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## Coronavirus bleeds markets

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

PNS ■ MUMBAI

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

In India, equity benchmark Sensex on Monday clocked its second biggest fall in four months, dragged mainly by financial and metal counters as investors fear grew over the fast-spreading virus outbreak in China.

At close, the BSE gauge Sensex was 458.07 points, or 1.10 per cent, down at 41,155.12. Intra-day, the index cracked nearly 500 points. Likewise, the broader NSE Nifty ended 129.25 points, or 1.06 per cent, down at 12,119.

On the Sensex chart, Tata Steel was the top loser, dropping 4.31 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank, HDFC Bank, SBI, PowerGrid and HDFC. The Dow tumbled by nearly 500 points on opening. The S&P 500 (SPX) was down 1.6 per cent, while the Nasdaq Composite (COMP) was down 2.1 per cent.

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



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

AP

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

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

News agency PTI quoted S Ranganathan, head of research at LKP Securities, as saying, "Coronavirus outbreak in China took a toll on Indian equities as well today as financials and metals bore the brunt of the selling. Except for select pharmaceutical stocks which held fort and gained the broader markets traded weak."

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

The decision was taken at a high-level meeting, chaired by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, which carried out a detailed review of the situation arising out of outbreak of Coronavirus in China where 80 people have died and over 2,000 infected with the disease.

Officials said the External Affairs Ministry will request to Chinese authorities for evacuation of Indians from Wuhan.

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## PFI funded anti-CAA violent protests: ED

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



Capital over a decade ago.

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

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

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

Fellow lawyer Indira Jaising, on the other hand, "completely and vehemently

denied receiving "any money" from the PFI "at any point of time". Jaising also denied receiving any money from anybody in connection with the anti-CAA protests.

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

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

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### Cause of alarm

- India, China discuss plans to evacuate Indians from coronavirus-hit Wuhan
- Centre steps up vigil in areas bordering Nepal, reviews preparedness of states
- WHO corrects China virus global risk level to "high"

### Virus takes first toll in Beijing

Beijing: Beijing authorities on Monday reported the Chinese capital's first death from a new deadly virus that has rapidly spread across the country, killing 82 people.

The victim was a 50-year-old man who had visited the central city of Wuhan, the epi-

centre of the outbreak, on January 8 and developed a fever after returning to Beijing seven days later, the city's health commission said.

He went to a hospital on January 21 and died on Monday of respiratory failure, the commission said. AFP

1.9 per cent to 5,907.40, while Germany's DAX skidded 1.7 per cent to 13,342.32.

Many Asian markets, including China's, were closed for Lunar New Year holidays,

while Australia was closed for Australia Day. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index caved in by 2 per cent to 23,343.51

Investors across the world are worried that if the second-

largest economy in the world fails to recover in time from the viral outbreak, then its economy could take a big hit, which will also drag down the world economy.

### CAPSULE

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

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

**AMU STUDENTS BLOCK TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY**  
Aligarh: Hundreds of AMU students overnight blocked traffic on the main Aligarh-Moradabad Highway demanding release of a student who was held for allegedly heckling the AMU Vice Chancellor during his Republic Day speech, a university official said on Monday. P6

**CAA INTERNAL MATTER: FRENCH GOVT SOURCES**  
New Delhi: France, a founding member of the European Union, considers the new citizenship law an internal political matter of India, French diplomatic sources said on Monday. They said the European Parliament is an institution independent of member states and the European Commission. P7

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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## Historic Bodo accord inked for peace in Assam

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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

PTI

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

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

Bodo areas, their language and culture will be protected without compromising the territorial integrity of Assam," he told reporters after the accord was signed.

Shah said due to the violence perpetrated by the Bodo

militants, over 4,000 people lost their lives in the past few decades.

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

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

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

Shah said no stone would be left unturned for the development of Assam and the Northeastern region. "A final and comprehensive solution to their demands has been made, while retaining the territorial integrity of Assam," he said.

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

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

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

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

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

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

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### Basketball legend Kobe Bryant killed in air crash

AFP ■ LOS ANGELES

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

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

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

## Asking for my nod? Kejriwal dares Shah to clear Shaheen Bagh

HM asks CM to spell out his stand on sit-in

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Accusing the BJP of doing "dirty politics" over the Shaheen Bagh protest, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday said law and order in the national Capital entirely lies with the Centre and "if they are saying that they need permission from me, I am giving them permission, open the road in one hour".

Lashing out heavily on Kejriwal, Union Home Minister Amit Shah dared him to visit Shaheen Bagh so that people of Delhi can decide



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal during an election campaign roadshow at Gandhi Nagar in New Delhi on Monday

Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

whom they should vote in Assembly election. "The Delhi Police has booked Sharjeel Imam, a JNU student, on sedi-

tion charge for his comment of trying to cut the chicken's neck and break the N-E from the rest of the country. I want to ask

Kejriwal whether he is in favour of apprehending Sharjeel Imam or not? Whether you are with the people of Shaheen Bagh or not, please tell the people of Delhi," Shah said while addressing an election rally in Rithala in North-West Delhi.

Imam was one of the initial organisers of the Shaheen Bagh protest. "You (the AAP leaders) people say you are with Shaheen Bagh. If you have the guts then go and sit with them. And let Delhi decide," Shah said.

Kejriwal alleged the BJP does not want to open the Shaheen Bagh stretch of the Kalindi Kunj road where the anti-CAA protest are going on for over a month. "I can give you this in writing: The BJP does not want to open the route in Shaheen Bagh. The Shaheen

route will remain closed till February 9," Kejriwal said.

"People especially children are facing problems due to closed stretch. I appeal leaders of the BJP, including Home Minister Amit Shah, Piyush Goyal, and Ravi Shankar Prasad to visit Shaheen Bagh and talk to them (protesters) and open the road in one hour so that people will not get troubled," he said.

"Being the Home Minister of this country, maintaining law and order in Delhi is his constitutional responsibility. India is a democracy and he should visit Shaheen Bagh and holds a talk with protesters," Kejriwal added.

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Union Home Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah with party candidate Manish Choudhary during an election campaign ahead of the forthcoming Delhi Assembly elections at Rithala constituency in New Delhi on Monday

PTI

# JNU summons Sharjeel booked in sedition cases

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

While the Delhi Police is searching for absconding JNU student Sharjeel Imam, who has been booked in several cases of sedition, the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) administration on Monday summoned the research scholar to appear before him and explain his position on the alleged provocative speeches made by him.

Five teams of Delhi Police Crime Branch are conducting raids in Mumbai, Patna and Delhi to arrest Imam, said the police on Monday.

The chief proctor summoned Imam to appear before him and explain his position on the alleged provocative speeches made by him. Imam has been



asked to appear before the Proctorial Committee by February 3.

According to a statement issued by JNU, "A security report dated, January 27 against Sharjeel Imam, a PhD student at the Center for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU has been received in the Chief proctors office from the office of the Chief security officer. In the said report, it has been mentioned, citing the media reports, that on January 16 Imam made provocative speech-

es at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) threatening the unity, integrity and sovereignty of the country upheld by the Indian constitution."

"The chief security officer's report also refers to several FIRs lodged against Imam by the police of Delhi, UP and other States. The Chief Proctor of JNU has directed to meet the Proctorial Committee at the earliest not later than February 3, 2020 to explain his position in this regard," the statement said.

Imam has been booked in sedition cases lodged across several States for his alleged "inflammatory" speeches in which he threatened to "cut off" Assam and the northeast from the rest of the country, made during a protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

# ₹7 crore seized from poll-bound Capital

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on the directions of election commission has seized a total sum of ₹7,39,04,340 since the model code of conduct came into force in Delhi following the Assembly elections. Interestingly, this year, number of cash, liquor, drugs/narcotics, precious metal and freebies received has increased enormously as compared to the previous elections.

As per the official data, in 2015 Delhi Legislative Assembly Election, overall seizure was worth of ₹42,38,500 cash. In the present Assembly election 2020, under violation of MCC, FIR lodged under Defacement of Public Property is 382 and FIR lodged under private property is 4. Similarly, a total of 402 entries have been lodged (390 FIRs/12 DD entry), out of which, 21 AAP, 10 against Congress

and 5 against BJP has been registered.

Besides, about 280 FIRs have been registered under Arms Act, in which 305 persons are arrested and 135,64297 kg. Narcotics and drugs seized worth ₹4, 66, 53, 500. Further, 403 bottles, 408 Half, 68363 quarters of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) and 1,207 bottles, 883 Half, 2,05,482 quarters of Country liquor and 1,821 bottles beer and FML 195.7 litres were seized on Sunday.

Around 16 cases are recorded against the violation in other cases (misuse of vehicles, violation of loudspeakers, illegal meetings and gratification of electors etc).

Moreover, a total number of 710 FIRs have been registered in Excise Act and 717 persons arrested under Excise Act. Action has been taken against 2,210 persons for putting up political advertisements on public transport vehicles.

# Pandav Nagar will vote for AAP, says Raghav Chadha

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A senior leader and Minister of Social Welfare Rajendra Pal Gautam hit the streets of Pandav Nagar on Monday in support of its candidate from Rajinder Nagar, Raghav Chadha. The star campaigner held a roadshow and campaigned with the official song of AAP's election campaign — Lage Raho Kejriwal.

Gautam, known for his passionate advocacy of the rights of the poor and weaker sections, walked with Raghav in Pandav Nagar and held an interaction with enthusiastic volunteers and residents, many of them wearing AAP caps chanting 'Ache Beete Paanch Saal, Lage Raho Kejriwal'.

Urging the people vote for 'Jhaadu' and to ensure a victorious win by a huge margin in Rajinder Nagar, Gautam emphasised on the

work done in the past five years and said people must vote to strengthen their beloved Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's resolve.

Addressing the gathering, Chadha said, "I have been coming to Pandav Nagar on a regular basis and I am convinced that people of Pandav Nagar have decided to vote overwhelmingly in favour of the Aam Aadmi Party and ensure our victory by a huge margin."

# COURT DISMISSES PLEA CHALLENGING REJECTION OF COMPLAINT FOR FIR AGAINST SOLE NIRBHAYA WITNESS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court on Monday dismissed a plea filed by the father of one of the four death row convicts in the 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape and murder case, challenging the court's order by which it had rejected his complaint questioning the

credibility of the sole witness in the case.

Judge AK Jain dismissed the complaint filed by Heera Lal Gupta, father of Pawan Kumar Gupta.

The sole eyewitness, a friend of the 23-year-old victim, was accompanying her in the bus when the grue-

some incident took place and he had also sustained injuries.

The court had on January 6 dismissed Heera Lal's complaint seeking an FIR against the sole witness in the matter for allegedly giving interviews to various news channels after charging money.

# Dummy execution of four gangrape convicts performed in Tihar Jail

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A dummy execution of the four death row convicts in the Nirbhaya gangrape and murder case was performed at Tihar Jail on Monday, prison officials said.

Fresh death warrants were issued by a Delhi court on January 17 for the hanging of Vinay Sharma

(26), Akshay Kumar Singh (31), Mukesh Kumar Singh (32) and Pawan (26) on February 1 at 6 am after the previously-scheduled hanging on January 22 was postponed due to pending petitions.

Earlier in the day, the wife, mother and nephew of Akshay Kumar Singh met him in the prison, sources said.

# AISA MEMBER MOVES COURT FOR MONITORED PROBE INTO VIOLENCE DURING ANTI-CAA PROTEST AT JAMIA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A left student outfit member, who has been booked in connection with the violence during an anti-CAA protest near Jamia Millia Islamia last month, on Monday moved a Delhi court seeking a court-monitored investigation into it alleging that the investigating agency was shielding policemen who "wreaked havoc" on the varsity premises.

Metropolitan Magistrate Gurmohina Kaur will hear on Tuesday the plea filed by All India Students' Association (AISA) Secretary Chandan Kumar, who was named as an accused in the FIR.

The court, meanwhile, extended till January 30 the judicial custody of Furkan, arrested in connection with the violent protest near Jamia Millia Islamia against the

newly amended law on December 15 last year. The police said the accused was arrested on the basis of a CCTV footage which showed him carrying a container.

Kumar's plea, filed through advocates Adit Pujari and Kriti Awasthi, sought monitoring of the investigation "as the investigating agency, while shielding its own policemen who wreaked havoc in the premises of Jamia Millia Islamia University, has proceeded to name the applicant (Kumar), who is a peace-loving citizen/student leader".

It also sought directions to the police to return Kumar's mobile phone, which was seized by the investigating agency during his questioning. The plea claimed that Kumar had to unlock his mobile phone due to pressure from the members of the investigating agency.

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Place : Delhi/NCR Date : 28-01-2020 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) For M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

# 28 CBI officials bag Police Medal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Twenty eight officers and officials of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have been awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and Police Medal for Meritorious Service by the President of India on the occasion of Republic Day, 2019.

President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service have been awarded to six officers and officials while Police Medals for Meritorious Service to 22 other officers and officials.

The CBI Joint Director DS Shukla, who headed a team that deported the first Indian national from the UAE besides cracking several cases, is among 28 officers of the agency who have been awarded the President's and police medals for meritorious service. Dharendra Shankar Shukla, who joined as Deputy SP in the CBI and rose to become its Joint Director, has also successfully probed the murder of Mumbai-journalist J Dey has also been given the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

"Deputy SP Ramaswamy Parthasarathy, who famously climbed the walls of former Finance Minister P Chidambaram's bungalow in Jor Bagh to arrest him in the INX Media case, has also been conferred with the medal," the officials said.

Superintendent of Police Binay Kumar of special crime unit, who has a knack of solving complex murder cases, has been awarded Police Medal for Meritorious Service. Kumar had also probed the murder of Pawanraje Nimbalkar murder case 2006, Rinehskhem Kharsohoh murder case of Meghalaya, Kavita Rani murder case of Meerut.

Another Superintendent of Police from Special Crime unit Nirbhay Kumar, who had probed infamous Nithari murders, IRCTC case involving former Railway Minister Lalu Yadav, mid-day meal scam and murder of ACP of Delhi Police Rajbeer Singh has also been awarded the Police Medal for



Dharendra Shankar Shukla, Joint Director, CBI



Dipendu Bhattacharya, ASP, CBI



Manoj Verma, SP(HQ & Pers), CBI



Nand Kishore, ASI, CBI, ACB



Nirbhay Kumar, SP, CBI



Nitesh Kumar, Dy.SP, CBI, ACB



Sanjay Kumar Bhat, Head Constable, CBI(HQ)



Sukhwinder Singh, Inspector, CBI, ACB

Meritorious Service.

Among the recipients of coveted President's Police Medal for

Distinguished Service are ASPs Thondattuparambil Varghese in Cochin and Diptendu

Bhattacharya in Kolkata, Sub-Inspector Rajesh Singh in CBI Academy, Ghaziabad, Head Constables Om Prakash Bishnoi and Sanjay Kumar Bhat in New Delhi.

The officers who have been awarded Police Medal for Meritorious Service are SP Manoj Verma, DySPs Thangluam Zamang, Rabi Narayan Tripathy, Mukesh Verma, Nitesh Kumar, Barun Kumar Sarkar, Narayan Chandra Sahoo, ASIs Nand Kishore, Nur Ali Sheikh and Rohitash Kumar Dhinwa.

The medal recipients also include Head Constables Madan Lal Dhiman, Dharamvir Singh, Parthasarathy Seshadri, Constables Kailash Chand Yadav, Pawan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, and Office Superintendent Puspaha Joshi.

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Date: 02.12.2019  
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Vs  
Arjun Tyagi Respondent

Arjun Tyagi Respondent  
Arjun Tyagi S/o Sh Mohan Lal Tyagi (Borrower) R/o Flat no. Tower-4, Unitech Harmony Nirwana Country Sect 50 Gurgaon- 122011.

Whereas, the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 27,91,517/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred And Seventeen 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 ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 14.02.2020 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

AAPKA KEJRIWAL AAPKE DWAR LAUNCHED

# Portal to help CM contact voters

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As the high-voltage election to the Delhi Assembly nears, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday launched a campaign called 'Aapka Kejriwal Aapke Dwar' to connect with Delhiites. A website — 'welcomekejriwal.in' — was also launched under the campaign to reach to the masses of Delhi.

Through this website, the AAP will tell the people about the works and achievements done by the Kejriwal Government in various fields including education, health and transport. The topics will be listed on the website, which can be accessed through a single click, said the AAP mem-



Arvind Kejriwal speaks at an event in New Delhi on Monday Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

bers. "Delhi is a city of two crore people and approximately 50 lakh families. I wanted to visit every household and meet all the family members

personally through door-to-door campaigning. But it was not physically possible to visit each of the 50 lakh households in Delhi. So, a website has been created through which I can

personally contact people through the phone. A number has been issued for the purpose, which is 76909-4444. You need to give a missed call on the issued number and open a link received after the missed call," said Kejriwal.

"After the completion of a particular component, you can also share your feedback with me. We will try to include your suggestions, as well as I will personally make sure to work on your complaints if any after the elections," he added.

The website has several options listed, including education, health, electricity, water, infrastructure, and women's security and unauthorised colonies in Delhi. On clicking each option, Kejriwal will list various achievements in each of these departments, they said.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With a few days left for Delhi Assembly polls, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal held back-to-back roadshows in Outer Delhi's Narela and Bawana area and urged his supporters to press the button for their party symbol broom on the EVM machine so hard that the party breaks its 2015 record of winning 67 Assembly seats.

Kejriwal took out a roadshow in north Delhi's Narela, Bawana and Gandhi Nagar areas with hundreds of supporters on Monday. Holding placards in support of various schemes of the Government, including free healthcare, and electricity, party supporters danced to the tune of 'Lage Raho Kejriwal' (the party's anthem).

Addressing party workers,



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal leads a roadshow in support of AAP candidates of Narela, Bawana, Gandhi Nagar on Monday Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Kejriwal said he tried to be like an elder son of every family in Delhi. "I have tried to take all these responsibilities on my shoulder by being an elder son and an elder brother of every household in Delhi in the last five years. I paid electricity and water bills for your fam-

ily, arranged quality education for the children, took care of the health of your family and arranged for medicines. I also facilitated pilgrimage for the elders of the family," he said. In the next five years, the AAP Government will clean the Yamuna River; provide 24-

hour water to every household in Delhi, he said, adding that

He appealed the supporters of BJP, Congress and other parties to vote for AAP in the upcoming assembly elections for the development of Delhi.

The Chief Minister also thanked the people for coming for the roadshow despite the cold weather and light rain. He waved to the public and shook hands with people as his roadshow moved through the narrow lanes.

