in one large market India but we believe that's temporary. We expect momentum to improve further," she said

INCREASE IN OUTFLOW OF B'DESHIS POST CAA: BSF

Kolkata: The BSF on Friday said a substantial increase in the outflow of illegal Bangladeshi migrants to their home country has been recorded over the past one month, following the enactment of the CAA. The outflow has been highest via North 24 Parganas district, which shares border with Bangladesh, BSF Inspector General (South Bengal Frontier) YB Khurania said.

HC asks students to enroll at old fee, seeks JNU reply on challenge to hostel hike

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

JNU students who have not yet registered for the new academic year have been asked by the Delhi High Court to do so under the old fee, even as it sought response from the university on the plea of JNU Students' Union that has challenged the decision to amend the hostel manual.

A Bench of Justice Rajiv Shakdher issued notices to the Union HRD Ministry and the UGC. The plea, filed by JNUSU president Aishe Ghosh and office-bearers Saket Moon, Satish Chandra Yadav and Md Danish, challenged the minutes of the Inter Hostel Administration (IHA) issued on October 28, last year, jurisdiction of the High Level Committee constituted on November 24 and recommendations made by it.

The petition sought directions to quash the Draft Hostel Manual "illegally approved by the IHA as the decisions taken by the IHA are malafide, arbitrary and illegal and adversely affect the students".

It claimed the decisions to



bring about amendments in the hostel manual are contrary to provisions of the JNU Act, 1966, Statutes, Ordinances and the Hostel Manual.

"The amendments include reducing JNUSU representation in IHA, increased rates as applicable to hostel residents and also brought amendments to clauses of the Hostel Manual adversely affecting reserved category students in the University," the plea submitted.

Earlier, the hostel room fee was hiked by ₹10 and ₹20 for double and single-occupancy rooms respectively.

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Tihar holding papers, delaying mercy pleas: Nirbhaya rapists

Lawyer of 3 convicts moves court against prison authorities

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Advocate AP Singh, appearing for the three of the four death-row convicts — Akshay Singh and Pawan Gupta and Vinay Kumar — in the 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape and murder case on Friday moved a Delhi court alleging that the Tihar jail authorities are not handing over documents and this is causing delay in filing their mercy and curative petitions.

Singh moved an application alleging that the jail authorities are yet to give the documents which are required to file the mercy petition for Vinay (26) and curative petitions for Akshay (31) and Pawan (25). The plea is likely to be taken up for hearing on Saturday. The apex court recently dismissed the curative petitions of other two convicts — Vinay and Mukesh Singh (32).

Mukesh's mercy petition was rejected by the President earlier this month. The hanging of all four is to take place on February 1 at 6 am, accord-



ing to the fresh death warrant.

In his petition, the lawyer said he had expressed "an urgent will to file a mercy petition before the relevant authorities and undertook several steps to obtain relevant information to file it".

He said Vinay wanted to attach his personal diary containing 70 pages with the mercy petition and had asked the jail authorities to provide the same. However, the diary is yet to be provided and because of this the plea could not be filed, he said. The counsel said he had also sought some documents of convicts Pawan and Akshay which have not been provided. The petition sought a direction to jail authorities to provide the documents on "an urgent basis".

Meanwhile, Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia accused AP Singh of making fun of the system by using tactics to delay their hanging. Sisodia said, "In the Nirbhaya case, the lawyer is using tactics to delay the execution. In this way, he is making fun of the system. We must work together to ensure speedy justice so that laws can be amended to remove shortcomings," Sisodia said in a tweet in Hindi.

The 23-year-old paramedic student, Nirbhaya, was gangraped and brutally assaulted on the intervening night of December 16-17, 2012, in a moving bus in South Delhi by six people before she was thrown out on road. She was flown to a hospital in Singapore where she died.

Vijayvargiya stirs row, links B'deshis with eating poha

PNS ■ INDORE/NEW DELHI

Poha and Bangladeshis. It is bizarre to see any linkage between the two, but BJP leader Kailash Vijayvargiya thinks otherwise. He kicked up a row by claiming some construction workers to be Bangladeshis just because they ate flattened rice (poha).

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a similar remark last month by saying that people who are setting fire (to property) can be seen on TV and can be identified by the clothes they are wearing, it caused a nationwide outrage. Vijayvargiya's claim to identify illegal migrants from Bangladesh by their poha-eating habit triggered both amusement and uproar.

While the BJP tried to play down Vijayvargiya's claim, the Congress cited it as an instance to caution what the National Population Register (NPR) exercise will entail.

Vijayvargiya had, at an event in Indore on Thursday to support the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, said that he



suspected that some of the construction labourers working at his house were Bangladeshis by noticing their strange habit of eating only poha. Vijayvargiya was mocked by the twitterati.

Poha, a popular breakfast dish, is eaten across north India with no particular connect with Bangladesh as suspected by Vijayvargiya.

BJP leader and Union Minister Prakash Javadekar termed it as a non-issue. Asked about Vijayvargiya's comments, which have drawn flak from several quarters, Javadekar told reporters here, "I also eat poha and serve it to you (journalists). So it's a non-issue".

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SC refuses blanket ban on NSA, says anti-CAA riots may be organised

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said it cannot issue blanket orders restraining authorities from invoking the stringent National Security Act (NSA) against people protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) as "properties are being burnt and that may be organised".

A Bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Indira Banerjee said, "We are of the opinion that general writ will not lie in this case. We cannot invoke powers under Article 32. We agree that the NSA should not be misused, but we cannot issue a blanket order. If a gen-

eral direction is passed this will create a chaos. You don't know what is going on in Kolkata, Tripura and Assam. Properties are being burnt and that may be organised," said the Bench.

Petitioner-advocate ML Sharma said that anti-CAA protests are going on peacefully in Shaheen Bagh area of Delhi and other places and persisted with seeking relief by asking a blanket ban on the imposition of the NSA.

To this the Bench said, "If a person is involved in violence and involved in say hundred criminal cases. Then what would Government do. Will not the Government act?"

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Study on Pandavas' capital on hold for ₹10 lakh!

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The shortage of fund has put a break on the Centre's quest for finding a link between the 16th-century Purana Quila here and Indraprastha, the capital of the Pandavas of the Mahabharat era. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), under the Union Culture Ministry, had to stop the much-ambitious excavation, before it could begin, as the ₹10 lakh fund allocated for the purpose had to be "urgently" diverted for another work.

Purana Quila's supposed association with the city of Indraprastha has long attracted the ASI, though its quest has failed to deliver results for the fifth time in a row.

The previous expedition which ended in early 2018 was led by archaeologist Vasant

Swarnkar. But it failed to establish the site's association with the Mahabharat.

The approval for the latest excavation to find traces of Indraprastha was given in November last year. The ASI had earmarked around ₹10 lakh for the job and e-tenders to deploy the labourers have already been floated. But recently, the ASI withdrew the money and diverted it for another "important" job. Now, the fresh fund will come only next fiscal, that too depending on the Budget outlay.

VN Prabhakar, the director of ASI's Institute of Archaeology, Exploration & Excavation, was to oversee the project along with superintendent archaeologist BR Singh. When contacted, Prabhakar refused to provide details about the status of the excavation.

According to the epic, "Indraprastha" is located inside somewhere Purana Quila. The first attempt to find this assumption was made by ASI in 1955, and then the second one between 1969 and 1972. The third and fourth attempts were made between January 9, 2014, and June 30, 2014, and December 2017 and June 2018, respectively.

According to various reports, the digging had unearthed artefacts such as sickles, parers, terracotta toys, kiln-burnt bricks and painted grey bowls and dishes belonging to the pre-Mauryan period of the third century BC and are displayed at the Archaeological Museum on the fort complex.

Purana Quila was built by Pashtun ruler Sher Shah Suri and second Mughal emperor Humayun.



JAMIA VIOLENCE

Ex-Cong MLA among 3 questioned

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Special Investigation Team (SIT), probing Jamia violence that had taken place on December 15, on Friday questioned former Congress MLA from Okhla Asif Mohammad Khan, Jamia Millia Islamia student Chandan Kumar, who is also a member of the Left-backed All India Students' Association (AISA) and local leader Ashu Khan for seven hours. The police on Thursday arrested a 22-year-old man for his alleged involvement in the violence and arson during a protest against anti-CAA protest near Jamia.

The SIT, headed by Rajesh Deo, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Crime Branch, has served notices to Asif, Chandan and Ashu on Thursday and had asked them to join the investigation and record their statement on Friday. The trio was named in the FIR registered at the Jamia Nagar police station regarding the violent

protest and on Friday morning they reached the office of the Crime Branch in Chanakyaपुरी.

Ashu said he reached the Crime Branch office at 11 am and was questioned till 7 pm. "Police asked me around 20 questions and a form was also filled by me. I thought I will be arrested but after questioning police released me on Friday evening," said Khan.

Meanwhile, Asif who has been served with two notices, one for Jamia Nagar violence and other for NFC, said the police had alleged that he took the public from Jamia and that crowd burnt the buses.

"I was protesting at Shaheen Bagh at time of incident and I have nothing to do with the mob involved in arson and violence at NFC and Jamia Nagar," said Asif.

Meanwhile, the 22-year-old man, identified as Furkan, a resident of Jamia Nagar, who was arrested on Thursday, was interrogated in connection with the violence in New Friends' Colony

(NFC) on December 15.

Furkan's father Muhammad Naeem said police took his son on the basis of the CCTV footage which showed him carrying a container but it was not known whether there was water or petrol in it.

"Police took my son on Thursday at around 6:30 pm on the basis of CCTV footage. Police said they saw he was carrying a container on the day of the incident," Naeem said.

Furkan was sent to judicial custody for three days by a Delhi court on Friday. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Gurmohina Kaur sent Furkan to judicial custody till January 27 after the Delhi Police did not seek his custody.

Advocate Alamdar Husain Naqvi, the counsel for Furkan, said the container was empty and he was going to fill water in it.

Police said in 10 cases registered at eight different police stations across South, Northeast,

Central and Shahdara districts following the violence and vandalism during anti-CAA protests, 102 people have been arrested so far.

It may be recalled, on December 15, violent scenes were witnessed in and around JMI during a protest march organised by students against the CAA. The protest took a violent turn and many buses were set on fire. Instances of stone pelting were also reported.

More than 30 people, including Jamia students and police personnel, were injured as the protesters pelted stones, glass bottles and tube lights on security personnel, who in turn fired tear gas shells and resorted to use of force.

JMI's Vice-Chancellor Dr Najma Akhtar too had said that the police entered the university campus without any permission. Police said most protesters who took part in violence in and around Delhi's Jamia Nagar were not students.

Remove Mishra's controversial tweet: EC to Twitter

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission has asked Twitter to remove a controversial tweet by BJP's Kapil Mishra, a candidate for the upcoming Delhi Assembly polls, in which he likened the election in the city to an India versus Pakistan contest.

The Election Commission's action came after the office of the Delhi Chief Electoral Officer wrote to the EC to remove the tweet posted by Mishra on Thursday, EC officials said.

The Delhi CEO Office has also issued a showcause notice to Mishra, who has been fielded by the BJP from the Model Town constituency, they said.

"We took cognisance of the tweet, and wrote to EC last night seeking its removal. The EC then asked Twitter to remove his tweet. The tweet is a violation of the Model Code of Conduct and the Representation of the People Act, so we have taken action," Delhi CEO Ranbir Singh said.

"We have also issued a show cause notice to Kapil Mishra," he said. In the tweet on Thursday, Mishra, a former minister in the Arvind Kejriwal



Cabinet, said the February 8 election will be a contest between India and Pakistan in Delhi. In its criticism of Opposition parties over their protest against the citizenship law, the BJP has been accusing them of speaking "Pakistan's language".

Authorities at the Delhi CEO Office had earlier said social media posts are being constantly monitored to check for any provocative or inflammatory posts or tweets being made by users, related to the polls.

"India vs Pakistan 8th February Delhi. There will be a contest on Delhi Roads between India and Pakistan on February 8," "Pakistan has already entered Shaheen Bagh and small pockets of Pakistan are being created in Delhi," he had tweeted.



In another post, Mishra claimed that the BJP will win the February 8 polls and Kejriwal will resign from his post when votes are counted.

The former AAP leader was removed as minister by Kejriwal in 2017. Last year, he was also disqualified as AAP MLA under the anti-defection law. Mishra faces AAP MLA Akhileshpati Tripathi in the elections. The election will be a triangular fight involving the Aam Aadmi Party, Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress. Polling will be held on February 8 and the results declared on February 11. In a series of tweets in Hindi on Thursday, Mishra had also lashed out at anti-CAA protesters in Shaheen Bagh and other places in the city.

AAP dragging Delhi backward, says Shah

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday came down heavily on Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal for not fulfilling the promises which he made in five years. "In Delhi, AAP made tall promises but done nothing, from cleaning Yamuna to opening new Government schools, AAP is dragging Delhi backward," said Shah while addressing a Jan Samvad in Karawal Nagar.

"There are no Principals in more than 700 Delhi Government schools while there is acute shortage of 19,000 teachers in Delhi government



Union Home Minister Amit Shah waves at supporters during a Nukkad Sabha for the Delhi polls at Mustafabad in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

schools," said Shah. "Where are 15 lakh CCTV cameras in Delhi? He also promised 5,000

DTC buses.. where are these buses," Shah questioned to AAP government.

Targeting both the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Bahariya Janta Party (BJP) National President Jagat Parakh Nadda said that both the parties shed crocodile tears in Delhi to gain vote bank in Delhi.

Taking a jibe on Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP's) slogan on Acche Beete Panch Saal, Lage Raho Kejriwal, Nadda said that Kejriwal just raised slogan but for past 57 months, he was kept saying that Modiji did not allow him to work. "Kejriwal betrayed people's trust by promising false promises and did nothing in his first tenure," said the BJP leader, "It is the nature of the

Aam Aadmi Party to mislead the public, who neither opened the hospitals nor brought new DTC buses, such a party will definitely lose."

Lauding PM Modi as under his leadership union government had constructed Eastern/Western Peripheral Expressway and Merrut Express way to reduce Delhi's air pollution, he said that despite in Center, BJP government has completed various project under PMModi regime. "It is the Central government who implemented Jahan Jhuggi Wahin Makan and regularized 1731 unauthorised colonies in Delhi," said Nadda.

Voters to decide Jinnah Wali Azadi or Govt of people, says Javadekar

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will release its manifesto for Delhi Assembly elections on January 27.

Mentioning about Citizen Amendment Act (CAA), Union Minister Prakash Javadekar accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress both for spreading the false propaganda against the act.

"The properties of the people of Delhi were destroyed by Amanatullah Khan but he has been again given ticket for the seat of MLA," Javadekar said. "The voters of Delhi will have



now to decide whether they would like to elect the people wanting "Jinnah Wali Azadi" or the Government of the people raising slogans "Bharat Mata Ki Jai." Targeting Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, he said that AAP National convener has sympathy with the demonstrators of Shaheen Bagh but has no sympathy with the people of Sarita Vihar, Jasola and

Madanpur Khadar. "The statements of Congress and AAP make headlines on the Pakistan TV channels, No Indian will lose citizenship due to CAA because this law is to give citizenship," "The minds of the children of Shaheen Bagh are being poisoned and Congress and AAP are responsible for it," BJP leader said. Meanwhile, BJP leader Vijay Goel also accused AAP for promising pukka Makan to slum dwellers. "People believe that Kejriwal's government work for the development however people stand in long queues to use public toilets in slums," Goel said.

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AFTER HM'S REMARK

Sisodia asks Shah to visit School of Excellence

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah accused Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of making false promises, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia invited the Home Minister to hold a roadshow in any Assembly constituency in the national Capital to witness developments in all the sectors.

Sisodia also challenged him to visit the newly constructed 'School of Excellence' in Patparganj Assembly constituency. His reaction came in response to Shah's allegation that the Delhi Government has not constructed any schools in Delhi.

Reacting to the comment of Shah in which he said his phone battery died trying to find free Wi-Fi service of the AAP Government, Sisodia said he is worried about it because if India's Home Minister's



Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia addresses a Press conference at party office in New Delhi on Friday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

the AAP Government will install 11,000 Wi-Fi hotspots across Delhi. If the Home Minister accompanies me to any major market area, I will show him Wi-Fi spots" he said.

Sisodia also challenged him to showcase even a single government school of comparable standards that has been constructed in any of the BJP ruled states.

The Government has already installed more than 2,00,000 cameras and the process is on to install the remaining, he said.

The AAP leader also accused the seven BJP MPs of doing nothing after being elected in 2014 and again in 2019 Lok Sabha elections. "Had these 7 MPs done any work for the people on the ground or if the Central Government would have done any work, then they would not have to resort to such jumbas," he said.

phone battery runs out of charge the nation will come to a standstill. "The Delhi Government has a system to provide free electricity up to 200 units, I request him to keep his phone charged always because he won't be able to use the free Wi-Fi on a dead phone," he said.

"We have already launched more than 1,000 hotspots and

People will vote for work, not caste or religion: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The AAP Government's works in various sectors are being discussed widely and people would cast their votes in the upcoming Assembly polls on the basis of work done by the Government in the last five years and not on the basis of caste or religion, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said while addressing a public meeting in Rohini and Nangloi Assembly constituency.

Kejriwal said that he was very happy to hear Home Minister Amit Shah talk about unauthorised colonies, education and health in his speech as it shows that the AAP Government has changed the narrative of politics in the country.

"It shows that while in rest of the country, the BJP seeks votes on the basis of caste and religion but in Delhi, they are forced to seek votes on the basis of development work like health and education," he said.

The Chief Minister also said that the Government has done its work with full honesty and with dedication. "I am happy that there are discussions over the good work of the AAP Government. We constructed schools, provided free water,



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal during an election campaign roadshow at Tilak Nagar and Janakpuri in New Delhi on Friday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

transport and electricity, facilitate pilgrimage to senior citizen. I have been trying in all these five years to be your elder son and take responsibility.

Attacking the opposition, he said that "I am happy that they are not alleging us for corruption but they used to talk why Kejriwal is giving everything for free.

Showing the 'guarantee

card', he also said "It is the first time that a Chief Minister is visiting door to door taking report card in hand after running the Government five years.

The party had issued guarantee card in which it has listed ten promises. "In the coming 5 years we will ensure 24 hours drinking water supply to every household. BJP is trying to create confusion over free ser-

VICES but I want to assure you these services will be continued," he said.

The Chief Minister also promised basic facilities for unauthorised colonies in the city and to reduce Delhi air pollution by three times. "We will plant more than two crore trees to make Delhi green. Twenty-four hours of pure piped drinking water and continuation of

provision of 20,000 litres of free water are also mentioned in the card," he said.

The first 'guarantee' by Kejriwal mentioned in AAP's manifesto 2020 is uninterrupted power supply and free electricity to up to 200 units. The card also states that Delhi will be free of wires and electricity will reach households through underground cable.

DELHI CANTT ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY

Safety & security among top concerns

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

As Delhi Assembly election just two weeks away and rival parties leaving no stone unturned to reach out to the people, candidates fielded by political parties for Delhi Cantt Assembly seat, are facing identity crisis. What is even more interesting is that people in this particular segment connected themselves more with the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and not with the Delhi Cantt. According to Election Commission of India (ECI), Delhi Cantt has 1,32,233 voters. Mushrooming of slums,

security of their wards and beautification of local markets are a few demands of the locals in this part of the national Capital. Their grouse stems from the fact their MLA Surrender Commando did nothing. The Pioneer visited in Delhi Cantt area and spoke to various people about the candidates of three parties.

Surprisingly, most of the people were not aware about the area MLA, while Cantt, which is itself a board, is known for its green, clean and well maintained roads in Delhi's heart aligning with few areas of west and south and central Delhi.

However, a few colonies fall under the Cantt where Government employee are totally against emerging slums in their backyards.

"Slums in Government colonies cause various security threats. First — small children in slum are prone to drug, we have seen several time and reported few incidents to the council and authorities... but so far no changes have been seen," said a Defence Ministry official.

"I personally addressed this issue to the sitting AAP's MLA Surrender Commando as this was much about with the future of children, but politicians allow

and use slum dwellers as their vote bank and hardly visit slums in posh area."

"There were various issues pertaining to colonies in Delhi Cantt while the NDMC has its own limitation while dealing with cantt area, I visited council's office however came back with no development," said Nidhi, a senior employee with External Affairs.

Gopinath Bazar, a busy market in Delhi Cantt where people come from all parts of the city to buy camouflage fabrics. However, less organized market has caught the attention of visitors and residents and make



Virender Singh Kadian, AAP



Manish Singh, BJP



Sandeep Tanwar, Cong

them feel, a need for an active MLA. "Beautification of Gopinath and Sadar should be done," said a Manju, a frequent visitor and a local resident.

AAP has fielded Virender Singh Kadian, a retired Air Force officer while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has fielded a Purvanchali candidate Manish Singh who is very close to Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari and Congress has fielded Sandeep Tanwar. Cantt resi-

dents feel that the presence of Surrender Commando was not visible in Cantt as he was non approachable and "this has given BJP a window to wrest this seat. Residents feel that the parties have gone for the candidates who are outsiders and less aware about Cantt's functioning.

Interestingly, Kadian who is outsider but a retired service officer may be able to gain votes as being able to connect with the Cantt residents while Singh from

BJP is completely an outsider and Congress candidate Sandeep Tanwar who lives in Naraina is also a new candidate for the Cantt people.

Delhi Cantt was established in 1914. Previously it was known as Cantt Authority however in 1938. Boundary wall, creation of public toilets, beautification of parks, constructions of PORTA cabin, development of Yashwant market and civil sewerage maintenance are few works in which

MLA's active participation involved through the council.

BJP's member Karan Singh Tanwar won the seat twice in the year 2008 and 2003 while soon after the Anna movement, AAP leader defeated him twice in 2013 and 2015.

In 2015, former AAP leader Surrender Commando won the seat with 40133 votes while Tanwar managed 28,935 votes, in 2013, AAP won with 26,124 defeating BJP with 25,769 votes.

In 2008, Congress and BJP were in fight for the seat when BJP's Tanwar won the seat with 23,696 votes defeated Congress leader Ashok Ahuja with 16,435 votes, in 2003, Tanwar won with 21,638 votes and congress candidate Kiran Chaudhry got 17,872 votes only.



DELHI POLICE SHANTI SEWA NYAYA

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

REPUBLIC DAY PARADE 26TH JANUARY, 2020

ROUTE OF THE PARADE VIJAY CHOWK - RAJPATH - 'C'-HEXAGON - TILAK MARG - BAHADUR SHAH ZAFAR MARG - METAJI SUBHASH MARG - RED FORT.



LEGEND

- ROUTE OF THE PARADE
- PROHIBITED AREA
- CONTROLLED AREA
- ROAD CLOSED
- DIVERTED BUS ROUTES
- BUS TERMINALS
- ROAD AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL TRAFFIC

SEATING ENCLOSURES COVERED UNDER PARK & RIDE SCHEME
NORTH OF RAJ PATH = 22, 24, 29 & 31
SOUTH OF RAJ PATH = 5, 8, 12, 14 & 15

Ministry of Defence, Government of India has also developed a QR code giving details about the Republic Day Parade 2020. The name of the application is 'RDP India 2020' and is available on Google Play Store.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

In order to facilitate smooth passage of the Parade, movement of traffic on certain roads leading to the route of the Parade will be restricted as under:-

- No traffic on Rajpath from Vijay Chowk to India Gate from 06:00 PM on 25.01.2020 till Parade is over.
- No cross traffic on Rajpath from 11:00 PM on 25.01.2020 at Rafi Marg, Janpath, Man Singh Road till Parade is over.
- 'C'-Hexagon-India Gate will be closed for traffic from 02:00 AM on 26.01.2020 till Parade crosses Tilak Marg.
- From 05:00 AM on 26.01.2020 Traffic on Tilak Marg, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg and Subhash Marg will not be allowed on both directions. Cross traffic will only be allowed depending upon the movement of the Parade.

Road users are requested to plan their journey in advance accordingly and avoid the route of Parade, from 02:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. for their own convenience.

SUGGESTED ROUTES

However, if the journey is unavoidable, the road users are advised to take following routes:-

NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR

- Ring Road - Ashram Chowk - Sarai Kale Khan - I.P. Flyover - Rajghat - Ring Road
- From Madarsa - Lodhi Road 'T' point - Aurobindo Marg - AIIMS Chowk - Ring Road - Dhaula Kuan - Vande Matram Marg - Shankar Road - Park Street or Mandir Marg.

EAST-WEST CORRIDOR

- Ring Road - Bhairon Road - Mathura Road - Subramaniam Bharti Marg - Rajesh Pilot Marg - Prithvi Raj Road - Safdarjung Road - Kamal Ataturk Marg - Panchsheel Marg - Simon Boliver Marg - Upper Ridge Road/ Vande Matram Marg. OR
- Ring Road - ISBT - Chandgi Ram Akhara - Mall Road - Azad Pur - Ring Road.
- Ring Road - Bhairon Road - Mathura Road - Lodhi Road - Aurobindo Marg - Safdarjung Road - Teen Murti Marg - Mother Teresa Crescent - Park Street - Shankar Road - Vande Matram Marg.

FOR NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION

- From South Delhi:- Dhaula Kuan - Vande Matram Marg - Panchkuan Road - Outer Circle Connaught Place - Chelmsford Road for Paharganj side or Minto Road - Bhavbhuti Marg for Ajmeri Gate side.
- From East Delhi:- Boulevard Road via ISBT Bridge - Rani Jhansi Flyover - R/A Jhandewalan - D.B. Gupta Road - Sheela Cinema Road - Paharganj Bridge and reach New Delhi Rly Station.

FOR OLD DELHI RAILWAY STATION

- From South Delhi:- Ring Road - Ashram Chowk - Sarai Kale Khan - Ring Road - Rajghat - Ring Road - Chowk Yamuna Bazar - S.P. Mukherjee Marg - Chhatta Rail - Kauria Bridge and reach Old Delhi Rly. Station.

BUS TERMINATING POINTS

Movement of the City Bus Services will be curtailed at the following points:-

- Park Street/Udyan Marg
- Aram Bagh Road (Pahar Ganj)
- R/A Kamla Market
- Delhi Sachivalaya (IG Stadium)
- Pragati Maidan (Bhairon Road)
- Hanuman Mandir (Yamuna Bazar)
- Mori Gate
- ISBT Kashmiri Gate
- ISBT Sarai Kale Khan
- Tis Hazari Court

INTER STATE BUSES

- (I) Buses from Ghaziabad bound for Shivaji Stadium shall take NH-24, Ring Road and terminate at Bhairon Road.
- (II) Buses coming from NH-24 shall take right turn on Road No. 56 and terminate at ISBT Anand Vihar.
- (III) Buses coming from Ghaziabad side will be diverted at Mohan Nagar towards Bhopra Chungi for Wazirabad Bridge.

