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Coronavirus bleeds markets

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

PNS ■ MUMBAI

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

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

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

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

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



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

AP

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

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

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

While fear of economic slowdown spooked the oil

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

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

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

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

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

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

with the disease.

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

In view of a confirmed case of coronavirus in Nepal, the Centre has asked the five States bordering the neighbouring nation (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim) to be alert and keep hospitals ready to meet any emergency.

After airports and border areas, it has now initiated entry screening at the international ports having traffic from China.

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

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

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

PFI funded anti-CAA violent protests: ED

Sibal denies CAA links, claims PFI money transferred to his banks a/cs 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.

CAPSULE

MAN DIES AT RIMS
Ranchi: Neeraj Ram Prajapati, a 38-year-old youth, who was admitted at RIMS after he received injuries in stone pelting incident in Lohardaga succumbed to injuries on Monday. Sources said that Prajapati, a local artist was running a photo frame shop at Lohardaga was one of the participants in the procession that was attacked by a mob. Meanwhile, situation in Lohardaga is returning to normalcy. However, the district administration has decided to close all schools, colleges and other educational institutions on Tuesday too.

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.

AIMPLB moves SC against pleas to criminalise nikah halala, polygamy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIM-PLB) 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 divorced 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.

First Cabinet expansion today

Legislators from JMM, Congress quota to become Ministers

ROSHAN KUMAR ■ RANCHI

The much awaited expansion of Chief Minister Hemant Soren's Cabinet will take place on Tuesday. Chief Minister Soren in this connection on Monday met Governor Droupadi Murmu seeking time for Cabinet expansion. Sources said that Governor has given the time of 4 PM to Chief Minister, however, Soren is yet to submit the list of MLAs, who will be administered oath of office and secrecy.

Within a week this is second time that there have been talks about Cabinet expansion of Soren Government. On January 23 Soren before leaving for Burugulikera village in Chibasa to meet the family of seven tribals allegedly killed by pro Pathagadi supporters had requested Governor to conduct swearing-in of his Cabinet colleagues on January 24, however, on the same day in the evening the Chief Minister met the Governor for the second time and urged her to postpone the event.

Soren had said that the function was postponed at last hour as time was not appropriate to hold any celebration when the State has witnessed



Governor Droupadi Murmu and Chief Minister Hemant Soren alongwith others during Band Display programme at Raj Bhawan in Ranchi on Monday

two back to back incidents (Chaibasa massacre and Lohardaga communal incident).

Sources said though the CM had cited Chaibasa and Lohardaga incident behind postponing Cabinet expansion, but sources said that Cabinet expansion was deferred at last hour as both the parties (JMM and Congress) failed to reach an amicable solution about number of ministerial berths and distribution of portfolios in Cabinet.

However, sources said that this time it is final about Cabinet expansion. Congress MLA from Lohardaga and minister in Hemant Soren

them, except for Congress Legislature Party leader Alamgir Alam, who was chosen as the parliamentary affairs minister. It was done in view of the inaugural Assembly session for oath of legislators.

Eight more ministers could thus be accommodated, as per Constitutional provision which prescribes that the total number of ministers, including the CM, in the council of ministers shall not exceed 15 per cent of the total number of Assembly members. Jharkhand assembly has 81 elected members.

Sources said that from JMM camp, six MLAs will be inducted in Cabinet while two ministerial posts will be given to Congress. However, Congress is demanding three more berths in Cabinet.

Sources said the JMM and the Congress leadership are still to finalise the number of berths they would share. Besides its two legislators having sworn in as ministers along with CM, the Congress wants three more berths. But the JMM is keen on giving only two more berths. Soren has proposed a formula of one berth for every four party legislators. JMM has 30 legislators while Congress has 16.

CM calls upon youth to donate blood voluntarily



Chief Minister Hemant Soren donates blood during inaugural ceremony of 'Donate Blood Save Life' organized by Sona Sobharan Memorial Society at First Mark Public School Bariatu, in Ranchi on Monday

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Hemant Soren today inaugurated the 'DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIFE' programme, organized at First Mark Public School Bariatu, Ranchi run by Sona Sobharan Memorial Society. During the programme the CM said, "Blood donation should be done three to four times a year by a healthy per-

son. Donating blood has a good effect on health. But due to lack of clear government policy on blood donation, there remains dilemma in people's minds about blood donation. Four core units of blood which is about 250 cc are required in the country," said Hemant Soren. "Blood donation is a safe and healthy tradition."