Kejriwal was accompanied by Sharad Chauhan, party's MLA candidate from Narela during his roadshow in Narela. Bawana MLA candidate Jai Bhagwan Upkar accompanied Kejriwal as he held the roadshow in the constituency.

In the Assembly polls, five years ago, the AAP secured a thumping victory as the party bagged 67 seats, leaving just three for the BJP.

# Shoot traitors of country, Anurag raises slogan at rally

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Lashing out heavily on the supporters of anti-CAA protesters, Minister of State (Finance), Anurag Thakur, said "Desh ke gaddaron ko, goli maaro saalon ko (shoot the traitors of our country)."

Thakur, who participated in poll campaigning in Rithala Assembly constituency with other BJP leaders, clapped and urged the crowd to chant the slogan with him.

As the Delhi Assembly polls scheduled to be held on February 8, the Central leadership of the BJP has sharpened its attack on the Congress and AAP over the anti-CAA protest at Shaheen Bagh.

Stakes are very high because the BJP has been out of the power in Delhi for more than two decades. For this, it is working hard to wrest power from ruling Aam

Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi.

In a press conference at Delhi BJP state office, Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad targeted AAP for not taking required action against the protests in Shaheen Bagh. "Lakhs of people are distressed because they can not go to office, shops are shut and their children are not able to go to school due to the road being blocked by the protesters," Prasad said.

Shaheen Bagh is not just a locality but an "idea," he said, adding that "under the cover of the tricolour, those seeking to dismember the country are being given shelter at Shaheen Bagh and innocent children are being tricked into threatening violence against the minister."

The CAA does not deprive anyone of his/her citizenship and each Muslim citizen of this country will continue to live with full respect, he said.

Accusing the opposition of misleading the people by creating confusion over the CAA, he said all democratic norms were fulfilled in enacting the amended citizenship law.

He further accused the Congress of bringing Jinnah to Indian politics saying the love that the party's leaders have for Pakistan is surprising. "I want to say it clearly to the Congress that no further partition of the country will be allowed and if anyone thinks otherwise, strong action will be taken," he said.

Prasad also asked Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supreme Arvind Kejriwal to clear his stand on Jinnah, saying the BJP takes pride in people like A P J Abdul Kalam, Maulana Azad, Abdul Hamid, Ashfaqullah, and cricketer Zaheer Khan from the minority community. "But see the drama by the Congress if

Adnan Sami is given citizenship; they have objection to it. He is a good singer, he came here and became a citizen, we showed respect to him," he said.

However, both Gandhi and Kejriwal have no qualms in visiting JNU where slogans like "Bharat tere tukde honge" were raised because of "vote bank" politics, Prasad said. "Their (AAP and Congress) problem is that those (persecuted minorities from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh) people coming here are not their vote banks so their dignity does not matter to them," he said.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national president JP Nadda on Monday flayed the AAP and the Congress, alleging they are more bothered about being with Shaheen Bagh, where an anti-CAA protest has been taking place for over a month now, than with the country.

# Safai Karamcharis Union prez Sanjay Gehlot joins AAP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Sanjay Gehlot, president of the Safai Karamcharis Union, on Monday, joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the presence of party national convener Arvind Kejriwal.

Gehlot who had led a series of protests in the past few years for the rights of sanitation workers, said that the BJP is the real culprit behind the "worsening" condition of sanitation workers in Delhi.

Welcoming Gehlot to the party, Kejriwal said, "Sanjay Gehlot Ji has always been at the forefront in protests staged by sanitation workers to fight for the rights of sanitation workers." Kejriwal said "Gehlot stood against the AAP many times but later he realised that the sanitation workers were suffering because of the inadequate funding by the central government and not because of Delhi Government. It was then he decided to join AAP and work towards the welfare of the people."

"Every party in the last five years has asked for votes from the sanitation workers in the name of their development, but AAP is the only party that will work for the rights of the sanitation workers," he added.



President of the Safai Karamcharis Union Sanjay Gehlot (L) joins Aam Aadmi Party in the presence of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal on Monday Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Gehlot said he will participate in door-to-door campaign of the party to achieve party target 'Ab Ki Baar, Sattar Paar'.

"The Chief Minister has assured us to regular employment of the sanitation workers employed before the year 2017 and to work hard towards the integration of the municipal Corporations of Delhi," he added.

# Clear stand on Shaheen Bagh: Goel to Arvind

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha member Vijay Goel on Monday said the people of Delhi are going to dislodge Arvind Kejriwal in the Assembly elections.

Accusing Kejriwal for supporting protesters in Shaheen Bagh, Goel said Kejriwal has to clear his stand about the ongoing protest. Highlighting Delhi's issues, water and air pollution, the BJP leader said that under AAP government, people face tough time because they are suffering from air pollution. "He had come to end corruption, but he himself stood with people indulge in corruption," said

For the past five year, Kejriwal has been blaming Modi Govt for not allowing him to get work done in Delhi and constantly spreading lies and taking credits of Centre's work.

# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

## BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY AND ILLUMINATION

29<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 (4:00 pm onwards)

**Beating Retreat Ceremony** will be held on 29.01.2020 at Vijay Chowk, as part of the Republic Day Celebrations, 2020. Delhi Traffic Police has made elaborate arrangements for **Beating Retreat Ceremony and illumination** of Rashtrapati Bhawan, North Block, South Block, and Parliament House.

### TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

The following traffic restrictions will be put in place on 29.01.2020 from 1400 hrs. to 2130 hrs.

- Vijay Chowk will remain closed for general traffic.
- Traffic will not be allowed on the following stretches:-
  - (a) Rafi Marg between R/A Sunehri Masjid and R/A Krishi Bhawan.
  - (b) Raisina Road from R/A Krishi Bhawan towards Vijay Chowk.
  - (c) Beyond R/A Dara Shikoh Road, R/A Krishna Menon Marg and R/A Sunehri Masjid towards Vijay Chowk.
  - (d) Rajpath between Vijay Chowk and "C" – Hexagon which will be totally pedestrianized.

General public/motorists are advised to take alternate routes i.e. Ring Road, Ridge Road, Aurobindo Marg, Madarsa 'T' Point, Safdarjung Road, Kamal Ataturk Marg, Rani Jhansi Road, Minto Road etc.

### DIVERSIONS FOR BUSES

D.T.C and other city buses shall be diverted from their normal routes from 1400 hrs. to 2130 hrs. on 29.01.2020 to facilitate the vehicles of invitees and spectators and to avoid traffic congestion on roads around the venue of the ceremony and India Gate.

- 1 Buses bound for Central Sectt. and Connaught Place coming from Shantipath – Vinay Marg – Sardar Patel Marg will take Panchsheel Marg – Simon Boulivar Marg – Vande Matram Marg – R/A Shankar Road – Park Street.
- 2 Buses bound for Central Sectt. will terminate at Udyan Marg and return via Kali Bari Marg – Mandir Marg – Shankar Road.
- 3 Connaught Place bound buses will take Mandir Marg, Kali Bari Marg, - G.P.O. - Baba Khadak Singh Marg and reach Connaught Place & return via Bhagat Singh Marg – Peshwa Road – Mandir Marg – Shankar Road and Vande Matram Marg.
- 4 Buses coming from South Delhi on Tughlaq Road and bound for Connaught Place/Central Sectt. will be diverted from Aurobindo Chowk to Safdarjung Road – Kamal Ataturk Marg – Panchsheel Marg – Simon Boulivar Marg and follow the route as mentioned at Sl. No. 1.
- 5 Buses coming from Mandi House and Feroz Shah Road and proceeding to Connaught Place via Barakhamba Road will terminate at Shivaji Stadium and return via Kasturba Gandhi Marg/Barakhamba Road.
- 6 Connaught Place bound buses coming on Shahjahan Road will proceed to Shivaji Stadium via Aurobindo Chowk – Safdarjung Road – Kamal Ataturk Marg – Panchsheel Marg and beyond.
- 7 Buses bound for Old Delhi Railway Station, Red Fort and ISBT Kashmir Gate coming from South side will take Ring Road from AIIMS towards Dhaula Kuan and then Ridge Road, Rani Jhansi Road.
- 8 Buses bound from Old Delhi Railway Station, Red Fort and ISBT Kashmir Gate coming from Ashram side will take Ashram Chowk – Ring Road towards Sarai Kale Khan and proceed further via Raj Ghat.
- 9 Buses coming from Old Delhi Railway Station, Red Fort, Kashmir Gate and bound for South and South-East will take Delhi Gate – Jawaharlal Nehru Marg – Rajghat – Ring Road – Sarai Kale Khan – Ashram Chowk.
- 10 Buses coming from Vikas Marg and bound for South will take Ring Road – Sarai Kale Khan – Ashram Chowk.
- 11 Buses coming from Connaught Place via Kasturba Gandhi Marg towards India Gate will take Minto Road – DDU Marg – I.P. Flyover – Ring Road – Sarai Kale Khan.

### Metro Station

<b>Metro Stations</b>	<b>Entry/Exit Closed on 29.01.2020.</b>
Udyog Bhawan	02:00 PM to 06:30 PM
Central Secretariat	

### Parking

Parking will be available for those coming to see illumination at **Vijay Chowk** behind the water channels between Rafi Marg and 'C' Hexagon (after 7 PM).

### Instructions to General Public

In case of any unidentified object or suspicious persons being seen, information must be conveyed to the nearest policeman on duty. General public and motorists are advised to keep patience, observe traffic rules & road discipline and follow directions of traffic personnel and remain updated through Traffic Police Facebook page, Twitter handle and Traffic Police Helpline. People are requested to plan their journey accordingly to avoid inconvenience.

# AIMPLB in SC to oppose plea on nikah halala, polygamy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



The top court had then made it clear that it would deal separately with the issues of polygamy and nikah halala at a later stage.

The AIMPLB plea on Monday said the apex court has already dealt with the issue of these practices in its verdict of 1997 in which it had declined to entertain the petitions.

"That personal laws do not derive their validity on the ground that they have been passed or made by a legislature or by other competent authority. The fundamental source of personal laws are their respective scriptural texts," the AIMPLB plea said.

"The Mohammedan law is founded essentially on the holy Quran and the Hadith of the Prophet Mohammed and thus it can't fall within purview of expression 'laws in force' as mentioned in Article 13 of the

Constitution and hence its validity cannot be tested," it said.

The plea of Personal Law Board said that Article 44 of the Constitution stipulates that the State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India.

"It is submitted that Article 44, which envisages a Uniform Civil Code is only a directive principle of state policy and is not enforceable," it said.

The Article recognizes the existence of different code applicable to different religions in matters of personal law and permits their continuance until the state succeeds in its endeavour to secure for all citizens a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), it said.

"That these very same practices were challenged in 1997 verdict in Ahmedabad Women Action Group versus Union of India, in which this court had itself declined to entertain the matters by taking the view that these issues were to be dealt with by the legislature and not judiciary," it said, adding that rights of Muslim Women are already protected by virtue of Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act of 1986.

# Hizbul ultra killed in Anantnag



PNS ■ JAMMU

A joint team of security forces on Monday eliminated Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist in Arwani area of Bijbehara in Anantnag district.

According to ground reports, terrorists first opened fire on a patrol party in the Arwani area of Anantnag. In response, security forces eliminated a terrorist during brief encounter. Official sources claimed, a soldier also received injuries and was shifted to a near by army hospital.

According to police spokesman, the killed terrorist was identified as Shahid Ahmad. He was affiliated with proscribed terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen. Police spokesman said, "Shahid was involved in terror crimes". Security forces have also recovered arms & ammunition from the encounter site, police spokesman added.

# WHO corrects China virus global risk level to 'high'

AFP ■ GENEVA

The World Health Organisation on Monday admitted an error in its assessment of the global risk of a deadly virus in China, saying it was "high" and not "moderate".

The Geneva-based UN health agency said in a situation report published late Sunday that the risk was "very high in China, high at the regional level and high at the global level".

In a footnote, the WHO explained that it had stated "incorrectly" in its previous reports on Thursday, Friday and Saturday that the global risk was "moderate". The correction of the global risk assessment does not mean that an international health emergency has been declared.

WHO spokeswoman Fadela Chaib said only that there had been "an error in the wording". Asked what the risk categorisation meant, the WHO said it was "a global evaluation of risk, covering severity, spread and capacity to cope".

The WHO on Thursday had stopped short of declaring the novel coronavirus

a public health emergency of international concern -- a rare designation used only for the most severe outbreaks that could trigger more concerted global action.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who is visiting China this week to discuss how to contain the outbreak, on Thursday said: "This is an emergency in China, but it has not yet become a global health emergency".

WHO's cautious approach can be seen in the context of past criticism over its slow or too hasty use of the term, first used for the deadly 2009 H1N1 swine flu pandemic.

During that outbreak, the UN health agency was criticised for sparking panic-buying of vaccines with its announcement that year that the outbreak had reached pandemic proportions, and then anger when it turned out the virus was not nearly as dangerous as first thought.

But in 2014, the WHO met harsh criticism for dragging its feet and downplaying the severity of the Ebola epidemic that ravaged three West Africa countries, claiming more than 11,300 lives by the time it ended in 2016.

# Need to focus on ethical & sustainable tourism: Min

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Rajasthan has only exploited around 20 per cent of its tourism potential, State Tourism Minister Vishwendra Singh said on Monday.

The Minister was speaking during a session on 'Sustainable and Responsible Tourism' at the Jaipur Literature Festival here.

"There is a need to focus on ethical and sustainable tourism by way of which we leave minimal impact on the places we visit," Singh said.

The Minister said Rajasthan had the maximum number of heritage hotels in the country. Special concessions are being extended by the state to heritage properties that have contributed to tourism. Smaller interventions can take us a long way towards practising responsible tourism, he added.

"Without losing money and making heavy duty investments, we can make a conscious effort to source food locally, employ locals and involve the global community. By recycling waste, valuing our water and electricity, reducing plastic waste we can keep culture and environment at the heart of our businesses," Singh said.

The Minister said the government of Rajasthan was in the process of formulating a 'New Tourism Policy', taking initiatives to maximise, socialise and economise benefits to the local communities, conserve natural resources, protect heritage and begin awareness campaigns.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

To be known to all that: Dhan Kishore Gautam, S/o Sh. Kam Ram Gautam, P/O. 45, DDA Flats (RPS), Mansarovar Park, Shandara, Delhi-110032, have applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease-hold to free-hold vide application No. 17591/09/1987 dated 07.07.2018. One of the agreement to sale dt. 19.04.1996 is missing.

Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original document/ATS, may write/contact with above named person at the above address/phone No. 9868855494 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director/(Housing) or Director-(H) D-Block, 2nd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

Sd/-  
Dhan Kishore Gautam

# Historic...

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After the agreement, NDFB factions will leave the path of violence, surrender their weapons and disband their armed organisations within a month of signing the deal," he said.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said after the accord different communities in the State will be able to live with harmony and it will lay the foundation of a bright future, fulfilling aspirations of the people.

Sarma said as per the accord, 1,550 militants belonging to the NDFB lay down their arms on January 30, an economic programme of Rs 1,500 crore will be implemented in the next three years with equal contribution of Rs 750 crore each from the central and state governments.

Around 1,550 cadres of NDFB(P), NDFB(RD) and NDFB(S) will be rehabilitated by the central and state governments.

Sarma said the existing structure of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) will be strengthened with more powers and its seats will be expanded from 40 to 60, he said. A commission will be set up for inclusion of Bodo-dominated villages in the BTC and exclusion of those where Bodos are not in majority.

This was the third Bodo accord to be signed in 27 years.

The first accord was signed with the All Bodo Students' Union in 1993, leading to the creation of a Bodoland Autonomous Council with limited political powers.

In 2003, the second accord was signed with the militant group Bodo Liberation Tigers, leading to formation of a Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) with four districts of Assam -- Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baska and Udalguri -- called Bodoland Territorial Area District (BTAD).

As per Monday's accord, the name of BTAD will be changed to Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) and it will have more executive, administrative, legislative and financial powers. The BTC currently has control over 30 subjects such as education, forests, horticulture but no jurisdiction over the police, revenue and general administration departments, which are controlled by the Assam government.

The BTC was formed under the 6th Schedule of the Constitution. The Assam Government will soon notify Bodo language as in Devanagari script as an associate official language of the State. The State Government will give Rs 5 lakh each to the next of kin of those who lost their lives during the agitation for a separate state, criminal cases with non-heinous charges against NDFB members will be withdrawn while heinous cases will be reviewed case-to-case basis as per the existing rules, according to the pact.

# Bengal 4th State to pass...

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She said, "The label of doubtful citizens, detention centers... is unacceptable. The way things are, it was better not to have been born. Today, people are scared that they may have to leave this country. They are queuing up for all kinds of cards."

Calling upon the opposition parties to sink their narrow differences and put up a united resistance against the "divisive policies of the BJP," Mamata said, "though I am for Tagore's 'ekla chalo' policy and ready to walk alone, I appeal to all the parties that this is not the time to fight among them... It is the time to sink differences and unite against the bigger danger... you will give more occasions to fight against me but this is the time all of us should unite to put up a joint fight."

Banerjee's campaign against CAA and MRC has been punctuated by her disagreements with the Left and Congress as the two parties have repeatedly expressed their doubts over the sincerity of her anti-BJP-anti-CAA stance. Despite the Left and the Congress backed the Monday's motion grudgingly they accused the ruling Trinamool Congress of toning down the language of the draft. "We voted for the resolution though and did not press for the amendment..." Left Legislature Party leader Sujan Chakrabarty said adding the language of the draft was unusually soft.

# Made-in-China drone recovered in Jammu

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Hours after the peaceful completion of Republic day celebrations in Jammu on Sunday, jawans of Border Security Force (BSF) deployed near Bholi Chak post of Arnia sector in Jammu frontier recovered a 'Made in China' Drone close to the International border.

The drone, without a camera, was brought to the BSF headquarters in Paloura for a detailed investigation.

Late Monday evening BSF officers, handed over the Drone

to Arnia police for necessary follow up action.

According to BSF officials, the drone was first detected by the BSF jawans around 7 p.m on Sunday. BSF officials claimed, no camera was fitted in the drone. Only a light was blinking when BSF jawans had recovered it. It could not be established, immediately whether the drone was spotted while entering in to the Indian territory by any BSF jawan or not. A Pakistani post is located close the International border, less than 2 kms from the border fence.

# Asking for my nod...

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"Everyone has rights to protest in this country but common man should not suffer due to such protest. Law and order in Delhi comes under Centre. Why the BJP instead of solving this issue, doing Press conferences every day," he said. Union Minister and BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad also alleged that the protesters at Shaheen Bagh are emerging as a textbook case of a few hundred people trying to suppress the silent majority.