All Inter State buses coming from Dhaula Kuan side shall terminate at Dhaula Kuan.

METRO SERVICES

Metro Rail Service shall remain available for commuters at all Metro Stations during the Republic Day Parade on 26th January, 2020. However, Boarding/De-boarding at the below mentioned station will not be permitted as per schedule given:-

Name of Metro Station

- Kendriya Sachivalaya - Udyog Bhawan
- Lok Kalyan Marg (Race Course) - Patel Chowk

Boarding/De-boarding not allowed

From 05:00 AM till 12:00 Noon on 26.01.2020.
From 08:45 AM to 12:00 Noon on 26.01.2020.

HTVs/LGVs

No HTV/LGV will be allowed to enter Delhi from borders from 10:00 P.M. on 25.01.2020 till the Parade is over. No HTV/LGV will be allowed to ply between I.S.B.T. Sarai Kale Khan and I.S.B.T. Kashmiri Gate on Ring Road from 07:30 A.M. to 01:30 P.M. on 26.01.2020.

ANTI-CAA PROTESTS IN UP Plea in SC against punitive damages

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking quashing of notices by district administration sent to alleged protesters for recovering losses caused by damage to public properties during agitations against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act in Uttar Pradesh.

The plea has alleged that notices have been sent in Uttar Pradesh in an 'arbitrary manner' against a person, who had died six years ago at the age of 94, and also to two others who are aged above 90.

The petition was listed for hearing on Friday before a bench comprising Justices DY Chandrachud and Hrishikesh Roy. The matter could not be heard as the bench did not sit.

Advocate Parwaiz Arif Titu, petitioner in the case, has sought stay on these notices

claiming they have been sent to persons who have not been booked under any penal provisions and no details of FIR or any criminal offences have been made out against them.

The plea, filed through advocate Nilofar Khan, said that notices were based on an Allahabad High Court verdict delivered in 2010 which "is in violation of the guidelines" passed by the apex court in a 2009 judgment which was later re-affirmed in a 2018 verdict.

"The contradiction is that while the Supreme Court in 2009 put the onus of assessment of damages and recovery from the accused on high courts of every state, whereas the Allahabad High Court had issued guidelines in 2010 judgement that let the state government to undertake these processes to recover damages, which has serious implica-

tions," it said.

"The judicial oversight/judicial security is a sort of safety mechanism against arbitrary action. This means that there is every chance that the ruling party in the state could go after its political opponents or others oppose to it to settle scores," the plea said.

It has also sought a direction to the Uttar Pradesh government to follow the procedure as per the 2009 and 2018 guidelines of the apex court while claiming damages to recover the losses caused to public property during such protests.

The plea has sought setting up of an independent judicial inquiry to probe into the incidents which happened during the protests against the CAA-NRC in Uttar Pradesh, as has been done by the Karnataka High Court.

Delhi Police gears up for R-Day

From facial recognition system to four layer security

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Facial recognition system and drones are part of the measures taken by Delhi Police ahead of the Republic Day in the national capital where 10,000 security personnel have been to maintain vigil, officials said.

This year Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro will be the chief guest at the Republic Day parade and special security arrangements have been made for the visiting dignitary, DCP (New Delhi Zone) Eish Singhal said.

Sharpshooters and snipers will be deployed atop high-rise buildings to keep a watch on the 8-km-long parade route from Rajpath to the Red Fort on January 26, officials said.

Hundreds of CCTV cameras have also been installed as part of the security arrangements, including at least 150 cameras in areas covering Red Fort, Chandni Chowk and Yamuna Khadar, the officials added.

"We have a four-layer security arrangement. Inner,

middle, outer and one along the border areas across the national capital," Singhal said, adding that drones will be also deployed. "Around 5,000 to 6,000 Delhi Police personnel have been deployed in New Delhi district along with 50 companies of paramilitary forces," he added.

The main zone of Rajpath will be closed till 12 pm on Sunday. The facial recognition system of Delhi Police will also be set up at vantage points for suspect identification.

The police have also asked hotels, taxi and auto drivers to remain alert. In view of the heightened security, patrolling in public places has been intensified. "We have intensified patrolling in public places. Group patrolling, night patrolling and vehicle checking is being carried out with the help of Central Armed Police Forces. Frisking at metro stations, railway stations, airport and bus terminals has also been tightened," a senior police official said.

Apart from securing the main venue at Rajpath, ade-

quate security and traffic arrangements for the At Home function at Rashtrapati Bhawan have been made.

More than 2,000 traffic police personnel have been deployed for

smooth flow of traffic and for facilitation of spectators and visitors to the venue.

Police personnel have been directed to stay alert since Delhi polls are also around the corner.

Anti-terror measures like tenant and servant verification, border checking, security of vital installations, malls and markets, patrolling in heavy footfall areas are being taken, they said.

The security personnel have identified vulnerable spots such as crowded markets, railway stations, bus stands and other high-value establishments, and efforts are being made to secure them with deployment of extra police force.

A city-wide alert is also being exercised in connection with the Republic Day, they said.

Sr journalist says beaten up by protesters at Shaheen Bagh

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Deepak Chaurasia, the consulting editor of News Nation TV channel, was allegedly attacked by protesters at Delhi's Shaheen Bagh on Friday, police said. They said Chaurasia, 51, complained to them saying he was beaten up and his camera was snatched by a mob at the protest site. An FIR has been registered under sections 394 (voluntarily causing hurt in committing robbery) and 34 (common intention) against unknown persons at the Shaheen Bagh police station, a senior police officer said.

On his Twitter handle, Chaurasia uploaded a one-minute video in which he was seen surrounded by protesters and later manhandled by them. They tried to remove him from the spot and also snatched his mic. In another part of video, a group of men can be seen trying to snatch a camera from the cameraman.

2G mobile internet to be restored in Kashmir

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

The 2G mobile internet services will be restored in the Kashmir Valley from Friday midnight, an official order said.

According to a notification by the home department of J&K administration, access to the internet with 2G speed on mobile phones will resume from January 25. Access shall be limited only on whitelisted sites and social media applications will continue to remain out of bounds for the Valley's residents, it said. Data services shall be available on post-paid as well as pre-paid sim cards.

The restoration of the 2G internet facility on mobile phones will continue till January 31 after which it would be reviewed further, the order said. Internet and mobile connectivity was snapped on August 5 last year after the centre announced abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution applicable to the erstwhile state and also bifurcated it into two UTs - Ladakh, and J&K.

ISIS planning attack on Delhi on R-Day

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Pakistan's notorious spy Agency Inter Services Intelligence is seeking to orchestrate attacks during the Republic Day celebrations in Delhi and the National Capital Region, intelligence agencies have alerted.

According to inputs with the intelligence agencies here, some overground workers of the terror groups might have infiltrated in the national capital. The OGWs are suspected to be linked to the Pakistani terror group Al Badr. ISI has tasked Hizbul Mujahideen commander Riyaz Naikoo to revive the Al Badr outfit through some spectacular hit around the Republic Day here.

Naikoo has also been tasked to recruit and train the cadres of Al Badr for the hits. Naikoo in turn

has tasked his second-in-command Hammad who has taken up the responsibility of reorganising the Al Badr which has been dormant for the last few years.

After being trained by the Hizbul Mujahideen, the recruits of Al Badr will use the logistics network of the former for executing the planned attacks. But Al Badr will own responsibility for the hits, according to the inputs.

The move comes amid heightened vigil along the Line of Control in J&K post-abrogation Article 370 and reorganization of the erstwhile State of J&K into two U Ts-J&K and Ladakh. Following this, ISI backed terror groups are facing existential crisis and through such attacks they are aiming to register their presence as well as seek to portray Kashmir as a flashpoint, an Intelligence official said.

J&K's accession to India final: Naidu

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Friday said Jammu & Kashmir's accession to India is "total, final and irrevocable", and asserted that Article 370, which gave the erstwhile State special status, was a temporary provision that had outlived its purpose a long time back.

Delivering the Sardar Patel lecture on governance, Naidu called upon all Indians to work together to usher in the 'Ram Rajya' envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi in which, he said, there is all-round inclusive growth without poverty, discrimination, inequality, illiteracy and hunger, according to an official statement.



"Every citizen must strive to protect the unity, safety, security and sovereignty of the country," Naidu said after paying tributes to India's first home minister Vallabhbhai Patel, who is credited with the integration of hundreds of

regions with the Union.

The accession of Jammu & Kashmir to the Indian Union is "total, final and irrevocable", the vice president said, adding that "Article 370 was only a temporary provision and it had outlived its purpose long back".

Puducherry Min blames Guv for notice of AFT mill closure

PTI ■ PUDUCHERRY

The verbal sparring between the Puducherry government and Lt Governor Kiran Bedi continued with Labour Minister M Kandasamy on Friday alleging that the recent announcement over proposed closure of the government run AFT Mill on April 30 was done under pressure from her.

In a release, the minister declared as "illegal and inoperative" the notice issued on January 21 by the Anglo-French Textile Mill Managing Director that it would be closed.

He alleged that the AFT Managing Director had issued the closure notice "under pressure and directions of the Lt Governor". Kandasamy said neither the cabinet nor the Chief Minister had issued any

instructions to close the mill. Hence the notice was 'ultra vires and has no sanction of the rules governing the working of the mill', he said.

The Minister said the cabinet had taken a decision some time back that AFT should continue to function in the workers' interests and those opting for Voluntary Retirement Scheme should be permitted to take it if they chose to do so.

But no step should be taken at any stage to close the undertaking of the territorial administration, Kandasamy said. He said the decision to close AFT was taken without the knowledge of the Ministry, the Chief Minister or the Minister concerned and violated the rules relating to the administration of the mill issued in 1986. The Minister said the dif-

ferences of opinion between the cabinet and the Lt Governor on the matter had been referred to the Home Ministry for clarification. "Until the Ministry's decision is known, nothing should be done to close the mill. The closure notice issued by the official was illegal and inoperative", Kandasamy said.

On Thursday, Chief Minister V Narayanasamy, who has been at loggerheads with Bedi on various issues, accused her of intimidating and pressuring officers of the century-old mill and giving directions to them to close it.

However, Bedi, in an official release, had said the Labour Department would hold an enquiry into the future of the mill and enlist the views of its management, workmen and others, including the bankers.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The offers are invited for running of PCC Pole factory, Itarsi on 'As is where is basis' on lease on payment of highest upfront premium quoted and fixed lease rent per pole per month as per rated capacity for the lease period of 05 years.
Tender specification No. MD/MK/CIVIL/2020/07 (Itarsi), Salient dates for the offers shall be as under :

S. No.	Tender Stage	Date & Time
1.	Bid Submission Start Date	: 28.01.2020 11:00 Hrs.
2.	Pre-Bid Meeting	: 06.02.2020 12:00 Noon
3.	Bid Submission End Date	: 18.02.2020 up to 17:00 Hrs.
4.	Technical Bid Opening Date	: 20.02.2020 15:30 Hrs.

The bid and other details can be seen in the complete tender documents available on e-portal : www.mptenders.gov.in from 27.01.2020 17:00 Hrs. The Pre-Bid meeting will be held as per key date at **The O/o MD, MPMKVCL, Nishtha Parisar, Govindpura, Bhopal.**
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HC asks students to enroll at old fee, seeks JNU...

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The rent for all students, including those with Junior Research Fellowship, Senior

Vijayvargiya stirs ...

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Meanwhile, Congress leader Sushmita Dev slammed the comment stating that the BJP which can judge nationality by food, will use NPR to profile people. Mumbai Congress too tweeted, "Kanda

Research Fellowship and other equivalent scholarships or fellowships, for single and double-seater rooms has been hiked to Rs 600 and Rs 300 per month.

The rent for Below Poverty Line (BPL) category students for double and single-seater rooms has been increased to Rs 150 and Rs 300 per month respectively. Earlier, there was no utili-

ty and service charge, but now the university will charge BPL students Rs 500 and other students Rs 1,000 for the same.

The JNUSU had also sought directions to restrain the university from registering students for the new term on the basis of the new fee structure through its circular for registration in Winter Semester-2020.

POHA is a favorite food of Mumbaikars. We will be more than happy to host Sh. @KailashOnline over a plate of scrumptious #Poha, whenever he is in Mumbai."

In West Bengal the ruling Trinamool Congress and Opposition Congress and CPI(M) in West Bengal on Friday slammed Vijayvargiya. "The statement is not an isolated one but a reflection of the "racist and communal" mindset of the present BJP dispensation, the parties said.

Senior TMC leader and State Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Tapas Roy said such racist and communal statements are reflection of BJP's "anti-Bengali" mindset.

"We all know that the BJP is an anti-Bengali party. Such communal statements only reflect that mindset. The BJP and its leaders don't know anything about Bengal, its culture and eating habits and are dreaming of ruling Bengal. They would get a befitting reply for insulting Bengalis," he

said. Roy's views were echoed by CPI(M) Politburo member Mohammed Salim, who alleged that the BJP is trying to do a racial profiling of the country.

"Just because someone is not eating roti does not make him a Bangladeshi. Poha, which is known as chirey in this part of the country, is a staple diet and is very popular as breakfast food. What is BJP trying to do? They are trying to racially profile the country on the basis of dress code, eating habits and lifestyle," Salim said.

He also said Vijayvargiya's comments are "just an extension" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remark that those indulging in violence over the citizenship law could be identified by their attitudes. Leader of Congress in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury too criticised Vijayvargiya and said his comments are an "insult to the people of West Bengal".

China virus ...

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In China, around 830 were diagnosed with coronavirus and there had been 26 deaths as of now. However, the global health agency has decided not to declare the outbreak as an international public health emergency. The outbreak is "an emergency in China", WHO director general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said during a Press conference in Geneva. "But it has not yet become a global health emergency. It may yet become one."

India on its part is already on high alert and has taken several precautionary measures

to prevent the possible risk of transmission of the virus in the country. National Institute of Virology, Pune is fully geared up to test samples of the virus. Ten other laboratories under Indian Council of Medical Research's Viral Research and Diagnostics Laboratories network are also equipped to test such samples, if a need arises, said a senior official from the Health Ministry. States and hospitals have been asked to set up isolated wards and be ready for emergency, if any.

Guleria suggested that as a precautionary measure, people should maintain good standards of hand hygiene, avoid travelling in crowded places and

use masks. Any person having slight symptoms of cough, fever and weakness should immediately report to the nearest health facilities, he said. "As of now, there is no definite treatment, antibiotics or vaccines available for combating the particular virus strain and only supportive treatment for pneumonia is given. One has to follow preventive medication strategies," he said. Coronavirus are a broad range of viruses that can cause infections ranging from mild upper-respiratory tract illnesses like common cold to much more serious diseases like SARS. The virus can spread from human to human and from animals to humans.

Centre aims to build...

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Gadkari went into the minutest detail of every project making sure a clear path forward emerged to speed up projects. Officials and contractors also committed themselves to take every step to ensure timely completion of projects.

The issue of timely approval of Extension of Time (EOT) and change of scope (COS) was particularly raised by the Contractors/Concessionaire. As timely approvals would help in facil-

itating lending by banks, an online tool called "GATI" was also launched on the first day of meeting on January 23.

Interacting with media after the meeting, the Minister informed 22 Greenfield Corridors of 7,500 kms is being developed with a total capital cost of Rs 3 lakh crore.

"Work has started on some while awarding all other projects are/will be completed expeditiously. These projects are being pursued vigorously and are being implemented on priority," said Gadkari.

He added that besides reducing length and decongesting existing NHs, the projects will work as growth engines as they pass through the less developed backward/

tribal areas. The development of way-side amenities will result in more opportunities for business and employment.

He also informed that the progress of FASTags was also reviewed. All 537 Toll Plazas are now ETC enabled and more than 1.37 cores FASTags have been issued. My FASTag App has crossed 10 lakh download.

SC refuses blanket ban on NSA,...

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It asked Sharma to file an amended petition showing some specific instances where NSA has been invoked against the ant-CAA protesters. The bench told Sharma that he can also file an intervention appli-

cation in the pending cases challenging the validity of CAA and seek appropriate relief.

Sharma then sought liberty to withdraw the petition and file an amended petition giving specific details of violations of NSA, which was granted by the court. Sharma's plea said NSA has been imposed to curb and pressure people protesting against the CAA, National Population Register (NPR) and National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC).

Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal on January 10 had extended detaining powers to Delhi Police under the NSA for a three-month period starting January 19. This allows police

to detain a person for 12 months without a trial.

Sharma had made the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Governments of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Manipur parties to the plea.

The plea had termed the notification, allowing police to invoke NSA to detain persons, as "unconstitutional" and violative of fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 19 (1) (freedom of speech and expression) and 21 (right to life) of the Constitution.

"The cause of actions arose on January 10, when respondents (States) imposed NSA Act for next three months with effect from January 19 in Delhi

as well as in Andhra Pradesh by the state government to arrest and detain...For protests against a person holding office of the PM and ministers in the Central government..." the plea said, seeking a direction to quash the notification.

The plea also sought that it be declared that the NSA cannot be used against protesters. Besides, it sought a compensation of ₹50,00,000 each to those who have been detained so far under the NSA for "mental agony, defamation in society and loss of reputation".

Protests are taking place at various places in the country against the enactment of CAA and exercise of National Population Register (NPR).

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Arbitrary or excessive tax a social injustice: CJI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Head of the Budget Session, Chief Justice of India SA Bobde on Friday said while tax evasion is a social injustice to the fellow citizens, arbitrary or excessive tax is also a social injustice by a Government.

Referring to ancient laws in India around taxation, the Chief Justice said tax should be collected from people like honey bee draws nectar from flowers without harming it.

Speaking at the 79th foundation day celebrations of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Bobde emphasised on the use of next generation technology artificial intelligence to expedite the process with caution that it should not replace the human discretion required for delivering justice.

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CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA SA BOBDE

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The CJI's suggestion comes against the backdrop of the people's expectations of further income tax relaxations being

one of the Budget sops of the Modi Government, economic slowdown, high inflation and a weakening rupee.

The CJI also made a case for speedy resolution of tax disputes saying it will act as an incentive for tax payers and free the funds locked in litigation.

The Chief Justice said tax judiciary plays a very important role in resource mobilisation of the country and expressed concern over pendency of cases.

"A just and speedy dispute resolution is perceived as a tax incentive by the taxpayer. To the tax collector, an efficient tax

judiciary assures that demands arising out of legitimate assessment are not strangled in delayed litigation," Bobde said.

The pendency of appeal cases related to indirect taxes in the Supreme Court, High Court and CESTAT has reduced 61 per cent to 1.05 lakh in almost two years.

According to official data, total pendency of appeals at the Supreme Court, High Court and CESTAT (Customs Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal) as on June 30, 2017, was 2,73,591, whereas the same significantly came down to 1,05,756 as on March 31, 2019, a reduction of 61 per cent.

With regard to direct taxes, as many as 3.41 lakh cases were pending before commissioner (appeals), while 92,205 cases were pending before the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) as on March 31, 2019.



Chief Justice of India SA Bobde (L) at the 79th Foundation Day celebrations and All India Members' Conference of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, in New Delhi on Friday

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CEC TAKES OVER AS FEMBO SA CHAIRPERSON

New Delhi: Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora on Friday took over as Chairperson of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2020. Speaking on the occasion, CEC Arora said democracy has proven to be the most enduring political system and elections are the indispensable root of democracy. The EC hosted the 10th annual meeting of the FEMBoSA in the national capital.

INT'L SUMMIT ON WOMEN IN STEM ORGANISED

New Delhi: A two-day International Summit on Women in STEM — "Visualising the Future: New Skylines" on January 23-24 was organised by the Department of Biotechnology with an aim to boost the participation of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) field for development of scientific career.

India, Brazil aim to further strengthen ties

Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro, who will be the chief guest on R-day, arrives in Capital



Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro waves as he arrives with family members at the airport, in New Delhi on Friday

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and Brazil aim to further expand their strategic and economic ties as President Jair Bolsonaro arrived in New Delhi on Friday on a four-day visit. He will hold wide ranging talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ram Nath Kovind and will be the chief guest at the Republic Day parade.

The two countries are likely to ink 15 pacts in the fields of social security, cyber security, health and medicine besides bio-energy.

The focus of the Brazilian visit will be to re-energise the ties between two countries in a number of key sectors, Secretary (East) in the External Affairs Ministry Vijay Thakur Singh said.

"The visit of President

Bolsonaro is an extremely important visit. It will be an opportunity to re-energise our strategic partnership and take it forward in a focused manner," she had said at a press conference on Thursday.

Bolsonaro is accompanied by eight ministers, four members of the Brazilian Parliament, senior officials and a large business delegation.

It will be the third time that a Brazilian President will be the chief guest at the Republic Day.

The last time there was a Brazilian president as chief guest was in 2004 and before that in 1996. The last Presidential visit from Brazil was by President Michel Temer in October 2016 on the sidelines of the eighth BRICS Summit in Goa. Modi visited Brazil in November to attend

the XI BRICS Summit. Moreover, Modi met Bolsonaro on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Osaka in June last year during which issues of bilateral importance were discussed.

Brazilian envoy Andre Aranha Correa do Lago to India had earlier said over 15 agreements will be signed during the Brazilian president's visit, including one on the investment protection and facilitation treaty.

Bolsonaro, a former army captain, won a landslide victory in Brazil's presidential election in October 2018 and took the reins of the country in January last year.

Bolsonaro will hold talks with Modi and President Kovind separately on Saturday. Thakur said there would be discussions on cooperation in key

sectors such as defence, energy, trade and agriculture. Giving importance to trade, Bolsonaro will address a group of Indian and Brazilian business leaders at the India-Brazil Business Forum here on January 27, officials said.

"We have ongoing Defence cooperation as well as space cooperation and we are looking at how to strengthen these," she said.

India-Brazil ties have seen an upward trend in the last few years. The volume of bilateral trade was USD 8.2 billion in 2018-19. This included USD 3.8 billion worth of Indian exports to Brazil and USD 4.4 million as imports by India. Indian investments in Brazil were around USD 6 billion and Brazilian investments in India are estimated at USD 1 billion in 2018.

23-yr-old Indian student stabbed in Canada

Jaishankar asks MEA officials to help her family

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Expressing shock over the stabbing of a 23-year-old female student in Toronto, Canada, by an unidentified assailant, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday asked his Ministry officials to arrange visa for the family of the injured.

"Deeply shocked to learn of the serious attack on Rachel Albert, an Indian student in Toronto, Canada. Am asking MEA officials to help with her family's visa. Family members may immediately contact us on +91 9873983884," Jaishankar tweeted.

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The Toronto Police in a tweet described the suspect as an Asian male in his mid-20s who is between five-foot-nine and five-foot-eleven. The police Operations also tweeted phone numbers to seek any information about the case.

DMK seeks urgent hearing on plea for disqualification of 11 AIADMK MLAs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

DMK moved the Supreme Court on Friday seeking urgent hearing of its plea for disqualification of 11 AIADMK MLAs, including Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam, who voted against Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami in a confidence motion in 2017.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde said it will consider listing the matter for urgent hearing.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for DMK, sought urgent listing of the plea and referred to the recent apex court verdict in the Manipur minister case in which the Speaker has been directed to decide on disqualification of Manipur Forest Minister Th Shyamkumar in four weeks.

The apex court had on Tuesday said Parliament should "rethink" whether the Speaker of a House should continue to have powers to disqualify lawmakers as such a functionary "belongs to a particular political party".

During the last hearing in the AIADMK MLAs' disqualification case however, it wondered as to why courts should venture into the question of disqualification of MLAs for defection when the Constitution has conferred this power to the Assembly speaker. The Madras High Court had in April 2018 dismissed DMK's plea seeking to disqualify the MLAs.

The High Court had rejected the petition citing pendency of a plea in the apex court on the powers of a court to issue directions to the Speaker of a state Assembly.

The petitioner had sought disqualification of Panneerselvam and ten others for having voted against the K Palaniswami Government last year when they were in the rebel camp.

The petitioner had contended in the High Court that by voting against the trust motion, these MLAs had violated the whip issued by ruling party and hence attracted disqualification under the anti-defection law.

SC to hear in open court plea of Fadnavis seeking review of verdict asking him to face trial

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear in open court former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis' plea seeking review of its verdict which said the BJP leader will have to face trial for allegedly failing to furnish details of two pending criminal cases in his 2014 poll affidavit.

"Application seeking oral hearing of review petitions in open court is/are allowed. List review petitions before the court," a Bench of Justices Arun Mishra, Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose said in its Thursday's order.

On Oct 1 2019, the apex court had set aside the Bombay High Court order which had given a clean chit to Fadnavis and had held that he did not deserve to be tried for the alleged offences under the Representation of People's (RP) Act.

lenged the high court's order.

On July 23, 2019, the top court, while reserving the verdict, had said that the alleged "omission" by Fadnavis of not disclosing information about two criminal cases in his election affidavit may be decided in the trial.

The apex court had said that it was concerned with a limited issue whether prima facie Section 125A of the RP Act is attracted or not. The provision deals with the penalty for "filing false affidavit" and says that if a candidate or his proposer fails to furnish or gives false or conceals any information in his nomination paper on issues like pending criminal cases then the person may be awarded six months jail term or fine or both.

Ukey had contended that the chief minister filed a false affidavit by not disclosing two criminal matters and yet the trial court and the high court held that there no prima facie case was made out for prosecution of the Chief Minister.

Get inspiration, energy from you: PM to children

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Lauding the children who bagged the national awards, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said he gets inspiration and energy from them, knowing their talents. Interacting with children who won the Pradhan Mantri Bal Puraskar at his residence, the Prime Minister said he is proud to see the awareness of their duty towards society and the nation.

"When I was getting introduced to you a while back, I was really surprised. The way you all have tried in different fields, the work that has been done at such a young age is amazing. Whenever I hear about such courageous work of all you young comrades, talk to you, I also get inspiration and energy," the PM said.

He told them to enjoy drinking water and juice not medicine. He also advised them to be physically active. The Pradhan Mantri Bal Puraskar



Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a group photograph with the awardees of Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2020, in New Delhi on Friday

awards are given to children in the age group of five to 18 years for their contribution in various sectors — innovation, social service, scholastic, sports, art and

culture, and bravery. It carries a medal, a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, a certificate and a citation.

The 49 awardees include 12-year-old Darsh Malani, who

has performed over 50 magic shows worldwide, and 11-year-old Manoj Kumar Lohar, awarded for his mastery in "tabla vadan".

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PULWAMA ENCOUNTER Killed terrorist identified as JeM man from Pak

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

The terrorist, who was killed in a gunfight with security forces in Pulwama district on Wednesday, was identified as a Pakistani national affiliated with proscribed Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit, a senior police officer said on Friday, adding the ultra operated in militancy-infested south Kashmir under code names "Abu Saifullah" and "Abu Qasim".

The officer said the slain terrorist was wanted in connection with the abduction and killing of two civilians and threatening special police officers (SPOs) and non-local labourers to leave the Valley.