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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.

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

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 Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of doing "dirty politics" over Shaheen Bagh protest, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor 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, Shah dared him to visit at Shaheen Bagh so that people of Delhi can decide whom they should vote in



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

Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Assembly election. "The Delhi Police has booked Sharjeel Imam, a JNU student, on sedition charge for his comment of

trying to cut the chicken's neck and break the northeast 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 northwest 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 also alleged that the BJP does not want to open the Shaheen Bagh stretch of the Kalindi Kunj road where anti-CAA protests 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 (election day) and it will open 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

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Administration promises better education to all

30 freedom fighters felicitated

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

The city celebrated nation's 71st Republic Day with patriotic fervour. Deputy commissioner of East Singhbhum, Ravi Shankar Shukla unfurled the Tricolour at the function organised by the district administration at Gopal Maidan in Bistupur on Sunday.

Dignitaries like East Singhbhum SSP Anoop Birtaray; DDC B. Maheshwari and other officials from the government department were present at the Gopal Maidan.

Republic Day parade were presented by Rapid Action Force (RAF), Jharkhand



Students of about 40 government schools participated in the Republic Day celebrations at Gopal Maidan.

Tata Steel celebrates Republic Day

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Tata Steel vice president (safety, health and sustainability) Sanjiv Paul unfurled the Indian Tricolour at Tata Steel Works, where the company's security, fire brigade, NCC and dog squad took part in the parade.

“It is a pride moment for the nation. On the first Republic Day in 1950, Jehangir Ghandy hoisted the national flag here. In all these years, from being the first steel plant of the country, Tata Steel has come a long way. Tata Steel has always believed in a clean and green India,” he said.

He added the city has been strongly focused during the last one year in improving the quality of life of people of Jamshedpur. “Better roads and infrastructure have been developed or the slew of social, cultural and sports activities that have been brought to the city is truly remarkable,” he added.

working towards better schools, quality education, and other schemes.

“We are trying to ensure that even the last person in remote areas can benefit from government schemes,” said Shukla.

He also added about

R-Day celebrated with patriotic fervour in Bokaro

PNS ■ BOKARO

National flag was unfurled amidst various cultural functions on the occasion of Republic Day. The day was observed with great patriotism across Bokaro district on Sunday.

Many colorful events organised at schools, offices, clubs and other places including district administrative office, JAP, BIADA, Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), Vedanta-Electrosteels Steels Limited (ESL), BCCL and CCLs units on the eve of this great national festival.

National flag was unfurled by the Deputy Commissioner Bokaro Mukesh Kumar at JAP ground. Many administrative officials and employees got facilitated on this eve for their outstanding contribution and devotion to work. About 16 colourful tableaux with varied themes rolled down in which District Information and Public Relations Department, Bokaro



got the first place while DRDA got second position. Trophy was awarded by DC Bokaro on this eve.

CEO of Vedanta-Electrosteels Steels, Pankaj Malhan unfurled the national flag in plant premises. Speaking on the occasion Malhan urges all mass to work not only for your personnel and profession goals but also towards fulfilling Dr Ambedkar and Gandhiji's vision for developed and self-sufficient India. “We all must take responsibility and com-

158 personnel from CISF, BSL Security and Fire Services personnel were awarded

about the future plans of the plant while addressing this eve. He reiterated the need of conserving water and exhorted all present to extend their support in this campaign.

Speaking on the occasion Shrivastava also acknowledged the contribution of different sections of the society in building and shaping the future of the steel plant and sought their continued support for the progress of the plant.

During the function, a total of 158 personnel from the CISF, BSL Security and Fire Services personnel were awarded the Prashasti Certificates by the chief guest for their outstanding contribution and devotion to duty.

A colourful cultural programme was also presented by students of BSL as well as public schools in the stadium followed by a tableau on Safety and Fire Services. Members of the Mahila Samiti distributed fruits among the patients on this eve.

Vedanta-ElectroSteels' T-10 cricket extravaganza kicks off



schedule to be concluded on 1 February, informed Vivek Anand PRO of the company.

Employees of various departments of the company will participate in the tournament, he said.

Beside a large number of officials and employees, company's Executive Officer S. Venkataraman, Abhishek Chhajjar, Sandeep Acharya, Deepak Anand, Hanuman Prasad Tiwari, Abhishek Kumar were present on the eve.