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tukde gang elements under the garb of opposition to the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. This protest is not just a protest against CAA it is a protest against Modi," Prasad said in a Press conference at Pandit Pant Marg. Lakhs of people are distressed because they cannot go to office, shops are shut and their children are not able to go to school due to road block by protesters, he said. He claimed that those trying to fragment India are getting cover at Shaheen Bagh protest where the Tricolours are being waived.

# PFI funded anti-CAA...

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The dubious deposits were either made in cash or through the immediate payment service (IMPS) and a number of such instances were seen in Uttar Pradesh, where the maximum number of violent anti-CAA protests were reported to have taken place, sources said, adding the withdrawal of money from the bank accounts linked to PFI and its related entities had a "direct correlation" with the violent demonstrations against the CAA. It is suspected that these funds were allegedly used by the PFI affiliates to fuel the anti-CAA protests in various parts of Uttar Pradesh and other locations, the sources said.

Claiming the allegations levelled against it were unfounded, the PFI said, "We are confident that the fate of this series of allegations will also be like the ones before, which could never be proved."

There were instances of about 80-90 money withdrawals from one bank account in a day during the stated period. The ED had also shared these findings with the Union Home Ministry's internal security division after the latter sought a report on funding of protests.

Earlier, the Uttar Pradesh police had sought a ban on the PFI after

its alleged complicity was suspected in the Statewide violent protests against CAA. Nearly 20 people had died during these protests. The ED probe had further revealed that the funds deposited in banks were also routed from foreign shores and sent to the accounts of certain investment firms.

A National Investigation Agency FIR and chargesheet against the PFI formed the basis for the ED to file the PMLA case against the organisation. The PFI statement further said, "PFI strongly condemns the news reports that are published in various news channels regarding Popular Front's financial link to instigate the CAA protest. Firstly, the news channels have attributed the report to Enforcement Directorate through some 'unnamed sources' but the ED has not contacted our organisation or issued any such official statement regarding the allegations."

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The Union Health Ministry on Monday said health teams have been

# If Kejriwal had a strong resolve, Yamuna would be as clean as Ganga: Yogi

Bijnor/Ballia (UP):

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said if his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal had a strong resolve, the Yamuna would be as clean as the Ganga.

"The Ganga, which earlier was no better than a polluted 'naala' is now clean and healthy at and beyond Kanpur...One requires strong resolve to find a solution to such problems. Only if Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had a strong resolve, the Yamuna in Delhi would be as clean as the Ganga," Adityanath said while flagging off the UP government's five-day 'Ganga Yatra' from Bijnor.

There are two routes of the

'Yatra'. The first from Bijnor to Kanpur and the second, Ballia to Kanpur. Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel inaugurated the 'Yatra' from Ballia.

He said the state government has "acted" on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to clean the Ganga.

Adityanath further said, "It is the responsibility of each one of us to ensure that the Ganga remains clean. We must stop throwing garbage in the river. We must also ensure that no other pollutant is released into the river."

The chief minister said the purpose behind the 'Ganga Yatra' was to accelerate economies of the villages along its banks.

# Coronavirus bleeds markets

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

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

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

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The Union Health Ministry on Monday said health teams have been

deployed in areas along the border with Nepal at Panitanki in West Bengal and Jhulaghat and Jauljibi in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh.

The hospitals in the national capital, AIIMS and RML Hospital, have set up isolation wards and kept beds ready to provide treatment to any suspected case of the novel coronavirus infection if the need arises. Experts from the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) visited Dr RML Hospital here on Monday to inspect the isolation ward and review the hospital's preparedness for management and control of the nCoV2019 infection. As on 26th January, 29,707 passengers from 137 flights have been screened for novel coronavirus infection symptoms and no case has so far been detected in India.

A 24x7 NCDC call centre (+91-11-23978046) has been made operational to monitor the list of contacts furnished by the Ministry of External Affairs; provide details of district and state surveillance officers to those who seek them; and in case of any clinical query, direct the concerned to the relevant Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) officer. Thermal screening is being done at seven designated airports -- New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Kochi.

# Basketball legend Kobe Bryant killed...

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Authorities said firefighters received a call at 9:47 am about the crash, which caused a brush fire on a hillside.

The Los Angeles Times quoted police as saying that weather conditions were such that the Los Angeles Police Department's air support division grounded its helicopters until the afternoon, when the fog lifted.

"The weather situation did not meet our minimum standards for flying," said police spokesman Josh Rubenstein.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby said firefighters had to hike to the site with medical equipment and hose lines to extinguish the blaze.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti confirmed that Bryant's daughter Gianna was among the victims.

"L.A. is grieving with the Bryant family over the loss of Gianna, who perished with her father and friends in today's tragedy," Garcetti wrote on Twitter.

Gianna was one of Bryant's four children with his wife Vanessa. The retired NBA star, 41, and Gianna were flying to a game his daughter was expected to play in when their helicopter crashed, according to US reports. Local media said the other victims included another player and a parent.

Orange Coast College confirmed that its baseball coach, John Altobelli, 56, was also on board the helicopter.

CNN said Altobelli's wife, Keri, and one of their two daughters, Alyssa, were aboard the chopper, as well.

Villanueva told reporters the authorities would not identify the victims pending notification of family members and identification from the coroner's office.

"It would be extremely disrespectful to understand your loved one has perished and you learn about it from TMZ," Villanueva said, referring to the celebrity news website that first broke the news about the crash.

"That is just wholly inappropriate, so we are not going to be going there. We are going to wait until the coroner does their job." The National Transportation Safety Board said it was dispatching an 18-person team to California to help with the investigation into the crash. "Our team will be looking at the history of the pilot and whatever crew was on board," said Jennifer Homendy, a member of the NTSB.

"We will be looking at maintenance records of the helicopter. We will be looking at records of the owner and a number of other things." She added that the helicopter was a Sikorsky S-76B that has a black box which investigators will seek to recover.

According to data from flightradar24.Com, a flight tracking site, the chopper took off from John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana at 9:06 am.

It headed northwest, reportedly to Mamba Sports Academy in Newbury Park, about 85 miles (137 kilometers) away. AFP

to the NIA, an agency that handles terror-related matters, on Friday, a move criticised by the three-party ruling coalition in the State. Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh had Friday night condemned the Centre's decision to transfer the case to the NIA without consent of the state government.

The NCP minister had termed the move as unconstitutional. The opposition BJP, however, welcomed the move. The Pune police have claimed speeches

delivered at the conclave, held on December 31, 2017, led to the violence at Koregaon Bhima the next day. The police have claimed the conclave was organised by people having Maoist links. During the probe into the violence, police arrested human rights activists and intellectuals Sudhir Dhawale, Rona Wilson, Surendra Gadling, Mahesh Raut, Shoma Sen, Arun Ferreira, Vernon Gonsalves, Sudha Bharadwaj and Varavara Rao for alleged Maoist links.

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# Koregaon-Bhima case: NIA team arrives in Pune

PTI ■ PUNE

A National Investigation Agency (NIA) team arrived in the city on Monday, days after the agency was entrusted with probe into the Koregaon-Bhima-Elgar Parishad case by the Centre, police sources said here.

The three-member team of the central agency landed here on Monday morning and later met officials of the city police handling the sensitive case, which

has triggered a new round of war of words between ruling and opposition parties in Maharashtra, the sources said.

The case, in which human rights activists have been arrested, pertains to caste violence that took place near the Koregaon-Bhima war memorial in Pune district on January 1, 2018, following alleged provocative speeches at the Elgar Parishad conclave held the previous day. The case was transferred by the Centre from the Pune police

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# BJP slams Cong's double standard on Adnan

Recalls PC's support for his citizenship

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BJP leader pointed out that Sami, for long, has been living in London and not in Pakistan. Everything has changed now since BJP has honoured the musician

the party does not respect Muslim women from the region.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## INSHORT

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

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

### BOOK 'ATROCITY' RELEASED IN DELHI

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

### DOCTOR GETS HENRY VISCARDI AWARD

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

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GOVT BEFORE BUDGET

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

## BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY

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

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

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

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

Over 3,000 people had died in the tragedy due to release of methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas.

The Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) gave a compensation of \$470 million (₹715 crore) after the toxic gas leak

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

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

merit.

He also referred to Sami's mother Naureen Khan's background as a resident of Jammu to target the Congress, asking if

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Delhi Police demands 30 companies of CAPF for polls

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



companies from important essential duties like maintaining law & order, security for VBIPs, vital installations, banks in Delhi as it may adversely affect the security and law and order scenario."

The CAA has triggered a nationwide debate on whether the law violates the country's secular nature by excluding a particular religious group from its ambit, as has the iron-fisted approach adopted by police in some areas, including Delhi, to quell protests. The law favours non-Muslim refugees from the Muslim-majority countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Sources in Delhi police said that heavy police deployment has been made Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, Karawal Nagar, Brijpuri, Bhajanpura, Seelampur, Jafraabad, Welcome, Mustafabad, Okhla and several parts

which have seen repeated protests against the Citizenship Act. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has accused Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress of pursuing vote bank politics and alleged that they had "instigated riots in the capital" during the protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

According to the EC, over 71,000 persons have been booked under the various sections of the Delhi Police Act while over 3500 booked under various section of the Criminal Procedure Code after the implementation of the model code of conduct.

The Delhi police needs 179 companies of CAPF/State Armed Force which include 15,000 home guards from Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and other States.



The Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, has become the first unit of Indian Railways to launch an Anti-corruption Declaration Campaign on the eve of the 71st Republic Day. General Manager, RCF, Ravindra Gupta, administered the pledge of integrity to officers and supervisors of the unit. **Pioneer photo**

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Raising the pitch of controversy surrounding the anti-citizenship law protest, Union Minister and BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad on Monday alleged that Delhi's Shaheen Bagh protest is emerging as "a textbook case of a few hundred people trying to suppress the silent majority". The Minister claimed that those trying to fragment India are getting cover at Shaheen Bagh protest where the tricolours are being waived.

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

"Lakhs of people are distressed because they can not go to office, shops are shut and their children are not able to go to school due to road block by Shaheen Bagh protesters," he said. Prasad's comment has come close to Enforcement Directorate investigating the alleged diversion of money and transaction of money in light of anti-CAA protests across the country.

## ANTI-CAA PROTEST

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

According to the memorandum, given the role of a



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

It further said the NHRC has a "glorious history" of addressing injustices when all other institutions have fallen short. "We hope and expect that this instance will not be an exception to that legacy." After the meeting, Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi stated that there has been gross human rights violations. We have submitted videos and photos to the NHRC in UP.

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

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

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

in kharif onion crop due to late monsoon rains and later excess rainfall, which led to supply constraint and sharp rise in prices.

The Government was forced to import onion in a bid to contain prices, which have cooled down now to ₹60/kg from the peak of ₹160/kg in last few months. The Ministry has projected marginal drop in

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

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

As per the projection, Pomegranate production is also estimated to fall to 2.32 million tonne this year from 2.91 million tonne last year. Spices production is estimated to drop to 9.37 million tonne from 9.42 million tonne, while that of flowers output to 2.87 million tonne from 2.91 million tonne in the said period.

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT

# AMU students block highway

## Demands release of arrested students

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

The blockade, which started on Sunday evening, continued till 2 am, the official said.

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

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

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

four.

Three students were later released by the police.

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

As the news spread in the campus, huge crowds of protesters started collecting near the Purani Chungi gate of the University and blocked the Aligarh-Moradabad Highway.

In view of the protests, exams of the AMU Engineering College were cancelled on Monday.

AMU Proctor, Prof Afifullah Khan told PTI, "The examinations which were to be held at the AMU Engineering College on Monday could not be held" as a large number of protesters collected at the gates of the Zakir Hussain College of Engineering. Referring to the students' demand for the release of Faraz, the Proctor said a group of teachers and top university officials have met senior district officials and, "We are hopeful that Faraz will be out on bail".

### AMU cancels exam after protests

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

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

Over 600 students were scheduled to appear for the examination.

Kidwai, however, expressed hope that the Tuesday examination won't be disturbed.

He said efforts are on to persuade students not to disturb it.

Hundreds of AMU students overnight blocked traffic on the main Aligarh-Moradabad highway demanding the release of Mujtaba Faraz, a former student leader.

He was released on bail on Monday afternoon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



Protesters display placards during an anti-CAA and NRC demonstration near the Ghantaghar, Lucknow on Monday. PTI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Anti-CAA resolutions constitutional blunder: Rajnath

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

## CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

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

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

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

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

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

### 436 people under observation, tests negative

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Goa Govt to form special task force

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

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

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

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

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

More than 1,000 companies have so far registered for the 11th edition of the biennial mega defence exhibition, DefExpo 2020, to be held at Uttar Pradesh Capital Lucknow from February 5-9 this year. In the DefExpo 2018, held in Chennai, 702 companies had participated. Thus, it has become by far the biggest ever DefExpo to be held in India, Defence Ministry officials said here on Monday.

They also said the number of participating foreign companies has also increased to 165 from the previous figure of 160. The booked exhibition space by exhibitors for DefExpo 2020 has gone up by 60 per cent to over 42,800 square metres, compared to around 26,774 during the last edition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Perumbavoor's Kunhol honoured with Padma Shri

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ RERUMBAAVOOR

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

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



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

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

Kunhol was a perfect stu-

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

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

Though he got admission

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

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

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

"Yes, I simply love the term Harijan. There is no other

word which is more beautiful than this term and I love to be addressed as Harijan," Kunhol told The Pioneer. If you want to meet Kunhol, come to Perumbavoor and ask anybody... they will direct you to his house.

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

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

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S CAA RESOLUTION

# No scope for outside interference: V-P

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

conference at the Delhi BJP office.

Asked about the upcoming EU Parliament's debate, Prasad asked a counter question, "Have my esteemed friends of EU Parliament sought to raise a voice over victimisation of Hindu girls or a Sikh Granthi's daughter in Pakistan? It is high time they also need to be objective." Naidu's remarks at a book launch event here came a day after reports indicated that a total of six resolutions have been tabled by groups within the European Union (EU), including the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D), Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) (PPE), Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance (Verts/ALE), European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR), Renew Europe Group (Renew) and European United Left/Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL) Group.

Though there was no official statement from the Ministry of External Affairs on the issue, Government sources on Sunday had said the EU Parliament

should not take any action questioning the rights and authority of democratically elected legislatures, government sources. This came ahead of a debate on the clutch of resolutions against the CAA by the powerful bloc of 28 nations. The resolutions will be debated on Wednesday in the European Parliament in Brussels. Voting will take place the next day.

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

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

others.

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

have emerged as the most vibrant democracy in the world", he added.

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

## New citizenship law internal matter of India: France

PNS ■ New Delhi

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

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

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

## IQBAL MIRCHI PMLA CASE

# ED arrests DHFL MD Wadhawan

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Veterans for Ganga revival drive

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

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

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

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

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

## 2017 KOPARDI MINOR RAPE-MURDER CASE

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

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

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

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

Acting on a writ petition filed by the petitioners seeking transfer of the case from Aurangabad bench to the principal High court in Mumbai, the chief justice transferred the Bombay High Court and scheduled the hearing of the "appeals challenging the trial court's judgement and sentence confirmation in the case" from February 25.

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

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

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

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

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

Shinde (26), Santosh Gorkha Bhawal (30) and Nitin Gopinath Bhalume (28).

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

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

The 11-month-long trial in Ahmednagar minor girl rape and murder case had generated considerable interest among the people across the state. The fast-track court had on November 9 2016 framed charges against three accused — Jitendra Shinde, Santosh Bhawal and Nitin Bhalume — under various sections of POSCO Act and IPC for allegedly perpetrating a sexual assault on the victim girl and strangulating her.

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

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

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

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

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

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CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003932

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**NOTICE**

Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 288th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 6th February, 2020 at 3.30 PM. at Corporate Office : 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi- 110 025 to inter-alia approve the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Extract of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31st December 2019**

S.No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		3 Months ended 31-12-2019 Unaudited	9 Months ended 31-12-2019 Unaudited	3 Months ended 31-12-2019 Unaudited	3 Months ended 31-12-2019 Unaudited	9 Months ended 31-12-2019 Unaudited	3 Months ended 31-12-2019 Unaudited
1	Total Income from Operations	1,969.54	6,727.46	2,205.95	1,990.01	6,684.18	2,129.93
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Continuing Operation	0.27	(120.08)	60.78	8.18	(172.95)	10.60
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)- from Discontinued Operation	-	6.54	(27.83)	-	6.54	(27.83)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Continuing Operation	0.27	(120.08)	60.78	8.18	(172.95)	10.60
5	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Continuing Operation	-	6.54	(27.83)	-	6.54	(27.83)
6	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Discontinued Operation	0.27	(120.08)	50.31	7.54	(174.52)	0.13
7	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Continuing Operation	0.27	(113.54)	22.48	7.54	(167.98)	(27.70)
8	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax) (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	0.27	(113.54)	22.54	(7.34)	(181.77)	(40.28)
9	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value ₹10/- each)	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48	1,025.48
10	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)-from Continuing Operation	0.00	(1.17)	0.49	0.07	(1.70)	0.00
12	(a) Basic (₹)	0.00	(1.17)	0.49	0.07	(1.70)	0.00
13	(b) Diluted (₹)	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)-from Discontinued Operation	-	0.06	(0.27)	-	0.06	(0.27)
15	(a) Basic (₹)	-	0.06	(0.27)	-	0.06	(0.27)
16	(b) Diluted (₹)	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)	0.00	(1.11)	0.22	0.07	(1.64)	(0.27)
18	(a) Basic (₹)	0.00	(1.11)	0.22	0.07	(1.64)	(0.27)
19	(b) Diluted (₹)	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Notes:**

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

Anil Khatnani  
(Chairman cum Managing Director)  
DIN 00759951

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 1/27/2020

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

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

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

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

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

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

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

General Manager (R), Noida

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**NOTICE**

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

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

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

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 27.01.2020

**RLF LIMITED**  
Regd. Office: 14Kms. Gurugram Pataudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran,  
Distt. Gurugram (Haryana).CIN: L74999HR1979PLC032747  
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In pursuance of Regulation 29 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, notice is hereby given that 05th /2019-20 meeting of the Board of Directors of the RLF Limited will be held on Thursday, the 30th day of January, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Registered Office of the Company situated at 14 Kms Gurgaon Pataudi Road Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Distt Gurgaon, Haryana to consider and take on record inter alia, the Un-audited Financial results for the quarter ended 31st December, 2019.