A close associate of JeM self-styled chief commander Qari Yasir of Pakistan, who was killed in an encounter with security forces in Kupwara district in July 2013, Abu Saifullah was trapped along with his

local associate during a search and cordon operation at Zaintrag village in the Awantipora area of Pulwama on Tuesday morning, he said.

The operation, which was launched on a specific information, turned into a gunfight when the hiding terrorists opened fire on the joint search parties of police, 50 Rashtriya Rifles and 185 Battalion of the CRPF, the officer said.

The heavy firing by the terrorists resulted in grievous bullet injuries to Sepoy Rahul Ranswal of the Rashtriya Rifles and SPO Shabbaz Ahmad of local police, who were evacuated to the Army's 92 Base Hospital in Srinagar but both succumbed to injuries there, he said.

During the process of evacuation of the injured jawans, the terrorists fled the cordon area, the officer said, adding they were tracked down in the forest area of Nagander

village, which is about one kilometre away from the encounter site of Zaintrag, next day resulting in a fresh encounter. The "most wanted" terrorist, Abu Saifullah, was killed there.

However, his other associate managed to escape and a hunt is on to neutralise him, the officer said.

"Abu Saifullah has been active in Tral and the Khrew area of Awantipora for more than one-and-a-half years and was a close associate of slain JeM chief Qari Yasir. He was involved in the abduction and killing of two civilians - Abdul Qadeer Kohli and Manzoor Ahmad Kohli - and injuring a shopkeeper, Naseer Ahmad Ganie, last year," he said. Saifullah was also wanted in a case related to pasting of posters wherein the SPOs were threatened to leave their jobs and non-local labourers were asked to leave the valley, the officer said.

Mamata to paint grim picture of CAA on Jan 28

PTI ■ KOLKATA

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee will now take up the brush on January 28 to protest against the amended Citizenship Act and the proposed NRC, well known painter Shuvaprasanna who is organising it said on Friday.

The programme will take place at the Gandhi statue on Mayo Road, where Banerjee, a painter herself, will wield the brush along with several other renowned painters to depict the problems of the contentious CAA and NRC, he said.

The theme of the programme is 'No CAA-No NRC'. It has been planned by Banerjee, Shuvaprasanna said. "Around 40 painters along with our CM will try to depict the protests across the country, the pain of the people who are in detention centres in Assam due to NRC. It will be a different form of protest," he told PTI.

According to TMC sources, the paintings will be exhibited in various galleries of

the state and the country. "These paintings will be a part of our awareness campaign against CAA and NRC across the country and state," a senior TMC leader said.

The issue of CAA has emerged as major political flash point in West Bengal with the TMC opposing the contentious

legislation tooth and nail, and the BJP pressing for its imple-

mentation. Banerjee, a staunch critic of BJP, has been at the forefront of anti-CAA protest as well as against the proposed National Register of Citizens and the NPR.

Women sit on protest in UP's Sambhal

PTI ■ SAMBHAL (UP)

Around 50 women sat on a protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and National Register of Citizens in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal district on Friday.

The women raised slogans against CAA and NRC at Pakka Bag Kheda in Nakhsha area, claiming the two are "undemocratic" and "against

Muslims".

They also raised slogans, including "hum leke rahenge azadi", "CAA se azadi", "RSS se azadi", "Gandhi wali azadi".

Samajwadi Party MP Shafiqur Rahman Barq visited the protestors and said, "The government wants to make Muslims secondary citizens" and added that his party will raise the issue in Parliament.

Centre peddling lies : Chandrashekhar Ravan

PTI ■ MUZAFFARPUR

Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Ravan on Friday hit out at the BJP-led Government at the Centre, accusing it of "peddling lies" on the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), National Population Register (NPR) and National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Addressing a rally in this north Bihar town, called upon the people to carry on "sustained and peaceful protests", urging them to draw inspiration from the agitation by women at Delhi's Shaheen Bagh.

"I want to tell people across the country that they are not alone in their fight. The Bhim Army is by their side," he said.

The Bhim Army chief accused the Narendra Modi-led Government of "striking at the country's unity and integrity" by introducing the CAA which "discriminates against citizens on the basis of religion".

He said NPR is seen as a

precursor to (nationwide) NRC, which could be "used to disenfranchise people".

"The Government has been peddling lies stating that the Act is a benign one, aimed at giving citizenship and not taking it away, and misleading the nation by claiming that it is not linked with NRC.

All these measures will harm the common citizens," Azad said.

The Ambedkarite also paid tributes to socialist leader Karpoori Thakur on his birth anniversary on Friday.

Sharing an image of a commemorative stamp issued in the memory of the former Bihar chief minister, he tweeted, "Attended a rally at Muzaffarpur (Bihar) on the birth anniversary of Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur, the warrior of social justice."

"Karpoori Thakur had said that if the rights of the people are trampled upon, they will challenge the privileges enjoyed by the Parliament. His words proved true with people hitting the streets in protest against CAA-NRC," he tweeted.

MAHARASHTRA 'PHONE TAPPING' ROW HOTS UP Fadnavis rejects charge

PTI ■ MUMBAI

As the BJP found itself the Adcock over the alleged tapping of phones of NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, Sena spokesperson Sanjay Raut and others ordered by its government, its senior leader and former chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday denied the charge, saying that it was not Maharashtra's culture of its party to tap the phones of its political opponents and his party was prepared to face any kind of inquiry.

A day after Maharashtra Home Ministry directed the Cyber cell of the State police to look into allegations of the phone tapping ordered by the previous BJP-headed saffron alliance Government ahead of the recent State Assembly polls, Senior Congress leader and State PWD Minister Ashok Chavan rooted for a comprehensive high-level inquiry into all aspects of the alleged phone



tapping scam.

Talking to media persons here, State Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said: "Ahead of the recent State Assembly polls, the previous BJP-led Government had ordered tapping the phones of senior NCP, Congress and Shiv Sena leaders to snoop into who they were talking to."

The allegation is also that the BJP-led Government had - using the Government funds - sent a team of officials to Israel to buy spyware which the BJP used it to tap and used the conversations on mobile

phones of our leaders for political purposes. We have started investigations into the alleged phone-tapping."

The ordering of an inquiry into the alleged tapping of phones of Pawar, Uddhav, Raut and others comes in the wake of a sensational allegation made last week by senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh that the Maharashtra Government officials were involved in phone surveillance and that some state government officials had visited Israel and held talks with the Israeli firm NSO. NSO creates Pegasus, a spyware which WhatsApp recently revealed had been used extensively to extract private phone conversation data.

"Is the @Officeof UT going to give details in public that who was behind the snooping and tapping in Maharashtra. Who were the officers of Maharashtra who went to Israel to talk to NSO, the brain behind malware Pegasus," Singh had tweeted.

Reacting to the inquiry instituted by the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government into the alleged phone tapping ordered allegedly by the previous government led by him, Fadnavis said: "It is not Maharashtra's culture to tap the phones of political opponents. (Referring to Digvijay Singh) the entire country knows about the person who has complained about the phone tapping."

The State Government is free to order an inquiry into the alleged phone of any agency. People of Maharashtra know the truth. At that time, Shiv Sena's man was the Minister of State for Home."

"My only request to this government is that it should conduct the inquiry into the alleged phone tapping forthwith and place the report before the people. If the government wants to send to someone Israel to conduct an inquiry, it can do so," Fadnavis said.

SC allows Rajasthan poll panel to hold panchayat election by April

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court allowed the Rajasthan State Election Commission (SEC) on Friday to hold 'panchayat' polls in the State by April this year.

The top court had earlier stayed the Rajasthan High Court's order cancelling the notifications reorganising certain 'gram panchayats' and 'panchayat samitis' in the State after November 15-16, 2019.

A bench, comprising Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant, was told by the State Government that the high court quashed the delimitation of certain 'panchayats' and that order was stayed by the top court.

Later, the SEC stayed the 'panchayat' polls which should

be conducted, senior advocate A M Singhvi said.

The bench took note of the plea of the State Government and the statement of the State poll body on the possibility of conducting the 'panchayat' elections.

"KV Vishwanathan, senior counsel appearing for the newly added respondent - State Election Commission, states that the elections will be held in accordance with the notifications."

He further states that the elections will be held according to law in the second half of April, 2020. Order accordingly," the bench said in its order. The high court, in December last year, had nullified 'panchayat' bodies created after November 15-16.

It had termed the delimitation notification of 627 gram 'panchayats' in Rajasthan as 'void'.

MoS Home, LG discuss security situation in J&K

PTI ■ JAMMU

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy on Friday met J&K Lieutenant Governor Girish Chandra Murmu and discussed the internal security situation of the UT.

The MoS and the Lt Governor discussed a range of issues pertaining to the internal security and law order management in J&K, an official spokesperson said.

They also had a discussion on the border management, administration of the UT, management of Central Armed Police Forces, disaster management and implementation of several developmental projects and public welfare schemes in the UT.

Reddy also shared his views with the Lt Governor about the current security and developmen-

tal scenario in the UT.

He observed that the development of J&K along with renewed growth prospects for the people and maintenance of security, peace and harmony in J&K is the foremost agenda of the Union Govt and all necessary steps would be taken in this regard.

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Regd. Office 7/ K.M. Stone,
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 29 and 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of Board of Director of the Company will be held on Thursday the 13th day of February, 2020 at 11.00 A.M. at 7th K.M. Stone, Barwala Road, Hisar to consider & take on record the Unaudited Quarterly Results for the Period Ended 31st December, 2019. The said Notice may be accessed on the Company's Website at <http://www.unitedtextileslimited.com> & also on the website of Stock Exchanges at <http://www.bseindia.com>.

For United Textiles Limited
(Vinod Kumar Agarwal)
Director
Place: Hisar
Dated 24.01.2020 (DIN 01614768)

Internet gag has created information black hole in Kashmir: Tarigami

PTI ■ JAMMU

The Internet shutdown has created an information black hole in Kashmir by crippling the functioning of the local press and severely curtailing its coverage of how the people have been affected, Senior CPI(M) leader MY Tarigami said on Friday.

He said Valley based journalists have had to stand in queues at the 'Media Facilitation Centre' - set up by the administration in Srinagar - and rely on a dozen comput-



ers with internet access to file their stories and communicate with their editors.

"As Internet shutdown in Kashmir for the last nearly six months has virtually stopped free flow of information, journalists continue to face severe restrictions in all processes of

news gathering, verification and dissemination leaving behind a troubled silence that bodes ill for freedom of expression and media freedom," Tarigami said in a statement.

"Internet facilities remain inadequate for hundreds of journalists and district reporters who can't make it to the centre every day," he added.

This has virtually made them dependent on the state, and submission to government-regulated conditions makes a mockery of freedom of the press, the CPI(M) leader said.

"There were no reports on the effects of the communication shutdown on everyday lives of people, arrests, crippling of healthcare and other emergency services. What was not covered in the local press said a lot about the curtailment of the freedom of the press," he said. The Constitution provides the right of freedom, given in Article 19 with the view of guaranteeing individual rights that were considered vital by the framers of the Constitution, he said.

"As we are going to celebrate 70th Republic Day in two days time, it is imperative on democratic forces including, intelligentsia and the civil society at large, to put their heads together, discuss the situation intensively and highlight the sufferings of people of J&K and make this BJP Government accountable," he said.

SHEENA BORA MURDER CASE CBI opposes Indrani's bail plea

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The CBI has opposed a bail plea filed by Indrani Mukerjea, a prime accused in the Sheena Bora murder case, saying that the charges against her are "serious and grievous in nature."

After failing to secure bail four times on medical grounds, Mukerjea filed another plea in December 2019 in the court of special CBI judge JC Jagdale, seeking bail on the 'merits' of her case. She was arrested in the case in 2015.

Opposing her plea, the Central Bureau of Investigation said in its reply two days ago that she was accused of killing her own daughter, and the

charges against her were "serious and grievous" in nature.

Accused-turned-approver Shyamvar Rai, Indrani's former driver, has deposed in detail about how the crime was committed and the evidence destroyed, the CBI said.

Kajal Agarwal, a witness, stated in her testimony how the conspiracy unfolded and how fake resignation letter, leave and license agreement and ID card were created in Sheena's name, the agency said.

Of the 253 witnesses, 60 have deposed, the agency said, adding that several key witnesses including Rahul, Indrani's son husband Peter Mukerjea's then husband Peter Mukerjea, were yet to be examined.

If released on bail, Indrani would abscond, or try to influence the witnesses, it said.

According to the CBI, Indrani was opposed to Rahul and Sheena's relationship. On the day Sheena was killed, Rahul had seen Indrani and her driver waiting with Indrani's car when he dropped Sheena in Bandra.

Sheena told Rahul that she will stay with Indrani for the night and it was the last time he saw her, the agency said in its reply. In her bail plea, Indrani claimed that "there was no evidence in the form of messages, conversations or e-mails or any communication" to show that she had hatched a conspiracy to abduct or kill Sheena.

BJP leader held for 'indecent' remark against woman collector

PTI ■ RAJGARH (MP)

Former Madhya Pradesh Minister and BJP leader Badrinal Yadav was arrested on Friday for allegedly making an objectionable remark against Rajgarh collector Nidhi Nivedita during a public meeting, police said.

However, a Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) court later granted bail to Yadav on a personal bond of ₹20,000, he said.

The former Minister of State was arrested from his residence in Biora city (in Rajgarh district) on Friday afternoon in the case registered against him under IPC sections 294 (obscene act) and 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) on Thursday, Rajgarh Superintendent of Police (SP) Pradeep Sharma said.

"Yadav was produced in the JMFC court, which granted bail to him on the personal bond of Rs 20,000," he added.

Biora City police station in-charge D P Lohia said that apart from this, the former minister was also arrested on Friday in an old case registered against him under IPC section 188.

The JMFC granted bail to him in that case as well on a personal bond of ₹20,000.

A case had been registered against Yadav on Thursday for making an objectionable remark against the woman collector, who is accused of slapping a BJP worker during a proposal Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) rally held five days ago.

Yadav had made an indecent remark against the collector during a protest organised by the BJP at Biora in Rajgarh district on Wednesday

Chairs to be set up in varsities in name of 10 eminent women personalities

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ten eminent women administrators, artists, scientists and social reformers, including Hansa Mehta and Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar, will have Chairs in universities in their names, the Government said on Friday.

The announcement was made by the women and child development Ministry on National Girl Child Day.

The 10 Chairs will be set up with the University Grants Commission's assistance and with an aim to carry out research in different

fields, according to a statement.

The initiative is called "establishment of chairs in universities in the name of eminent women administrators, artists, scientists and social reformers", it said. These will be established for a period of five years initially, as per guidelines, according to the statement.

The chairs are being named after Holkar queen Devi Ahilyabai Holkar, litterateur Mahadevi Verma, freedom fighter from the North East Rani Gaidinliu, physician Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi, Carnatic singer MS Subbulakshmi, forest conservationist Amrita Devi Beniwal, mathematician Lilavati, scientist Kamala Sohanie, poet Lal Ded and educational reformist Hansa Mehta.

The financial implications of the proposal is ₹50 lakh per Chair for a year and the total expenditure for establishing them will be about ₹5 crore per annum, the statement said.

NOTICE FOR CANCELLATION OF TENDER
No. SSA/MIS/ICT Ele-Phase-II/354/2019/359 Date: 24.01.2020
The tender invited vide No. SSA/MIS/ICT Ele-Phase-II/354/2019/43 dated 02.01.2020 for procurement of Educational Services and Supply and Maintenance of ICT Hardware & Accessories in Government schools in Assam is hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons.

Sd/- Mission Director,
SSA, Assam,
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPED
General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo), **Nishu**, S/o: Jagdish Kumar Verma, R/o: Sardar Meet Shop, Kh. No. 318/319, Alipur Road, Narela, Delhi, **Aged:** 20 years has been missing/kidnaped from the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi since 03.01.2020. In this regard a DD No. 61-A, Dated 06.01.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi. His physical description is as under:

Height: 5'6" feet, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Clothing:** Black Colour T-Shirt, Black Colour Pant and Black Campus Shoes in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/kidnaped boy, may inform SHO, Narela, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641

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P.S. Narela, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27282350, 27285839

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GIST of e-Tender
e-NIT No: 33 of 2019-20 Dated: 22-01-2020 due on : 01-02-2020

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, UT, Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC Kathua invites e-tenders from well reputed contractors/workshop holders/in two covers for periodic maintenance/repairs to M&P make horizontal split casing type pump of unit no. 01, 03 & 07 having 17 cusecs discharge, 50.5 mtr. head, coupled with 450 HP, slip ring type HT motor installed at LIS Lakhnampur. The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 22-01-2020 (17:00 hrs).

1. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 23-01-2020 (10:00 hrs) to 01-02-2020 (16:00 hrs) in two covers.
2. The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 03-02-2020 (15:00 hrs) or any other convenient date in the Office of Executive Engineer Mech. Divn. RTIC Kathua.
3. The intending bidders should keep a check on bid website for any change in the technical specifications/terms and conditions if any.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Mechanical Division Ravi Tawi Irrigation Complex Kathua
Dated: 24.01.2020

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal)
SUMMONS FOR FILING Reply & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
Date: 16/01/2020
O.A.No. 1080/2019
Summons to defendant under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1953 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993.)
Original Application No. 1080/2019
ICICI BANK LTD. ..Applicant
Versus
Mr. Paras Sharma & Others ..Defendants
To,
Defendants:
1) Mr. Paras Sharma, Son of Shri Avdesh Kumar Sharma, Resident of Flat No 202, 2nd Floor Block-c Jnc Greenwoods, Plot No.3/Gh, (Sp1) Sector-3 Vasundhara, Ghaziabad- 201001. **ALSO**
Resident of B- 713 Jalvayu Towers Sector- 56 Gurgaon- 122001.
2) Mrs. Nandini Sharma, W/o Mr. Paras Sharma, Resident of Flat No 202, 2nd Floor Block-c Jnc Greenwoods, Plot No.3/Gh, (Sp1) Sector-3 Vasundhara, Ghaziabad- 201001. **ALSO**
Resident of B- 713 Jalvayu Towers Sector- 56 Gurgaon- 122001.
3) M/S JNC Constructions Pvt. Ltd. Regd. Office: Plot No. Gh-1, Sector-3, Vasundhara Ghaziabad-201001 (U.P.)
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 26/02/2020, at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

Increase in B'deshi migrants' outflow post CAA: BSF

PTI ■ KOLKATA

The BSF said on Friday that there has been an increase in the outflow of illegal Bangladeshi migrants to their home country over the past one month, following the enactment of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act or CAA.

A top official of the paramilitary force said there has been a spike in the number of illegal settlers apprehended since last month.

The outflow has been highest through the borders in the North 24 Parganas district, BSF Inspector General (South Bengal Frontier) Y B Khurania said. "There has been some increase in outflow of illegal Bangladeshi migrants to the bordering country in last one month. In January alone, we had apprehended 268 illegal Bangladeshi migrants, most of who were trying to sneak into



the neighbouring country," Khurania told reporters.

Those leaving were mostly engaged as masons, maids and housekeepers in the country, another Border Security Force (BSF) official said.

"The highest outflow is via North 24 Parganas district. They (migrants) were mostly based in Bengaluru and north India. Some were involved in paltry jobs such as masons, maids, housekeepers and sweepers," he said.

In 2019, the BSF had

apprehended 2,194 Bangladeshis, most of them caught while trying to illegally sneak into India. But since December last year, things have changed, the official said. West Bengal shares about 2,216.7-km border with Bangladesh, a large part of which is unfenced.

According to BSF sources, troopers were not stopping the immigrants from crossing over to their home country, except in cases when they were found to be smuggling goods.

"Only when they are concealing any contraband or trying to smuggle something to Bangladesh, we are apprehending them. Otherwise, we are taking a note of their particulars and details and letting them go back," one of the sources said.

According to the BSF, one of the biggest achievements of the South Bengal Frontier in 2019 has been putting a check on cross-border cattle smuggling.

In 2018, the number of cattle seized was around 39,995 and in 2019 it had come down to 31,210. This year so far the figure is just 1,301," he said.

The CAA seeks to provide Indian citizenship to Hindus, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis who moved to India on or before December 31, 2014, having fled religious persecution in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

NIA files chargesheet against 2 suspected B'deshi terrorists

PTI ■ AIZAWL

The National Investigation Agency on Friday filed a chargesheet in a court here against two suspected Bangladeshi terrorists, who had entered India illegally and concealed their identity by procuring fake Aadhaar cards.

The charge sheet was filed against Mahmud Hassan alias Shariful Islam and Mohamad Saad Hussain alias Mohamad Sayad Hussain under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, Foreigners Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the agency said in a statement.

The two were detained by villagers in Siluri when they could not produce valid doc-

uments and gave unsatisfactory replies about their antecedents and presence in the area, it said.

"They were later handed over to the BSF personnel of Silsuri Border Out-Post (BOP), who in turn handed over the two accused to police station Marpara.

The local police registered the case for investigation which was later handed over to NIA," it said.

The agency said its investigation has established that both the suspects are members of Ansar-al-Islam, a banned terrorist organisation in Bangladesh.

"Both the accused crossed the international border of India and Bangladesh illegally in the state of Tripura in

November 2018. They concealed their location and identity based on fake Aadhaar cards," it said.

These fake Aadhaar cards were given to them by their handlers in Bangladesh.

"Investigation further revealed that accused Mahmud Hassan alias Shariful Islam had travelled from Agartala to Bangalore in pursuance to conspiracy of terrorist acts in India and stayed in Bangalore for eight to nine months (November 2018 to July 2019)," the agency said.

He received public places in Bangalore, the NIA said.

Investigation has also revealed that on instructions of his handler, the accused financially assisted another arrest-

ed ABT (Ansarullah Bangla Team) member lodged in Kolkata jail.

ABT is another banned terrorist organization in Bangladesh.

"Both the accused later criminally conspired, as per directions of their handlers in Bangladesh and tried to procure weapons from various places in the state of Tripura and Mizoram in pursuance of the conspiracy of committing terrorist acts in India," the agency said.

A large amount of incriminating documents were recovered from their seized digital devices, it said.

Mizoram police registered a case in this regard in July last year, which was taken over by NIA in September.

KOREGAON-BHIMA CASE

Arrest political bosses, says Ambedkar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Dalit leader Prakash Ambedkar on Friday demanded that the Maharashtra Government arrest the "political bosses" on whose instructions the police arrested activists in connection with the Koregaon-Bhima violence.

Ambedkar's remarks follow reports of NCP president Sharad Pawar writing to Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, alleging that the violence was the result of a conspiracy hatched by the

then BJP-led Government with the help of police, and seeking an SIT probe. NCP sources confirmed that Pawar had written a letter some ten days ago, but did not disclose its contents.

Speaking to reporters here, Ambedkar asked Pawar to make public the "documents" he has in his possession.

"Pawar has written to the government is what I have read in newspapers. My only request to the Government is it should assure the (police) officials who are involved that it won't take action against them even if they were wrong," Ambedkar said.

"But they should disclose who were the political bosses who gave the orders (to arrest activists) and the Government should act against such political bosses," the leader of the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi said.

According to Pune police, the Elgar Parishad conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, was supported by

Maoists and inflammatory speeches made at the event led to caste violence at Koregaon-Bhima war memorial in the district the next day.

The Left-leaning activists arrested during the probe had links with Maoists, police claimed, booking them under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Sudhir Dhawale, Rona Wilson, Surendra Gadling, Mahesh Raut, Shoma Sen, Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves, Sudha Bharadwaj and Varavara Rao were arrested in the case.

Last month, Pawar had termed the arrests as "wrong" and "vengeful" and demanded probe by a special investigation team. Meanwhile, BJP leader and former minister Vinod Tawde alleged that Pawar wanted to protect "urban naxals".

"It is unfortunate that Pawar, who had been a Chief Minister and (state) Home Minister (should write such a letter. It is not expected of Pawar saheb," he told reporters.

Elgar case a 'conspiracy' against pro-Dalit activists: Maha Min Jitendra Ahwad

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra Minister Jitendra Ahwad on Friday said the Koregaon-Bhima violence case, filed during the previous BJP regime, was a "conspiracy" to malign the image of activists sympathetic to Dalit causes.

Addressing a press conference here, the NCP leader said the case, in which some human rights activists have been facing charges of Maoist links and also booked under the anti-terror act UAPA, should be investigated again.

"I have said several times that the Koregaon-Bhima case was a conspiracy to malign activists who are sympathetic to Dalit causes," he said.

"Taking action against those who recite poems of Namdeo Dhasal (a Marathi poet & Dalit activist) and arresting people on allegations of plotting to kill (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi is too

Centre transferred probe to NIA without State's Consent: Deshmukh

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Home Minister Anil Deshmukh on Friday hit out at the Union Govt, claiming that it has transferred the probe of the 2018 Koregaon-Bhima violence case to the National Investigation Agency without the State Govt's consent. The case was being probed by the Pune Police. Deshmukh tweeted on Friday evening that the Centre took this decision after the new Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress government in Maharashtra decided to "go to the root of the matter".

"I condemn this decision. This is against the Constitution," the Minister, who belongs to the NCP, added. Violence had broken out near Koregaon-Bhima war memorial in Pune district on January 1, 2018. Dalits visit the memorial in large numbers as it commemorates victory of British forces which included Dalit Mahar soldiers over the army of the Brahmin Peshwa rulers of Pune in 1818.

Rajasthan Govt working to bring legislation on 'right to health': Guv

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra on Friday said the Government is working to bring a legislation on "right to health" to provide healthcare facilities to people of the State.

Delivering his address on the first day of the Budget session, which was later boycotted by the opposition BJP and RLP MLAs, Mishra said the state government has launched 'Nirogi Rajasthan' campaign on December 18 last year and was making constant efforts to provide healthcare facilities to the people.

He said the Government was working on "right to health" legislation to make it mandatory to provide healthcare facilities to the people.

Mishra said the State Government has so far allocated a budget of ₹47.80 crore as agriculture grant to farmers in six districts - Jalore, Jaisalmer, Barmer, Bikaner, Pali

and Jodhpur - where locust attack has damaged crops.

He said the Government took prompt action and got the 'gridawari' (assessment report) prepared in the affected areas.

The Governor said Rajasthan became the first State in the country to make the arrangement of FIR registration at SP offices in case the FIR is not registered at police stations.

Due to this historic decision, the number of FIRs will increase, he said.

"It is the duty of the Government which works for public welfare to ensure that everyone is heard and gets justice," he said.

Rajasthan was the first state to pass a bill to curb incidents of honour killing and second state where a bill against mob lynching was passed, he said.

It was expected that the government of India will cooperate in implementing them. Mishra said Rajasthan is

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Notice invited online bids for Two Part, Open Tender through Central Public Procurement Portal (<https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>) are invited on for the following works:

1. RFP NO. TNCC-002/2020 : Assistance & Support Service for Conservancy & Sanitation Work & Water Supply at NALCO Bhawan, Bhubaneswar.
2. RFP NO. TNCC-003/2020 : Development and Maintenance Support of In House Developed ASP .Net Applications.
3. RFP NO. TNCC-004/2020 : Daily Point to Point Courier Service from Different Locations of NALCO.
4. RFP NO. TNCC-005/2020 : Assistance/Support Services for Horticultural Maintenance/Development works at NALCO, Bhubaneswar.