Low intensity bomb explodes in Garhwa

PNS ■ GARHWA

Low-intensity bomb exploded 15 minutes before unfurling the national flag on the premises of the Government Primary School Mahuatkar, just 50 meters from the Sadar Panchayat Secretariat, located in the headquarters of the Badgad block in Garhwa district on Sunday.

According to reports some people have suffered minor injuries in this incident. In the morning of 26 January, when the teachers and children of the school reached their school premises in the excitement of unfurling the national flag on Republic Day, the bomb was placed under the enclosure of some fixed bricks and stones inside the circle of the site of the scheduled flag.

Locals said that some children and school teacher Krishna Kumar have suffered minor injuries. The incident is about 8:05 in the morning. On receiving the information, Bargad OP in-charge Jag Narayan Sharma reached the spot.

Information related to this has been given to Bhandariya police station.

The Block Development Officer and the local Zilla Parishad members reached the school premises as soon as they received the information, after which the programme of Republic Day was convened by everyone.

SP Ashwani Kumar Sinha said, “It was a low intensity bomb. This is the work of anti-social elements, not of Naxalites. The police have started investigating the cases.”

Lohardaga limping back to normality

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

As normalcy is limping back to Lohardaga the pressure on the rescue and relief unit set up by the police and civil administrations in the wake of outbreak of communal violence on January 23 is easing down considerably. Sources said there come now less number of frantic calls for assistance.

IG Human Rights Navin Kumar Singh said, “We have set up a rescue cum relief unit here in Lohardaga. Senior police officers and civil officials keep monitoring this unit's response.”

The unit has come as a great friend for people of both the communities and it has also helped us to drive a point home that police force is dealing with the outbreak and its aftermath in an extremely professional manner and with transparent neutrality.

Singh said, “Our prime priority task is to place in calmness of life together between the communities and Lohardaga is well on this road. We need cooperation of all sections of people.”

He said “There is a long battery of police officers including IG Ops, DIG Ranchi, 5 SP rank officers, 15 DSPs, 100 sub inspectors, 2 companies of RAF, 2 companies of RAP etc doing round the clock work for fast restoration of peace and harmony here in this Lohardaga district.”

IG Ops Saket K Singh who handles multiple police departments like SIB (Special intelligence branch) STF (special task force) said the rescue and relief unit proved its worth in the great hour of uncertainty here after the eruption of communal disturbances.

IG Saket K Singh said, “I received a frantic call from a family seeking immediate help from us for passage of a cardiac patient from Amla Toli to Bhandra Bero for onward journey to RIMS Ranchi which our unit immediately responded to and the family with the cardiac patient was taken down by our cops to Bhandra Bero from Amla Toli for onward journey to Ranchi.”

Lohardaga SP Priyadarshi Alok said, “Our rescue and relief unit reached a highly advanced pregnant Muslim woman to hospital whose family had sought help from us. The family now is too happy.”

He further said, “I and my cops took out 30 students coming from all the three communities the Hindus, the Muslims and the Christians of Lieven Academy and dropped each of them at their home door with a big smile. Their parents were overwhelmed with our services.”

A Hindu resident of Lohardaga (name withheld on his request) said, “There be peace meets at every street corner of the town and there the two (read the Hindus and the Muslims) will surely vent their spleen and that will purge them of their anger, grievance and anguish against each other.”

Similarly a Muslim of Lohardaga town (name withheld) said “The religious heads of both the communities be brought on one desk and they be first counseled to give all of us saner suggestions and not contaminated opinions.”

Both the residents wanted early ‘functioning’ of their respective places of worship like puja path in the temples and namaz in the mosque.

Strategically important bridge inaugurated

PNS ■ BOKARO THERMAL

Bokaro Thermal power station's Chief engineer and project head Kamlash Kumar on Sunday inaugurated a strategically important Swami Vivekananda bridge in Bokaro thermal and Kathara area of Bokaro district that will help in smooth mobility of local residents in the Bokaro thermal and Kathara areas.

The bridge, near the BTPS, has been built under Project of 500 MW of power plant of A-project, said Dy CE, Arun Kumar. The project head said that the road and bridge are lifeline of Bokaro thermal and its surrounding areas and play a vital role in the development of remote areas. It will be opened for the people of Bokaro thermal after ten days due to some official civil work, added the CE&, Project Head.