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

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

**गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण**  
(ISO-9001:2015 एवं ISO-14001:2015 प्रमाणित संस्था)  
विकास पथ, गाजियाबाद

पत्रांक 486/4/पी.ए.-टी./2019-20 दिनांक: 25.01.2020  
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

उपाध्यक्ष, गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण की ओर से निविदा नोटिस में उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या-1 से 4 तक अंकित कार्यों की ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा सम्बन्धी समस्त विवरण व शर्तें गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट [www.gdaghaziabad.com](http://www.gdaghaziabad.com) पर उपलब्ध हैं एवं UPLC की वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर निविदा विक्रय की तिथि में उपलब्ध होंगी। सम्बन्धित निविदाओं को ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना में उक्त समूह दर्शायी गयी तिथियों पर डाउनलोड व अपलोड किया जा सकता है एवं प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं को उक्त समूह दर्शायी गयी तिथियों पर खोला जायेगा। निविदा में कोई भी संशोधन/परिामर्जन/परिवर्तन व औत्तिरिक्त सूचनाओं को वेबसाइट पर ही प्रकाशित किया जायेगा। मुख्य अभियन्ता

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/19- 2019-20**

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

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

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (P&C)  
Tel. No.022-26474211/022-26472131 Extn. 2493/2491.  
For further details visit our website <http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in>  
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website [www.mahatransco.in](http://www.mahatransco.in). So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer (P&C)

## Selling the jewel

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

**W**hat's next for Air India? Even with Ministers in the Government trying to talk up the sale — Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said he would have bought the airline if he weren't a Minister — the fact is that this sell-off is difficult. This time it will not be — thanks to the quality or the lack of it — the asset on sale alone. In a revised push, the Government has made it clear that it plans to sell its entire stake in the carrier. But the sell-off process by the Modi Government during both its terms has been sporadic and questionable. Take its failure to sell off Can Fin Homes, the housing finance arm of Canara Bank. Without any reason to put it on sale, it has been more damaging to the investor community than any of the protests at Shaheen Bagh or resolutions by the European Parliament. Foreign investors are genuinely worried whether India is open to doing business at all. The Government's negativity has been on display, including that of Goyal's recent statement against Amazon's billion-dollar investment/bailout to its Indian operations. Air India is no ordinary public sector unit (PSU); it is the national airline after all. Talk of its disinvestment have flamed passionate arguments on both sides. On the one hand, some feel that it remains a vital national asset and that the Government must plough in more taxpayers' funds to keep it aloft. On the other, there are those who feel that it is a five-tonne deadweight attached to India's leg and must be divested immediately or better still, shut shop. Air India may be tottering at the edge of the precipice but it still has strengths that can be advantageous in the long run. Whoever rescues it stands to gain for it has some of the prized international slots in profitable routes, a decent fleet and has a well-developed domestic and international footprint. It has some leftover glow from being a superbrand at one time and has skilled and experienced staff, particularly on operations and engineering sides, who are also being sought by most private operators.



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

## A censure too far

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



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

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

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

# A Constitutional mandate

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



A SURYA PRAKASH

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SOUNDBITE

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

**West Bengal CM**  
—Mamata Banerjee



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

**Actor**  
—Anil Kapoor



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

**Former Union Minister**  
—Yashwant Sinha



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

**Senior Congress leader**  
—Shashi Tharoor

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Imbibing Indian ethos

Sir — As India celebrated its 71st Republic Day, we need to pause and introspect on the larger picture than debate on transient aberrations — social, political and economic — to which we have become so accustomed to. Yes, as a State, we have not slipped as have other contemporary nations who have attained independence. This, we owe to the legacy bequeathed in our philosophy and culture, the tenets of which run through our genes. The *Vedas* and the *Upanishads* had delineated a vibrant ethos for public and private good. Time and tide have posed questions and we have chosen the right path many times. What is satisfying is that we strive to make amends to the wrongs. Each era is defined by a mix of thinkers and leaders they offer. That at any given time we seem to misplace their right proportion remains an enigma. And no nation is an exception to this. Let us nevertheless celebrate an envious legacy we have inherited and pass it on to future generations.  
**R Narayanan**  
*Navi Mumbai*

### Blunders that require quick remedy

In its report, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had confirmed that the Indian economy would grow at a rate lower than five per cent in 2019-20 rather than 7.2 per cent as predicted by it in April last year. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)'s periodic survey of the economy, too, gave a lucid account. Noting that the economy was bottoming out and growth had slowed from a rapid pace, it said recovery had been hurt as non-banking financial companies — which contribute a large share to its financing, weighing on job creation, income and consumption — are under stress. And now, the *Reuters* has forecast that India's corporate and income tax collection is likely to fall below what was collected in 2018-19, a fall for the first time in two decades. It is here that it is difficult to fathom the philosophy behind some of the decisions taken by the ruling Government. The subjugation of Kashmir and its people and the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) have all made prospective investors wary of parking funds here. A new facet of Indian politics now is a flurry of saffron foot soldiers who remain alert all the time to counter every critic of the Government. Recently, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella had to face the wrath for his tweet on CAA. He said, "I think what is happening is sad...It's just bad." During his visit to India, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos pledged



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

### Stop creating walls

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

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

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

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

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

### Learn from Kerala

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

## Leaders must get their act together

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



GWYNNE DYER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We now have two pieces of bad news that would have made it even more urgent to seal Wuhan off had we known them at the time. The new virus does propagate through the air and people carrying it do become infectious before they display any symptoms.

Zhou didn't dare advocate isolating the city and neither did anybody else, until the Great Panjandrum Himself had spoken. President Xi Jinping finally spoke on January 25, saying that China faces a "grave situation" and now the system is racing to do what it should have been done two weeks ago.

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

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

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

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AMIT SHAH

## POINT COUNTERPOINT



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—JD(U) NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT  
PRASHANT KISHOR

## Powerless discoms

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



UTTAM GUPTA

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

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

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

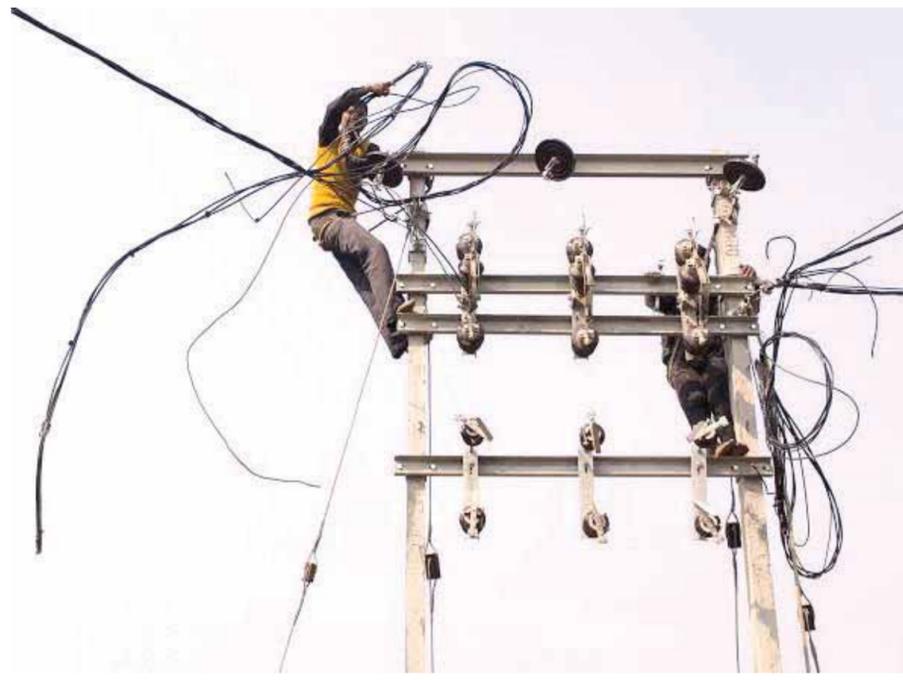
Third, under the power purchase agreements (PPAs) signed by discoms, States allow inflated tariff to generators taking recourse to "gold plating" (euphemism for claiming higher investment than actual), excessive overheads and over-invoicing of fuel bills and so on.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

buyer using all available legal means.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## India is not there yet

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



PINKI RAMAUL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

of 17.7 per cent.

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

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

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FOREIGN EYE



LEST WE FORGET OUR DARK PAST

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

# Govt to sell 100% stake in AI

## Provides clarity on debt, eases bidding norms

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

Staff dues of about



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

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

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

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

process, the person in the know of the PIM details said.

Further, a domestic carrier with zero or negative network can own up to 51 per cent stake provided the network requirement is fulfilled by the consortium partner.

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

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

deputation at the airline.

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

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

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

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Budget may bring in new policy to revive power discoms

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

Allocations under the new scheme will make allocations based on efficiency.

The minister said that the government aims to reduce the losses of discoms to 15 per cent from 18.79 per cent loss in the financial year 2018-19.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Budget booster likely for capital gains on property & equity

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

# Auto sector seeks incentive-based scrappage scheme in Budget

IANS

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

Besides, SIAM has called for a reduction in GST rate on vehicles to 18% from the current 28%. "We have urged the Finance Ministry to consider announcing an incentive-based scrappage policy and also increase Budget allocation for ICE bus procurement by State transport undertakings," SIAM President said.

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

PTI ■ LONDON

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

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

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

"Security for the loan... included a personal guarantee from Dr Mallya, an individual closely connected with the borrower," notes the judgment handed down by Justice Nigel Teare in London on Monday. "The sum claimed in this action in rem is Euro 5 million plus interest and the costs of 'collection' which the claimant is entitled to recover," it adds.

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

PTI ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# BUSINESS CORNER

## 18 SSB PERSONNEL GET POLICE MEDALS

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

## SB SHASHANK BAGS NATIONAL AWARD

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

## CLW CELEBRATES 71ST REPUBLIC DAY

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

## 76 CRPF BRAVEHEARTS HONoured WITH GALLANTRY MEDALS

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

## GALLANTRY AWARD TO BSF OFFICERS

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

## GRSE OBSERVES REPUBLIC DAY

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

## PRESIDENT HONOURS CRPF FOR ITS ROLE IN POLLS

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

## PUNJAB'S CHIEF ELECTION OFFICE BAGS AWARD

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

## GAIL ORGANISES INDUSTRY MEET

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



NK Prasad, General Manager/Construction, NF Railway is seen saluting the National Tri-colour on the occasion of 71st Republic Day celebration in Construction HQ premises, Maligaon

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. SI/03/2020 Date 27/01/2020			
S. N.	Description of Material	Quantity	T.O.D.
38	18 W (4Feet Length) LED Tubular Lamps	4231 Nos.	13.02.2020
39	Valve Magnet G-21 for Application	270 Nos.	14.02.2020
40	Relay AC Immune, Plug-in Type	1087 Nos.	17.02.2020
41	Primary Total Hip Replacement Set consisting 5 Items *	4 Set	18.02.2020
42	Bipolar Hip Replacement Set consisting 3 Items	4 Set	18.02.2020
43	Unicondylar Knee - Uni Femer	20 Nos.	18.02.2020
44	Unicondylar Knee - Articulating Insert	20 Nos.	18.02.2020
45	Unicondylar Knee - Uni Tibia Corollary	20 Nos.	18.02.2020
46	Distal Humerus Plate 2.7x3.5, Dorsolateral, 7 Holes, Left 441.267 *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
47	Distal Humerus Plate Medial, Left, 5 Holes Titanium 441.285	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
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50	LCP Medical Proximal Tibial Plate 3.5 left, 6 Holes 439.957 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
51	LCP Proximal Talibia Plate 3.5 low bend, 4 Holes 04.124.200 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
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54	Hydroxyapatite Coated Tapered Schanz Screw 150mmx50mm D196150506 or similar *	107 Nos.	18.02.2020
55	Distal Humerus Plate 2.7x3.5, Dorsolateral, 5 Holes, Right 441.264 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
56	Twin Cell of 4V/12AH capacity, Lead Acid Batteries	1399 Nos.	19.02.2020
57	Energy Cum Speed Monitoring System	21 Set	19.02.2020
58	Ball Bearing 2310 DMW	32 Nos.	19.02.2020
59	Hot Roller Round Steel Bar ISRO 16	6000 Kg.	19.02.2020
60	Hot Roll Steel Flat 35 ISF 6	2000 Kg.	19.02.2020
61	Complete Brake Gear Arrangement	47 Set	19.02.2020
62	Set of Connectors	1 Set	19.02.2020
63	Cube Pre-shortening Insert	2700 Nos.	19.02.2020
64	Hand Operated Isolating Valve	2 Nos.	21.02.2020
65	Bogie Frame Arrangement	20 Nos.	21.02.2020
66	Carbon Brush for Baby Compressor	412 Nos.	21.02.2020
67	G.I. Mild Steel Tubes 20mm Medium	3188 Mtrs.	22.02.2020
68	SIEMENS Make Programme Switch ZSMS	35 Nos.	22.02.2020
69	UTS Thermal Paper Ticket	44359 Nos. (in Thousand)	24.02.2020
70	Indian Standard Equal Angle Size 65 X 65 X 6mm	1000 Kg.	24.02.2020
71	Set of Axle Box Assembly	18 Set	24.02.2020

\* For Sr. No.: 41, 46 to 55 Accepted Make/Manufacturer:- Dupuy synthes, Smith & Nephew, Zimmer, Stryker. Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in.

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## BOARD MEETING NOTICE

In pursuance of Regulation 29 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that 4th/2019-20 meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Leasing and Industries Limited will be held on Thursday, the 30th day of January, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at Registered Office of the Company situated at Plot No. 66, EHTP Sector-34, Gurgaon Haryana-120011 to consider, approve and take on record inter alia, the Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on 31st December, 2019 and any other business with the permission of the Board.

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

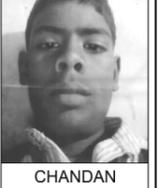
## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

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

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

# SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Chandan S/o Kamlesh Bhakat R/o A-45, Gali No.-18 Vinay Enclave, Laxmi Vihar, Prem Nagar, Delhi**, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi Since 06.01.2020. In this regard, a vide **FIR No. 0014/2020, dated 10.01.2020 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.** The description of the missing boy is as under.



CHANDAN

**Age:** 14 Years **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 4'6", **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Green Colour Shirt, White Colour pant Grey colour Coat and Black Shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing boy then please inform P.S. Prem Nagar, 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. Prem Nagar, Delhi Ph: 011-25489808**  
**DP/3666/RD/2020**

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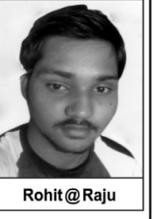
## NOTICE

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

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

# SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely **Rohit @ Raju S/o Ramchandar R/o H.No.75, Mangolpur Kalan, Panna Mohalla, Delhi Aged-19 Years** has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 14.01.2020 from area of P.S. South Rohini vide **DD No. 27-A Dated 15.01.2020** registered at Police Station South Rohini, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-



Rohit@Raju

**Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Green coloured inner & Chocolate coloured pajama, slipper in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, South Rohini, Delhi at E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website : **http://cbi.nic.in**  
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-  
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, South Rohini, Delhi  
**DP/3667/RD/2020** Tel.: 011-27514282, 27512189

# HEALTH

## RoadDisaster

Researchers have revealed that living near major roads or highways is linked to higher incidence of dementia, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and MS — living less than 50m from a major road or less than 150m from a highway is associated with higher risk of developing neurological disorders



## LET'S HAVE A JOINT SESSION

Elderly people need to be cautious in winters with checkups, prevention and exercise to overcome joint pain and fragility, says DR RAVI GAUR

When the temperature drops, adults run a higher risk of health problems and bone injuries. Cold air and damp weather contributes in a major way towards bone and joint flare ups, especially in people who already have a bone disease or are over 50 years old. When the barometric pressure drops, tissues in joints swell-up, pushing them against muscles and nerves in the area and causing pain. In winter, one tends to move less, which aggravates bone and joint problems more. Being a couch potato is bad for the joints.

As people age, after 50 years, calcium leak sets in, resulting in degradation of bone mass, and people are suggested to get their bone density checked bone density measure is reported in T score levels that identify the strength and agility of bones. T score of -1 and above is considered normal, a score between -1 and -2.5 is a sign of osteopenia, a condition in which bone density is below normal, and may lead to osteoporosis. A T score of -2.5 and below indicates osteoporosis. Elderly people also witness increased arthritis pain during winters.

If older people sustain a fracture, it should not be seen as an isolated event. Just mending it does not suffice, preventive measures should be pursued. The fracture can be a result of osteoporosis (Hollow Bone Disease), general erosion



of bone mass or overall infirmity of bones. A complete assessment of bone structure is suggested after breakage.

In contemporary times, multiple treatment options are available which have proven to be very effective in controlling and partially reversing bone fragility. A yearly injection (Bisphosphonate) has proven to be effective in preventing aggravation of osteoporosis. There are other medicines — tablets and sprays — in the market that prevent this condition.

Bone mass peaks at the age of 34 and 35, and it is suggested that one should have adequate servings of dairy products and foods that are rich in calcium and Vitamin D, since bone infirmity is a silent epidemic that affects large sections of our population, not just in Delhi and NCR, but across the nation. Exercise is one of the best ways apart from sun-basking to slow or prevent problems with the muscles, joints, and bones. A moderate exercise program can help maintain strength, balance, and flexibility. Exercise helps the bones stay strong. It is important to eat a well-balanced diet with plenty of calcium. Women need to be especially careful to get enough calcium and Vitamin D as they age.

The writer is MD (Pathology), COO, Onquest Laboratories Limited

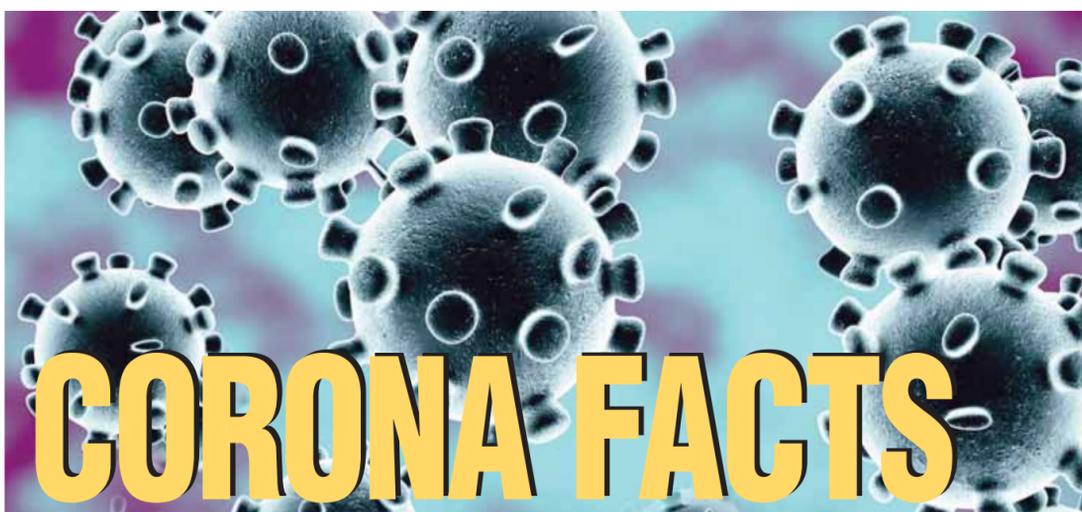
## STUDYCENTRE

A study of Northwestern University (NU) found that bacteria living in household dust can spread antibiotic resistance genes, and the researchers believe these genes could potentially spread to pathogens, making infections more difficult to treat. Bacteria can share many different types of genes as long as the genes have mobile segments of DNA. NU researchers were the first to find that antibiotic resistance genes in dust microbes have mobile capabilities, the Xinhua news agency reported. "We observed living bacteria have transferable antibiotic resistance genes," said Erica Hartmann, an assistant professor of environmental engineering in NU's McCormick School of Engineering.