For details please visit www.eprocure.gov.in or www.nalcoindia.com. Any Updates / Amendments / Extension / Corrigendum will only be hosted in above websites.

AGM (Elect.), T&C, Corp. Office

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal)

SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION
O.A.No. 1237/2019
Summons to defendant under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993).

ICICI BANK LTD. Applicant
Versus
Mr. Pratik Arjun Sen & Others Defendants

To, Defendants:
1. Mr. Pratik Arjun Sen, Son of Shri Pranab Kumar Sen, Resident of Spazeevry Flat No. E-171, Sector-72, Sohna Road, Gurgaon-122019. ALSO
Resident of Flat No. 2206, 22nd Floor Tower B1 Rudra Palace Heights, Plot No. Gh-02b Sec 1, Greater Noida-201307 (U.P.)
2. Mrs. Shikha Basson, W/o Mr. Pratik Arjun Sen, Resident of Spazeevry Flat No. E-171, Sector-72, Sohna Road, Gurgaon-122019. ALSO
Resident of Flat No. 2206, 22nd Floor Tower B1 Rudra Palace Heights, Plot No. Gh-02b Sec 1, Greater Noida-201307 (U.P.)
3. M/s Rudra Buildwell Projects Pvt. Ltd., Regd. Office: Regd. Office-D-53, Okhla Phase-1, New-Delhi-110020, Corporate/Marketing Office-A-66 Sec-63, Noida-201301 (U.P.)

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 05/03/2020 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

ANTI CAA-NRC PROTEST IN MAHARASHTRA

Normal life not hit, bandh evokes lukewarm response

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Maharashtra bandh, called by the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) to oppose the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) failed to evoke desired response on Friday, even as the protesters vandalised buses and indulged in violence at some places across the state.

In all, VBA and 35 other organisations had come together to organise the bandh. In the run up to and during the course of the bandh, the police had detained an estimated 3000 Dalit activists and others belonging to the organisations supporting the bandh as a precautionary measure.

The detained activists were, however, let off later in the night. VBA's founder president Prakash Ambedkar claimed that the bandh was a success. "We have not forced anyone to join the bandh. Nor have workers indulged in violence. By and large, the bandh was a total success,"

VBA and 35 other organisations had come together to organise the bandh

Ambedkar said, while talking to media persons in the evening. There was some impact of bandh in places like Mumbai, Thane, Ulhasnagar, Bhiwandi, Akola, Jalgaon, Baramati, Jalna, Nandurbar, Nashik, Hingoli and Pune.

Shops and business establishments remained in most of these places. There were however, no reports of major disruptions from other parts of the state. Notwithstanding the claims to the contrary by Ambedkar, the VBA activists forced the shop keepers to shut down the shops in places like Chembur, Wadala, Mulund, Airoli, Ghatkopar, Govandi, Trombay and Kuria. However, normal life remained unaffected.

The protesters indulged in stone pelting and vandalised a BEST at Chembur in north-central Mumbai.

The driver, identified as Vilas B. Dabhadre (53), was injured in the incident. He was admitted to the Shatabdi Hospital at Govandi. However, the passengers in the bus escaped unhurt.

There were reports of sporadic incidents of violence from some parts of the state. The incidents included creating blockades along the roads and hurling of stones at buses.

In Mumbai, Thane and most other places across the state, normal life remained unaffected. The suburban trains - the life lines of Mumbai and surrounding satellite townships - ran normally, while the road traffic was also not hit by the bandh. In his interaction with the media, Amedhkar said: "Since the people are getting to know more and more about the dangers posed by the CAA, NRC and NPR, we received fairly good response for the bandh.

The CAA and NRC will not affected just Muslims, they will also affected a sizeable section of

the Hindus across the country. The people will find it difficult to prove their citizenship, because of lack of documents with them".

Ambedkar said that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman would present a

deficit budget in February. "In the normal course, the Government was to have raised a revenue of ₹24 lakh crore during the financial year 2019-20. But, the revenue collection may not even ₹9 lakh crore," Ambedkar said.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Sunil@Sonu, S/o Jagdish, R/o:** H. No. F-44, Street No.-81, Mahavir Enclave Part-III, Dabri, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 292/19 u/s 392/411/34 IPC** registered at P.S. Janak Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued (unexecuted), stating that the said **Sunil@Sonu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sunil@Sonu** has absconded (or is concealing him self to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in this case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sunil@Sonu** accused of **FIR No. 292/19 u/s 392/411/34 IPC** P.S. Janak Puri, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer said complaint on or before **28.02.2020**.

By Order
Sh. Deepak Vats
Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 9, Ground Floor, Dwarka District Court, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi
DP/8595/WD/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Pinki (along with her son Ashish Age 2 years) D/o Sanjay R/o A-720, Ph.-I Metro Vihar Holambi Kalan, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Narela Ind. Area, Delhi Since 26.12.2019. In this regard, a case **DD No. 35A dated 31.12.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Narela Ind. Area, Delhi**. The description of the missing lady is as under.



PINKI

Age: 25 Years **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Green Colour Suit salwar Hawai chappal in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing lady then please inform P.S. Narela Ind. Area, Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- S.H.O.
P.S. Narela Ind. Area, Delhi
Ph: 011- 27787592

DP/942/ON/2020

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) CONST. DIVN. NO. I, JAMMU

Subject :- Construction of 03 Nos. Pedestal for Install Statue of Maharaja Ranbir Singh, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Sh. Shyam Prasad Mukherjee at R.S. Pura. (Rs 2.86 Lacs).
Reference :- This office short e-NIT No. CD-I/106 of 2019-20 dated 14.01.2020

Cancellation Notice
The tender for the subject work invited vide this office Short e-NIT CD-I/106 of 2019-20 dated 14.01.2019 figuring at Serial No. 5 is hereby withdrawn.

Sd/- (Er. Parvez Malik) Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Const. Divn. No. I Jammu
No:DIPI/J-12734/19
Dated: 23.01.2020

BSES BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi

TENDER NOTICE Date: 25.01.2020

Sealed tenders under Two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) are invited for following job from all bidders.

NIT No.	Brief Item Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BR/19-20/SV/RS/SM/86	REVAMPING OF EXISTING RTU SYSTEM AT 15 GRID SUB STATIONS OF BRPL INCLUDING SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING.	4.21 Crores	8,42,000/-	10.02.2020 1530 HRS	10.02.2020 1600 HRS

Cost of each Tender Document: ₹ 1180/-
For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com

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NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to regulation 29 and 47(1)(a) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a meeting of the board of directors of the company will be held on Friday, 31st January 2020, inter alia, to consider and approve the Standalone unaudited financial results of the company for the Quarter ended 31st December 2019. The intimation is also available on the website of the company (www.parijatpapermills.com) and on the website of the Stock Exchange (<https://www.mseil.in/>)

For Parijat Paper Mills Limited
Sd/-
Amit Mittal
Whole Time Director
Date: 24.01.2020
DIN: 00754471

Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender

No. SSA/MIS/ICT Ele-Phase-II/354/2019/360 Date: 24.01.2020
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites re-tender through e-Tendering process from Reputed Organization for procurement of Educational Services and Supply and Maintenance of ICT Hardware & Accessories in Government schools in Assam.

To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/- Mission Director,
SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th Floor Jeevan Tara Building Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
O.A.No. 665/18 Date: 16.01.2020
STATE BANK OF INDIA APPLICANT
Versus
MR. SHASHWAT SAHU & ANR. RESPONDENT

To, DEFENDANT
2. M/s Idea Builder Pvt. Ltd.
C-294, 1st Floor, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-95
Also At: C-10, Ramprastha Ghaziabad UP-201010

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.26,19,150/- (Rupee Twenty Six Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on **01.04.2020 at 10.30 A.M.** Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of the Tribunal,
For Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi

Reprieve for Pak

With the US and EU now backing its counter-terrorism compliances at FATF, it may get out of the grey list

In the end, India has to evolve its own dynamic regarding Pakistan and its sponsored terror instead of focussing solely on isolating it diplomatically and amassing international opinion on its side. For the fluidity of geopolitics means that each nation would work out its tactical advantage in an evolving context and might not prioritise India's concerns. And global politics is but transactional and revolving stakes mean shifting alliances. To that extent, even India's wins are dictated by its economic potential. So it comes as no surprise that

at a meeting of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) — the global watchdog that tracks terror-funding States and can disqualify them from aid by World Bank and global institutions — members expressed satisfaction over Pakistan's corrective compliances and counter-terrorism efforts. India's was the lone voice of protest. What is of significance is that Pakistan has been able to convince the US, EU, Australia and even Japan about its efforts to curb terrorism. The change in position seems drastic considering last October, the FATF had found Pakistan wanting in most criteria — it had cleared only six of the 27 parameters — and pushed it dangerously closer to the dark grey and black lists. Now the chances of Pakistan "exiting" the grey list are brighter. This indeed would be a blow to India's diplomatic lobbying and efforts. The support of China, its all-weather friend and FATF president, Turkey and Malaysia, with which Pakistan aspires to claim leadership of a neo-Islamic world, was but expected. But the US, while endorsing India's position on Kashmir at the UN, is too invested in stitching up a deal with the Taliban in the final stages before it exits Afghanistan. So it needs Pakistan now. That explains the clean chit in Beijing and even the acknowledgement of Pakistan's "great efforts" at course correction. The US may also have yielded ground at FATF because freezing aid to Pakistan could aggravate economic instability in the region with a cascading impact on politics. Pakistan has been driving home its arguments on this count with its Minister for Economic Affairs Hammad Azhar lobbying in Beijing over the past few days. Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has been appealing to US President Donald Trump in Davos to help the country get off the "grey list." China, of course, has been the accelerator, certifying Pakistan's "political will and active efforts." Not only this, it has been arguing for a renegotiation of the FATF brief itself, saying the grouping had no business to blacklist nations but should help them counter-terrorist funding and networks. India must realise that the shades of the FATF list mean nothing in terms of threat levels ever since the definition of blacklist was diluted as a "call for action" and the grey list was downgraded to "other monitored jurisdictions."

If indeed Pakistan gets out of the grey list, it can avail international funding and clamber out of a choked economy. The conduits to Kashmir could be red hot again, not that they had stopped completely. And though we would want to believe that the Pakistani economy is stuttering, the fact is Moody's upgraded its status from negative to stable, the Arab benefactors have sent grants with even Russia meaning to invest in north-south gas pipelines. Global penalties won't impact Pakistan's proxy war with India; the Government-military configuration will always keep that on the boil, prioritising it as a strategic interest. Even while staying on the FATF watch, there has been no cessation of terrorist infiltration into Kashmir. A listing won't change that ground reality. Besides, as Khan's sustained efforts to raise Kashmir at international fora show, the abrogation of Article 370 has completely taken down the pillar of Pakistan's domestic and international policy. It certainly wouldn't want to let go of the anti-India pitch as its bargaining worth. India has to be prepared for every such manoeuvre. At the same time, it has to ensure that there is no change in the international opinion of "Kashmir is a bilateral issue" argument, the pin-pricking offers of mediation by Trump notwithstanding. For this, the Government needs to demonstrate that it is not at war with the Valley and restore civil rights. This would go a long way in assuaging domestic critics in the US and EU, both of which are being pushed uncomfortably on human rights in Kashmir, and may have compulsions to humour the activist lobby as well. India, too, could make some move to demonstrate its seriousness about bilateral talks and seem to practise what it preaches. Our hardening stance would mean that the world will have a relaxed attitude towards our neighbour. In reality, the deterrence for Pakistan has to be our own measured call.

Citizen Mukherjee

The former President renews hope for democracy by encouraging civil society protesters

Citizen Pranab Mukherjee has as usual listened to the voice of his conscience and restored faith in our democratic renewal as a nation. So on a day that India slipped 10 ranks in the 2019 Democracy Index to the 51st position, its lowest since 2006, the former President came out strongly in favour of peaceful protests across the country, emphasising that they would keep the institution alive and well. Stressing that the present wave of civil society campaigns would deepen the nation's democratic roots, Mukherjee took a

veiled dig at the Government and said that Indian democracy had been tested time and again but had come through regardless. Coming from Mukherjee, who has been feted as a Bharat Ratna by the Modi regime and who was even invited by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to address its session, it shows his public morality would not be beholden to political trade-offs. Of course, even as President, he didn't mince words, decrying cow vigilantism, lynchings and curbs on free speech. The significance of his nomenclature as "Citizen Mukherjee" was not lost on anyone, particularly at a time when the BJP Governments at the Centre and in Uttar Pradesh (UP) had been facing flak for their autocratic ways in executing power. Though he did not make an all-out statement in favour of the anti-CAA protests, his comments were seen as an indirect validation of the protesters — especially the students who have borne the brunt of the establishment's wrath — and a much-needed salve on the bruised spirit of the nation.

Meanwhile, the protests against the Act, that is largely seen as divisive, discriminatory and unconstitutional, continue unabated and have acquired a momentum of their own, forcing politicians to follow them for a change. The social spectrum widens every day. Right from Bollywood actors like Deepika Padukone and former Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Najeeb Jung to students' organisations, lawyers, doctors, academicians, housewives, the Mayor of Maharashtra's Malegaon Municipal Corporation, Dalits and the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi, a representative cross-section has joined the cause. By lending weight to a people's movement, Mukherjee has encouraged us into demanding answers. All things considered, these protests now show that the arrogance of the Government of the day has boomeranged on itself and powers that be don't quite know how to handle such spontaneous combustion.

Elephants over an airport

At a time when there's a drought of good news in the country, a report from Jharkhand that the construction of an airport has been halted to ensure the jumbo corridor isn't affected is welcome



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

At the time of a drought of good news in the country, there comes one to celebrate. The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has halted the construction of an airport at the site of an abandoned World War-II airstrip near Jharkhand's Dhalbhumgarh town. The reason? It would disrupt an elephant corridor used by 200 pachyderms.

The airport near Dhalbhumgarh was to be the first of 400-of-its-kind, which the Airport Authority of India proposes to build throughout the country. Its halting represents one of the rare occasions when a concern for animals has won out against a grandiose plan for so-called development. The disruption of the corridor would have forced the elephants to look elsewhere for passage, including urban and semi-urban areas, thus taking them to new places and creating new dangers of elephant-human conflict.

The resultant casualties would have had an adverse impact on Jharkhand's elephants, whose numbers have been declining. From 772 in 2002, the figure came down to 624 in 2007. It increased to 688 in 2012 only to come down to 679 in 2017, according to the elephant census titled, 'Synchronised elephant population estimation India 2017', released on August 12 (World Elephant Day), that year.

The causes, related to conditions created by continuing human encroachment upon and activity in elephant habitats, include habitat loss, electrocution by contact with sagging and/or low-hanging high voltage transmission wires, running over by trains, conflicts with humans besides poaching, poisoning and old-age related medical problems. According to a report in May, 2017, 32 elephants had been killed by electrocution and 22 in train accidents in Jharkhand until then.

One hopes that the decision to stop the construction of the airport will not be reversed under pressure and will prove to be the precursor of many similar decisions concerning all animals. Elephants, doubtless, need particular attention. They have been listed in Schedule One of the Wildlife Protection Act of India, 1972, which gives them the highest level of protection. Project Elephant was launched in 1992 to protect the Asian elephant (the category to which Indian elephants belong), its habitat and corridors and address the human-elephant conflict. The elephant was declared India's National Heritage Animal on October 22, 2010.

Yet serious challenges remain. Almost all the factors adversely affecting elephants in Jharkhand apply to the species throughout India. The most important of these is habitat loss, caused principally by continuing human encroachment. This is clear from the Elephant Task Force's report, *Gajah: Securing the Future for Elephants in India*, submitted



on August 31, 2010. Dwelling on how various elements contribute to habitat loss and the latter's impact, it states, "Large developmental and infrastructural projects when not planned or located with adequate care are fragmenting habitat[s], while other local pressures degrade them." It further states, "The physical presence of the roads and railway lines in the habitat creates new habitat edges, alters the hydrological dynamics and creates a barrier to the movement of elephants and other animals, leads to habitat fragmentation and loss, apart from death due to train and vehicular hits."

It adds, "Rail and an increase in road traffic operates in a synergetic way across several landscapes and causes not only an overall loss and isolation of wildlife habitat but also splits up the landscape in a literal sense. Various developmental activities also come up on either side of the highways and railroads, thereby further fragmenting the habitat and increasing biotic pressures."

With shrinking habitats, elephants searching for food raid cultivated areas, devouring and destroying crops. Attempts to turn them away constitute an important cause of human-elephant conflict, which is taking a growing number of lives. Replying to a question, Babul Supriyo, Union Minister of State for MoEFCC, told the Lok Sabha on June 28, 2019, that 2,398 peo-

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ple had died since 2014. According to other official statistics, a total of 1,465 people were killed between the years 2013-14 and 2016-17. In turn, people kill 40 to 50 elephants every year, apart from those slain by poachers for the ivory of the tusks.

Habitat loss also forces elephants to move into other areas. They are now seen in States like Manipur, Mizoram, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, where they had not been present earlier. Other factors have also contributed. A major drought in Tamil Nadu had caused herds of elephants to cross over to Andhra Pradesh where they had no presence for over two centuries. The result is an extension of the area witnessing human-elephant conflict.

The impact of habitat loss is compounded by that of elephant corridors, which account for much of the rail and road accidents. According to the report, *Gajah: Securing the Future for Elephants in India*, train accidents had killed as many as 150 of these behemoths since 1987.

According to a Ministry statement in the Rajya Sabha, 49 elephants were killed in railway accidents between 2016 and 2018. The Elephant Task Force's report has recommended several measures to protect habitats and prevent elephants from being killed in road and rail accidents. These include the announcement

of principles of forest area, railway track and highway management, the grant of mining licences and rules governing the drawing and maintenance of power cables through forest areas.

Besides these, attention has to be paid to nurturing elephant reserves as the basic management unit for their conservation in the country. At present, there are 32 of these across India, covering over 69,000 sq km. The problem is that more than over 40 per cent of these is not under Protected Area or Government forest. Hence, the main emphasis has to be on managing land use patterns in the areas outside the preserves to reduce human-elephant conflict. Also, the havoc bush fires continue to play in Australia reminds us of the need to be ready to cope with such calamities which have been taking a severe toll in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh and may occur in other parts of India thanks to climate change.

All this will require huge expenditure and effort. The Government must not balk from either. Besides, it needs to reach out to organisations like Wildlife SOS, TREE Foundation and Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, which have been doing outstanding work in rescuing and nurturing elephants.

(The writer is Consultant Editor, The Pioneer, and an author)

SOUNDBITE

We had a downgrade in one large market, India, but we believe that's temporary. We expect momentum to improve further going ahead.

IMF chief —Kristalina Georgieva



I came into movies to make money and I fell in love with the profession. It was the most wonderful place to be, mentally and creatively

Actor —Sonali Bendre



If India can resolve its land boundary issue with Bangladesh, then why not with Nepal? The time has come to resolve all pending issues through dialogue.

Nepal Foreign Minister —Pradeep K Gyawali



People are wondering why it always happens that the language of AAP, Congress and Imran Khan is the same. Khan raises the same question as do AAP and Congress.

Union Minister —Prakash Javadekar



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stoking controversy

Sir — Amid raging controversy over the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), BJP leader Kailash Vijayvargiya, who is known for his controversial statements, apparently saw construction labourers eating *poha* and suspected they were Bangladeshi. He chose to burp out his angst about it during a meeting on the CAA and laced it with references to "strange eating ways" of the workers.

It is unclear whether leaders in the BJP have been given the task of spearheading the party's nationwide outreach programme in support of the CAA or to create more controversies by making such outlandish claims.

N Nagarajan
Via email

Beef up preparedness

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Another deadly virus" (January 23). The world is being stalked by the coronavirus that has locked down the Chinese city of Wuhan. Already, train, airline, ferry, subway and bus services

Ball is in the Supreme Court

As many as 144 petitions against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) have been filed in the Supreme Court. Petitioners have asked the top court to declare the said law unconstitutional. But the apex court's three-judge Bench, headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde and comprising Justices S Abdul Nazeer and Sanjiv Khanna, issued a notice on all fresh petitions and gave four weeks to the Government to file a reply. Maybe the top court forgot that any delay in addressing pressing issues like the CAA will erode its credibility. Now the bigger question is: How much time does the Centre need to provide the information required by the court? One fails to understand that when the Government had already got around a month's time to submit its response, why does it need an extra four weeks? But the answer to this may not be far-fetched. It's just another ploy to slow down judicial processes.

Since various States are raising their voice against the CAA in the people's court, there's no case for adjourn-



ments. If anything, the protests are drawing support from various quarters. Will it not be better for the apex court to put an interim stay on the implementation of the Act till the time the larger Bench hears the case? People are waiting with a lot of hope because the top court's word on issues like these would be final.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee
Faridabad

Act before it's too late

Sir — The Supreme Court's refusal to stay the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) came as a surprise. However, one is at a loss to understand why the court took this long a time to hear the petitions if it only had to consider referring the issue to a larger Bench. With the people of the

country, particularly the Muslims, still reeling from the shock of the court's Ayodhya verdict, the court's refusal to stay the CAA even temporarily has added insult to injury. It is alleged that some BJP-ruled States like Uttar Pradesh have already started acting on the CAA. Giving a verdict after all the damage has been done will not be of much use.

Tharcus S Fernando
Chennai

Picking right issues

Sir — The Supreme Court has flagged a vital issue by asking Parliament to ponder over having an independent and permanent body to decide disqualification petitions against MPs and MLAs, instead of the Speaker retaining exclusive powers. What purpose is the anti-defection law when all the drama is being played out blatantly? Parties must not deviate from their declared alliances and ideologies, else the electorate suffers.

Kristy
Via email

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FIRST COLUMN

India needs Palkhivala now

The legal luminary didn't hesitate to call a spade a spade and point out to the most authoritarian ruler the folly of tinkering with the Constitution



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

January marked the birth centenary of Nani A Palkhivala, the most respected legal luminary the country has ever had the privilege to call its own. This is a time when India — divided vertically over contentious issues like the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), National Register of Citizens (NRC) and National Population Register (NPR) — misses the guidance and scholarly presence of a person like Palkhivala, who was considered the last word on the Constitution of India. He never hesitated in calling a spade a spade and pointing out to the most authoritarian ruler of our times the folly of tinkering with the Constitution.

One can only look back at Palkhivala with awe and adoration for the bravery with which he opposed the move of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to tamper with the Constitution by bringing in the most unwanted Amendment of our times, the 42nd Amendment Act, 1976. With most Members of Parliament (MPs) belonging to the Opposition, in jail, under the dreaded Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), there was none to raise a voice against the then Prime Minister, whose only interest was to save her job. She had appointed a committee of "yes men" under Swaran Singh, the then Minister for External Affairs, to bring in revolutionary changes in the Constitution and ensure the Gandhi clan's hold over the Government and the Congress party.

The Swaran Singh Committee's remedy or antidote to counter the "onslaught" by the Opposition was to incorporate the terms "secular" and "socialist" and add "integrity" to the word "unity" in the Preamble of the Constitution. In a scathing article in the July 4, 1976 issue of *The Illustrated Weekly of India* (now defunct), Palkhivala warned: "Our Constitution has an extraordinarily forceful and meaningful Preamble which reflects the pledge contained in the Objective Resolution of 1946 to guarantee basic human rights; we, the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a Sovereign Democratic Republic and to secure to all its citizens: Justice, social, economic and political; liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; equality of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the nation; in our Constituent Assembly this twenty-sixth day of November 1949, do hereby adopt, enact and give to ourselves this Constitution."

The Swaran Singh Committee wanted that in place of the expression, "Sovereign Democratic Republic" we should substitute the words "Sovereign Democratic Secular Socialist Republic," and that the word "integrity" should be inserted after "unity."

Palkhivala opined that this proposal was "singularly ill-conceived." He cited four reasons why such a change should not be made in the Constitution of the country. "What follows or is annexed to the Preamble is the Constitution. The Preamble is a part of the Constitution Statute, but it is not a part of the Constitution. Article 368 deals only with an amendment of 'this Constitution' but not of the Constitution Statute. Therefore the Preamble cannot be amended under Article 368. Moreover, the Preamble, from its very nature and content, is incapable of being amended. It refers to the most momentous event in India's history and sets out, as a matter of historical fact, what the people of India resolved in 1949 to do for their unfolding future. No Parliament can amend or alter the historical past," said Palkhivala in the article, which was published during the peak days of Emergency.

He also said that the insertion of the word "socialist" would, instead of clarifying the basic structure of the Constitution, merely make it dangerously ambiguous. Palkhivala, a brilliant legal mind, deciphered the meaninglessness of the term Socialist Democracy, which he likened to "boiling ice" because it was precisely this democracy that the dragon of socialism was about to devour. The legal wizard was of the view that the words "secular" and "integrity" could add nothing to the content of the Preamble.

"Anyone, who has a sense of rhythm and style, would know that the beauty of the Preamble, which is distinguished by economy of words, would be marred by the insertion of the three words, all of which are unnecessary and one of which is misleadingly equivocal," he stated.

The greatest lawyer of our times signed off the article with the words: "We, the people of India, made our choice in 1949. Twenty-seven years later, we are invited to make the other choice." Well, Palkhivala, might be having a hearty laugh every time we read the Preamble of the Constitution today. While we assert that "in our constituent Assembly this twenty-sixth day of November 1949, do hereby adopt, enact and give to ourselves this Constitution", the terms "Socialist", "Secular" and "Integrity" were incorporated only in November 1976.

(The writer is Special Correspondent, The Pioneer)

POINT COUNTERPOINT

YOU PROMISED FREE WI-FI IN DELHI. I WAS SEARCHING FOR IT ON THE WAY BUT COULDN'T FIND IT. INSTEAD, MY PHONE BATTERY DIED BECAUSE OF THIS.

—UNION MINISTER
AMIT SHAH



SIR... WE HAVE ALSO ARRANGED FREE MOBILE PHONE BATTERY-CHARGING STATIONS ALONG WITH FREE WI-FI IN DELHI.

—DELHI CHIEF MINISTER
ARVIND KEJRIWAL

Build a knowledge society

The FM will have to juggle between inclusivity and resource augmentation. Hopefully, one day, we would deliver on allocating six per cent of the GDP to education, first made in 1968



GAUTAM CHOUBEY

Each year, as soon as the ceremonial halwa is served in the North Block and Finance Ministry officials are locked in, the entire nation starts asking a question which is embossed on the home page of the Press Information Bureau's (PIB) website — what's in it for me? Clicking the youth icon on the portal leads to a dialogue box which identifies five new initiatives under the hashtag #BudgetForNewIndia. These include the New Education Policy (NEP), National Research Foundation (NRF), the 'Study in India' programme, Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) and National Sports Education Board (NSEB) under the Khelo India scheme. The fact that each of these proposals can radically transform the education sector makes the forthcoming Union Budget a particularly interesting one. And, for the same reason, there is anxiety too. Moreover, some of the trends in the previous Budget outlays have added to apprehensions. Between 2017-18 and 2019-20, the share of IITs declined from ₹8,337 crore to ₹6,223 crore. The University Grants Commission (UGC), IIMs (Indian Institutes of Management) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have registered funds cuts too. Should we be worried?