The 1,500-metre Konar Bridge in Bokaro thermal is the longest constructed by the Rites Company and it uses the precast segment technology, a DyCE added. Built at a cost of Rs 114 crore, the bridge is on Bokaro thermal-Kathara road over Konar River.

The bridge will provide smooth connectivity for residents during the monsoon season and is vital for mobility of coal transportation in the coal-fields areas, the Civil Dy CE Arun Kumar said.



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3. वैसे समाजिक कार्यकर्ता जो जैविक सम्पदा को बचाने के प्रति गंभीर चिन्ता रखते हो एवं इस विषय की समझ रखते हैं।
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5. महिला, अनुसूचित जाति, अनुसूचित जन जाति का प्रतिनिधित्व होना अनिवार्य है। उपरोक्त अहर्ता रखने वाले व्यक्ति आम-सभा में ससमय भाग लेना सुनिश्चित करेंगे ताकी पलामू जिला परिषद स्तर पर जैव विविधता प्रबंधन समिति के गठन हेतु सदस्यों का चयन किया जा सके।

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CCL celebrates Republic Day

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Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD), Central Coalfield Limited, Gopal Singh hoisted the Tricolour at Mahatma Gandhi Krindangan, Gandhinagar, Ranchi to mark the celebration of 71st Republic Day. Singh also hoisted the Tricolour at Kayakalp public school, Bukru in Ranchi.

Director (Tech/Oprns) VK Srivastava, Director Tech (P&P), Bhola Singh, Director(Finance) NK Aggarwal, DIG, CISF SS Mishra, General Managers and HODs from CCL headquarters, Doctors, representatives of the trade union, retired employees and other stakeholders were present to grace the occasion. Arpta Club president Pramila Singh was also present to grace the occasion. Most of the directors were present along with their family.

CMD, CCL inspected the parade comprising CCL security

ty personnel, CISF Jawans, SISF Jawans, Army Band, students of DAV Gandhinagar, Gyanodaya School. Tricolor balloons were released by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries.

Singh, in his address, touched on a range of topics including how the development scenario in the country has changed since independence and how the constitution

was implemented. He also talked about the importance of coal which is meeting energy requirement of nation. He reiterated the objective of CCL is an overall development of villagers, downtrodden and workforce for inclusive growth. Singh talked about the achievements of the company in various spheres and the future objectives it aims to achieve.



Republic Day celebrated with fervour across State

GOVERNOR, CM HOIST NATIONAL FLAG IN RANCHI AND DUMKA

PNS ■ RANCHI/DUMKA

Nation's 72nd Republic Day was celebrated with fervour across the State on Sunday. CM Hemant Soren unfurled the national flag in Dumka, while Governor Droupadi Murmu saluted the tricolor at Morhabadi ground in the State Capital.



Chief Minister Hemant Soren unfurled the national flag during the Republic Day celebrations in Dumka on Sunday. Pioneer Photo



Governor Droupadi Murmu along with Chief secretary DK Pandey, DGP Kamal Nayan Chaubey and others takes salute after hosting the national flag during the Republic Day celebrations at Morahabadi ground in Ranchi on Sunday. Ratan Lal | Pioneer Photo

Republic Day speech at Morhabadi Ground the Governor greeted the people of the State and paid homage to the freedom fighters of the nation. She said that the day was to take pledge to build a strong nation. She said that by the energy of youths and women empowerment the people of the nation can not only build a strong country but also make a healthy society, which focuses

of development of one and all. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Hemant Soren hoisted the national flag at police line grounds in the State sub-capital in Dumka on Sunday. The CM reiterated government's commitment towards fighting fear, hunger, corruption, crime and extremism. Soren elaborated steps being taken to bring about prosperity in the Santhal Pargana region.

The CM inspected the Republic Day parade along with DIG Raj Kumar Lakra, Dy Commissioner Rajeshwari B and Dumka SP Y.S. Ramesh in the district. Soren in his speech, spoke about various odds confronting the nation and the State. "The challenges to sustain a free democracy have increased with external forces and their conspiracies. We

need to remain united and fight them together," he said. He also gave a strong message while addressing the people of the State stating that the law does not entitle anyone to take the law in hand. "The government will deal strictly against those who do so. The administration will work sensitively. At the same time, our government will deal strictly

with the elements that spoil the peace of the State," he said.