Although it is rare for pathogens to live in indoor dust, they can hitchhike into homes and mingle with existing bacteria. "A nonpathogen can use horizontal gene transfer to give antibiotic resistance genes to a pathogen," Hartmann explained. "Then the pathogen becomes antibiotic resistant." "Microbes share genes when they get stressed out," Hartmann said. "They aren't equipped to handle the stress, so they share genetic elements with a microbe that might be better equipped."

Hartmann recommends dusting with a damp cloth instead of using antimicrobial solutions, which can make bacteria more resistant to antibiotics.

The study was published in the journal — PLOS Pathogens. — IANS



# CORONA FACTS

With over 56 deaths and Wuhan city quarantined, DR KK AGGARWAL tells you all there is to know about this deadly virus

Every decade a zoonotic coronavirus crosses species to infect human populations and in this decade, we have a virus, provisionally called 2019-nCoV, first identified in Wuhan, China, in persons exposed to a seafood or wet market.

The name of coronavirus comes from its shape, which resembles a crown or solar corona when imaged using an electron microscope.

The three deadly human respiratory coronaviruses viruses so far

- Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus [SARS-CoV]
- Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus [MERS-CoV]
- 2019-nCoV: The virus is 75 to 80 per cent identical to the SARS-CoV

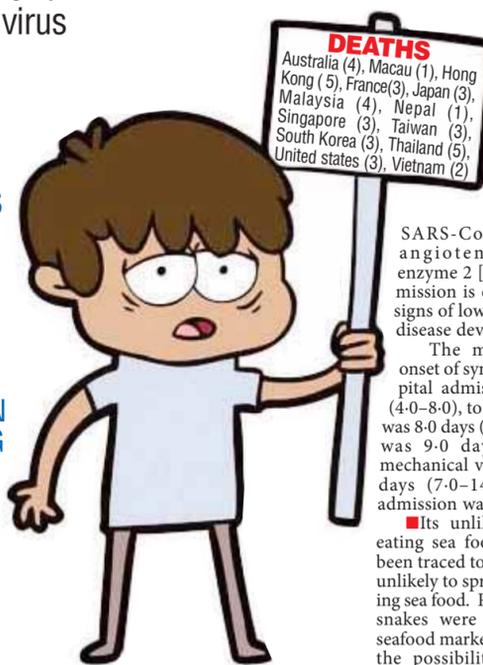
**Pathogenesis**  
People infected with these coronaviruses suffer a severe inflammatory response.

■ It has high mortality. In the current situation the mortality rate is 3 per cent. The severity of illness is concerning: almost a third of patients developed acute respiratory distress syndrome requiring intensive care; six patients died; five had acute cardiac injury; and four required ventilation.

■ Its Zoonotic. It is closely related to several bat coronaviruses. Bats are the primary reservoir for the virus. SARS-CoV was transmitted to humans from exotic animals in wet markets, whereas MERS-CoV is transmitted from camels to humans. In both cases, the ancestral hosts were probably bats.

■ It is more infectious to humans. Notably, 2019-nCoV grows better in primary human airway epithelial cells than in standard tissue-culture cells, unlike SARS-CoV or MERS-CoV. It is likely that 2019-nCoV

THE NAME OF CORONAVIRUS COMES FROM ITS SHAPE, WHICH RESEMBLES A CROWN OR SOLAR CORONA WHEN IMAGED USING AN ELECTRON MICROSCOPE



**DEATHS**  
Australia (4), Macau (1), Hong Kong (5), France (3), Japan (3), Malaysia (4), Nepal (1), Singapore (3), Taiwan (3), South Korea (3), Thailand (5), United States (3), Vietnam (2)

with recognised illness and not from patients with mild, non-specific signs.

It appears that 2019-nCoV uses the same cellular receptor as SARS-CoV (human angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 [hACE2]), so transmission is expected only after signs of lower respiratory tract disease develop.

The median time from onset of symptoms to first hospital admission was 7.0 days (4.0-8.0), to shortness of breath was 8.0 days (5.0-13.0), to ARDS was 9.0 days (8.0-14.0), to mechanical ventilation was 10.5 days (7.0-14.0), and to ICU admission was 10.5 days.

■ Its unlikely to spread by eating sea food in India. It has been traced to snakes in China so unlikely to spread in India by eating sea food. Reports indicate that snakes were sold in the local seafood market in Wuhan, raising the possibility that the 2019-nCoV might have jumped from the host species — bats — to snakes and then to humans. However, how the virus could adapt to both the cold-blooded and warm-blooded hosts remains a mystery.

The writer is President CMAAO, HCFI and past National President IMA

will behave more like SARS-CoV.

■ Human to human infection is weak. Both SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV infect intrapulmonary epithelial cells more than cells of the upper airways. Consequently, transmission occurs primarily from patients

## TRANSMISSION

Transmission of foodborne diseases on aircraft, including cholera, shigellosis, salmonellosis, and staphylococcal food poisoning, have been well documented.

Transmission of smallpox on aircraft was reported in 1965.

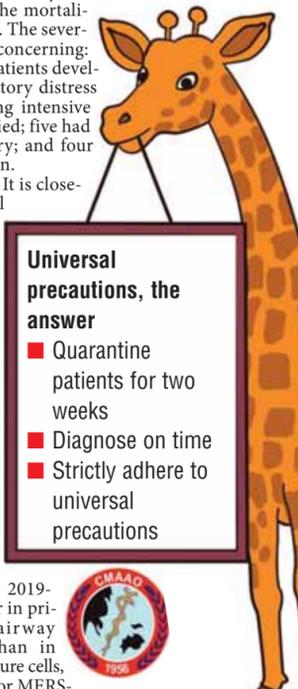
An outbreak of influenza occurred in 1979 among passengers on a flight that had a three hours ground delay before takeoff. The influenza attack rate among the passengers was very high (72%), and was attributed to the ventilation system not operating during the ground delay.

Epidemiological investigations have also indicated that measles may have been transmitted aboard international flights.

To date, no case of active TB has been identified as a result of exposure while on a commercial aircraft.

However, there is some evidence that transmission of M. tuberculosis may occur during long (i.e. more than eight hours) flights, from an infectious source (a passenger or crew member) to other passengers or crew members.

■ It's a large droplet infection. Transmission of 2019-nCoV probably occurs by means of large droplets and contact and less so by means of aerosols and fomites, on the basis of experience with SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV.



**Universal precautions, the answer**  
■ Quarantine patients for two weeks  
■ Diagnose on time  
■ Strictly adhere to universal precautions



## DadiKaKehna

Those who have long, curly and wavy hair are always looking for ways to straighten them. Many resort to harsh chemicals. ROSHANI DEVI shares home remedies that can help without damaging the tresses



Going for a party and need to straighten hair? Do you reach for your trusted hair straightener or head to a salon? Here are a few things that one can do without causing damage to the hair and getting a gloss.

Many of us have been using *multani mitti* on the face to rid of the pimples. Did you know that it can also help straighten hair? Make a paste using the powder. Apply this from the root to the tips. Leave it for over an hour. The results are great.

Use castor oil and soybean oil. Take two tablespoon castor oil and a tablespoon of soybean oil. Heat the together



and let it cool. Massage scalp and hair with it for a few minutes. Leave it on for about 30 minutes before Let your hair air-dry.

Use coconut milk and lemon juice. Mix one-fourth cup coconut milk and a tablespoon of lemon juice. Refrigerate overnight. Apply the mixture the next day — from the roots to the tips. Leave it for 30 minutes. Wash off with cool water and a mild sulfate free shampoo.

Use milk and honey. Mix one-fourth cup milk with two tablepoons of honey. Apply this on the hair. Leave it on for two hours. Wash off with cool water and a mild sulfate free shampoo.

African swine fever virus (ASFV) is highly contagious and often lethal to

## TIPTOP

If you wish to lose those extra kg fat food options and eat what your great-grandma ate, said a top weight-loss surgeon.

NHS doctor Andrew Jenkinson, who has watched thousands try — and fail — to shed the extra weight, says people should stick to the traditional fare, like a full English breakfast. He advises people to buy food at traditional stores, like greengrocer, butcher and fishmonger, as our ancestors would have done. "Imagine you are taking your great-grandmother around shops. If there's any food she doesn't recognise, don't buy it," Jenkinson said.

In his book, *Why We Eat (Too Much)*, the bariatric surgeon presents what he learnt over decades of practice. He claims to have spoken to over 2,000 obese patients. "What they said about dieting was always the same story," he says.

While crash diets might appear to work in the first few weeks, he says, they usually backfire because they trick the body into believing it has to cope with a famine - and save energy.

"They all say they lose weight to begin with, but then put it on and end up heavier than when they started," the surgeon says. Thus the weight-loss regime comes to an end and the dieter is driven to eat more by powerful hunger hormones. He then ends up blaming the lack of will power, when the real culprit is a diet that is destined to fail. In his book, Jenkinson says a far better approach is to ditch the quick-fix solutions for an old-fashioned approach — buying fresh food daily and cooking it yourself.

— IANS

## SLIMLINE

Researchers have developed a vaccine against African swine fever that appears to be far more effective than previously developed vaccines.

At present, there is no commercially available vaccine against African swine fever, which has been devastating the swine industry in Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia.

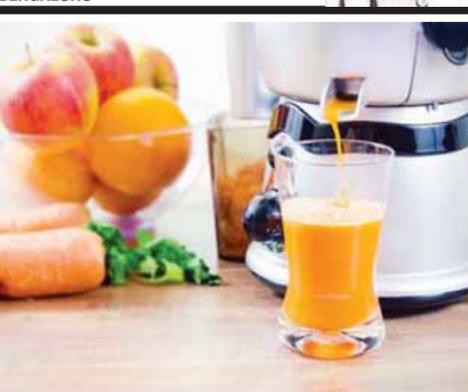
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## DOCYARD

DR B T CHIDANANDA MURTHY

Chief Medical Officer

JINDAL NATURECURE INSTITUTE, BENGALURU



## Boost your immunity

Winter and illness go hand in glove. While the flu and the sniffle is just a minor hassle for most, it is not the case for people with a weak constitution. If you have a compromised immune system, suffer from seizure disorders, or any other debilitating sickness, then we are sure you know that even a small cold can turn into a medical emergency, requiring you to make a trip to the hospital. Keeping yourself cocooned in a hypoallergenic bubble is also not an option. Doing that may keep the illness away but it is not going to magically improve your immunity. What preventive measures can you take to keep yourself safe from under-termined illnesses without disrupting your daily routines? Let's take a look

■ **Take care of your gut:** The health of your digestive system is directly proportional to the robustness of your immune system. Make sure you incorporate a good probiotic supplement in your daily diet. If that is not possible, include probiotic foods like sauerkraut, kefir milk, kombucha, and yogurt. It will help maintain the balance of good bacteria in your gut, keeping your immune system healthy.

■ **Avoid immunosuppressant foods:** Caffeine, alcohol, white sugar and fatty foods suppress your immune system. Consuming a lot of fat-rich food items can also clog up your lymphatic system, making it more difficult for your body to fight infection. Wean yourself of such food items slowly to increase your body's natural defenses.

■ **Do plenty of exercises:** Exercise helps boost the immune system by improving your circulation and reducing stress. The better the blood circulation, the more freely antibodies can move around in your bloodstream, making it easier for body to fight off illnesses. Exercise also reduces the level of stress hormones like adrenaline and cortisol, increasing your lymphocyte count and improving immune function.

■ **Observe sleep hygiene:** Sleep is essential to keep the immune system in good shape, and yet it is something we tend to overlook often. You must aim to get at least eight hours of uninterrupted sleep every night to help your body repair itself from the damage caused by daily stressors, toxin exposure, and exercise.

■ **Drink plenty of juices:** Fresh juices contain a lot of antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals that help keep the immune system healthy in the winter. Adding ingredients like spinach, broccoli, kale, brussel sprouts, beetroot, berries and apples will bolster your immune system and keep it functioning at peak capacity.

■ **Keep your skin from drying out:** The dehydration and cold winter breeze can render your skin dry and flaky. The best elixir for dry skin is coconut oil. Apply it externally to keep your skin moist and fresh. Not only does it prevent your skin from flaking up, but it also strengthens the underlying connective tissue. Incorporating organic *ghee* in your daily diet also helps dealing with winter dryness apart from keeping your body warm.

■ **Detoxify your body:** No matter what the season, your body can always do with a little detoxification. Squeeze out a slice of lemon into a glass of lukewarm water, add a pinch of parsley and drink it before breakfast. It is effective at eliminating toxins from the system. Cabbage juice, rosemery tea, and ginger-*tulsi* tea are also equally good.

■ **Diet and Nutrition:** Plays a vital role in improving the immune response. Consume more citrus fruits, garlic, ginger, honey, cloves, kale, spinach, broccoli, yogurt and many others.

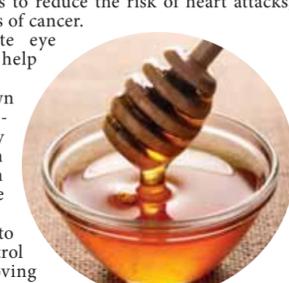
## WARMFOODS

**HONEY:** Honey is thick, sweet liquid made by honeybees. It is rich in antioxidants, including phenolic compounds like flavonoids which helps to reduce the risk of heart attacks, strokes and some types of cancer. It may also promote eye health. It can also help lower blood pressure.

Honey is also known for its anti-inflammatory properties. You can drink it in milk or can simply apply it to the affected area.

It is also known to reduce the bad cholesterol levels thereby improving heart health.

It also has healing powers. When applied to the skin, honey can be part of an effective treatment plan for burns, wounds and many other skin conditions. It is particularly effective for diabetic foot ulcers. It may also help in boosting immunity.





**पावरग्रिड POWERGRID**

**NOTICE**

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

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

3. Tariff details:

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

Petition No.	Asset No.	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Petition-1	Asset-I	-	No impact	-
	Asset-II	2529.96	2040.54	2116.17
	Asset-III	1749.98	1449.07	1491.22
	Asset-IV	10965.87	9190.64	9078.79
	Asset-V	222.47	219.23	210.57
	Asset-VI	191.81	187.33	175.72
	Asset-VII	229.84	280.61	320.64
	Asset-VIII	92.59	91.60	88.10
	Asset-IX	433.76	450.19	524.98
	Asset-X	58.45	62.53	69.49
	Asset-XI	159.69	165.29	191.43
	Asset-XII	336.38	342.93	393.91
	Asset-XIII	1059.95	1064.19	1090.16
	Asset-XIV	-	-	6443.69
Asset-XV	-	-	6055.11	

Revised Transmission Tariff for 2004-09

Petition No.	Asset No.	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Petition-1	Asset-I	135.23	135.96	136.73	137.55	129.40
	Asset-II	1213.64	1177.69	1142.27	1179.27	1304.71
	Asset-III	745.74	789.31	881.77	857.81	834.49
	Asset-IV	4924.78	6441.14	6375.60	6140.25	5534.16
	Asset-V	178.77	175.32	170.80	165.94	161.60
	Asset-VI	140.83	137.86	134.95	132.08	129.61
	Asset-VII	337.79	318.64	299.59	280.82	262.75
	Asset-VIII	78.61	78.36	78.16	78.00	78.00
	Asset-IX	441.76	426.69	488.03	502.71	488.25
	Asset-X	86.19	86.81	95.59	96.84	97.76
	Asset-XI	176.36	211.14	204.82	198.58	192.47
	Asset-XII	332.14	355.49	391.79	385.93	380.51
	Asset-XIII	966.50	935.14	958.08	1080.20	1049.43
	Asset-XIV	5625.94	5452.34	5307.34	5159.08	4768.90
Asset-XV	4999.65	4948.38	4684.93	4521.54	4151.82	
Petition-2	Asset-I	1831.81	1846.75	1862.79	1878.96	1754.55
	Asset-II	318.92	318.81	318.83	318.90	319.18

Revised Transmission Tariff for 2009-14

Petition No.	Asset No.	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	
Petition-1	Asset-I	2682.28	1968.43	1991.25	2003.08	2029.64	
	Asset-II	8555.96	8470.35	8351.23	8230.30	5380.00	
	Asset-III	8985.43	8858.89	8641.88	8416.22	8255.86	
	Asset-IV	2292.82	2420.38	2468.32	2509.60	2560.91	
	Asset-V	451.01	413.50	417.85	422.41	430.03	
	Petition-2	Asset-I	2682.28	1968.43	1991.25	2003.08	2029.64
		Asset-II	8555.96	8470.35	8351.23	8230.30	5380.00
		Asset-III	8985.43	8858.89	8641.88	8416.22	8255.86
		Asset-IV	2292.82	2420.38	2468.32	2509.60	2560.91
		Asset-V	451.01	413.50	417.85	422.41	430.03

Revised Transmission Tariff for 2014-19

Petition No.	Asset No.	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Petition-1	Combined Asset	12233.65	12224.39	12236.71	12235.58	12509.58
	Petition-2	Combined Asset	2908.64	2949.63	2985.46	3023.26

b) 2019-24 block

Petition No.	Asset No.	DOC (Notional/Effective)	Tariff for 2019-24 block				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Petition-1	Combined Asset	06.09.2001	11566.47	11670.69	11723.61	11784.96	11950.97
			12233.65	12224.39	12236.71	12235.58	12509.58
Petition-2	Combined Asset	04.11.1995	2724.07	2870.16	3015.15	3133.56	3542.27
			2908.64	2949.63	2985.46	3023.26	3066.44

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

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

Place : Gurugao Sd/-  
Date : 21.01.2020 Sr. General Manager (Commercial)

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# Chinese Premier visits Coronavirus-hit Wuhan

Toll reaches 82

**Beijing:** Chinese Premier Li Keqiang visited the coronavirus-hit Wuhan city on Monday, the first such trip by a top leader as the death toll climbed to 82 with 2,744 confirmed cases.