Let us begin by acknowledging that the mechanism through which the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) arrived at some of these schemes was elaborate, inclusive and certainly not hurried. Before the release of the NEP draft, the MHRD initiated a nationwide multi-strata debate around 20 themes each for school and higher education. Moreover, the document is refreshingly candid, forthright and does not shy away from asking provocative questions. For example, in the context of State universities, it admits to problems such as excessive politicisation and deteriorating research standards. Further, a number of recurring features across the NEP draft, themes for policy consultation and the NITI Aayog's Strategy for New India (SNI) suggest clear thinking on the part of the Government. Training schools for teachers, recruitment and retention of faculty with research aptitude, industry linkage and so on are common to all three documents.

Similarly, there is an admission that State spending, both by the Central and State Governments, must be significantly enhanced. The NEP draft proposes an incremental increase in public spending on education at the rate of one per cent per year till it reaches 20 per cent of the total expenditure. But, in a country where educational infrastructure is yet to stabilise with respect to its demographic size and diversity, challenges are multi-pronged. Increasing the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education to 35 per cent by 2022-23; establishing new institutes; augmenting existing infrastructure and making Indian universities globally competitive are some of the major concerns. It is perhaps for these reasons that the Government is mulling public-private partnership in higher education and loan-based credit for expansion of facilities. The establishment of a Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA), a joint venture between the MHRD and Canara Bank, is a step in this direction. The HEFA intends to leverage funds from the market and extend low interest loans to universities for R&D.

However, repayment of loans, even if stretched over a decade and offered interest-free, could prove an uphill task for most universities. If initiatives such as 'Study in India' were to succeed and India were

GLOBAL TRENDS SUGGEST THAT ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPS IN COUNTRIES WITH HEALTHY STATE SUPPORT. MOREOVER, IN THESE COUNTRIES, STATE SUPPORT IS MATCHED BY AN EQUALLY GENEROUS GRANT FROM NON-STATE STAKEHOLDERS. THESE INCLUDE CORPORATE PHILANTHROPISTS AND ALUMNI. BUT THESE ARE EITHER KNOWLEDGE ECONOMIES LIKE AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AFRICA OR SOCIETIES LIKE THE UK, THE USA AND GERMANY THAT TAKE IMMENSE PRIDE IN THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



to transform into a knowledge economy, one would expect a substantial rise in revenue generation through tuition fee. However, this will entail generous endowments for creation of world-class infrastructure and a gestation period of some years for return on investment. But according to the MHRD's own documents, it is not fair to expect that higher education institutions will meet operational costs through student fee alone. Global trends suggest that robust infrastructure develops in countries with healthy state support. Moreover, in these countries, state support is matched by an equally generous grant from non-state stakeholders. These include corporate philanthropists and alumni. But these are either knowledge economies like Australia and South Africa or societies like the UK, the USA and Germany that take immense pride in the international stature of their educational institutions.

It should be registered with a certain degree of alarm that even though individual philanthropy is on the rise, the overall figures do not appear very encouraging for India. According to Bain and Co's *India Philanthropy Report, 2019*, contributions of ₹10 crore and above, which constitute nearly 55 per cent of the entire volume of individual philanthropy, have registered a decline of four per cent since 2014. This is both surprising and sad as the number of Ultra-High Net Worth Individuals (UHNWIs) has grown by 12 per cent over the same period. Further, the fact that Azim Premji alone accounts for nearly 80 per cent of the aforementioned 55 per cent, goes to show that the idea of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is yet to take roots in India's corporate culture. Similarly, alumni support is too variegated to be factored in as a stable com-

ponent in financial overhaul. While top professional institutions like the IITs and IIMs manage to raise huge funds through their alumni, the same may not be true of NITs and other management institutes, let alone universities specialising in humanities and social sciences. The sincerest of efforts at alumni outreach at India's top-ranked colleges yield at most an annual alumni meet and an abysmal donation through membership subscription. Even with proactive placement cells and the best of faculty, strictly in market terms, a student with a degree in literature cannot be scaled at par with one with a degree from IIT. Understandably, their ability to pay back to the institution is considerably lower than that of an average IITian. But the picture isn't entirely bleak. Government-aided business incubators, established at degree colleges and universities across India, have been moderately successful. If properly nourished, successful business models can provide the host institution with both direct revenue and potential alumni-philanthropists. But at the initial stages this, too, shall entail generous risk-free endowments.

At a time when we speak of unburdening our students and allowing them the freedom to explore a career of their aptitude, it is not advisable to link every academic activity with industrial output. To quote Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, universities are not supposed to function like assembly line manufacturing units. While we need capital to run a country, cultural capital is equally important for the well-being of a society. Promotion of science and industry might take the centrestage but endeavours to preserve our history, culture, modern Indian languages and classical languages shouldn't lag too far behind. Global trends suggest that while

departments of Indology are getting progressively replaced by South Asian Studies, China is strengthening its soft power by financing departments of Chinese studies. It is now up to the Indian universities to open centres of excellence where classical cultures of the country may be taught and translated. Unless UHNWIs come forward and fund a project similar to Narayan Murthy's Harvard-based Murty Classical Library, the onus of endowments would be on the Government.

As per reports compiled by NASSCOM and PurpleLeap, both of which are cited in the MHRD document, only 25 per cent of India's engineering graduates are employable. Even interventional training fails to brighten their prospects. Opening more technical institutions without emphasis on quality would only create a national backlog of technocrats with a sense of entitlement and huge education loans to pay forward. As is promised in the NEP draft and SNI, serious efforts must be made to improve teaching standards in India. This alone will solve many of the problems that afflict the education sector as only inspired teachers can churn out a globally-competitive workforce. Teachers should be encouraged and empowered to undertake research and writings. At the same time, NRF should not end as another bureaucratic superstructure with every power to stall projects and no resource to leverage.

Undoubtedly, the Finance Minister will tread a tightrope, juggling between inclusivity and resource augmentation. Hopefully, some day, we would deliver on our national commitment of devoting six per cent of the GDP to education, first envisaged in 1968.

(The writer teaches English at the University of Delhi)

2019 forest report a mixed bag

While the mandarins at the policy-making level have much to rejoice as the report vindicates the hard work put in by foresters in States, the new parameters are food for thought for foresters and planners alike



VK BAHUGUNA

The Forest Survey of India (FSI) had recently released its biennial State of Forest Report, 2019 and civil society is busy in analysing it. The FSI's reports are eagerly awaited by the Centre as they apprise the Union Government of the impact of its policies and an increase in forest and tree cover is a huge political gain. However, more often than not, the political masters are unwilling to acknowledge adverse impacts. Thankfully, the current assessment has shown an increase of 5,188 sq km of forest and tree cover (3,976 sq km of forest and 1,212 sq km of tree cover outside recorded forests). The total forest and tree cover in the country is 80.7 million ha (Mha) which cor-

responds to 24.56 per cent of the country's geographic area. The carbon stock is assessed at 7,124.6 million tonnes, an increase of 42.6 million tonnes compared to the 2017 assessment. For accuracy, the growing stock assessment was done with higher sampling intensity and uniformly-spread sample plots.

For the first time since 1985, this year's FSI report has provided enhanced information by adding more parameters. As around 32 Mha of forests are intimately linked to the livelihood of people living in 170,000 forest fringe villages, the FSI had calculated the dependency of people in each State for fuel wood, fodder, bamboo and small timber. The report gives State-wise details of removal of these items and per capita consumption. This is pertinent information for assessing the contribution of forests to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and also for infusion of financial and technical resources for the management of forests, as a big chunk are not in a good shape. The ground-level information on changes in biodiversity and hydrology is key to combat-

ing climate change and in this year's report the biodiversity and wetlands in 16 forest types have been assessed, which will assist foresters in planning management strategies.

The report provides details of five Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) for each State, which reflects the contribution of this segment in the livelihood of rural and tribal belts. Most of the NTFP-producing trees and shrubs are under threat of over-exploitation and poor regeneration. The planners, forest, tribal and rural development ministries must have a look at these statistics and plan their regeneration and efficient management accordingly.

The study also highlights forests occurring in different slopes, which are an indicator of the stability of the forest ecosystem. The report also reveals the threat of invasive species due to anthropological and climatic reasons, in each State.

It is well-known that around 28 per cent of the recorded forests (76.74 Mha) are without trees and comprise snow-covered mountains, glaciers, desert and inaccessible treeless rocky

areas above the tree line. These areas are critical for our ecological and economic lifeline and are a continuous source of water for our rivers, agriculture and forest biodiversity. They must be integrated within the overall forest ecosystems though they may not technically qualify as forests. If we add this 21 Mha to the 80 Mha forest and tree cover, then the ecological life-sustaining system comes to around 101 Mha. Planners, therefore, need to spend at least a certain per cent of our GDP on this land's stability.

The 71.22 Mha of forest cover includes around 20 Mha of the tree/forests having areas over more than one ha outside recorded forest areas. The areas less than one ha (around 9.5 Mha) outside recorded forests are clubbed separately, which brings us to the figure of 80.7 Mha of total tree and forest cover and thus 24.56 per cent of the land mass.

The report, however, gives a dismal picture of forests in tribal districts, showing a decrease of forest cover to the tune of 741 sq km. The livelihood of tribals is dependent on forests and adequate steps must be taken for the

productive management of land vested under the Forest Rights Act. Either the areas have been cleared of tree growth due to encroachments or the land use has changed in these forests. Another area of concern is that a large chunk of forests (30 Mha) are in the open category.

The report also gives a scary picture of the growing stock which shows extremely poor count of mature trees. Yet another worrying feature is that 36 per cent of the forests area is fire-prone. The North-east, central India and Himalayan forests are losing rich bio-diversity due to forest fires, which must be curbed.

While the mandarins at the policy-making level have much to rejoice as the report vindicates the hard work put in by foresters in States, the new parameters in the report are food for thought for foresters and planners alike to use the information for fine-tuning forest governance.

The report highlights that all is not well scientifically with our forest ecosystems and needs infusion of policy, institutional and technological inputs with a pragmatic forward-look-

ing approach to forest management. The State Governments must see the tables for their areas and draw strategies for sustainable management of the forests. Unless this is done, the euphoria of increase in forest cover will be over in a few years.

The FSI had done a commendable job and the way this organisation's responsibilities are increasing, it needs substantial enhancement in manpower and technology so that it meets its ever-increasing mandate — like the recent Supreme Court order on survey of illegal occupation of forest land. It is time its functioning is reviewed and the post of DG FSI and its regional centres need to be upgraded to attract and retain highly qualified professionals.

The organisation should be upgraded to the level of an attached office under the Ministry so that it can give executive directions required for better coordination with States in the implementation of the policies laid down by the Ministry. We owe this to our forests.

(The author is a retired civil servant)



FOREIGN EYE



BILKING THE BBC, AND SENIORS

By March, over four million over-75s will get a letter from the BBC explaining that for the first time in two decades they must pay TV licence fee. Letting a group of people who may be living with disability, low income and loneliness navigate an unfamiliar bureaucracy to pay for TV licence is a recipe for chaos. Plus, it would be wrong for the Government to hoodwink seniors with the idea that there will be no damage to the BBC if they don't pay.

(The Guardian, editorial)

Growth slowdown in India temporary: IMF chief

PTI ■ DAVOS

IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva on Friday said growth slowdown in India appears to be temporary and that she expects the momentum to improve going ahead.

The world appears a better place in January 2020 compared to what it was when IMF announced its World Economic Outlook in October 2019, she said at the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2020 here.

She said the factors driving this positive momentum include receding trade tension after the US-China first phase trade deal and synchronised tax cuts, among others.

She, however, said 3.3 per

cent is not a fantastic growth rate for the world economy.

"It is still sluggish growth. We want fiscal policies to be more aggressive and we want structural reforms and more dynamism," the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said.

On Monday, the fund lowered growth estimate for the world economy to 2.9 per cent for 2019, citing "negative surprises" in few emerging market economies, especially India.

The IMF also revised downwards its forecast for India to 4.8 per cent for 2019-20.

Regarding emerging markets, Georgieva on Friday said they are also moving forward.

"We had a downgrade in



one large market India but we believe that's temporary. We expect momentum to improve further going ahead. There are also some bright spots like Indonesia and Vietnam," she noted.

According to Georgieva, a number of African countries are doing very well, but some



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"We are living in a more risk-prone world. It is only January and there have been

events that are sparking risks for the global economy," she added.

Releasing an update to its World Economic Outlook (WEO) on Monday, the IMF had said global growth, estimated at 2.9 per cent in 2019, is projected to increase to 3.3 per cent in 2020 and inch up further to 3.4 per cent in 2021.

Compared to the October WEO forecast, the estimate for 2019 and the projection for 2020 represent 0.1 percentage point reductions for each year while that for 2021 is 0.2 percentage point lower.

"A more subdued growth forecast for India... Accounts for the lion's share of the downward revisions," it had said.

India can end up with five per cent real GDP growth this Fiscal, says Debroy

PTI ■ KOLKATA

India can end up with a real GDP growth of five per cent this financial year excluding the inflation rate, Bibek Debroy, the chairman of PM's Economic Advisory Council said on Friday.

In the present scenario achieving a nine per cent GDP growth will be difficult, he said at the Tata Steel Kolkata Literary Meet here.

"The aspirational growth rate could be between 6.5 per cent to 7 per cent. At this stage it will be difficult to attain nine per cent GDP growth," he said.

"This year the growth rate will end at five per cent and this is real and not nominal... Next year, the GDP growth rate could be anything between 6 to 6.5 per cent," he said.

Recently IMF had pegged India's GDP growth at 4.8 per cent for 2019-20, much less than its October projection of 6.1 per cent.

Debroy said that Indian economy at present is growing

in an environment which is somewhat protectionist and has declining exports.

"The period during which the country grew at high GDP growth rates like nine per cent, the exports-to-GDP ratio was 20 per cent. But now with developed countries resorting to protectionism and after the collapse of the WTO, contribution of exports to GDP in a large way does not seem possible," he said.

Debroy said "With India being strong in services and not manufacturing, the country will have to give some to get some. It is a quid pro quo situation particularly in a regional trade bloc kind of arrangement".

On taxation regime, he said that the country is moving towards stable direct tax regime without any exemption.

"Goods and Services Tax (GST) is still work in progress. GST was supposed to be revenue neutral. But the government has lost revenue post-GST implementation, which is not tenable," Debroy said.

Ahead of budget, Das underlines need for more structural reforms to revive growth

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With just a week left for the budget, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday called for structural reforms and more fiscal measures to revive consumption demand and the overall growth, saying monetary policy has its own limitations to achieve these objectives.

The Narendra Modi government in its second term will present the first full budget next Saturday, at a time when the advance estimate of GDP has projected nominal growth plunging to a 48-year-low of 7.5 per cent and real growth hitting an 11-year low of 5 per cent or thereabout.

"Monetary policy has its own limits. Structural reforms and fiscal measures may have to be continued and further activated to provide a durable



push to demand and boost growth," Das told the students of St Stephen's College, Delhi, his alma mater. The statement has to be seen in the context of growth hitting a six-year low of 4.5 per cent in the September quarter.

It can be noted that successive GDP prints have been hurtling down quarter after quarter since the second term of the Modi government. Falling consumer price inflation has given the legroom to the central bank to cut interest rates by a whopping 135 bps to

a nine-year low of 5.15 per cent in four successive rate reductions between February and October 2019.

Even a historic corporate tax cut to a low 25 per cent last August did not revive the animal spirit of the economy as amidst falling demand companies are holding back investment into capacity addition as most of them are under-utilising their installed capacity.

Das also listed out some of the priority areas where structural reforms are necessary and if carried out in earnest can act as potential growth drivers and through backward and forward linkages can give significant push to growth.

He called for prioritising food processing industries, tourism, e-commerce and startups and also making the domestic economy a part of the global value chain.

Raids on Lalit hotels group, promoter led to ₹1,000-cr black foreign assets: CBDT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department's searches on the Bharat Hotels Group that runs a chain of luxury units under the Lalit Hotels brand has led to the detection of "undisclosed" foreign assets of over ₹1,000 crore and huge black money that the business house has "stashed" abroad, the CBDT said on Friday.

While the policy-making body of the department did not take any names in the statement, official sources confirmed it to be the Bharat Hotels Group that functions under its Chief Managing Director (CMD) Jyotsna Suri.

The department had launched raids at 13 premises of the group, Suri, and others on January 19 in and around

Delhi. "The investigation has successfully lifted the veil leading to detection of undisclosed foreign assets of more than ₹1,000 crore, apart from domestic tax evasion of more than ₹35 crore, which may lead to consequences under the Black Money Act, 2015, as also, action under the I-T Act, respectively," the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said.

"Foreign assets include investment in a hotel in the UK, immovable properties in the UK and the UAE and deposits with foreign banks," it said.

The CBDT said the group is a "leading member of the hospitality industry, running a hotel abroad and a chain of luxury hotels under a prominent brand name situated at various locations in India".

14.33L new jobs created in Nov: ESIC payroll data

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Around 14.33 lakh jobs were created in November 2019 as compared with 12.60 lakh in the previous month, according to payroll data of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).

Gross enrolments of new subscribers with ESIC were 1.49 crore during the entire financial year 2018-19, the National Statistical Office (NSO) said in a report. It also showed that during the September 2017-November 2019 period, around 3.37 crore new subscribers joined the ESIC scheme.

The NSO's report is based on the payroll data of new subscribers of various social security schemes run by ESIC, retirement fund body EPFO and the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRA).

It has been releasing the payroll data of new subscribers data of these three bodies since April 2018, covering a period starting from September 2017.

The report showed that gross new enrolments with the ESIC during the September 2017-March 2018 period were 83.35 lakh.

A net of 11.62 lakh new enrolments with the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) were recorded in November 2019, compared with 6.47 lakh in October last year.

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Anam, D/o: Firoz, R/o: H. No. C-1/195, Nand Nagari, Delhi has been reported kidnapped since 12.12.2019 from her house.** In this regard **FIR No. 749/19, dated 12.12.2019 u/s 363 IPC** has been registered at P.S. Nand Nagari, Delhi. The description of kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Anam, Age: About 15 Years, Height: 5'3", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Build: Normal, Wearing: Black sweater, black palajo and firoji colour chappal in feet.

If anyone have any information about this kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Nand Nagari, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
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Police Station, Nand Nagari, Delhi
Ph: 011-22137761, 8750870730
DP/7508/NE/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a person namely **Pradeep, S/o: Puran Chand, R/o: H. No. 163, Block No. 9, MCD Flats, Nand Nagri, Delhi has been reported missing since 29.12.2019 from his house.** In this regard **DD No. 47-A dated 30.12.2019** has been registered at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi. The description of missing person is as under:

Name: Pradeep, Age: about 30 Years, Height: 5'3", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Build: Thin, Wearing: White kamij, blue colour jeans and black chappal in feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing person please inform P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi.

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Tata-Mistry case: SC stays NCLAT's January 6 order rejecting RoC plea

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday stayed the order of appellate tribunal NCLAT which had dismissed the plea filed by Registrar of Companies (RoC) seeking impleadment and modification of its last month's verdict in the Tata-Mistry case.

In its January 6 order, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) had rejected RoC's plea saying that no aspersions were cast on the Registrar in terms as illegal the decision to allow conversion of Tata Sons Pvt Ltd (TSPL) into a private company.

Aggrieved by the order, TSPL filed a fresh appeal in the apex court claiming that the NCLAT, while dismissing RoC's plea, had assigned "fresh and additional reasons" to support the conclusion reached by it in its last month's verdict.

The NCLAT verdict of December 18, 2019, which had restored Cyrus Mistry as the executive chairman of the Tata Group, has already been stayed on January 10 by the apex court which observed that there were "lacunae" in the orders passed by the appellate tribunal.

The TSPL's fresh appeal came up for hearing on Friday before a bench comprising Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant.

"We will pass the same order," the bench told senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who was appearing for Tata Sons Pvt Ltd, and stayed the NCLAT's order. The Bench also issued notices to Cyrus Mistry, Cyrus Investments Pvt Ltd and others on the plea and said it would be heard along with the main matter. **PTI**

Insurance industry expecting more tax incentives in Budget

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The insurance industry is expecting more tax incentives to increase the penetration of life and general cover among public in the upcoming Union Budget.

In a pre-budget memorandum, the Life Insurance Council has sought a separate deduction in personal taxes or an increase in the present limit for the premium paid for individual life policies.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to present the Budget for financial year 2020-21 on February 1.

"We request Finance Minister to consider a separate deduction to be provided for premium paid on individual life policies," Life Insurance Council's Secretary SN Bhattacharya said.

SEBI-Sahara case: SC exempts Subrata from personal appearance

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday exempted Sahara group chief Subrata Roy and two other directors from personal appearance till "further orders" in a case related to their alleged failure in depositing ₹25,700 crore in the SEBI-Sahara account for returning investors' money.

The top court, on January 31 last year, had directed Roy and two other directors, Ravi Shankar Dubey and Ashok Roy Choudhary, to personally appear before it "to enable the court to pass appropriate orders so that the law can take its own course and reach the desired conclusion".

It had said that the efforts of the Sahara group to pay back did not "inspire the confidence of the court" as its order for deposit of ₹25,700 crore has not been complied with so far.

Roy was sent to the Tihar Jail by the apex court on March 4, 2014 and came out on parole after spending over two years in prison on May 6, 2016 to perform the last rites of his mother Chhabi Roy. He has been out of prison since then.

Goyal meets WTO chief, EU trade commissioner

PTI ■ DAVOS

Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday discussed with World Trade Organization chief Roberto Azevedo challenges in the multilateral trading system as well as India's preparedness to engage in reforms aimed at bringing inclusivity and transparency.

Goyal, who is here to attend the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual summit, met European Union trade commissioner Phil Hogan, former US Vice President Al Gore, renowned economist and Nobel laureate Michael Spence, and Singapore's Minister-in-Charge of Trade Relations S Iswaran, among others.

He also held discussions with Blackstone Group Chairman, CEO and Co-Founder Stephen A Schwarzman, South Africa's Minister of Trade and Industry Ebrahim Patel and ABB Chairman and CEO Peter Voser, according to a series of tweets by Goyal.

Infosys shares fall on reports Sebi likely to call for forensic audit

New Delhi: Shares of Infosys on Friday managed to pare some losses after falling over 1 per cent during the day amid reports that market watchdog Sebi is likely to call for forensic audit of books of the company on whistleblower allegations of financial irregularities at the firm.

The scrip declined 1.37 per cent to ₹773.80 during the day on the BSE. Later, it closed

at ₹782.95, down 0.20 per cent. At the NSE, shares of the

company fell 1.37 per cent to ₹773.60 during the day. **PTI**

Not received any Sebi request for further audit in whistleblower case: Infosys

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Infosys on Friday said it has not received any request from Sebi for conducting fur-

ther investigation in the whistleblower case where top executives were accused of rigging the company's balance sheet.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Sl. No.	Particulars	(Rs. in Lacs)		
		Quarter ended 31.12.2019	Previous Year ended 31.03.2019	Corresponding 3 months ended 31.12.2018
1.	Total Income from operations	4,359.35	17,450.34	4,407.05
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)*	50.61	1,252.66	424.86
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)*	50.61	1,252.66	424.86
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)*	65.95	971.11	416.46
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	51.19	962.70	417.26
6.	Equity Share Capital	1,530.00	1,530.00	1,530.00
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year		16,492.47	
8.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-			
	1. Basic:	0.33	6.29	2.20
	2. Diluted:	0.33	6.29	2.20

Note:
The above is an extract of the detailed formal of Quarterly/Annual Financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure Requirements (Regulations) 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s), www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and the Company's website www.arodelite.com.

For and on behalf of the Board
-Sd-
Sunil Kumar Arora
Managing Director
Place : Hosur, Tamil Nadu
Date : January 24, 2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Komal D/o Dayaram R/o C-3/37, Swarn Jayanti Vihar, Tikri Khurd, Delhi Age-16 Years 5 Months years, Height-5'2", Complexion-Fair, Face-Round, Built-Medium Wearing-Light Brown Colour Suit & Salwar** has been Missing/kidnapped since dated 08.01.2020 from the area of P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. In this regard a **FIR No.17/20 u/s 363 IPC dated 08.01.2020** has been lodged at

P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl but please inform undersigned.
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Fax : 011-24368639
SHO
P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi
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DP/944/ON/20

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow-226007 (Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand) **SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**
Date: 16/01/2020
O.A.No. 1081/2019
Summons to defendant under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993.)
Original Application No. 1081/2019
ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant
Versus
Mr. Uday Bhan Upadhaya & Others ...Defendants To,
Defendants:
1). Mr. Uday Bhan Upadhaya, Son of Shri Chandra Bhan Upadhaya, Resident of Flat No. 1805, 18 Floor, Tower- C, Plot No. GH04B 1, Manora, Tower Sector- 16, NOIDA-201307.
ALSO
Resident of House No. 59., Gali No.-1 Maharishti Nagar, Sector 107, NOIDA- 201308 (U.P.)
2). Mr. Surya Bhan Upadhaya, Son of Shri Chandra Bhan Upadhaya, Resident of Flat No. 1805, 18 Floor, Tower- C, Plot No. GH04B 1, Manora, Tower Sector- 16, NOIDA-201307.
ALSO
Resident of House No. 59., Gali No.-1 Maharishti Nagar, Sector 107, NOIDA- 201308 (U.P.)
3). M/S Mascot Soho Homes Pvt Ltd. Office at: H- 106, Sector- B3 NOIDA- 201301 (U.P.)
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 26/02/2020, at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.
OA No. 407/19 Dates : 26.12.2019
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA APPLICANT
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MANU SHARMA & ORS. RESPONDENT
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Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 41,80,679/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh Eighty Thousand Six Hundred And Seventy Nine Only) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 10.02.2020 at 10.30 A.M.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.
By order of the Tribunal
Section Officer, DRT-II, Delhi.

Sensex, Nifty advance for 2nd day on pre-budget rally in banking stocks

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Market benchmark index BSE Sensex rose by 227 points on Friday, extending gains for a second day after a rally in banking and cement stocks on hopes of a good budget and financial results.

After opening on a weak note, the 30-share BSE index settled higher by 226.79 points or 0.55 per cent at 41,613.19. It hit an intra-day high of 41,697.03 and a low of 41,275.60.

The broader NSE Nifty closed 67.90 points, or 0.56 per cent, up at 12,248.25.