"I am heartbroken by the incident of Chaibasa and Lohardagga. I appeal to every resident of the State to speak out under the rights given by the Constitution. Everyone has the right to speak his words. Everyone has the right to live according to their tradition and culture. The Constitution of India gives everyone the right to live life according to their religion sect language tradition and culture. The CM said that this State will run according to the provisions of the Constitution and the decision of the Supreme Court. No one can be empowered to challenge the Constitution; no one can be allowed to commit violence. The government will act strictly against those who spoil the peace of the State, he added.

The CM said that neither our Govt will bow before the crowd, nor any crowd will be allowed to act arbitrarily. Later various schools and artists of Information department and other cultural organisations presented colourful cultural programmes on the occasion.

INBRIEF

R-DAY AT SURENDRANATH CENTENARY SCHOOL

The 71st Republic Day celebration was held with great zeal in the school on January 26. Principal Samita Sinha hoisted the national flag and reminded the children about their rights and duties and urged them to save the resources of the country and be responsible citizens. A skit on the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi was presented by students of class III to V. Senior English teacher Satish Kumar said that Vision 2020 is the plan designed by former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and we must try to fulfill his dream.



DVM SCHOOL KAMDE OBSERVES REPUBLIC DAY

DVM School Kamde celebrated Republic Day with great pomp and show. The chief guest former State Secretary of Congress Aditya Vikram Jaiswal unfurled the national flag. "There is no dearth of talent within us and one must do something with utter dedication. We must understand the things of national importance and read the Preamble and the Constitution," said Jaiswal. Students presented various cultural programmes. School Director Prem Singh, foundation members Arun Prasad, Shubham Yadav, teachers Kriti Pradhan, Kajal Gupta and others were present on the occasion.



REPUBLIC DAY AT CMPDI

On the occasion of 71st Republic Day, after hoisting the National Flag, Shekhar Saran, CMD, CMPDI addressing the employees of CMPDI said that CMPDI had drilled 8.91 lakh meter up to Dec 2019 against the MoU target of 14 lakh meter and hoped to achieve the MoU target. On this occasion, a large number of CMPDI officials were present apart from R.N. Jha, D(T/RD&T/CRD) and Sumeet Kumar Sinha, CVO, CMPDI. Saran said that Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India had been providing commendable assistance to CMPDI and would be providing a fund of Rs.700 crore under Central Sector Scheme during FY 2020-21 to expedite exploration and make available the coal blocks with requisite data to the Ministry of coal for its development through allotment.



MECON CELEBRATES R-DAY

The 71st Republic Day was celebrated with gaiety & fervor at MECON Stadium. The celebration commenced with the customary unfurling of the National flag by Atul Bhatt, Chairman & Managing Director, MECON followed by the National Anthem. Salil Kumar, Director (Projects) unfurled the National Flag at MECON Office. To mark the occasion, RH Juneja, Director (Finance), SK Verma, Director (Commercial), UK Kedia, CVO were present along with other eminent dignitaries. Atul Bhatt, CMD MECON spoke about the sanctity of the occasion and highlighted MECON's contribution towards nation building.



SARLA BIRLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

The 71st Republic Day was celebrated at Sarala Birla Public School on 26th January 2020. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity. The day commenced with the hoisting of the national flag. The students saluted the National Flag and pledged to uphold the honour and dignity of the country. Then the students of the four houses marched in their colourful house uniforms rhythmically to the drum beats played by the school band. The students of the pre-primary wing brought the stage alive with their passion and love for the motherland through their patriotic song. A cricket match between the teachers and students was also organised. The Teachers' Group was successful in grabbing the winners' trophy.



DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Republic Day celebrations were held with great enthusiasm at DPS Ranchi with the Principal Dr Ram Singh unfurling the national flag. Students presented parades an various cultural programmes like patriotic songs, skits and speeches. "This day reminds us of the struggle of the freedom fighters and founders of the Indian Constitution. Students should take the responsibility, treasure it and put it into practice which will bring prosperity and happiness for all," said Singh.



CAMBRIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Vice Principal of the school Ujjwal Kumar unfurled the national flag during the Republic Day celebrations at the school. "Unity, integrity, harmony and goodwill are the characteristics and beauty of the India democracy and we should always strive to fulfill our duties," said Kumar. Various cultural programmes were also organised on the occasion.