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

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

Ahead of his visit, Chinese health authorities announced the death toll due to coronavirus has sharply increased to 82 with 2,744 confirmed cases.

Meanwhile, Beijing authorities on Monday reported the Chinese capital's first death from a new deadly virus that has rapidly spread across the country, killing more than 80 people and causing global alarm.

The victim was a 50-year-old man who had visited the central city of Wuhan, the epicentre of the outbreak, on January 8 and developed a fever after returning to Beijing seven days later, the city's health commission said.

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

**Berlin:** Germany urged its citizens on Monday to avoid "unnecessary trips" to China amid fears over the rapid spread of a deadly virus. Berlin also said it was considering evacuating citizens from Wuhan, the city at the centre of the outbreak. "Travellers should consider delaying or cancelling any unnecessary trips to China," Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told a press conference in the capital. **AFP**

# Bolton book revelations roil Trump impeachment trial



**Washington:** White House lawyers were to resume their defense of President Donald Trump at his Senate impeachment trial on Monday as explosive revelations from former national security advisor John Bolton increased pressure on Republicans to call him as a witness.

Trump lashed out at Bolton on Twitter, denying he had ever told his former aide that military assistance to Ukraine was tied to Kiev investigating his political rival Joe Biden.

According to The New York Times, Bolton makes the bombshell allegation -- which is at the heart of the impeachment case against the president -- in a draft of his upcoming book.

"I NEVER told John Bolton that the aid to Ukraine was tied to investigations into Democrats, including the Bidens," Trump said.

"In fact, he never complained about this at the time of his very public termination. If

ident impeached by the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives on December 18 for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

"At the end of the day, this a test for the senators," the California lawmaker said. "The question they have to answer is 'Do they want to hear the truth?'"

Democrats have been seeking to call Bolton and other senior officials as witnesses, a move resisted so far by the White House and Trump's Republican allies in the Senate.

Four Republicans will need to join forces with Democrats in the Senate -- where Republicans hold a 53 to 47 seat edge -- to allow testimony from Bolton and other witnesses.

Republican Senator Mitt Romney of Utah, an occasional Trump critic, said Monday he believed there may be enough Republican backing to compel Bolton to testify.

"It's increasingly apparent that it would be important to hear from John Bolton," Romney told reporters. "I think it's increasingly likely that other Republicans will join those of us who think we should hear from John Bolton."

Another Republican Senator, Susan Collins of Maine, also said the reports about Bolton's book "strengthen the case for witnesses." **AFP**

## Mongolia closes China border to cars, shuts schools

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

The measures announced by the vast, landlocked country are the most drastic steps taken by any nation so far over concerns about coronavirus, that has rapidly spread across China. Mongolia has not recorded any cases of the pneumonia-like virus.

Vice Prime Minister Enkhvushin Ulziisaikhan said the decision was made because cases have been confirmed in China's neighbouring region of Inner Mongolia. "Pedestrians and cars are prohibited to cross the Chinese border," Enkhvushin said on Sunday, saying the schools and universities would stay shut until March 2, along with other public places such as gaming centres. **AFP**

## Slovenia's PM resigns, calls for snap poll

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

"With these members of parliament and this coalition I cannot fulfil the people's expectations," he told journalists. "The most honest thing we could do now would be early elections... To ask people whether they trust me and they want me to continue to work," added Sarec, who became Prime Minister in September 2018 following a previous snap election.

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

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

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

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

The Trump administration reached out several times in recent months, including via third parties, but Abbas rejected the proposals, the officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "There will be no discussion with the Americans until they recognise the two-state solution," one senior official said, adding that Abbas had refused to engage with Washington over what the official called Trump's pro-Israel bias. **AFP**

## US ARMY INVESTIGATING PLANE CRASH IN TALIBAN-HELD AREA



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

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

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said a US airforce plane crashed in the Ghazni province. He claimed the crash killed "lots" of US service members. Ghazniwal said the crash site was about 10 kilometers from a US military base. US Army Maj. Beth Riordan, a spokeswoman for US Central Command, declined to comment when

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

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

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

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

**NOTES :**

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

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

Date : 27th January, 2020  
Place : Delhi

**बिहार सरकार**  
**राज्य स्वास्थ्य समिति, बिहार**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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

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

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

**Executive Director**  
PR. No. 14635 (Ni.Ni.) 2019-20  
State Health Society, Bihar

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**DEMAND NOTICE**

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.(DHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to DHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to DHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount With NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 00000099 of Gurgaon Branch) Prakash Chand Sethi (Borrower) Sashi Sethi (Co Borrower 1) Sanjay Sethi (Co Borrower 2)	19-12-2019/ ₹ 67,53,177/- (Sixty Seven lakh Fifty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven) NPA (01-10-2019)	Apartment No. 1804, 18th Floor Tower No. 27, Lotus Panache, GH-005 Sector 110, Noida Noida Gautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh- 201301
(LC No. 00001123 of New Delhi-west Branch) Dinesh Gupta (Borrower) Renu Gupta (Co Borrower 1) Element Five Apparels Private Limited (Co Borrower 2)	27-12-2019/ ₹ 85,53,481/- (Eighty Five lakh Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One) NPA (01-11-2017)	Flat No-501 5th Floor Tower No-A1 Global Land Masters Sector- 30 Panchkula Panchkula Haryana-134112
(LC No. 00001120 of New Delhi-west Branch) Dinesh Gupta (Borrower) Renu Gupta (Co Borrower 1) Element Five Apparels Private Limited (Co Borrower 2)	27-12-2019/ ₹ 85,51,087/- (Eighty Five lakh Fifty One Thousand Eight	

Trend Glazer

Deepika, Rishi in The Intern remake

Actors RISHI KAPOOR and DEEPIKA PADUKONE will star in the official Hindi remake of the Rober De Niro-Anne Hathaway starrer Hollywood comedy hit, *The Intern*.

Deepika wrote, "Thrilled to present my next. The Indian adaptation of *#TheIntern*.

Excited to be a part of this film, Rishi said, "*The Intern* is a very relevant film for the present-day Indian workplace milieu. It showcases human relationships beautifully. I am very excited to be working with Deepika and being a part of this heart-warming story. It is great that Warner Bros and AZURE are officially making this film in India."



'Considering the fact that Salman (Khan) sir is such a huge star, never have I ever imagined that I will get another chance to work with him again, after *Bharat*. When the film worked I was just happy with the fact that I had worked with Salman Khan. However, when the opportunity for *Radhe* came, I was on cloud nine.'

—Disha Patani

AYUSHMANN KHURRANA's lip-lock with co-star Jitendra Kumar is the highlight moment of *Gabru*, the first-launched track of the forthcoming comedy *Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan*.

Ayushmann and Jitendra play on-screen lovers in the film, which aims at being a quirky comedy centred on homosexuality and the societal taboos around it.

Overall, the video makes for a fun watch, with Ayushmann breaking into the *nagin* dance at one point, with co-star Gajraj Rao.



Cardi B looks like nemesis Minaj

Rapper CARDI B has sparked off plastic surgery rumours lately and many netizens feel she resembles her nemesis Nicki Minaj now.

Cardi B stepped out for Clive Davis and the Recording Academy's pre-Grammy gala, during which people noticed difference in her physical features.

A user said, about her likeness to Minaj, "This is really mysterious why would Cardi go out to get her arch enemy's face put on hers? This is disturbing. I guess imitation really is a sincerest form of flattery."

The troll went on speculating what works have been done on Cardi B's face.



A tribute to Kobe Bryant



Billie Eilish



Tanya Tucker

# A SONG FOR DIVERSITY

The attendees at the 62nd annual Grammy Awards, besides paying a tribute to lost heroes, including basketball player Kobe Bryant and late rapper Nipsey Hussle, called out for more inclusiveness. Then 18-year-old Billie Eilish swept with five wins, capping off an incredible breakthrough year. Here are the top moments from the gala

Drama over fairness and inclusion at the Grammy Awards carried over to music's big night as newcomers and mainstays in the industry supported Sean "Diddy" Combs and his powerful speech putting the Recording Academy on a clock to fix the nomination process when it comes to rap and R&B in major categories. "I think if you're smart, they listen to Diddy," soulful singer Lucky Daye said on the red carpet.

British rapper Labrinth added, "Hopefully there's a conversation to really think about what's happened." Days ago, the academy's just-ousted CEO Deborah Dugan claimed that the awards are rigged and filled with conflicts of interest. At the Clive Davis gala, Combs — who was honoured — spoke for 50 fiery minutes, saying in part: "So I say this with love to the Grammys because you really need to know this, every year you're killing my man. Man, I'm talking about the pain. I'm speaking for all these artists here, the producers, the executives. The amount of time it takes to make these records, to pour your heart into it and you just want an even playing field."

Combs urged in his speech that substantive change should come within 365 days. Legend Smokey Robinson had words of support for Combs, his friend but he said he wasn't surprised about the Grammy criticism. "Diddy could actually be a politician. I thought this speech was powerful. It touched on a lot of things people were afraid to say," he said.

Of Dugan calling out manipulation of the nomination process, he said, "It's not like it's news. We've known it all along. It's just coming to the forefront. All that is hidden will come to light."

Tyler, The Creator said backstage after his *Igor* won best rap album that he's "half and half" on the controversy over whether Grammy voting is fair. "On one side, I'm very grateful that what I made could just be acknowledged in a world like this," he said. "But also, it sucks that whenever we, and I mean guys that look like me, do anything that's genre-bending, they always put it in a 'rap' or 'urban' category. I don't like that 'urban' word. It's just a politically correct way to say the N-word. When I hear that, I'm just like why can't we just be in pop?" His other half feels like the "rap nomination was a backhanded compliment."

Bluesman Keb' Mo', who has served in academy positions over the years, said his experiences on the inside have been "nothing but integrity." He added, "Nothing's perfect but my experience is the Grammys trying to maintain integrity and the artistic process." Others said Combs' words and support will hopefully go a long way.

"I believe that, you know, sometimes there's always a tweaking that can be done. I think sometimes you may have to just revisit the process," said gospel artist Tasha Cobbs Leonard. "I have hope that's what's happening now in every category."

The Grammys have been criticised over the years when Beyoncé, Kanye West, Eminem, Mariah Carey and other top stars have lost in major categories,



Priyanka Chopra Jonas with Nick Jonas

GRAMMYS ON TWITTER

- Most tweeted moments**
  - Demi Lovato performs *Anyone*
  - BTS fans react to *Purple you tweet*
  - Billie Eilish wins Record of the Year
- Most tweeted musicians**
  - BTS
  - Demi Lovato
  - Ariana Grande
  - Camila Cabello
  - Billie Eilish
- Most tweeted songs**
  - *Old Town Road*
  - *Bad Guy*
  - *Anyone*



Singer and songwriter, Lizzo

including album of the year and best new artist. The rap and R&B stars often fall short of their pop, rock and country counterparts.

Boys Noize, along with Skrillex and Ty Dolla \$ign, also supported the cause on the red carpet. "Everybody should be here. More black, more female," Boys Noize said. Ty Dolla \$ign added: "The people will rise for sure."

Billie Eilish has won album of the year and record of the year to cap a dominant night of five victories at the Grammy Awards. The 18-year-old Eilish won

A LIST OF WINNERS

- Record of the year:** *Bad Guy*, Billie Eilish
- Album of the year:** *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?*, Billie Eilish
- Best new artist:** Billie Eilish
- Best pop vocal album:** *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?*, Billie Eilish
- Best rap/sung performance:** *Higher*, DJ Khaled featuring Nipsey Hussle and John Legend
- Best rap album:** *Igor*, Tyler, The Creator
- Best comedy album:** *Sticks & Stones*, Dave Chappelle
- Best pop solo performance:** *Truth Hurts*, Lizzo
- Best rock song:** *This Land*, Gary Clark, Jr
- Best spoken word album:** *Becoming*, Michelle Obama
- Best music film:** *Homecoming*, Beyoncé
- Best country album:** *While I'm Livin'*, Tanya Tucker
- Best country song:** *Bring My Flowers Now*, Tanya Tucker
- Best country solo performance:** *Ride Me Back Home*, Willie Nelson
- Best rap song:** *A Lot*, 21 Savage featuring J Cole
- Best music video:** *Old Town Road (Official Movie)*, Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus
- Best score soundtrack for visual media:** *Hildur Guðnadóttir, Chernobyl*
- Best song written for visual media:** *I'll Never Love Again*, Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper

album of the year for *When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?* and record of the year for *Bad Guy*. Her album beat a group of nominees that included Lana Del Rey, Lizzo and Ariana Grande. "Can I just say that I think Ariana deserved this?" Eilish said as she accepted the award. Her other Grammys include best new artist, and song of the year for *Bad Guy*. She told the music stars in the crowd that "I grew up watching all of you."

John Legend, Meek Mill, DJ Khaled and a host of musicians paid tribute to Nipsey Hussle at the awards, filling the vast stage with a soaring performance of his music. The tribute kicked off with Mill performing a new song called *Letter to Nipsey*, which mentioned a letter President Barack Obama wrote in Hussle's honour. "When we lost you, it really put some pain on me," Mill rapped. "Real hitters never die."

Then DJ Khaled and Legend sang their collaboration with Hussle, DJ Khaled's track *Higher*, which later won the Grammy for best rap/sung performance. Legend sang while playing the piano as a choir sang along with them. Other performers including Kirk Franklin, Roddy Ricch and YG, each took turns doing solos.

Hussle was killed outside of his South Los Angeles clothing store in March 2019. Sunday's performance featured musicians, background dancers and Legend wearing traditional Ethiopian and Eritrean clothing in honour of Hussle's African roots. The tributes to Hussle were made even more poignant by the loss earlier in the day by another icon — basketball superstar Kobe Bryant.

He played for 20 years for the city's NBA team. Bryant's death in a helicopter crash earlier in the day was acknowledged in the opening minutes of the Grammys broadcast. Before her performance, Lizzo said, "This is for Kobe." She went on to perform *Truth Hurts* and *Cuz I Love You*.

Host Alicia Keys said she was feeling "crazy sad" about Bryant. She was joined on stage with Boyz II Men, who collectively sang *It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday*. "The whole world lost a hero," the singer said in front of the audience. "We are standing her literally heartbroken in the house that Kobe Bryant built." The NBA legend, his 13-year-old daughter Gianna, and seven others were killed in the crash on a steep hillside in dense morning fog in Southern California. He was 41 and had retired from the Lakers in 2016.

Some shed tears for Bryant on the red carpet. Others were almost speechless ahead of the 62nd annual awards show. Music artists including Billy Ray Cyrus, Rick Ross and Kirk Franklin paid tribute to Bryant, the 18-time NBA All-Star and five-time champion. Debbie Allen, who is married to former Laker Norm Nixon, was seen crying. DJ Khaled said the news about Bryant's death was "devastating."

Actor Priyanka Chopra also paid tribute to the late basketball star Bryant in a special way. She took a moment to style her decorated nails with the number "24" written on her index finger. "RIP Mamba," Priyanka shared on her Instagram page with a purple heart

emoji, alongside an image of her tribute. While attending the Grammys, she walked arm-in-arm with her husband and singer Nick Jonas, wearing a custom Ralph & Russo design, which featured a plunging neckline and also included diamond-adorned pieces, fringe sleeves and intricate embroidery.

Outside Staples Centre, fans wearing Bryant's No 8 and No 24 jerseys flocked to the arena to show their respect for the Laker legend. A few hundred people gathered at LA Live in front of a mega screen with a smiling Bryant that read, "In Loving Memory of KOBE BRYANT 1978-2020."

With tears running down her cheeks, Demi Lovato stood on the Grammys' stage in a white ballgown and belted her new single *Anyone*, written just four days before her near fatal overdose in July 2018. It was the 27-year-old's first time at the Grammy Awards in two years and her first big performance since that fateful day.

At age 61, Tanya Tucker has won the first two Grammy Awards of her career, 48 years after her first hit at age 13. Tucker won best country album for *While I'm Livin'*, her first album of original material in 17 years. She also won best country song for *Bring My Flowers Now*, which is also nominated for overall song of the year. Tucker has been nominated for Grammys 14 times. He is still very young compared to the winner of the other major country Grammy, 86-year-old Willie Nelson, who took home best country solo performance for *Ride Me Back Home*. It was Nelson's ninth Grammy.

Hildur Guðnadóttir took home a Grammy for music she first thought no one would care to hear. The female composer won best score soundtrack for the HBO miniseries *Chernobyl* during the pre-telecast ceremony. The soundtrack already won her an Emmy late last year. And in January she became the first woman in 19 years to win best original score for *Joker* at the Golden Globes. "I think it fit really well with the images of the film, and I was happy with how the music worked with the narrative and characters in this series," she said backstage of the *Chernobyl* soundtrack. "But I never thought anyone would ever listen to the soundtrack record, honestly. I've very surprised to be here today."

Michelle Obama is a Grammy winner. The former first lady won her first Grammy Award for best spoken word album for the audio book of her 2019 memoir *Becoming*. Obama was not on hand to accept the award. Her husband, former president Barack Obama, has two Grammys in the same category, one for his 2005 audio book *Dreams of My Father* and another for his 2007 audio book *The Audacity of Hope*. The spoken word album category includes poetry, storytelling and audio books.

Beyoncé's *Homecoming* has won the Grammy Award for best music film. The Netflix film weaves together Beyoncé's 2018 performances at the Coachella music festival, which included numerous nods to historically black colleges and universities.

—With inputs from agencies

## Sacred Games, Mirzapur among most-searched web content

A study on most searched OTT content reveals that *Sacred Games*, *Mirzapur*, *Made In Heaven*, *Criminal Justice* and *Lust Stories* have been appreciated globally.

According to a study by SEMrush, the most searched for web series online was *Sacred Games* followed by *Mirzapur*, *Made In Heaven*, *Criminal Justice* and *Lust Stories*. Each was searched on an average of 5,01, 3.51, 1.93, 1.77, and 1.37 lakh times respectively during the period mentioned. The global research tracked the most-searched web content between January and December 2019.

The study shows there is a huge audience that wants to see on-screen, life-like characters facing real-world challenges. Fernando Angulo, head of com-



munications at the Boston-based SEMrush, said, "Indian cinema has come a long way. Our study shows that the Indian audience is very sophisticated and have access

to content that is at par with what Hollywood produces. What makes web series even better than Hollywood fare is that Indian audience find it relatable.