Ultratech Cement was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, advancing 2.47 per cent after it posted 80 per cent jump in October-December net profit to ₹712 crore.

Banking stocks gained ahead of the Union budget for 2020-21. Axis Bank rose by 2.01 per cent, Kotak Bank by 1.98 per cent, ICICI Bank by 1.18 per cent while State Bank of India advanced 0.25 per cent.

HDFC rose by 1.02 per cent while Bajaj Finance gained 1.56 per cent. Larsen & Toubro gained 2.03 per cent, Titan by 1.91 per cent and HeroMotoCorp by 1.53 per cent. IT stocks Tech Mahindra and HCL Tech advanced 2.43

per cent and 1.57 per cent, respectively.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research AT Geojit Financial Services said, "In anticipation of a good budget and Q3 result, the pre-budget rally has been solid. For this rally to maintain a lot will depend on the actual outcome of Budget & final Q3 earnings trajectory, market is turning a bit cautious before the big event."

Recovery in global markets after the World Health Organisation designated coronavirus infection an emergency for China, but not yet for the rest of the world, also buoyed benchmarks.

Hemang Kapasi, portfolio manager (equity investment products) at Sanctum Wealth Management said, "Market is wholeheartedly rewarding the stocks with stellar earnings growth. Further, the sentiments are positive as the market is expecting measures like reduction in personal & capital gains tax in upcoming budget."

Among losers, PowerGrid fell the most by 2.14 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank which dropped 1.21 per cent.

Infosys also edged lower by 0.20 per cent after SEBI said it would seek a forensic audit of the books of Infosys amid whistle-blower allegations of

alleged financial irregularities at the company.

Sun Pharma, RIL, HDFC Bank, TCS and Maruti were among the losers.

Among sectoral indices, BSE capital goods, consumer durables, basic materials, metal, industrials, bank and finance indices rallied up to 1.50 per cent, while energy and oil and gas indices ended in the red.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices jumped up to 0.77 per cent.

During the week, Sensex shed 332.18 points or 0.79 per cent, and Nifty gave up 104.10 points or 0.84 per cent.

"It has been a consolidated week for heavyweights due to marginally lower than expected result for IT, Banks and Infra sector, while Mid & Small caps are continuing its positivity in expectation of revival in growth & liquidity from institutional investors," Nair commented.

Bourses in Hong Kong and Japan ended on a positive note, while markets in China, Taiwan and South Korea were closed for a holiday on Friday.

European markets were also trading higher in their early sessions.

Brent crude oil futures rose 0.15 per cent to USD 62.13 per barrel.

RUPEE FALLS BY 7 PAISE

The rupee depreciated by 7 paise to close at 71.33 against the US dollar on Friday due to dollar demand from importers amid a correction in crude oil prices following outbreak of coronavirus in China. Gains in the US dollar against the world currencies also weighed on the rupee sentiment.

At the Interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic currency opened weak at 71.34 against the previous close of 71.26. The unit recovered to a high of 71.22 later after a rally in domestic stocks, but it erased gains due to dollar demand from importers. The Indian currency finally settled at 71.33, registering a loss of 7 paise over the previous close.

"USD/INR has been trading in a very border range for 71.00 - 71.50 this entire week. Lower oil prices has offset month-end dollar demand which has kept USD/INR in tight range. Going forward, next week FOMC meeting and India's union budget will keep rupee on an edge. Also a major development on China coronavirus can be a spoilsport. Overall for next week, USD/INR is expected to trade in a range which crucial supports placed at 71.05 and 71.60 can act as a major resistances," Rahul Gupta, head of research (currency), Emkay Global Financial Services said.

Forex reserves touch life-time high

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The country's foreign exchange reserves rose USD 943 million to touch a life-time high of USD 462.16 billion in the week ended January 17, according to the latest data from the RBI. In the previous week, the reserves had increased by USD 58 million to USD 461.21 billion.

In the reporting week, the rise in reserves was mainly on account of an increase in foreign currency assets, a major component of the overall reserves, which rose by USD 867 million to USD 428.45 billion, the data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

In the reporting week, gold reserves increased USD 70 million to USD 28.56 billion.

The special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) were up by USD 3 million to USD 1.45 billion. The country's reserve position with the IMF rose by USD 3 million to USD 3.70 billion, the data showed.

QUARTERLY RESULTS

JSW STEEL Q3 NET PROFIT TUMBLES 88 PC TO ₹187 CRORE

New Delhi: JSW Steel on Friday posted an 88.33 per cent decline in its consolidated net profit to ₹187 crore for the December 2019 quarter. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹1,603 crore in the year ago period, JSW Steel said in a filing to the BSE. "The net profit after tax for the quarter was ₹187 crore, after incorporating the financials of subsidiaries and joint ventures," the company said in a statement.

Its consolidated income during the October-December 2019 period was ₹18,182 crore, registering a fall of 10.6 per cent over the year ago period, the filing said. The company's crude steel production during the October-December 2019 period stood at 4.02 million tonne (MT), up five per cent quarter-on-quarter. After a weak momentum during the first half of the year, the current quarter witnessed a turnaround in business sentiment and better liquidity conditions, driving an overall improvement in steel demand and pricing from November onwards, the statement said. On the outlook, the company said the domestic steel sector was expected to grow significantly on the back of various initiatives of the government pertaining to the domestic infrastructure and supportive monetary policies.

at 7.2 per cent as against 7.46 per cent. In absolute terms, net NPAs stood at ₹6,487.58 crore. This compares with ₹7,571.07 crore in the third quarter of the last financial year. The bank further said it had made provisioning of ₹1,529.26 crore towards bad loans and contingencies. During October-December 2018-19, the provisioning stood at ₹923.67 crore.

The bank has provided ₹1,004 crore for divergence in provisioning and also re-classified three standard accounts amounting to ₹184 crore as fresh NPA, the filing added.

INDIAN BANK Q3 PROFIT JUMPS 62 PC TO ₹247 CRORE

New Delhi: State-owned Indian Bank on Friday reported 62.3 per cent jump in net profit at ₹247.16 crore for December quarter 2019-20, mainly due to reduction in bad loans. The bank's profit in the year ago period stood at ₹152.26 crore. Total income during the quarter under review was ₹6,505.62 crore, up from ₹5,269.10 crore in the same period a year ago, Indian Bank said in a BSE filing.

The bank's net non-performing assets (NPAs) as a percentage of assets reduced to 3.5 per cent during October-December 2019-20 from 4.42 per cent in the year ago period. Similarly, the percentage of gross NPA was lower

ULTRATECH NET SOARS 80 PC TO ₹712 CR IN OCT-DEC

Mumbai: Largest cement maker Ultratech on Friday reported a consolidated net income of ₹712 crore for the October-December quarter, up 80 per cent from ₹396 crore in the year ago period. Consolidated revenue of the Birla Group flagship firm slipped to ₹10,176 crore from ₹10,294 crore, the company said in a statement. However, the management did not offer any reason for the fall in top line or what pushed up the bottom line.

On a standalone basis, net income stood at ₹643 crore, up from ₹433 crore in the year ago period, the company said in a statement.

The company said it has made a provision of ₹133 crore under the legacy dispute resolution scheme 2019, announced by the government as part of other expenditure, against various disputed and contingent liabilities and that had it not been for this the net income would have been higher by this amount. Since some signs of revival have been visible in some markets during the latter part of the reporting quarter, this, together with the government commitment to revive the economy and the thrust on infrastructure spending, augur well for growth revival, it said as part of its business outlook. During the quarter Ultratech acquired group company Century's cement business after the scheme of demerger became effective October 1.

NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	12174.55	12227.15	12149.65	12248.25	67.90
YESBANK	41.20	45.00	41.10	42.55	1.60
ULTRACEMCO	454.00	469.70	445.65	463.00	116.60
BRITANNIA	3113.15	3212.95	3112.05	3188.85	75.90
TECHM	765.10	788.75	765.30	786.90	17.95
AXISBANK	723.40	741.70	720.40	739.00	16.00
TITAN	1208.90	1230.00	1206.05	1228.45	24.35
KOTAKBANK	1605.45	1649.00	1587.00	1638.05	32.20
COALINDIA	193.00	196.30	192.15	194.40	3.60
HCLTECH	599.00	609.00	595.50	607.40	10.45
JSWSTEEL	266.70	273.90	265.30	271.25	4.60
BAJFINANCE	4120.00	4205.65	4110.00	4194.00	68.20
GRASIM	808.00	824.40	795.95	821.55	12.65
IT	1332.00	1367.85	1332.00	1352.00	19.70
ICICIBANK	529.25	537.40	527.00	535.45	7.75
HEROMOTOCO	2440.00	2474.80	2427.10	2465.00	35.25
NSTEEL	15600.00	15850.00	15500.15	15763.00	214.15
VEDL	114.00	116.30	113.55	115.05	1.55
IOC	155.00	157.10	153.75	155.80	1.65
VEDL	121.50	121.65	119.10	119.60	1.25
INFRATEL	240.00	245.90	238.50	244.20	2.50
BAJAJFINSV	9519.20	9650.00	9480.10	9628.90	94.70
TATASTEEL	480.30	485.10	476.45	484.65	4.40
ASIANPAINT	1783.65	1799.90	1780.25	1791.40	15.30
HDFC	2423.00	2458.60	2411.40	2449.15	20.75
HINDUNILVR	2057.00	2079.00	2050.05	2072.70	15.80
ONGC	118.00	119.80	117.10	118.70	0.90
ZEE	281.00	285.70	279.10	280.85	1.60
BAJAJ-AUTO	3068.00	3092.95	3064.00	3082.40	17.20
M&M	561.00	572.00	561.00	569.50	3.00
UPL	54.10	56.40	54.10	54.90	2.70
SBIN	323.50	327.30	321.15	324.30	1.10
HINDALCO	204.50	207.70	202.25	205.25	0.35
ITC	237.40	239.10	237.00	238.25	0.55
BHARTIARTL	520.50	527.35	514.15	524.35	0.70
HDFCBANK	1246.00	1254.00	1239.10	1245.80	0.95
WIPRO	248.65	249.45	246.25	247.75	0.05
EICHEMOT	20980.00	21175.00	20800.00	20900.00	-15.75
GAIL	129.85	131.70	129.15	129.50	-0.15
INFY	775.75	786.50	773.60	783.00	-1.35
RELIANCE	1527.00	1536.35	1518.55	1524.05	-2.80
MARUTI	7148.80	7210.00	7111.25	7130.00	-17.10
TCS	2190.95	2190.95	2170.00	2185.00	-5.95
DRREDDY	3044.00	3047.05	3025.20	3029.45	-8.70
ADANIPTOPS	383.00	387.40	380.30	384.75	-1.10
SUNPHARMA	450.00	452.85	446.80	447.40	-2.45
BPCL	469.25	473.20	464.70	466.00	-3.20
TATAMOTORS	188.00	191.00	185.00	186.50	-1.50
INDUSINDBK	1334.00	1345.00	1307.65	1317.70	-14.10
CIPLA	465.00	467.75	456.85	458.75	-6.40
POWERGRID	196.45	198.15	194.25	197.00	-4.95

NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	28888.60	29204.40	28853.20	29137.55	255.45
GICRE	255.75	274.00	251.55	267.75	12.45
MOTHERSUMI	140.15	147.70	140.15	145.45	4.70
BPCL	115.55	118.35	114.20	116.70	3.60
IHCLSGFIN	319.95	326.40	316.60	321.70	9.60
SIEMENS	1583.00	1627.90	1583.00	1626.00	43.30
IDEA	6.00	6.10	5.75	6.05	0.15
INDIGO	1465.00	1513.35	1460.20	1500.70	34.80
ICICIPRULI	505.50	521.80	505.40	519.70	12.05
MARICO	332.85	341.40	332.85	341.00	7.70
AUROPHARMA	491.40	504.00	491.00	501.25	11.20
DABUR	500.00	501.90	490.00	501.15	10.35
PAGEIND	25874.00	26882.60	25700.50	26300.90	449.35
CONCOR	552.90	563.00	552.50	562.50	9.45
BERGEPAINT	293.40	306.50	293.40	302.00	9.45
BANDHANBNK	454.30	484.90	470.30	482.75	7.65
NIACL	164.65	169.00	161.80	165.90	2.35
COLPAL	1491.00	1520.35	1491.00	1509.55	20.75
SBILIFE	986.00	1020.00	977.00	999.50	13.55
ICICIGI	1336.00	1356.00	1330.00	1350.40	17.60
GDR	1264.90	1280.00	1260.00	1275.30	14.30
UNILCO	740.00	751.00	733.50	749.00	7.95
ACC	1551.75	1570.75	1542.20	1563.10	14.30
PIDILITIND	1440.00	1461.50	1436.10	1457.50	13.15
CADILAHG	269.50	274.20	269.50	271.80	2.35
AMBUJACEM	214.10	216.90	212.60	215.50	1.85
DMART	1927.05	1961.10	1918.15	1941.00	16.30
PNB	61.75	62.80	61.65	62.30	0.50
HAVELLS	620.00	627.90	614.05	624.80	4.95
DIVISLAB	1896.50	1914.70	1885.10	1912.40	14.95
NHPC	26.35	28.30	26.20	27.40	0.20
BANKBARODA	95.00	96.55	94.85	95.45	0.55
DIF	262.00	269.90	261.10	262.10	1.50
L&T	118.00	122.00	118.50	119.70	0.65
OFSS	2964.00	2999.00	2956.00	2991.00	16.45
SHRECEM	2041.10	2130.00	2027.00	2130.00	100.90
BOSCHLTD	15049.90	15241.95	14927.00	15011.00	37.25
LUPIN	737.30	744.50	735.70	739.00	1.15
PGH	11320.00	11355.00	11200.00	11260.65	3.25
PIRONET	277.95	279.85	275.50	276.85	-0.15
BIOCON	288.00	296.30	282.45	294.00	-0.30
SRTANSFIN	1083.00	1103.00	1081.05	1083.00	-1.05
ASHOKLEY	86.80	87.50	86.10	86.45	-0.15
HINDZINC	209.90	209.90	207.50	207.95	-0.70
PEL	1686.55	1724.95	1662.20	1679.00	-7.60
BAJAJHLING	3326.25	3359.90	3328.00	3328.00	-18.40
HDFCAMC	3245.00	3244.35	3194.00	3204.95	-18.40
HINDPETRO	248.40	249.40	244.00	247.55	-2.05
MCDOWELL-N	582.35	584.00	575.25	576.60	-5.75
HDFCLIFE	607.90	611.25	602.80	607.10	-8.90
NMDC	128.50	131.20	126.45	128.95	-4.00

BSE 500

Script	Open	High	Low	LTP
YESBANK	41.10	45.00	41.10	42.75
AAYAS	1997.25	2044.95	1892.05	1951.00
INFY	776.00	786.20	773.80	782.95
APPLTD	594.45	600.55	587.70	590.20
RELIANCE	1528.00	1536.45	1518.65	1521.70
ESCORTS	1933.00	1974.40	1922.80	1956.65
PRETAIL	345.00	345.00	323.25	334.70
IHCLSGFIN	321.50	326.35	316.40	320.10
HDFCBANK	1247.70	1254.00	1239.50	1244.15
ESCORTS	713.30	728.80	710.80	724.10
ICICIBANK	528.05	537.10	527.20	533.95
AUBANK	987.00	1097.70	970.95	1073.20
TATASTEEL	480.35	484.90	47	

CORONAVIRUS

China shuts down 13 cities, toll hits 26

Beijing: Battling the fast spreading coronavirus, China on Friday said that it is building a 1,000-bed hospital for patients infected with the deadly virus that has claimed 26 lives so far with confirmed cases rising sharply to over 880, prompting authorities to shut down 13 cities during the country's most important holiday.



Heavy equipment works at a construction site for a field hospital in Wuhan in central China's Hubei Province on Friday

Dampening the celebrations of the Lunar New Year, China, in an unprecedented move, has shut down transportation in at least 13 cities — Wuhan and 12 of its neighbours — in central China's Hubei province to contain the coronavirus.

According to the National Health Commission, 26 people have died so far with over 880 confirmed cases being treated mostly in Hubei province. Twenty nine provinces have reported the cases.

China's biggest city Shanghai raised the emergency response of public health safety to level 1, the highest, following Beijing, and Hubei, Hunan, Zhejiang, Anhui, and Guangdong provinces as more cases were reported.

Beijing so far reported 34 confirmed cases of coronavirus infection, official media reported.

The Chinese disease prevention authority on Friday released pictures and information of the first Wuhan Coronavirus that Chinese experts had discovered.

The Wuhan local government is rushing to build a 1,000-bedded hospital in the outskirts of Wuhan to treat coronavirus patients.

Dozens of excavators were feverishly working at the site where the hospital will be built on the 25000 sq metres just about 10 days' time. It will be put into use by February 3,

Workers are being paid 1,200 yuan (\$173) per day, three times their usual wage, to accelerate the construction.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Thursday stopped short of declaring the virus a global public health emergency, despite China's climbing death toll. The virus has spread to Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States as of Thursday. Japan on Friday reported a second confirmed case. **PTI**

S Korea confirms second case

Seoul: South Korea on Friday confirmed its second case of the SARS-like virus that has killed at least 25 in China, as concerns mount about a wider outbreak.

Several nations including the US have stepped up checks on airport passengers to detect the coronavirus, which first emerged in the central Chinese city of Wuhan.

The virus has caused alarm in China and abroad because of its genetic similarities to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), which killed nearly 650 people across mainland China and Hong Kong in 2002-2003.

On Friday, Seoul's health ministry said a South Korean man in his 50s started experiencing symptoms while working in Wuhan on Jan 10.

He was tested upon returning to the country earlier this week, and was confirmed to be South Korea's second case of the virus on Thursday, the ministry added. **AFP**

Nepal confirms first case

Kathmandu: Nepal on Friday confirmed the first case of deadly coronavirus in the country identifying the infected person as a Nepali student who recently returned from the Chinese city of Wuhan, local media reports said.

The 31-year-old man, who is doing his PhD in Wuhan, had returned from the Chinese city on January 5. He had visited a hospital complaining of respiratory problems and was admitted on January 13, the Kathmandu Post reported.

He was given medication and once his health condition improved, he was discharged five days later from the Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, the Himalayan Times reported. The hospital had taken specimens-throat swabs and blood samples—from the patient and sent it to the World Health Organisation laboratory in Hong Kong on Tuesday. "The throat swab and blood sample of a Nepali suspected of being infected with coronavirus, was tested positive," the Times reported, citing the Ministry of Health and Population. **PTI**

Trump should be removed: Lead impeachment manager

Washington: Lead House impeachment manager Adam Schiff called dramatically for the Senate to remove President Donald Trump from office Thursday, saying the US leader cannot be trusted to put the country's interests ahead of his own.

"The American people deserve a president they can count on, to put their interest first," said Schiff.

His impassioned words capped a long day in which Democrats detailed Trump's illicit scheme to pressure Ukraine to help his 2020 reelection campaign.

"You know, you can't trust this president to do what is right for this country. You can trust he will do what's right for Donald Trump," Schiff added.

"He'll do it now. He's done it before. He'll do it for the next several months. He'll do it in the election if he's allowed to. This is why, if you find him guilty, you must find that he should be removed." "Because right matters. And truth matters. Otherwise we are lost."

As the 100 senators sat as jurors and millions of Americans watched on television, House impeachment managers mustered scores of

videos, internal documents and extensive witness testimony to lay out a strong case that the US leader abused his powers.

Schiff's prosecution team detailed how Trump flagrantly undertook last year to force Kiev to help him tarnish his possible 2020 reelection rival, former vice president Joe Biden.

"President Trump used the powers of his office to solicit a foreign nation to interfere in our elections for his own per-

sonal benefit," House Judiciary Committee Chair Jerry Nadler told the chamber.

"Since President George Washington took office in 1789, no president has abused his power in this way," Nadler said.

"The president has repeatedly, flagrantly, violated his oath... The president's conduct is wrong. It is illegal. And it is dangerous."

Over nine hours the Democrats methodically dismantled Republican claims that Trump did nothing wrong. **AFP**

'Bogus' Ukraine theory led to Trump's abuse, Dems tell trial

Washington: Democratic House prosecutors made an expansive case Thursday that Donald Trump's impeachment trial that he abused power like no other president in history, swept up by a "completely bogus" Ukraine theory pushed by attorney Rudy Giuliani.

On Friday, the Democrats will press their final day of arguments before skeptical Republican senators, focusing on the second article of impeachment,

obstruction of Congress' investigation.

As the audience of Senate jurors sat through another long day, and night, the prosecutors outlined how they said Trump abused power for his own personal political benefit ahead of the 2020 election, even as the nation's top FBI and national security officials were publicly warning off the theory that it was Ukraine, not Russia, that interfered in the 2016 election. **AP**

THOUSANDS TURN UP FOR 'MILLION' IRAQ RALLY AGAINST US TROOPS

Baghdad: Thousands rallied in Baghdad on Friday to demand that American troops leave the country, though their numbers fell short of the "million-man" march called for by an influential Shiite cleric.

The rally came amid heightened anti-US sentiment after a US drone strike earlier this month killed a top Iranian general in the Iraqi capital.

Since mid-morning, large crowds gathered on the Muslim day of prayers as loudspeakers

blasted "No, no America!" at a central square in Baghdad. A child held up a poster reading, "Death to America. Death to Israel." But by the afternoon the rally had failed to reach the critical numbers called for by radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Apparently seeking to show control, al-Sadr's supporters did not engage in altercations with security forces or target the separate, anti-government protests in neighboring Tahrir Square, a possibility feared by activists in

the lead-up to Friday's march.

Officials and experts said the rally was the cleric's attempt to capitalise on brewing anti-American feeling and show he had the upper-hand on the Iraqi street as negotiations among political elites over who should be the next prime minister stumbled on. In his weekly Friday sermon, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric, called on political parties stop stalling and move the talks forward. **AP**

Trump at anti-abortion rally as Dems wrap impeachment case

Washington: US President Donald Trump was to address the country's biggest annual anti-abortion rally on Friday — just blocks from Congress where senators are sitting in judgment at his impeachment trial.

Trump, with his eyes on the Christian evangelical support he'll need for re-election in November, will be the first president to deliver a speech to the "March for Life" campaigners in person.

In what will surely be a remarkable split-screen

moment, Trump will address a crowd of thousands on the sprawling National Mall as Democratic prosecutors take to the floor of the Senate.

The seven Democratic impeachment "managers" are to make their final arguments on Friday for why Trump should be removed from office for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

White House lawyers will then have 24 hours, starting Saturday, to present their defense of the president, who was impeached by the House of Representatives on December 18.

While impeachment will forever stain his record, Trump is virtually assured of acquittal by the Republican-held Senate — and is already looking past the trial to the re-election fight that awaits. **AFP**

Police: 2 dead after warehouse explosion shakes Houston

Houston: Two people died after a massive explosion on Friday levelled a warehouse in Houston, damaging nearby buildings and homes and rousing frightened people from their sleep miles away, authorities said.

The explosion happened about 4:30 am inside a building at Watson Grinding and Manufacturing, which makes valves and provides thermal-spray coatings for equipment in various industries, authorities said.

The building was reduced to burning rubble and debris, and some of the surrounding buildings suffered heavy damage to parts of their walls and roofs. **AP**

Lanka Prez stays arrest of judge in tape controversy

Colombo: Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has halted the arrest of a judge accused of conspiring with Opposition leader Ranjan Ramanayake to fabricate evidence in an ongoing court case.

Attorney General Dappula de Livera had directed the police to arrest Judge Gihan Pilapitiya over tapes where he and Ramanayake are heard discussing impending judgments and ongoing investigations.

The recent tapes controversy has rocked the island nation in which there are over 1,20,000 conversations of Ramanayake speaking to politicians, their wives, top judges, policemen and investigators.

Pilapitiya had been interdicted following the recording of his statement on conversations with Ramanayake who

is also under arrest till January 29 for alleged judicial interference. The Attorney General called for Pilapitiya's arrest citing possible conspiracy to fabricate evidence in a court case.

Senior minister Wimal Weerawansa told the Parliament that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had ordered to stop Pilapitiya's arrest. "This is ridiculous, the victim of interference has been made the accused", Weerawansa told Parliament, adding that Pilapitiya had made a complaint over Ramanayake approaching him. **PTI**



"KAVYAM"-AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Applications are invited from general public for Part booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & Memo No. Misc-2307/8/26/2017-2TCP dated 09.07.2018 (details available at the Department website, i.e. tcpharyana.gov.in).

1.	Project Approvals	Coloniser/Developer: Agrante Realty Ltd License No/ Year: 101/2017 Building Plan Approved on 06.07.2018
2.	Location	Sector 108, Gurugram, Haryana
3.	Provisions	Project Area : 5 acres comprising a total 723 no. of apartments. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sqft and One Anganwadi-cum-Creche of 2000 sqft.
4.	Apartment Details	Category 1: Part Draw of 9 no. of apartments of 512.50 sqft (approx.) carpet area and balcony(ies) with an aggregated area of 130.30 sqft (approx.) with a two-wheeler parking. Category 3: Part Draw of 222 no. of apartments of 488.30 sqft (approx.) carpet area and balcony(ies) with an aggregated area of 79.73 sqft (approx.) with a two wheeler parking.
5.	Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)	Category 1: Rs. 21 lakhs/ apartment; Category 3: Rs. 19.93 lakhs / apartment. The above rate is an all-inclusive cost of apartment as per rates prescribed under the policy notified vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 (details available at the Department website, ie. tcpharyana.gov.in). * Statutory & government taxes are as applicable.
6.	Payment Terms	i. With application: Booking amount, i.e., 5% of cost of flat. ii. On allotment: Additional 20% of cost of flat. iii. Balance 75% of the amount in six equal monthly instalments over three year period. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment shall invite interest as provided in rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority. Rules, 2017
7.	Broad Specifications of the Apartment	2BHK + 3 Balconies 2BHK + 2 Balconies (Detailed specifications are provided, in application form)
8.	Applications Timelines	i. Applications can be procured from: 704 DLF Tower-B, Jasola, New Delhi by paying an application fee of Rs 1000/- starting from 25.01.2020. ii. Last Date of submission of Applications: 09.02.2020. iii. All Applicants who have already applied and the prospective applicant are also directed to submit an affidavit declaring "weather applicant is or not identified beneficiary under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna and relevant documents

Eligibility:-
1. Any person can apply but person which includes his/her spouse or his/her dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licenced colony in any of the Urban Areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given first preference in allotment of flats.
2. The applicant identified under PMAY Shall be given first preference.
3. Any applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice of retain only one flat.

Allotment Criteria:-
1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of coloniser concerned.
2. After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued.
3. For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable Housing Policy 2013 notified vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & Memo No. Misc-2307/8/26/2017-2TCP dated 09.07.2018 (available at the Department website, i.e., tcpharyana.gov.in).
4. Agrante Realty Ltd 704 7th floor DLF Tower-B, Jasola, New Delhi.

RERA Registration No. RC/REP/HARERA/GGM/2018/23 dated 22.11.2018.

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PRESS NOTICE inviting Tender Enquiry for Banking of power by Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. for the period from 10th June 2020 to 30th April 2021 on firm basis e-tendering website: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

TENDER SPECIFICATION NO. PPR-02 / 2020
PSPCL invites tender for banking of power from interstate utilities/traders. Traders having valid Inter State Trading License issued by CERC for interstate trading of energy, State Electricity Boards, State Electricity Utilities, States, as per table given below:

1	Last date and time of downloading of Specification from the e-tendering website http://eproc.punjab.gov.in	03-02-2020 up to 11:00 AM
2	Last date and time of submission of bid	03-02-2020 up to 11:00 AM
3	Date and time of opening of Tender enquiry (Part -I)	04-02-2020 at 12:00 PM
4	Earnest money Deposit: (in the form of BG in Favour of PSPCL, Patiala, to be submitted at the office of Dy. CE/PPR, PSPCL, Shed No. -11, Thermal design Complex, Patiala or through RTGS)	EMD of Rs. 1,50,00,000/- (Rs. One Crore fifty Lacs only), in the form of Bank Guarantee

Arrangement
To receive power by PSPCL in advance from 10th June 2020 to 30th Sep 2020 on firm basis and then supply back such banked power on RTC basis in the months of 1st Nov 2020 to 30th April 2021.
The minimum quantum offered by any bidder should not be less than 50 MW (and for minimum of 15 days) on RTC basis, otherwise their offer shall be rejected.
PSPCL reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or to accept any tender in full or part as may be considered advantageous to PSPCL, without assigning any reason whatsoever. Tender specifications can be downloaded from e-tendering web site <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.
Note:- It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspaper. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on e-tendering web site <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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GLOBAL E-TENDER WITH REVERSE AUCTION NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING
Name of Area : MM Dept. ECL Hqs. Tender No. and date : ECL/Hq/Pur/G/31831067/SCBA/080 Date : 17-01-2020. Name of work : DGMS approved Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Estimated tender value : Rs. 2,33,70,369.00. Document download start date : From 11.00 Hrs IST of 31-01-2020. Document download end date : At 17.00 Hrs IST of 02-03-2020. Tender Opening date & time : At 11.00 Hrs IST of 04-03-2020. Details of tenders can be seen in www.easterncoal.nic.in or <http://eprocure.gov.in> or <http://coalindiatenders.nic.in>
Please visit us our website "www.easterncoal.nic.in"

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.
OA NO. 414/19 Dates : 26.12.2019

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA VERSUS **APPLICANT**

NEHA CHOPRA AND ORS. RESPONDENT

To, DEFENDANT
1. Ms. Neha Chopra D/o Pradeep Kumar Chopra R/o D-36, Mahindra park Opp.-C1, Janakapuri, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59
Also At : North Shore Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Logix Techno Park, 1st Floor, Tower-B, Sect-127, Plot No. 5, Noida, UP-201301
2. Smt. Usha Chopra D/o Sh. Sardarilal Grover R/o HN-798, Block No. 47, Sect.-4, Tensil-Shimla, Himanchal Pradesh-171009
3. M/s Shubhkamana Buildtech Pvt. Ltd. A-80, Sect.-2, Noida, UP-201301 Also at: 197-E, Pkt.-4, Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-91

Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of **Rs. 33,68,883/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred And Eighty Three Only)** against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on **10.02.2020 at 10.30 A.M.**
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.
By order of the Tribunal
Section Officer, DRT-II, Delhi.

More than 38K flee homes in northwest Syria: UN

Beirut: Tens of thousands of civilians fled their homes in northwestern Syria last week in the face of intensified bombardment of rebel territory by pro-government forces, the United Nations said on Friday.

Between 15 and 19 January, more than 38,000 people fled violence in the rebel-held west of Aleppo province, which neighbours the main opposition bastion of Idlib, the UN humanitarian affairs office (OCHA) said.

OCHA spokesman David Swanson said the displaced were heading north into territory controlled by Turkish-backed rebel forces or west into jihadist-dominated Idlib province.

Britain-based war monitor, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, says some of the deadliest strikes of recent days have been carried out by government ally Russia.

But Moscow has denied launching any combat operations in the region since a ceasefire it agreed with rebel supporter Ankara went into effect earlier this month.

The Observatory said Russian bombardment targeted the west of Aleppo province on Friday without causing any casualties.

The latest wave of displacement compounds a dire humanitarian situation in the rebel-held northwest where more than 358,000 civilians had already been displaced by the intensified bombardment launched in December.

The region hosts at least three million people, many of whom have fled other parts of the country recaptured by the government and are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. **AFP**

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE of loss of shares of Jamna Auto Industries Limited, regd. Office Jai Springs Road, Industrial Area, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana- 135001. Notice is hereby given that the given share certificate has been reported as lost/misplaced that Co. intends to issue to duplicate in lieu, in due course. Any person who have the valid claim on the said shares should lodge claim with the Co. at its Regd. Office within 15 days hereof. Name of the holder-Sushila Devi Verma, Folio No.34541, Certificate No. 48944 & 52419, Distinctive Nos. 6236526-6236625 & 6583976-6584075, No of Shares 2000, Face Value Rs.1/-.

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow-226007
(Ares of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

Summons for filing & reply & Appearance by Publication
O.A. No. 1079/2019
(Summons to defendant under section 19(4), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993).
O.A. No. 1079/2019
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
Versus
Mr. Prafulla Kumar Sinha & Others ...Defendants
To, Defendants:
1. Mr. Prafulla Kumar Sinha, Son of Shri Randhir Kumar Sinha Resident of H. No-3, Gali No.-4, Padam Nagar, Indira Complex, Tigan Road, Faridabad, Haryana -121002.
2) Mrs. Deep Prabha Sinha, W/o Mr. Prafulla Kumar Sinha, Resident of H. No-3, Gali No.-4, Padam Nagar, Indira Complex, Tigan Road, Faridabad, Haryana -121002.
3) M/S. Bullan Buildtech Pvt. Ltd. Regd. Office: A-2, Bullan House, Kanpur Extension, New Delhi-110080.
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal Practitioner in this Tribunal, after Serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on **26.02.2020 at 10:30 A.M.** failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

SHORT CIRCUITS

KANGANA RANAUT

A lot of people tell me that Virat (Kohli) and I share a lot of similarities. He made a name for himself and people fell in love with him. The one thing we have in common is that the more controversies we have, the more popular we get. He has got a lot of criticism for his aggressive nature and I have been called that many a times.

DIA MIRZA

Back home, when I was young, I faced a stalker. I confronted him, asked his name. The boy had no answer. So one should never ignore or be afraid of calling out a harasser. There is no shame in doing so. It empowers us with the ability to address the problem. And data indicates that it makes a huge difference. The harassment does stop.

SANYA MALHOTRA

I am an avid traveller and someone who lives for memorable experiences. I go on a lot of trips, be it for work or vacation. But this trip to Doha is truly unforgettable as my journey with Qatar Airways was so warm and the hospitality was absolutely amazing.

SHILPA SHETTY KUNDR

Raj (Kundra) calls me BBC (born before computers). It's because I am extremely bad at handling technology. Social media is very basic. But for me, it is a tedious task when I have to check my kid's homework over mails or give him printouts. Why not notebooks and pens? These days everything works over PDF files.

CHLOE SEVIGNY

Working with Christian (Bale) was pretty hard because I didn't know this whole 'method' thing. I was pretty fresh. I hadn't seen an actor lose himself to such a degree and get so consumed by the part. I was having a hard time just wanting to socialise with him but feeling that he didn't like me.

ENCOUNTER 45 MINUTES

HAWKER OF LIFE

Artist BIPLAB SARKAR's exhibition *I wonder* revolves around his observations of street vendors which inspired him to balance his work and chaos in everyday interactions. By TEAM VIVA

There is a huge difference in their work styles in terms of discipline. In Scotland, the workers in the distillery organise themselves according to time. Each process is timed including the breaks, whereas in India the hawkers work according to their state of mind, mood and availability of objects. Sometimes a hawker is replaced by another family member or friend, depending on their availability during the day. They even work shift wise where one family member takes after the other in the latter part of the day. They take breaks according to their mood and situations surrounding them. Hence, discipline is the major difference I spotted during my time in Scotland.

What is your take on Glenfiddich's Artists in Residence Programme?

It is a great platform for emerging Indian artists as it provides the inspiration and guidance to grow one's artistic vision. The experience was nothing short of life-changing. It helped me to learn and explore the culture from Scotland and draw inspiration from it to curate my work. Additionally, the showcasing of one's work at this level opens up a plethora of opportunities for an artist which, otherwise, could have been a major challenge for someone coming from a background like me. The jury involved in the judgment process is of international standards, which lifts one's confidence to a higher level and being recognised by them is nothing less than a lifetime achievement. (The exhibition is on till February 9 at A r t District XIII.)

the anecdotes or stories that you came across?

I have spoken to a few hawkers, out of which two of them were elderly and have been working for almost 20-25 years. One of them told me the story of his two sons who are working in the government sector. Their daily schedule bored them so they came to street to sell objects to break the monotony of their lives. Another hawker told me about an incident 20 odd years back which I remember only faintly. He saw someone place a bomb inside a dustbin near India Gate. During those days, there wasn't any security in that area. The hawker I spoke to was the first person to notify the police of this incident. So, yes, one comes across many such stories while talking to these hawkers as they are the eyes and ears in a busy working street even as we don't pay attention.

You were honoured with the 'Emerging Artist of the Year' award in 2018. How do you think such awards help artists get the recognition they deserve?

Glenfiddich's Artists in Residence programme is a great platform for emerging Indian artists as it provides inspiration and guidance to grow one's artistic vision. Being selected as the Glenfiddich 'Emerging Artist of the Year' and to represent the country on a global platform gave a tremendous boost to my confidence. The jury that judges the works includes leading artists, gallery owners, art critics and art collectors.

During the three-month residency at the Glenfiddich distillery, I got the opportunity to engage with artists from different countries and cultures, which opened an all new world for me. We were closely mentored by the Global Curator of the programme, Andy Fairgrieve.

How have you showcased the difference between hawkers in Scotland and India in your work?

and object while distinguishing them from each other.

Since you communicated with hawkers for your art, can you share some of



It's very evident that your art has been inspired by everyday things and especially the life of hawkers. What inspired you to paint them?

Life does not hand out benefits evenly and there are people who are less fortunate. My case was similar. My family's financial conditions were not good and completing my education became a challenge for us. Though I managed to complete it through my savings, my mind was always in a chaos due to financial hardships which always bothered me and prevented me from being at peace. During my graduation in History Honours, I also worked as a part-time drawing teacher in a school. I had to take a break for two to three months from my job to prepare for my final year exams. Post exams, the school refused to re-hire me. Working, for me, was essential as I did not have a strong financial background. I wanted to pursue Fine Arts so I appeared for an exam and was selected at Shantiniketan. I travelled for three hours every day from Kolkata. Later, I moved to Delhi for Masters in Fine Arts from Delhi College of Arts. But I faced a lot of difficulties as the curriculum, culture and way of teaching was very different from that of Shantiniketan. This held me back from focussing on my studies.

Often I observed roadside hawkers who, despite their troubled lives, have managed the chaos and continued with their work. This spirit inspired me. Their mantra of balancing work and life drew me towards them. I started talking to them and understanding their state of mind. I began to sketch them.

Is there a particular thing about hawkers that you want to highlight through your art?

Yes, of course. All these hawkers selling their wares on the streets have many domestic problems and yet they manage to remain calm. When I began talking to them, I realised that the common notion about hawkers is that they are extremely poor and hence, we purchase something from them so that we can help them. However, this is not true for everyone. One



might be surprised to know that these people make around ₹35-40,000 per month. While returning from work, I observed that they took reserved rickshaws, while I travelled by a bus. All these details excited me and drew me towards understanding their mindset. I started observing their gestures and manners through which they executed their work irrespective of all that surrounded them. With no financial or political burden, they are content and happy. I have highlighted the same in my art.

How do you explore the relationship between body and object in an urban setting through your work?

The hawkers sell their objects as salesman, as there is a significant difference in the price of objects in stores and what they sell. There are quite a few mediums of making objects, one of them being



plastic. For me, both object and figure are important, but I have highlighted both separately in my work. I have used pen and ink to outline the objects. This describes the relationship between body

CELEB TALK 15 MINUTES

'Novelty inspires me'

Actor AYUSHMANN KHURRANA says that issues, which were so far the preserve of arthouse cinema, are now a part of the mainstream leitmotif and finding resonance in the audience

Known for portraying ordinary men, often flawed and insecure, with almost no one character being similar to the other, actor Ayushmann Khurrana says novelty of any kind inspires him.

"Novelty inspires me, any kind, any shape or form. It could be the first attempt in Hindi cinema. Even that inspires me. Any person living a mundane life, having a 9-5 job, and still motivated to live, that inspires me, because as an artist you have a very vibrant life. You live a different character each day," he said.

Khurrana, whose next film *Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan* based on homosexuality is slated to hit the theatres on February 21, said he has prepared for each of his vastly diverse roles by being with the milieu and also banked on his exposure to Hindi theatre and convent education. "The idea is to be one with the milieu, get grasp of the colloquial jargons and twangs, and India is a country where every 10 kilometres, the dialect changes. I am glad that I have done Hindi theatre and public speaking, though I received convent education. So that made me quite a linguist. That exposure was quite early in life," he said.

From essaying the role of a sperm donor in his debut film *Vicky Donor*, to depicting a man with erectile dysfunction in *Shubh Mangal Saavdhan*, or a blind pianist in *Andhadhun*,



Khurrana has been hailed as having "cornered the market when it comes to playing flawed, insecure men with confidence issues."

His films generally set in small towns in middle class environs have time and again dealt with taboo subjects and are sprinkled with liberal doses of wit, humour and comic situations.

"By default, these characters are set in small towns. That's where the conflict is there. In urban centres, like Delhi, Mumbai or Kolkata, they are receptive to taboo subjects. So where is the conflict then? In the middle class society, we're like the flag bearers of morality. That's where the humour emanates, when you are stuck in that conventional dogma. And even though the situation is funny, for the male lead or the main lead, it is tragic," he said.

As for his forthcoming film, Khurrana says he knows many who are a part of LGBTQ (lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and queers) community. "And it's a journey. I am learning every minute," he said.

The 35-year-old actor gave credit to the audience for receiving well his films themed on progressive subjects. "The choices I am making are going down well with the audience. People are also evolving and receiving well these subjects which are progressive. Earlier, these used to be for arthouse cinema. But now these have become mainstream too, wherein there is a great collaboration of content and commerce. It is evoking good responses," he added.

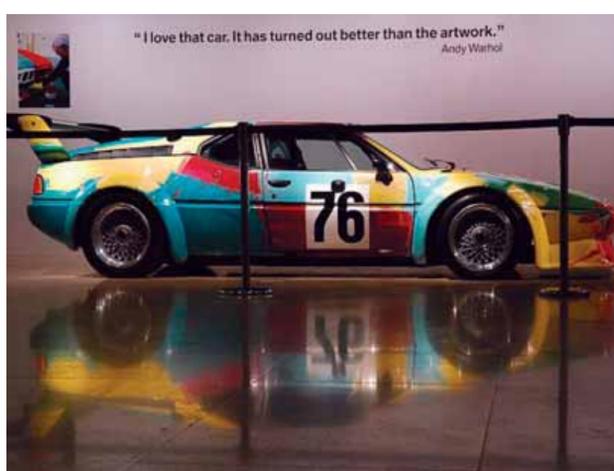
Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan would be another case study, the actor said and called it the first film dealing with homosexuality in the realm of the commercial Hindi cinema.

"In parallel or arthouse cinema, we have seen films dealing with homosexuality. But those were the films catering to the converted. The audience watching these films are within the LGBTQ community already. We want to reach out to people, who are averse to homosexuality. This is the first Hindi mainstream commercial film in India based on the subject. We hope it will at least usher in the conversation and have a discussion on the LGBTQ," Khurrana said. —IANS



Warhol in a car

Andy Warhol's BMW Art Car will be showcased at the India Art Fair 2020. Combining Warhol's characteristic pop-art style with movement and speed, the car painted by the iconic American artist is predicted to be a popular addition to the fair programme. As the year marks the fifth anniversary of the fair's creative partnership with BMW Group India, the fair will also host The Warhol Talk with Thomas Girst, head of BMW Cultural Engagement and Jose Carlos Diaz, chief curator at The Andy Warhol Museum — a conversation about Andy Warhol's fascinating life and career, including the making of his BMW Art Car in 1979. In previous editions, the group has presented outstanding art cars created by prominent artists from across the world including Cesar Manrique, Sandro Chia, Jeff Koons and David Hockney, all of which are permanently housed in the BMW Museum in Munich. Jagdip Jaggal, director, India Art Fair, said, "We are incredibly pleased to be working with BMW Group India for the fifth year. Their continued support, commitment and patronage has enabled us to achieve our goal in positioning India Art Fair as South Asia's leading platform to discover modern and contemporary art."



JUKEBOX 45 MINUTES

SOUND OF THE SOUL

The saxophone resonates like the human voice which makes it unique, feels Russian saxophonist NADEZHDA LICHIKOVA. By TEAM VIVA

What or who were your early influencers?

I can still recall the day when in my childhood I heard the magic sounds of saxophone. It was a performance by Charlie Parker. He was a highly influential jazz soloist and the leading figure in the development of bebop, a form of jazz characterised by fast tempos, virtuosic technique and advanced harmonies. His tunes prompted me to learn saxophone and take it up as a career. He was one of the most important figures in the development of jazz and in particular bebop, a dance on pop music. I wanted to master the music instrument exactly like Parker.

What has been your creative process as a saxophone player?

I started my career at the age of 15 with a brass band in my hometown. It was a friendly group of enthusiasts. Later, when I learned the basics and music at Nizhny Novgorod College, studied improvisation courses in Moscow with advanced musicians, I got to know that it is very important to find a great teacher, who can inspire you. Inspiration is one of the most important gifts a teacher can provide to his/her students. S/he is a role model, an influence that goes far beyond academic achievement.

How do you see the relationship between sound, space and performance?

I have been exploring how sound or music can be made more dynamic in certain spaces not only because of different acoustics but also because of the social or cultural aspects of a space. I feel it is important to work closely with a sound engineer. Good sound from the stage has many technical parameters that are always adjusted before the show. The musician should be comfortable to hear himself and the playback, only then s/he will be able to bring his/her music perfectly to the listeners. However, this largely depends on the sound engineer.

How is playing a saxophone solo different from playing it in a group?

Music is of great importance to me as an expression of my thoughts and feelings. When I play solo, it is a monologue of my soul and when playing with friends it turns into a dialogue or communication.

Do you think the charm of the instrument is still intact? How has it changed over time?

The sound of the saxophone fascinates everyone as it

Today, saxophone has become an important part of almost every genre of popular music — jazz, funk, blues, rock and pop. Music can move us in ways no other medium can, and without the aid of any complex words. Instrumental music can appeal across traditional boundaries of gender, country, race, religion, language, in a way that lyrics simply cannot



is so similar to the human voice and this is what makes it unique. Typically, pop music is associated with instruments such as guitar, bass, drums and keyboard. However, the saxophone definitely has its place in the pop scene. Today, saxophone has become an important part of almost every genre of popular music — jazz, funk, blues, rock and pop. Music can move us in ways no other medium can, and without the aid of any complex words. Instrumental music can appeal across traditional boundaries of gender, country, race, religion, language, in a way that lyrics simply cannot. And with the sheer variety of instruments, styles, arrangements, tempos, audio effects

and sound generators available to the modern musician, there's no end to the aural possibilities. I believe that saxophone is here to stay.

What are your main artistic challenges?

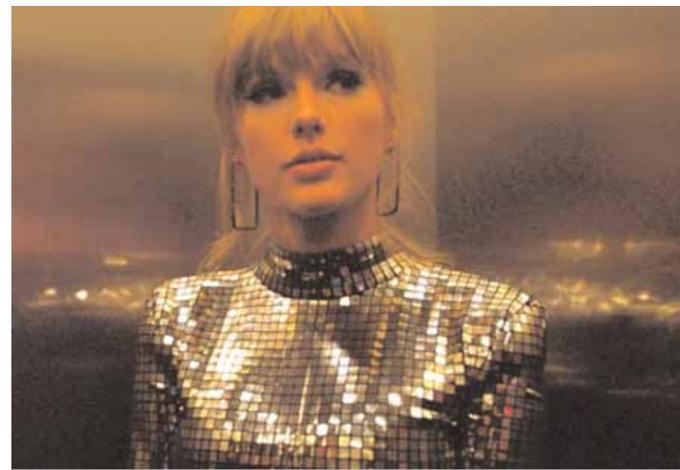
Every artist has his or her own struggles. I try to do the best of my powers to bring joy, happiness and love in the hearts of my listeners. I just want that my music should connect the listeners with me.

With the current rap culture ruling the global music scene, do you think classical music is losing its charm?

I think classical music is living its next revival. The rhythm of life is accelerated

with a variety of sounds around us. I feel classical music is an absolute expression of the serenity. Every music is a roller coaster of emotions. The harmony or a melody in a symphony can make you happy or sad depending on the mood of the piece. This is one of the biggest reasons why classical music is immortal. Not only there are a lot of pieces in this genre but the interpretation of every single one is different for different musicians. It would be wrong to say that classical music is losing its charm.

(She performed with a national award-winning artist. A Vishwam, as part of DLF Mall of India's on-going art exhibition, Arth — Tribute to Shades of India.)



'A new experience'

TAYLOR SWIFT shakes Sundance Film Festival by revealing some of her secrets with her documentary, *Miss Americana*

The normally private Taylor Swift premiered an intimate documentary at the Sundance Film Festival in which the pop star discloses a past eating disorder, chronicles her inner battle over speaking forthrightly about politics and says her victorious 2017 sexual assault court case was a dramatic turning point in her life.

Miss Americana, a Netflix documentary directed by Lana Wilson, was one of the most feverishly awaited films in this year's Sundance programme, and the premiere at the Eccles Center in Park City on the festival's opening day was a predictably frenzied scene. Outside the theatre, dozens of Swift fans sang in unison.

The film, which will release on January 31 on Netflix, plays like a coming-of-age drama for a performer who — despite finding mega-fame as a teenager — took some time to truly find her voice. In the film, she says she always strove to be "a good girl" and needed approving "pats on the head" for any sense of gratification. But *Miss Americana* captures an evolution in Swift. "It's time to take the masking tape off my mouth, like, forever," she says in the documentary.

Swift entered the theatre after the lights went down to watch the film and appeared afterward on stage in a brief Q&A with Wilson. While Swift said she was a big fan of films and documentaries, this was a new experience for her. After a standing ovation, Swift turned to Wilson and said, "So I've never done this before. What do we do?"

One of the film's most dramatic scenes shows Swift, eager to speak out against the 2018 Senate campaign of Tennessee Republican Marsha Blackburn, meeting with her family to discuss it. Her father warns against it, citing the potential economic impact. Her publicist later advises President Donald Trump might come after her. Indeed, when Swift posted on Instagram against

Blackburn and urged young voters to register, Trump said he liked Swift's music about 25 per cent less — a response Swift mocks in the film.

On the Eccles stage, Swift said she grew more political after after she countersued, and won, against a Denver radio DJ whom she said groped her during a meet-and-greet before a concert.

"It was a really horrible experience to have," Swift said. "I had all the privilege in the world, financial support and the ability to pay for a brilliant lawyer. I won that trial but without all that, I don't know what would have happened. It taught me so much."

Swift also talks in the film about coming to terms with body image issues that grew out of scanning the countless images that are shot of her, and the comments posted on social media. Swift says she would sometimes go into "a hate spiral" and starve herself after seeing photos that she felt she looked overweight in.

Miss Americana includes plenty of intimate scenes of Swift at home or at work. She drinks white wine with ice cubes and didn't try a burrito until a few years ago, we learn. But a continuous thread through the documentary is of Swift, who last month turned 30, crafting music. In scenes by the piano or in the studio, Wilson captures Swift writing lyrics and honing melodies with a relentless passion.

Swift said she was most nervous about sharing her writing process with Wilson. But the filmmaker earned her trust. "For so much of my life in the public eye when I get sad or upset or humiliated or angry or go through a really horrible time, I feel like people lean in with, like, this hunger. And you never did that to me," Swift told Wilson. "That was what made me feel OK about feeling sadness, humiliation and anger around you." —AP



STUDIO CHAT 30 MINUTES

What attracted you to the role?

Emma Thompson: I was absolutely thrilled to play this part as it was perfect to make an impact. It's so well written. It's like an ideal cameo. I consider myself extremely fortunate.

What would you like to say about the plot of the film?

Emma: The premise now is that Great Britain is in serious trouble. A cyber-hacker has infiltrated Britain's super-secret web network of spies, revealing the identities of all Britain's agents in the field, to the dismay of the agent on duty — a regrettably small role for Kevin Eldon. It's the last straw for a prime minister who is a pompous and embattled figure, already suffering a complete meltdown of political unpopularity. My intelligence advisers inform me that as every single active spy has been compromised. Now, I have to bring someone out of retirement. And that means bumbling Johnny English himself, now employed as a schoolmaster in some posh establishment, but giving off-the-record lessons in how to be an undercover operative: some nice gags here, as English offers a School of Rock-type academy of spying.

What do you think Johnny is more comfortable with — analogue or digital?

Emma: Being presented with a device that does everything doesn't really seem to be a good idea for Johnny. He is used to the 007 (James Bond's) era and its upsetting for him. He is just terribly disappointed with technology.

How would you explain Rowan's approach to physical comedy?

Emma: Rowan is very precise about everything which is why his physical comedy is so remarkable. It's not extemporised. He prefers following even the

When opposites meet

Actors EMMA THOMPSON and OLGA KURYLENKO say that working with Rowan Atkinson didn't make them insecure about comedy but rather enhanced their performance. By TEAM VIVA



minutest detail. He is obsessive about it and that's what makes him special.

Introduce your character and tell us how exciting it was to be a part of it?

Olga Kurylenko: Ophelia is a mysterious character because she comes off as a very glamorous girl hanging around and having a holiday on a yacht. Johnny has no idea what he is dealing with. Later, we realise that she is actually a spy just like him but a Russian one. She does it with a lot

of glamour.

You have done a spy film in the past. How would you compare it with this one?

Olga: *Johnny English Strikes Again* (which recently premiered on Sony PIX) has a very nice plot. It talks about the danger that the world is facing and there are a lot of stunts and action moments in the film. The only difference between that it is just full of humour. *Johnny English* is as clumsy as ever and also does things really wrong which

makes us crack up. So it has it everything a thriller does, including glamour. It's just very funny.

What did you think of Rowan?