It also has the character depth and narrative equal to the best anywhere." While crime-based series have a huge following, web-series

centred on romance and cricket are popular as well. The study found, of the 10 most searched web series, *Inside Edge*, which delves into the highs and lows of

a fictional T20 cricket franchise, was searched an average 84,000 times.

*Selection Day*, another cricket-based series, was the 10th most explored web-series. Angulo added, "Our study is beneficial to brands that want to reach a sophisticated, cosmopolitan, enlightened audience that believes in societal change. We provide brands with the opportunity to associate themselves with stars and stories that are thriving online. Brands can include narratives of popular web series into their advertising. For instance, a brand that wants to reach young, professional, independent, and affluent women has a mirror into such women's wants. We've found how large the demographic of such women is."

—IANS

# THE UNSEEN WORLD

India Art Fair presents artworks by sculptor GIRJESH KUMAR SINGH and a show titled *30x30* by Gallerie Ganesha. While the former reflects the trauma of our contemporary society, the latter showcases never seen before works by masters



Shobha Bhatia. There will be a collection of 30 artworks by celebrated Indian artists. Says Shobha, "We have represented these 30 artists over the years but their works have never been seen before. Paresh Maity's large canvas on Gandhiji's Dandi march, Sakti Burman's dreamlike work, Alok Uniyal's introspective portrayal of a girl, Avijit Dutta's take on nature's bounty, Devdatta Padekar's poignant painting on human relationships — these new works are some of the major highlights amongst others. Although modern art movement in India is comparatively recent, we have always had a rich heritage and tradition in art. Paintings from the Indian miniature series, dating back to the 16th century or the even older tribal and folk art, have inspired many artist in recent times. In spite of the colonial influence, almost subjugation, of Indian art, the Bengal School kept alive the Indian legend. While Indian artists welcomed the European technique and style, the soul of Indian art remained connected to their traditional heritage. The exhibition attempts to highlight the fact that the essence of all things Indian, including art, is in the traditional and its aesthetics, by virtue of its deep rooted ancient heritage which is spiritually linked too."

The sculpted terracotta heads by Baroda-based artist Girjesh Kumar Singh compel you to gaze and mull over the medium, message and mood at a time when there is a debate on humanism and identity. His *Laga Chunri Mein Daag* at Rukshaan Art Booth, which will be displayed at India Art Fair, is, therefore, a community of lively and connected spirits.

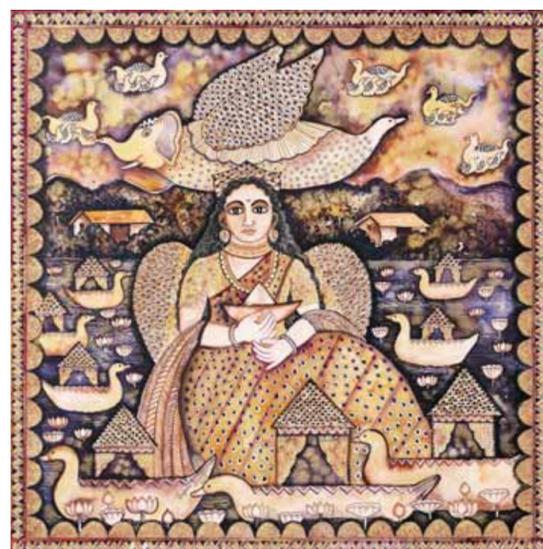
His portraits of charismatic men and women depict humanity in more ways than one. "I try to showcase all kinds of faces. They're not of any specific community but maybe native Americans, Europeans, minorities and sages with their hair bunched up. The expressions on each face are distinct, definite and powerful, some joyful, some serene, others stern. Others smirk at you, some have a cynical look and some even frown. But each one is worth watching. Girjesh has deep observational skills and is able to translate emotions onto the terracotta profiles. Perhaps it is their inner state, worries and tribulations that are being unveiled.

The strong cement-brick bond he works with holds multiple metaphors — of construction and demolition in our own lives. With every road we take, our old memories stay with us. The cement that binds the bricks remains even after a building is razed to the ground. Themes of identity and migration define his work. "You migrate from one place to another but never leave a place fully — the emotions become a part of your identity," says Girjesh.

He is interested in the history of his materials as he wants to know the actual past events, architectural structures and the human narratives that established them. By reintroducing a human element to these objects, the artist reminds us that the meaning of buildings, their homeliness and utility can only exist through our interpretations. Furthermore, by asking us to consider the lives of the people who might once have inhabited them, he also poses inevitably emotional questions about current human situations: "Where people might be and what has become of their lives?"

Art centre director Rukshaan, who often brings artists with alternative voices from Baroda, says, "His sculptures are made from broken bricks of destroyed homes as they reflect the trauma we are living with in our contemporary societies." He has collected these broken bricks from his home town in Uttar Pradesh and other Indian cities. It highlights his interest in destroyed building sites and their legacy.

Girjesh's tensile terracotta faces line the walls and grab your attention instantly, simply because they are invested with his life's experiences. The artist combines destruc-



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tion with something human and historical and brings forth the difficult truths which are too often suppressed or ignored.

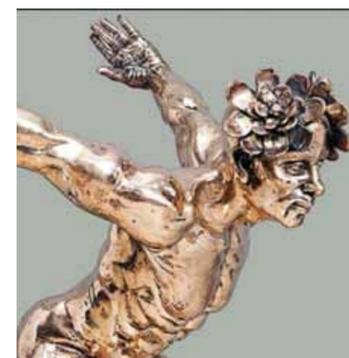
India Art Fair will also present the 30th anniversary of Gallerie Ganesha through its show titled *30x30*, curated by gallery director

Some of the sections of Indian art that will be exhibited are folk and tribal, Bengal school artists, modernists and contemporary masters. Artists include Jangarh Singh Shyam, Japni Shyam, Neelkant Choudhary, Umashankar Shah, K.S.Kulkarni, Satish Gujral, Sakti Burman, A.Ramachandran, Maite Deltel, Shyamal Datta Ray, Ganesh Pyne, Paresh Maity, Jayasri Burman, Avijit Dutta, Devdatta Padekar, Maya Burman, Vinita Karim, Asit Haldar, Kshitendranath Majumdar, Mukul Dey, Haren Das, Dhirendranath Brahma, Suhars Roy, Laxma Goud, Sisir Sahana, Nayana Kanodia, Badri Narayan, Alok Uniyal and Neeraj Goswami.

(India Art Fair runs from January 30 to February 2.)

## The poetry of earth

Through his solo exhibition, *Growing Wild*, artist RAJESH RAM depicts the loss of nature as he feels urbanisation has taken over



The life-size bronze sculptures and oil paintings by artist Rajesh Ram at the Palette Art Gallery might grab your attention instantly. His solo exhibition, *Growing Wild*, explores and confronts the interactions between nature and human culture.

Says the artist, "Nature and human culture have inspired me in their own ways. My works were related to *Panchatantra* and my wife has been into urban farming. This gave me the opportunity to connect closely with nature. I also have a family background of farmers. So this is automatically reflected in my works."

Humans have often defined themselves in relation to each other. Through his work, Rajesh draws his boyhood memories of village life, intertwined with the moral teachings. He also explores the binaries of human and animal, rural and urban contexts. "I draw a lot from my experiences in Jharkhand, which has traditionally lived close to nature. Over time, nature has lost its beauty and urbanisation has taken over. The concrete build-



**'I draw a lot from my experiences in Jharkhand, which has traditionally lived close to nature. Over time, it has lost its beauty at the cost of human progress'**

ing have replaced the beauty of trees and mountains and plants are nowadays merely a show-piece," says Ramesh.

At the heart of Ramesh's work is the man who is hopeful. Talking about the title of the exhibition, Rakesh says, "Nature has been my inspiration for this exhibition. Growth and development are part of life. It is the character of nature to grow in its own way. The title is inspired by this."

The medium used in his work is bronze, which has continued to co-exist with nature since long and proven to have had a long-lasting effect on the same. His work addresses the contradictions of growth and of favouring one species over the rest. The work also speaks of the loss of nature, the contested space of individual and the cost of human progress. The three accompanying paintings appear to demonstrate man-animal harmony where the laws of the jungle prescribe the rules of society. They also suggest a desire for balance within and between ecosystems.

(The exhibition is on view till February 12.)

We talk about soil and clay. She says that working with them heals — emotionally and physically. There is talk of childhood memories. She says all the dust had vanished and her memory is now crystal clear. She recounts the watermill back in her village in Bihar. A composition of water, sound, light, the splash on the iron sheets, the entire musicality of it. "In the evening, when you looked down the well, there were innumerable fireflies hanging there. How does one describe that?" smiles Shambhavi.

It's a hectic day for the painter, printmaker and installation artist whose non-figurative work has always dwelled upon the condition of the farming community. As she takes a break from guiding her staff for the forthcoming solo exhibition *Burukuwa Dwan*, the artist, whose work *Cosmic Seeds Light* was acquired by the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York, says, "You'll see the mud-and-hay textured walls of their houses, the grey mist that rises from the field on winter mornings explores various facets of interplay between man, nature and art."

In fact, *Bhoomi*, another solo show by her will be running simultaneously at Gallery Espace, which will have her iron sculptures and installations. Interestingly, the conversation with Shambhavi is not linear, her striking work at 2018 Kochi Biennale *Maati Ma*, featuring four of her works — *Lullaby*, *Water Garland*, *Rippers Melody* and *Brail* takes the conversation forward and what the viewers will experience in her forthcoming exhibitions as she exhibits in the capital after a gap of six years.

The artist, whose poetic work forever carries social undertones says, "Burukuwa is the last star. The moment villagers see it, they know it's 4 am and time to start the day. It is a magical hour. When you're half asleep, the kind of sound that comes with their activities of getting ready for the day is reminiscent of musicians on the stage getting ready for a performance. The sound, the light, the last musings of the night, and the farmer's first glance at the fields early morning — these are the connections I have grown up with as I would frequently go to my grandparents' place in the village. But these are also the relationships people are increasingly refusing to see — that's where my work Braille comes in."

## 'Darkness is transparent, you can see through'

Artist SHAMBHAVI says you can reacquire yourself with your country through its cultural traditions

In many ways, when Shambhavi takes the farmers' tools from their world and makes sculptures out of them, she is in fact pleading for them. This Patna College of Arts and Crafts pass-out adds, "But remember, my education is mostly from experience rather than reading." For someone who now lives in Delhi's urban landscape, there is no dichotomy. "I am clear that I don't see here. I want to say something here, about them. And maybe my art can make a bridge."

Talking about her association with Takshila Foundation's programme in Bihar's countryside, the artist says, "We run long-term residencies for international and national artists and students at Siwan, so that they actually get to connect to rural landscape at all levels and understand the multiple dimensions of living that life."

Back in the late 80s when she was a scholar at Lalit Kala Akademi Regional Centre in Lucknow and painted huge canvasses, most people called them abstracts. "Believe me, at that time, I didn't even know the 'A' of abstract. I painted the riverbank and my village engulfed in darkness — when there was no electricity. The drawings were realistic but they were covered with dark and everyone read it as abstract art. Yes, I painted very clear dark because darkness is transparent, you can see through."

Travelling abroad extensively for residencies and shows and the consequent 'distance' from home allowed her to see things more clearly. "When you travel you read your homeland much better, perceptions change. When I am in Bihar, I am not Bihar, when I am out, I am. The moment I leave India, I am more Indian. Out there, you're questioned about India and not regions. When such questions are posed, you embrace the whole country. And I cherish the fact that I got such experiences from



a very young age — a time when I was not very politically or intellectually charged. You know, I made it a point to travel to most countries without reading about them. When I came back, then read. It has always been the other way round for me. This way, it becomes a fresh experience with the land — travelling to the unknown."

Insisting that art and music makes one understand a country much more effectively, she adds, "It was a huge experience to see people going to the museum as if it was a temple — something completely absent here. That gives you a kick to keep working. In India, we may have a very small art world but the world we live in is amazing. Connection with creativity is so well presented there which inspires you. Here we are still distant."

As the conversation veers towards the need for an overhaul in art school curriculums, she asserts, "It is in such a run down state. We haven't come out

of the British system yet. It's shocking to see that they don't even understand the difference between art and decoration. Not just art schools, the entire school curriculum needs to be looked at. We all study maths in school and realise that everyone doesn't become a mathematician. But at least when a mathematician is sitting with me, I understand who is he. Then why is it that when an artist is around, we tend to think that what he does is some kind of an extra-curricular activity?"

The countryside may have always inspired Shambhavi, but she also sees how it has metamorphosed over the years. "Now when I go, I can experience the emptiness there. The warmth has faded, of course my grandparent's generation is no longer there, cousins have scattered. There is a strong isolation, a feeling of being left out. The pressure and crisis of currency is now very visible."

—JANS

### WATCH OUT

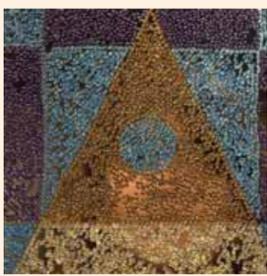
Gallery Latitude 28 presents *The Exodus of Eternal Wanderers*, a solo show of Sudipta Das, who, through her works, interrogates the realities of climate change and appeals to humanity about its most important outcomes, human migration. **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHEN:** Till February 28 **WHERE:** Gallery Latitude 28, Lado Sarai.



Kautilya Foundation & Aamad Dance Centre presents *Pratibha Vasantotsav Festival*. It will celebrate Srijan, a budding artist who has emerged through the *Guru-Shishya Parampara* on stage. It will emphasise different moods of *Vasantotsav* and give the message for unity. **WHEN:** February 1 **TIME:** 6 pm onwards **WHERE:** Triveni Kala Sangam, Mandi House.



Curated by Anuj Daga, *Building Ruins* presents experiments of RISD alumni in India since 1990s. It brings together 19 artists/designers from RISD and presents fragments that have emerged out of the multiple readings of *Building Ruins* by virtue of their diverse practices. **WHEN:** January 31 to February 1 **WHERE:** Agenc Colab, The Dhan Mill, Chhatrapur.



Gallery 1000A presents *Miscellaneous and the Mute*, a solo art show by Josh PS, whose works offer a means of reading between the strokes. They speak the language of exploitation and resistance, non-violence and bondage and the righteous desire for freedom. **WHEN:** Till February 29 **WHERE:** Gallery 1000A, Lado Sarai.

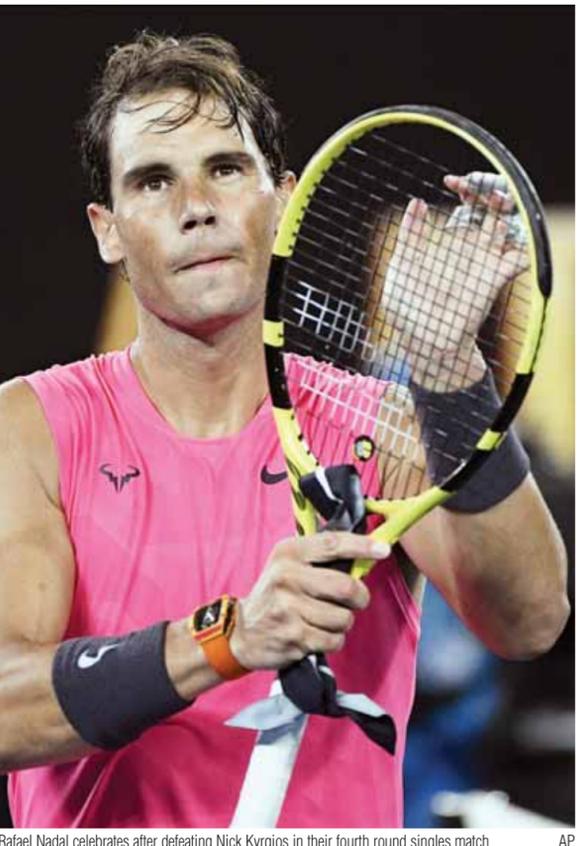


Gandhara Art Gallery and Dhoomimal Art Centre presents *Art: Bengal Now*, an art exhibition that showcases contemporary artworks from Bengal, which have inherited a significant historical language from its modern past. **WHEN:** Till February 7 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Dhoomimal Art Centre.



# Nadal settles Kyrgios score

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



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

**AFP ■ MELBOURNE**  
Rafael Nadal won a grudge match with Nick Kyrgios to reach the Australian Open quarter-finals and keep the heat on Roger Federer's record for Grand Slam titles on Monday.  
The world number one, labelled "super salty" by Kyrgios after he criticised the Australian's behaviour last year, fought off a furious challenge to go through 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (7/4).  
As the tennis world mourned the death of Kobe Bryant, Kyrgios arrived at Rod Laver Arena wearing an LA Lakers shirt, and 15-year-old Coco Gauff had tributes to the basketball great scrawled on his trainers during the doubles.  
Nadal and Kyrgios had been feuding after some bad-tempered matches but the Spaniard said he was impressed by what he'd seen from the often-temperamental Australian at this tournament.  
Kyrgios fought back to challenge Nadal in a high-octane clash played in good spirit, with a polite handshake afterwards — a far cry from some of their previous exchanges.  
"When he is playing like today with this positive attitude he gives a lot of positive things to our sport," said the Spaniard.  
"He's one of the highest talents we have on our tour and I like the Nick Kyrgios during the whole of this tournament."  
The 19-time Grand Slam winner will next play Austria's Dominic Thiem — his victim in the last two French Open finals — as the clay king targets Federer's all-time record of



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

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Elsewhere, powerful Swiss Stan Wawrinka beat fifth seed Daniil Medvedev 6-2, 2-6, 4-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-2 to set up a quarter-final with Germany's Alexander Zverev, who overcame close friend Andrey Rublev 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.  
And Simona Halep rose to number two in the world with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Elise Mertens, taking a big step forward in a rapidly clearing women's draw.  
The Wimbledon champion from Romania, who avoided an exodus of top seeds in the previous round, will next play Estonia's Anett Kontaveit, a 6-7 (4/7), 7-5, 7-5 winner against Iga Swiatek of Poland.  
"She's strong, I'm here just to face any challenge I have. So I'm not thinking negative," Halep said of Kontaveit. "I just want to go there and to give my best."  
Angelique Kerber, the 2016 champion, was the latest big name to fall as she went down to Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/4), 6-2.  
Pavlyuchenkova's quarter-final will be against Garbine Muguruza, the two-time Grand Slam

champion who is resurgent since reuniting with coach Conchita Martinez, beating Kiki Bertens 6-3, 6-3.  
"It's like couples, we all want Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston to get back together, right?" joked Martinez, the 1994 Wimbledon champion.  
Earlier, Martina Navratilova and John McEnroe were among the big names to criticise Court, the 24-time Major-winner whose 1970 sweep of the Grand Slam titles was marked with a short ceremony at Rod Laver Arena.  
Navratilova said the devout Christian's deeply conservative views were "actually hurting people", while fellow American legend McEnroe called Court a "crazy aunt".  
In today's quarter-finals, six-time champion Roger Federer will play America's Tennyson Sandgren and title-holder Novak Djokovic, going for his eighth title, is against big-serving Canadian Milos Raonic.  
Australia's women's world number one Ashleigh Barty plays two-time Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova, and Tunisia's Ons Jabeur, the top-ranked player from Africa, takes on America's Sofia Kenin.