Olga: I thought that he's a very funny and goofy guy. But he is the total opposite of what his characters have been. He is very serious and concentrated person. He is very intelligent and works really hard at what he does. You don't actually expect it but that's how he is. It was lovely to be around such

a gentleman who is very polite and well-spoken.

Is it difficult to just not laugh around him?

Olga: Don't even ask me that. (Laughs) There are moments when you obviously find him funny and there were moments where I wanted to laugh but I managed not to because I have to do what I had to. There were moments when they say cut and we all just crack up because we thought, Oh my



god, that was funny! The most rewarding thing is when the whole crew laughs when they cut the scene and if everybody laughs then you know you have done it right and it's very gratifying. And of course, on the set it's good atmosphere because apart from it being very serious, everybody is focussed at the same time. It was a good atmosphere to be in. I miss it.

It is a very different kind of comedy film. So did this help you to discover your own abilities?

Olga: Surprisingly, I feel like a fish in the water when I am doing comedy. I just love it. I have no problem in making fun of myself and that has never been an issue. I literally do not care but the thing is that nobody lets me, even though I'm involved in comedy. But then, there are scenes like, in this film, I have to be cold, so even if I try, I just have to tell myself that you have to be cold. And I think if I can be goofy. But there are moments where you can just let it go and enjoy. For instance, the dancing scene in the film, which was quite funny for me. It's so short and yet one of my favourite scenes. Rowan is hilarious, his dance is priceless, he is like an inspiration and he loves what he does, which is why people love him.

What would you like to say on Rowan's comedy?

Olga: Rowan's comedy is physical and more expressive that's why he doesn't really need to speak. It's not even about the writing. It could be funny or not funny but even if it is a super serious scene that he's doing, by just looking at his face, the way he is going to move, his facial expression... everything probably makes people crack up because it's his ability. His physicality and the facial expressions are just universal. People react to an image and he is probably the best. No one can give as amazing expressions as Rowan can.

Serena, Osaka pack bags; Federer survives as surprises rock Australian Open

BLACK FRIDAY

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

Serena Williams crashed out, 15-year-old Coco Gauff stunned Naomi Osaka and Roger Federer survived a five-set thriller as the form book went flying out of the window at the Australian Open on Friday.

Men's title-holder Novak Djokovic eased into the last 16 but elsewhere there were surprises all over Melbourne Park with Williams the biggest victim and Federer fighting back from 4-8 down in a fifth-set tie-break with John Millman.

Williams' bid for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam was shattered by the unlikely figure of China's Wang Qiang, who triumphed in three tough sets — after winning just one game when they played at the US Open in September.

Gauff then stepped up her giant-killing Melbourne debut as she ousted Japanese defending champion Osaka, 22, in dismissive style, winning 6-3, 6-4 in just 67 minutes to reach round four.

"Oh my gosh. Two years ago I lost first round in the juniors and now I'm here — this is crazy," said the teenager, who shocked Venus Williams in the first round.

Federer came within a whisker of repeating his 2018 US Open upset by Millman as he was taken to five punishing sets by the tough Australian.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion was facing defeat in the super tie-breaker but he clawed back from 4-8 down to clinch his 100th win at the Australian Open.

"Oh God, it was tough," said Federer. "Thank God it was a super tie-breaker (10 points), otherwise I would have lost this one."

"It came down to the wire in the end."



Serena Williams leaves Rod Laver Arena after the end of third round singles loss to Wang Qiang AP

"I definitely do believe (I can equal it) or I wouldn't be on tour," said Williams.

Williams was the bookies' favourite to lift the trophy for the eighth time but she came unstuck against a determined Wang, who won 6-4, 6/7 (2/7), 7-5.

Her defeat came just minutes after Denmark's Wozniacki was knocked out by Tunisia's Jabeur, bringing a tearful end to the former world number one's final tournament before retiring.

"I had a dream when I was a kid. I wanted to win a Grand Slam. I wanted to be number one in the world," said Wozniacki, the Melbourne winner in 2018.

"People thought that I was crazy being from a small country. But I made it happen."

'I MADE IT HAPPEN'
With Williams now 38, 23 years older than Gauff, the two players are at opposite ends of their careers.

And with Williams' close friend Caroline Wozniacki retiring on Friday, after defeat to Ons Jabeur, it looked like a changing of the guard in women's tennis.

But Williams, who has now had eight winless Grand Slams since returning from childbirth, said she hadn't given up hope of matching Margaret Court's 47-year-old record for Grand Slam titles.



Caroline Wozniacki is carried by her coach and father Piotr after her third round loss AP

RATTLED OSAKA
Williams' exit removes a major hurdle for Australia's world number one Ashleigh Barty, 23, who had been on



Coco Gauff, left, is congratulated by Naomi Osaka after winning their third round match AP

course to meet her in the semi-finals.

Barty, bidding to become the first Australian champion since 1978, hit form in a 6-3, 6-2 demolition of Elena Rybakina, saying she had played her best tennis so far this year.

Gauff, who trained with Serena Williams in the off-season, had promised she would be less nervous than in her last meeting with Osaka, when she was thrashed in round three of last year's US Open.

And so it proved as the teenager broke once in the first set and twice in the second to floor a rattled Osaka and ramp up a rivalry that could run and

run.

In the men's draw, reigning champion Djokovic thrashed Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to reach the round of 16 at a canter.

But Greek sixth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas was also on the receiving end of an upset as he went down in straight sets to Canada's Milos Raonic, the world number 35.

Former US Open champion Marin Cilic, 31, outlasted Robert Bautista Agut in five tough sets and Tennyson Sandgren, under fire during his last deep run in Melbourne over links to right-wing activists, beat fellow American Sam Querrey in straight sets.

Divij Sharan exits



India's Divij Sharan poses for pictures with his New Zealand partner Artem Sitak Divij/Twitter

MELBOURNE: India's Divij Sharan and his New Zealand partner Artem Sitak were knocked out of the Australian Open men's doubles competition after going down in straight sets to Bruno Soares and Mate Pavic on Friday.

Sharan and Sitak lost to the Brazilian-Croat pair 6-7, 3-6 in a second round match that lasted one hour and 17 minutes.

With Sharan's loss, India's campaign in the men's doubles ended as Rohan Bopanna had made a first-round exit on Wednesday.

But he is the only Indian left in the mixed doubles fray now. The 39-year-old will partner Ukraine's Nadia Kichenok in the mixed doubles event.

The duo will take on France's Nicolas Mahut and Zhang Shai of China in the first round today. **PTI**

AFP ■ WOLVERHAMPTON



Roberto Firmino celebrates after Liverpool win AP

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp hailed another moment of magic from Roberto Firmino as the Brazilian's late winner opened up a 16-point lead at the top of the Premier League with a 2-1 victory at Wolves on Thursday.

The European champions' now 14-game winning streak in the league seemed set to end as Raul Jimenez cancelled out Jordan Henderson's early opener.

Liverpool were even grateful to goalkeeper Alisson Becker for not falling behind in the second half.

The run goes on

Bobby's winner secures another late Liverpool win at Wolves

However, like crucial victories against Leicester, Aston Villa and Crystal Palace earlier in the campaign, Liverpool left it late to snatch another vital three points in their quest to end a 30-year wait to win the title as Firmino smashed home six minutes from time.

"You just have to find a way to win and have someone who makes the perfect decision and that was Bobby again," said Klopp.

"A worldie I would say from Bobby, a super goal."

Liverpool, who now have 22 wins in 23 league games this season, also have a game in hand over second-placed Manchester City to come.

However, victory could still come at a cost as Mane

hobbled off with a hamstring injury in the first half.

"We don't know exactly (the severity of the injury). He felt something in the hamstring," added Klopp, whose side are also still in the hunt for the FA Cup and Champions League.

Defeat leaves Wolves still six points off the top four in seventh, but Nuno Espirito Santo's side showed why they are on form the most likely challengers to fourth-placed Chelsea for a place in next season's Champions League.

"It was a fantastic game of football," said Nuno. "We have to keep going and keep getting stronger."

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Historical humiliation

Atletico suffer extra-time misery at third-division Leonesa

Atletico Madrid were knocked out of the Copa del Rey on Thursday, defeated 2-1 in extra-time by third division Cultural Leonesa.

Argentine striker Angel Correa put them in front in the 62 minutes before Leonesa levelled seven minutes from the end through Julien Castaeda.

Sergio Benito then delivered the winner for the hosts in the second period of extra-time.

Defeat completes a miserable January for Diego Simeone's Atletico who were defeated in the Spanish Super Cup by Real Madrid and 2-0 at Eibar in La Liga last week-end.

"The responsibility is mine alone," admitted Simeone.

"Cultural deserved the victory, we had no forcefulness."



Diego Simeone reacts after Atletico's loss to Cultural Leonesa AP

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PUBLIC NOTICE ON USER FEE (TOLL) RATES AT SABLITOLL PLAZA APPLICABLE FROM 24.01.2020

The Public is hereby informed that pursuant to Fee Notification published in the Gazette vide S.O. 1650 (E) dated 25.04.2019 by MoRTH and approval of user fee rates vide letter dated 20.07.2019 of NHA, the user fee for the use of section from Km 50.675 to km 105.500 (Powayan - Puranpur Section) of NH-730A is going to be started w.e.f. 24.01.2020 at Sabli Toll Plaza (Chainage: 61.500 Km, near Sabli Village, District: Shahjahanpur) in the State of Uttar Pradesh at the following rates:

Category of Vehicle	Fee For Single Journey	Fee for Return Journey within a day	Fee For Monthly Pass valid for 50 Journeys	Fee For Commercial vehicles registered in district
Car, Jeep, van or Light Motor vehicle	40	55	1255	20
Light Commercial Vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus	60	90	2030	30
Bus or Truck (Two axle)	130	190	4250	60
Three - Axle commercial vehicles	140	210	4635	75
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Oversized Vehicles (seven or more axles)	245	365	8115	120

The rate for Monthly pass applicable for local non-commercial vehicle registered within a distance of 20 Km from the Toll Plaza be Rs. 265/-

2. The above section was developed under public funds (The above section was developed as per provision of Contract Agreement dated 30.05.2016 on EPC basis and AE vide letter 23.09.2019 certified the completed length of 54.430 Km. for putting on commercial operation). The above rates are applicable for a completed length of 54.430 km, which comprises of following:-

Type of Section	Length (Km)	Equivalent length (km) for which user fee is to be levied	Lane Configuration
Straight Section	54.43	54.43	
Bypasses	0.000	0.000	
Structure (length > 60 m)	0.000	0.000	

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(i) Return Journey within 24 Hours from time of payment for all categories of vehicles (discount 25%).
(ii) 50 Single journey in a month from date of payment for all categories of vehicles (discount -33%).
(iii) Pass at Rs. 265/- per calendar month for non-commercial vehicle residing within 20 Km from Toll Plaza.
(iv) Commercial Vehicle (excluding those plying under national permit) registered in the District of Toll Plaza (discount 50%).
4. The list of exempted vehicles is as given in the Amendment to Fee Rules dated 03.12.2010 vide GSR 950(E).
5. The vehicle, which is loaded in excess of permissionable load, shall pay 10 times the applicable fee rate and remove the excess load to make use of highway.
6. The Capital Cost of the Project is Rs. 255.90 Crore. The User Fee (toll) rates shall be reduced to 40% on recovery of capital cost.
7. For viewing the fee notification dated 25.04.2019 published in the Gazette, letter of NHA dated 20.07.2019 containing approval of rates, etc, the website <http://tis.nhai.gov.in> may be visited.
8. For any enquiry and/ or giving complaints/ suggestions, please contact (Sh. Amit Prakash, Project Director, NHA, 26, Green Park, Beesalpur Road, Bareilly. Mob. 9540055888).

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India rule in run fest

Shreyas fireworks, KL onslaught give Men in Blue 6 wicket win over Black caps

PTI ■ AUCKLAND

The immensely talented Shreyas Iyer enhanced his reputation as a finisher with a scintillating 29-ball-58 in India's six-wicket victory over New Zealand in a high-scoring first T20 International at Eden Park on Friday.

Iyer built on KL Rahul's (56 off 27 balls) blazing start and Virat Kohli's useful 45 off 32 balls as India made short work of a 204-run target, knocking it off with an over to spare.

Credit should be given to Indian bowlers for restricting New Zealand towards the end considering the dimensions of the ground.

Earlier, Colin Munro and Kane Williamson had smashed quick-fire half-centuries as New Zealand scored 203-5.

In pursuit of 204, India lost Rohit Sharma (7) early in the second over as he played one too many shots in a bid to go after spinner Mitchell Santner (1-50).

Rahul and Kohli then took charge of the innings with an 99-run partnership coming off only 50 balls. The duo launched a good array of strokes with seven fours and four sixes between them as New Zealand struggled to contain the runs.

Continuing his fine form, Rahul notched up his half-century off 23 balls while Kohli fell short of his landmark by just five runs. Together, they provided the base for India's middle order to finish the chase.

The Black Caps roared back into contention with a double blow. First, Rahul was out caught off Sodhi in the 10th over and then seven balls later, Martin Gupthill pulled off a screamer at deep mid wicket to send back Kohli.

India lost their set batsmen for six runs and their play to send Shivam Dube (13) up the order only had limited success. Dube and Iyer added 21 runs to provide some acceleration, before the all-rounder was Sodhi's second dismissal of the night.

Iyer then took charge of proceedings as he smacked five fours and three sixes to propel India to victory.



Manish Pandey and Shreyas Iyer celebrate after India's 6 wicket win over New Zealand in the first Twenty20 match at Eden Park

Iyer added 50 off 29 balls with Manish Pandey, who hit 14 not out off 12 balls with a six.

It was an immaculate display by the young batsman who showed the benefits of reaping experience batting

in the middle order and perhaps answering India's questions regarding the number four situation.

This was after Munro, Williamson and Ross Taylor (54 not out off 27 balls) made the Indian

bowlers suffer. Jasprit Bumrah (1-31) put in a good shift with clever change of pace and control.

Also Yuzvendra Chahal (1/32 in 4 overs) and Ravindra Jadeja (1/18 in 2 overs) kept a check on the run-

flow during the back-end.

Munro scored 59 off 42 balls, including six fours and two sixes, while Williamson hit four fours and four sixes in his 26-ball 51-run innings as the Black Caps made good use of the peculiar Eden Park shape to pile on the runs.

Shardul Thakur (1-44) and Mohammed Shami (0-53) proved to be expensive in their opening spells before Dube (1-24) got the breakthrough with Rohit Sharma catching smartly to dismiss Gupthill. It brought Williamson to the crease and the onslaught continued as he put on 36 off 24 balls with Munro.

The latter reached his half-century off 36 balls before holing out off Thakur. India quickly got a second wicket in the space of four balls with Ravindra Jadeja (1-18) dismissing Colin de Grandhomme (0).

New Zealand, at 117-3 in the 13th over, were placed awkwardly but Williamson and Taylor put on 61 off 28 balls to completely decimate the Indian bowling in the second half of their innings.

Taylor smashed three fours and three sixes, taking 22 runs off Shami in the 16th over, as he raced to a 25-ball half-century. It was his first T20I half-century in six years. Williamson too completed his half-century off 25 balls.

Rahul loving dual role



KL Rahul attempts to hit a six during his 56-run innings against New Zealand in 1st T20 PTI

PTI ■ AUCKLAND

Wicket-keeping alongside batting is a lot more work but India's KL Rahul on Friday said "he is loving" the additional responsibility as it is bringing the best out of him.

Rahul, who scored 56 runs of 27 balls in the first game kept full-time first during three-match ODI series against Australia last week. Following his good work with both bat and behind the stumps, Kohli had said he will continue with his dual role "for a while" as it lends massive balance to the team.

"I'm quite honestly loving it. At the international stage, it might seem very new and it might seem like I've never kept. (But) I've kept for my IPL franchise for the last 3-4 years, and I've kept for my first-

class team as and when there is an opening. I've still stayed in touch with wicket keeping.

"I enjoy staying behind the stumps and it also gives me a great idea about how the pitch is playing, and I can pass on that message to the bowlers and the captains with field-sets and everything. As a keeper, that's also your responsibility to stay active and pass the message on to your captain as to what lengths are better and what I feel we can do better."

It is extra work but staying behind the stumps also helps batting, feels Rahul.

"As a batsman as well, after keeping for 20 overs, especially you get a fair idea on what are the good shots on this kind of wicket and so I'm enjoying the responsibility and so far so good for me."

We didn't put enough pressure on Indian batsmen: Taylor

AUCKLAND: New Zealand's Ross Taylor lamented that their bowlers didn't put enough pressure on the Indian batsmen in the first T20I, held at a ground with odd dimensions.

The experienced middle-order batsman said that the hosts were probably 10-15 runs short on a batting beauty at Eden Park, but failed with extras and lack of pressure on the Indian middle order.

"It is hard to tell at

Eden Park. In the last three overs India bowled well and we didn't get a big over. We still did get 100 in the last 10

overs to put pressure on them but it's always hard to gauge," Taylor said. "We bowled well but sometimes have to give credit to how batsmen are. In T20s you have to learn

quick and we have to

adapt. Our bowlers will have to look at them and at the same time their batsmen are a class line-up all the way through.

"The way we attack them in the next game will be crucial. How we attack them and how we do that

on Sunday?" The batsman appreciated the base set earlier but said the middle order didn't generate enough momentum in the last few overs.

"A lot of times when you play at Eden Park wind is a factor and you are able to attack from both ends. It was hard to know what a good total is. They won with an over to spare so we were definitely 10-15 runs short." PTI



Tamim Iqbal plays against Pak at Gaddafi Stadium AP

Recalled Malik leads Pak win

AFP ■ LAHORE

Recalled Shoaib Malik smashed a solid half-century to anchor Pakistan's five-wicket win over Bangladesh in first Twenty20I on Friday.

Malik's 45-ball 58 not out for his eighth Twenty20 fifty as Pakistan overhauled a modest 142-run target in 19.3 over to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Bangladesh had managed 141-5 in their 20 overs with openers Mohammad Naim scoring 41-ball 43 and Tamim Iqbal hit 34-ball 39 as Pakistan's three-man pace attack kept them in check on a flat Gaddafi stadium pitch.

The win further consolidated Pakistan's chances of hanging on to their world number one ranking in the shortest format. If they lose any of the remaining matches — on today and on Monday, also in Lahore, Australia will replace them at the top.

Malik, playing his first match since February last year, was in sublime form as he hit five boundaries and added 46 for the third wicket with debutant Ahsan Ali who made 32-ball 36 with four boundaries.

Malik, fourth leading run-getter in Twenty20 internationals with 2321 in a record 112 matches, credited bowlers for the win.

"Congratulations to the whole Pakistan for this win and for hosting another match," said Malik.

"It wasn't an easy pitch and our bowlers restricted them to a gettable total.

"It's tough to be in and out of the team but I have been playing leagues and domestic cricket and that helped me stage a comeback in this match.

"I am happy to help achieve this win in a chase."

Earlier, Bangladesh, who won the toss and opted to bat, were off to a good start as Iqbal and Naim put on 70 for the opening wicket. Iqbal was run out in the 11th over while Naim holed out off spinner Shadab Khan in the 15th.

Skipper Mahmudullah hit two boundaries in his 14-ball 19 not out.

India U-19 make it 3 in a row

PTI ■ BLOEMFONTEIN

Left-arm spinner Atharva Ankolekar showed big heart while leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi was all guile in India's 44-run win against New Zealand as they set-up a quarter-final date with Australia in the ICC U-19 World Cup on Friday.

During a rain-hit final group A league encounter reduced to 23-overs per-side, India scored 115 for no loss in 23 overs with openers Yashasvi Jaiswal (57 not out off 72 balls) and Divyansh Saxena (52 not off 62 balls) hitting half-centuries.

New Zealand needed 193 as per DLS method calculations but managed only 147 in 21 overs as India emerged group toppers with six points.

Left-arm orthodox Ankolekar, who played through pain with a fractured finger on his right hand, had figures of 3 for 28 in five overs with some accurate wicket-to-wicket bowling. This was after New Zealand No 3 Fergus Lellman hit him for two sixes off his first two deliveries.

Bishnoi, a ₹ 2 crore buy for Kings XI Punjab, is fast turning out to be the biggest star in the junior line-up with his variation and control. He bowled googlies, sliders and top-spinners to end with 4 for 30 from five overs as vice-captain Dhruv Jurel was



Yashasvi Jaiswal and Divyansh Saxena chat during India's innings. ICC/Twitter

India will now meet Australia in the Super League quarters at Potchefstroom on January 28.

Put into bat, both Yashasvi and Divyansh were watchful but didn't wait to punish the loose deliveries. Yashasvi, who will be playing for Rajasthan Royals in the 2020 IPL, again held anchor hitting four boundaries and two sixes.

His opening partner Divyansh was a bit more aggressive as he hit six boundaries in his half-century. Just when they had completed a century stand, the heavens opened up to play spoilsport.

Skipper Priyam Garg was happy that they had a tough game against New Zealand before facing the Aussies in the semi-final.

India A lose by 29 runs

PTI ■ CHRISTCHURCH

India A's top-order batsmen failed to convert their starts into big scores as New Zealand A won the second unofficial ODI by 29 runs and restored parity in the three-match series on Friday.

The home team relied on opener George Worker's 135 and Cole McConchie's brisk 56 to post 295 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs after being sent into bat at the Hagley Oval.

In reply, the visiting team was stopped at 266 for nine.

Opting to bowl after winning the toss, India A tasted early success when

Mohammed Siraj dismissed Rachin Ravindra for a nought.

Left-arm spinner Axar Patel accounted for Glenn Phillips as New Zealand A found the going tough in the middle.

Ishan Porel picked up a couple of wickets by the time the innings entered the middle overs, leaving the visitors struggling at 96 for four in the 22nd over. Krunal Pandya made it worse by removing Mark Chapman.

At 109 for five in the 25th over, the hosts badly needed someone to steady the ship, and Worker, Jimmy Neesham (33) and McConchie came to their

rescue. During his 144-ball knock, Worker smashed six sixes and 12 boundaries. McConchie then scored some quick runs, hitting eights fours in his 54-ball knock.

India A's reply was not good as they lost their in-form opener Prithvi Shaw (2) in the first over.

Leading the team in the absence of Shubman Gill, Mayank Agarwal made 37 off 42 balls, while Ishan Kishan scored 44 off 55 deliveries.

All-rounder Vijay Shankar contributed 41 off 53 balls and Krunal, coming in to bat at number seven, top-scored with a 48-ball 51.

Agarkar frontrunner to replace MSK

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India pacer Ajit Agarkar on Friday entered the race for the national selector's job and is a frontrunner for the chairman's post.

Agarkar confirmed that he has applied for the national selector's position.

Agarkar, who is a former chairman of Mumbai senior selection committee, is in contention for the chairman's post as the new constitution doesn't have provisions for zonal system.

It can also be confirmed that former India medium pacer and junior chairman of selectors Venkatesh Prasad has once again applied for senior selector's post

although he has only around one and half years of his cumulative term left. With BCCI setting January 24 as the deadline for sending applications, the 42-year-old Agarkar is certainly the most high-profile name with 26 Tests, 191 ODIs and 3 T20 Internationals, picking 349 wickets across formats.

"Ajit entering the fray is an interesting development. He is someone who would have put in a lot of thought before applying. If anyone thought that Siva's nomination as a chairman of selectors is a given, will now think again. It will be very interesting to see who all are short-listed," a senior BCCI official said.

Indian TT teams disappoint in Olympic qualifier

GONDOMAR: Indian men and women failed to deliver when it mattered most, losing to Slovenia and Romania respectively in the pre-quarterfinals of the Olympic qualifying team event to significantly reduce their chances qualifying for the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo.

While the 17th seeded women played their hearts before losing to fifth seeds Romania 2-3, the men disappointed with their 1-3 defeat against Slovenia.

The fifth seeded men's team comprising G Sathiyam (world rank 30) and veteran Sharath Kamal (WR 33) was expected to get the better of 11th seeded Slovenia.

After winning the opening doubles, Sathiyam, Harmeet Desai and

Sharath came a cropper in the singles, severely denting the chances of team qualification at the Olympics.

A quarterfinal finish would have guaranteed an Olympic berth but now, both the men and women's squad have to win the plate division to qualify. All losers in the round of 16 will take part in the knock-out plate event.

The Indian women's team played really well to take Romania to the distance before running out of steam.

After Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee lost the opening doubles, India number one and 61st ranked Manika Batra levelled the tie with a fine win over world number 19 Bernadette Szocs.



Sutirtha Mukherjee in a file picture. ITTF/Twitter

However, Romania regained the lead in the match after Elizabeta Samara steamrolled Ayhika 10-12, 11-5, 2-11, 7-11.

The Indian women looked down and out before Sutirtha, ranked 157, gave a new lease of life to her team with a fighting win over Szocs, an opponent ranked more than 100 places higher than her.

In probably her biggest win till date, Sutirtha edged Szocs 8-11, 11-7, 11-9, 3-11, 11-4. The match was levelled at 2-2.

Manika was expected to win against 134 ranked Daniela Monteiro in the fifth and deciding rubber but went down 8-11, 4-11, 11-3, 2-11, much to her and her team's disappointment. PTI

It is Sindhu's duty to adapt with crammed calendar: Gopi

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Chief national coach Pullela Gopichand admitted to crammed BWF itinerary causing a problem but at the same time believes that onus is on a player of PV Sindhu's calibre to adapt to the calendar instead of complaining about it.

Apart from the World Championships Gold, Sindhu failed to win any other tournament last year. "I think the crammed

schedule is a problem for the top players, but also to be fair, I think the whole world it's been an issue. As a top player, it's her (Sindhu) duty to adapt without complaining," Gopichand said. "So I think, yes, Sindhu is working on some of those mistakes, and hopefully we'll be able to sort it out."

Gopichand exuded confidence that Sindhu will be able to turn it around in time ahead of the Olympics and will be able to win a medal at Tokyo, despite her



Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu pose with coach Pullela Gopichand. PTI/File Photo

dip in form. "I do believe that she has a bright chance. And having said that, I think whether it's the Tai Tzu Ying or Carolina Marin, whether it's the Japanese or the Thai girls, I think there is definitely good amount of competition. But I am saying who's done well in the past, and I do believe that with some good preparation, she will do well."

While Sindhu is assured of a ticket to Tokyo, time is running out for Saina

Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth to make the cut but Gopichand said the Indian duo can still qualify with some good performances in a couple of tournaments.

London Olympics Bronze medallist Saina and Srikanth suffered opening round losses at the Thailand Masters and are currently placed at the 22nd and 26th spots respectively in the Race To Tokyo BWF Olympic Qualification ranking. Each country is allowed

two singles quota provided their ranking is inside top-16 within the cut-off date of April 28.

"I think it's about seven tournaments going into the Olympic qualifications, I think they will need to perform really well to qualify for the Olympics," Gopichand said.

"And they are at the moment of borderline, one or two good performances can clearly put them in a good space to qualify for the Olympics."