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## PSG go 10 points clear

**AFP ■ LILLE**  
Neymar dedicated his second goal in Paris Saint-Germain's 2-0 win at Lille to basketball legend Kobe Bryant, whose death in a helicopter crash earlier on Sunday shocked the world, as his double shot the French champions 10 points clear at the top of Ligue 1.  
The world's most expensive player slotted home the 52nd-minute penalty and went over to television cameras by the side of the Stade Pierre Mauroy pitch to make the number 24 with his fingers in honour of Bryant's shirt number.  
"It's deeply saddening for the world of sport and for all of us," said Neymar to Canal+ after the win, which put PSG 10 points clear at the top of the league.  
"Not just for basketball fans, but for everything he did for sport."  
He had already put his side ahead with a fine strike in the first half before putting the game out of reach and increasing the gap between them and second-placed Marseille.  
His 12th league goal of the season tipped the balance in the Parisians' favour after a positive start for the home side, who were unbeaten at home ahead of the match.  
"We deserved to win, I think we played well," said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel.  
"We controlled the match and counter-attacks and this is not easy to do against a good team like Lille."  
Lille stay seventh after the defeat, two points away from the European places.



Neymar celebrates after scoring AP

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

**AFP ■ NAPLES**  
Piotr Zieliński and Lorenzo Insigne scored in the second half as struggling Napoli shocked champions Juventus 2-1 to spoil coach Maurizio Sarri's return to the Stadio San Paolo on Sunday.  
Sarri had not been back to Naples since being sacked in May 2018 after three successful campaigns, and before moving to Chelsea.  
This season he has taken over eight-time reigning champions Juve, a move seen as a betrayal by his former team, the two-time Serie A runners-up.  
Juve missed the chance to open up a six-point lead on Inter Milan at the top of the table, after Antonio Conte's side were held for

## Past haunts the present

the game, always halfway between pressure and waiting, we made mistakes."  
In Naples, Zieliński broke the deadlock after 63 minutes finishing off a rebound after Insigne was denied by Juve goalkeeper Wojciech Szczęsny.  
Insigne volleyed in a second after 86 minutes to an explosion of joy among the crowd.  
Cristiano Ronaldo pulled a goal back as the game headed into injury time for his 13th goal in nine consecutive games in all competitions.  
The visitors pushed for the equaliser but Alex Meret smothered Gonzalo Higuain's goal-bound effort, as Juve crashed to just their second defeat of the season.  
Napoli move up to tenth place, 12 points off the Champions League places after ending a run of three consecutive defeats.  
Lorenzo Insigne, center, celebrates with teammates after Napoli beat Juventus their third consecutive draw.  
Inter are three points behind Juve with Lazio a further two points adrift in third after city rivals Roma ended Simone Inzaghi's side's 11-match winning streak.  
"It is pleasant and exciting to go back," said Sarri despite the whistles and insulting banners of his former fans, reserving his criticism for his "under-par, mental-ly bland" team.  
"We lost a match against an opponent who had done the minimum to win," he added.  
"We were passive throughout



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

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

**LIVERPOOL:** Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp confirmed he will not take charge of the Reds' FA Cup replay against Shrewsbury, nor will any senior players from the European champions take part.  
Klopp made 11 changes as the League One side, 59 places below Liverpool in the English football pyramid, came from 2-0 down to secure a replay at Anfield on Sunday.  
However, the German did still include a handful of experienced players such as Adrian, Joel Matip, Dejan Lovren, Fabinho and Divock Origi.  
Even they are set to miss the replay as it falls a few days into Liverpool's two-week winter break from Premier League action.  
Klopp said he has already promised that week off to first-team players and that under-23s coach Neil Critchley will take charge of team.  
Liverpool went out of the League Cup in December when a team fielding five debutants and an average age of 19 was beaten 5-0 by Aston Villa.  
Critchley was also in charge for that game with Klopp and the first team away in Qatar for the Club World Cup.  
AFP

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Anita Bansal  
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## Real on top with win

**AFP ■ MADRID**  
Real Madrid moved top of La Liga for the first time since October on Sunday after grinding out a 1-0 win away at Real Valladolid to make Barcelona pay for their surprise defeat to Valencia.  
It is 16 weeks since Madrid last finished a round top of the pile and it looked like a scrappy contest at the Jose Zorrilla would end goalless until Nacho Hernandez headed in the winner with 12 minutes remaining.  
Victory means Zinedine Zidane's side pulled three points ahead of Barca, whose 2-0 loss away at the Mestalla on said Zidane. "There are 16 games left and we will have to fight until the end if we want something. Nothing changes."  
Madrid now have the luxury of hosting their struggling city rivals Atletico Madrid, who are 10 points back after a goalless home draw with Leganes, with a cushion next weekend, not to mention on the back of a 19-game unbeaten run.  
"We are top of the table again after being there a long time ago," said captain Sergio Ramos. "We have to keep going."  
"Defensively what we are doing we are doing very well, it is our strength," said Zidane.



Nacho embraces Real's coach Zinedine Zidane after scoring AP

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# Loss of a legend

Lakers great, teen daughter & seven others killed in helicopter crash

## Kobe Bryant Factfile

**Name:** Kobe Bryant  
**Former Team:** Los Angeles Lakers (1996-2016)  
**Position:** Guard  
**Height:** 6feet, 6inches, 1.98m

► Bryant was the son of Joe "Jelly Bean" Bryant, who played eight seasons in the NBA

### AWARDS/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

► Bryant won five NBA championships — 2000, 2001, 2002, 2009, 2010

► Named NBA Finals Most Valuable Player in leading Lakers to titles in 2009 and 2010

► Earned Olympic Gold medals with USA at 2008 Beijing Olympics and 2012 London Olympics

► Named NBA regular-season MVP in 2007-08 season and a record-setting four-time NBA All-Star Game MVP — 2002, 2007, 2009 and 2011

► On January 22, 2006 scored a career-high 81 points in Lakers' 122-104 victory over Toronto, second-most points in a game in NBA history

► In 2018, his movie "Dear Basketball" won the Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film.

► Named an NBA All-Star 18 times - 1998 and 2000-2016

► Two-time NBA scoring champion - 2006 and 2007

► Had both his jersey numbers, 8 and 24, retired by the Lakers, an unprecedented move

► Scored 33,643 points, grabbed 7,047 rebounds and passed off 6,306 assists over 1,346 career NBA games

► Scored a season-high 60 points in his last NBA game on April 13, 2016 in a 101-96 Lakers' victory over Utah, becoming the oldest player in NBA history to score 60 points at 37 years and 234 days



In this June 14, 2009, photo, Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant celebrates with his daughter Gianna, following the Lakers 99-86 defeat of the Orlando Magic in Game 5 of the NBA Finals at Amway Arena in Orlando



A body is covered, left, while another sits at right at the scene of a helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant AP

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

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

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said eight passengers and the pilot of the aircraft died in the accident. "There were no survivors... There were nine people on board the aircraft, the pilot plus eight individuals," Villanueva said.

The helicopter crashed in foggy weather in the Los Angeles suburb of Calabasas. Authorities said firefighters received a call at 9:47 am about the crash, which caused a brush fire on a hillside.

The Los Angeles Police Department air support division grounded its helicopters until the fog lifted in the afternoon due to the weather conditions.

"The weather situation did not meet our minimum standards for flying," said police spokesman Josh Rubenstein.

"Saddened to hear about the tragic demise of Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna & others on-board the helicopter. My condolences to his family, friends and fans across the world. #KobeBryant."  
—SACHIN TENDULKAR

"Absolutely devastated to hear this news today. So many childhood memories of waking up early and watching this magician doing things on the court that I would be mesmerized by."  
—VIRAT KOHLI

"I am in shock over the tragic news of Kobe's and Gianna's passing. Words can't describe the pain I'm feeling. I loved Kobe — he was like a little brother to me. We used to talk often and I will miss those conversations very much. He was a fierce competitor, one of the greats of the game and a creative force."  
—MICHAEL JORDAN

"Kobe was a legend on the court and just getting started in what would have been just as meaningful a second act. To lose Gianna is even more heartbreaking to us as parents. Michelle and I send love and prayers to Vanessa and the entire Bryant family on an unthinkable day."  
—BARACK OBAMA

"Kobe Bryant, despite being one of the truly great basketball players of all time, was just getting started in life. He loved his family so much, and had such strong passion for the future. The loss of his beautiful daughter, Gianna, makes this moment even more devastating...."  
—DONALD TRUMP

"For 20 seasons, Kobe showed us what is possible when remarkable talent blends with an absolute devotion to winning."  
—NBA



## England thump SA for series win

AFP ■ JOHANNESBURG

Ben Stokes and Mark Wood made a double strike shortly before tea, breaking stubborn South African resistance and setting up a 191-run win for England on the fourth day of the fourth and final Test at the Wanderers Stadium on Monday.

The win clinched a 3-1 series victory for England.

Set to make a world record 466 to win, South Africa reached 181 for two before Stokes bowled home captain Faf du Plessis for 35.

In the next over man-of-the-match Wood dismissed Rassie van der Dussen for 98. He went on to claim four for 54 to finish with match figures of nine for 100.

Quinton de Kock and Temba Bavuma shone briefly but South Africa were bowled out for 274.

Van der Dussen and Du Plessis batted for all but 13 minutes of an extended two-and-a-half hour afternoon session to give South Africa some hope, making the England bowlers toil on a hot afternoon.

But Stokes bowled a ball which hit a crack and kept low, deflecting off the toe of Du Plessis' bat into the stumps.

Van der Dussen looked set for a maiden Test century but in the next over he fell to Wood two short of the landmark.

It was the second wicket for Stokes — both which came at crucial times shortly before an interval. His first wicket was opening batsman Dean Elgar, who was caught and bowled playing an awkward pull shot in the penultimate over before lunch. Stokes finished with two for 47.

De Kock and Bavuma batted brightly in a fifth wicket stand of 48 before Broad bowled a vicious bouncer which Bavuma gloved to wicketkeeper Jos Buttler.

Broad had Dwaine Pretorius caught at fine leg in his next over and the rest followed.

Vernon Philander, playing in his last Test, struck a couple of beefy blows before falling to Wood who supplied the coup de grace, another lifting ball flicking Anrich Nortje's glove on its way through to Buttler down the legside.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby said firefighters had to hike to the site with medical equipment and hose lines to extinguish the blaze.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti confirmed that Bryant's daughter Gianna was among the victims.

"LA is grieving with the Bryant family over the loss of Gianna, who perished with her father and friends in today's tragedy," Garcetti wrote on Twitter.

Gianna was one of Bryant's four children with his wife Vanessa. The retired NBA star, 41, and Gianna were flying to a game his daughter was expected to play in when their helicopter crashed, according to US reports.

Local media said the other victims included another player and a parent.

Orange Coast College confirmed that its baseball coach, John Altobelli, 56, was also on board the helicopter.

CNN said Altobelli's wife, Kerri, and one of their two daughters, Alyssa, were aboard the chopper as well.

PTI ■ POTCHEFSTROOM

Indian wrist spinner Ravi Bishnoi's repertoire of skills will meet a match in Australian Tanveer Sangha's variations in a face-off between two talented tweakers during the quarter-final of the ICC U-19 World Cup here today.

The white ball cricket in recent times has seen wrist spinners emerge as an important cog and junior cricket is no different where Bishnoi, easily the tournament's most impactful bowler, would like to give his team the advantage over the Australian side.

With 10 wickets from three games, Bishnoi has proved why Kings XI Punjab has invested ₹ 2 crore on him during the auction.

Statistically, even Sangha

## India start favourites vs Aus



has been at his best with 10 wickets with 5 for 14 against minnows Nigeria. But there's been a four-wicket haul against the West Indies and a wicket to show against England for the player of

Indian origin. Today, both the wrist spinners will be key to their team's chances and Australia will look to improve their dismal record against India at the junior level.

In the last five U-19 encounters since 2013 (different teams have played though), India have won four with one game being abandoned due to rain.

As a team, India are way ahead both in terms of quality as well as temperament with the likes of Yashasvi Jaiswal (two half-centuries), his opening partner Divyansh Saxena and skipper Priyam Garg showing glimpses of their talent.

In the bowling department, lanky UP boy Kartik Tyagi, who breaches the 140 kmph barrier quite regularly, and left-arm seamer Akash Singh, moving the white ball

back into the right-handers, are a heady combination.

And there is left-arm spinner Atharva Ankolekar, who came back brilliantly against the Junior Black Caps despite being attacked early on. He got three crucial breakthroughs but a finger fracture in his right hand could be an impediment while fielding.

While Jaiswal, Garg, NT Tilak Verma and Saxena make India's batting look strong, Australia skipper McKenzie Harvey (nephew of former Australian all-rounder Ian Harvey) is a tough customer with the bat as he showed with an innings of 65 against England in their final group game.

## Sean puts Zim on front

AFP ■ HARARE

A fine second Test century by Sean Williams enabled Zimbabwe to dominate the opening day of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Harare on Monday, as they reached 352 for six at the close.

The Zimbabwe captain, who won the toss and chose to bat first, made 107 from 137 balls, an innings which swung between the swashbuckling, with 10 fours and three sixes, and the pragmatic.

He was well backed up by Brendan Taylor who made a run-a-ball 62 and Sikandar Raza who hit two sixes and four fours in his 72. Looking to bounce back from



Sri Lanka bowler Lahiru Kumara, centre, celebrates the wicket of Prince Masvaure AP

last week's 10-wicket defeat in the first Test, Zimbabwe pressed on in the evening with Regis Chakabva on 31 and debutant Tinotenda Mutombodzi on 10.

Williams went on to bring up his second Test century — his first was against New Zealand in Bulawayo four years ago — by sweeping Embuldeniya for four.

# Concussion substitute introduced in IPL | Sarfaraz's double ton rescues Mumbai

No change in match timings as Mumbai will host final

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The title clash of the Indian Premier League (IPL) will be held in Mumbai on May 24 and the night matches will have usual 8pm start as the Governing Council decided against changing the timings, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly announced on Monday.

"There will be no change in the timing of IPL night games. It will start from 8 pm like earlier years," Ganguly told reporters after the IPL Governing Council meeting.

"We will have only five double headers (4pm and 8 pm) this time. We have decided to reduce the number of double headers," Ganguly said adding that the "final will be held in Mumbai."

In a first, concussion substitute and 'third umpire no ball' will also be introduced in the

## New selection committee to pick squad for SA ODIs

NEW DELHI: The revamped selection committee with a new chairman at helm will pick the Indian squad for the three ODIs at home in March, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said on Monday.

L Sivaramakrishnan, Ajit Agarkar, Rajesh Chauhan and Venkatesh Prasad are some of the key contenders to replace outgoing chairman MSK Prasad (South zone) and Gagan Khoda (Central zone) in the five-member panel.

"The Test squad for New Zealand has already been picked by the old committee and new committee's first

meeting will be held before home ODI series against South Africa. The interviews for short-listed candidates will happen soon," Ganguly said.

The BCCI President also informed that while Madan Lal and Sulakshana Naik are the members of Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), Gautam Gambhir is being replaced as he can not hold any position being a Member of Parliament.

Meanwhile Ganguly also informed that all-rounder Hardik Pandya has still not attained match fitness after his back surgery. PTI

upcoming edition of the popular T20 league, the former India captain informed.

"The concussion substitute and the no ball rule are new additions for the season," he said.

In a noble gesture, the BCCI will have an 'All Stars Game' between all top international

players before start of the IPL on March 29 for a charitable cause.

"It will be an IPL All Stars Game three days before start of IPL. The venue is not Ahmedabad as it is still not match ready. We have not decided on where we will make the donation," the BCCI president said.

PTI ■ DHARAMSALA

In-form Sarfaraz Khan rescued Mumbai with an unbeaten double century, powering the visitors to a comfortable 372 for five after a top-order collapse on the opening day of their Group B game against Himachal Pradesh.

The 22-year-old Sarfaraz, who had hit an unbeaten triple-hundred in the last game against Uttar Pradesh, took a listless HP attack to cleaners, hitting 32 fours and four sixes during his unbeaten 226-run knock.

Electing to bowl the picturesque HPCA stadium, the home pacers exploited the windy conditions, grabbing three quick wickets to leave Mumbai reeling at 16 for three.

Sarfaraz showed the rescue act first by conjuring up a 55-run stand with 'crisis man' Siddhesh Lad (20), to steady Mumbai's ship.

And then he found an able ally in Aditya Tare (62), with



Mumbai's Sarfaraz Khan celebrates after completing his double hundred PTI



whom he added 143-runs for the fifth wicket.

Mumbai lost its fifth wicket on 214 and Sarfaraz with Shubham Ranjane (44 not out)

then put an unbroken 158-run stand, before umpires drew stumps early owing to bad light after 75 overs. It was Sarfaraz show once again as he will strive to reach his second successive triple hundred, a rare feat in any form of cricket.

Delhi at Eden Gardens.

Majumdar, who looked in formidable form, had some anxious moments as he survived a run-out chance to remain unbeaten, alongside Shabbaz Ahmed (39 not out) at the end of day one.

The home team turned the game around in the second session as Majumdar found a fine ally in wicketkeeper-batsman Shreevats Goswami (59). Scoring above four runs

per over, the duo stitched a 117-run fifth wicket stand to give Bengal the edge.

Earlier put in to bat, Bengal's top three batsmen, including last match's triple centurion, Manoj Tiwary (7), got out inside lunch.

## VINAY GRABS SIX

CHANDIGARH: Puducherry found themselves on the mat at 37 for 4 after their veteran pacer R Vinay Kumar grabbed six wickets to bowl Chandigarh out for a paltry 134 in their top of the table Plate clash. Vinay Kumar triggered a Chandigarh middle-order collapse with twin blows in his successive overs en route to 6/32 as the hosts were dismissed after lunch inside 38 overs after they were sent in to bat. In reply, the Plate leaders Puducherry were reeling at 37 for four, trailing by 97 runs at close on first day with Chandigarh new ball bowler Shreshth Nirmohi returning with figures of 3/17.