Rajesh Singh retains RPC president post

Pintu Dubey elected vice president, Akhilesh secretary

PNS ■ RANCHI

Incumbent president of Ranchi Press Club Rajesh Singh retained his post in the Ranchi Press Club managing committee elections here on Monday. A total of 724 scribes voted to choose its 15 member Managing Committee for Ranchi Press Club on Monday in the State Capital. There were a total of 866 valid voters. Till the time of filing the report the results for the posts of president, vice president, General Secretary, Treasurer and Joint Secretary were declared.



Rajesh Kumar Singh shows victory sign after retaining the post of Ranchi Press Club President in Ranchi on Monday. Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

Counting for the posts of executive committee members was going on at the time of filing of this report. Pintu Dubey was elected as vice president, Akhilesh Singh was elected as General Secretary, Javed Akhtar was elected as Joint Secretary and Jaishankar Kumar was elected as Treasurer. The press club election execution committee made some rules to execute smooth and peaceful elections it was mandatory to bring identity card issued by Press Club. There were total eight booths for voting. Booth number 1 to 4 was in the conference hall on the first floor and booth number 5 to 8 is in the parking area. Voting was held from 8 am to 3 pm. A total of 6 ballot papers were given to every voter. There were five different

coloured ballots for the five office bearers, while the sixth ballot was for the members of the executive. Two ballot boxes were kept at each booths - one for office bearers and the other for executive members. After voting, five ballots with officials were put in the first box and sixth ballot with members in the second box. Use of pamphlets, pamphlets, hoardings for campaigning and any kind of gathering to influence voters was completely banned. While conducting the electoral process, the election officer had full right to change the rules, programmes according to his judicial discretion as per time and situation.

Rabri Devi, Misa meet Lalu at RIMS

Former Bihar CM also calls upon CM

PNS ■ RANCHI

Former Chief Minister of Bihar and wife of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) Supremo Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi along with RJD's Rajya Sabha MP and daughter of Lalu Prasad, Misa Bharti arrived Ranchi to meet the incarcerated leader on Monday. Lalu Prasad is convicted in the fodder scam and undergoing treatment at Rajendra Institute of Medical Science (RIMS). The mother-daughter met Lalu after special permission from the jail authorities to know his health condition. Rabri Devi has undergone eye surgery in Delhi just few days earlier. Later in the Day the mother-daughter duo also met Jharkhand Chief Minister



Former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi and her daughter Misa Bharti meets Chief Minister Hemant Soren in Ranchi on Monday. Pioneer Photo

Hemant Soren, who welcomed them and said that he was happy to meet the former Bihar CM. "She is a guardian like figure and meeting her was really good," said Soren. Yadav had appeared before the special court on January 16 in an illegal withdrawal case of Rs 139 crores from Doranda Treasury attached to Fodder Scam and his statement was

recorded. Prasad has been convicted in four cases of Fodder Scam. He has been in jail since December 2017. He is undergoing treatment for several diseases at RIMS. On December 23, 2017, he was sentenced to three and a half years in the case of illegal withdrawal of Rs 84.53 lakh from Deoghar treasury. On March 24, 2018, Prasad was

sentenced to 7-7 years in 2 different sections in the case of illegal withdrawal of Rs 3.13 crore from Dumka treasury, while also imposing a fine of 60 lakhs. On October 3, 2013, in the case of illegal withdrawal of Rs 37.7 crore and Rs 33.67 crore from Chaibasa treasury has been sentenced to five years each. All these three sentences of Lalu are going on simultaneously. Lalu is suffering from uncontrolled diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic kidney disease (stage three), fatty liver, hyper uremia, kidney stone, prostate, he said. Yadav met his family members in the last few months besides leaders of several parties including Sharad Yadav, Hemant Soren, Subodh Kant Sahay, Shatrughan Sinha, Sitaram Yechury, Shakeel Ahmed, Upendra Kushwaha, Jitanram Manjhi and others.

RMC focus on cleanliness in Capital City

PNS ■ RANCHI

The board meeting of the Ranchi Municipal Corporation was chaired by the Mayor Asha Lakra in the State Capital on Monday. The meeting which is conducted on a monthly basis was last held in October 2019 and with the model code of conduct being imposed in the months of November and December, this was the first since a new government has come to power.



Ranchi Mayor Asha Lakra addresses board members during the RMC Board meeting in Ranchi on Monday. Ratan Lal | Pioneer

"During the meeting it was discussed how the cleanliness in the City can be maintained. It was decided that for cleaning the drains and roads across the City the number of vehicles will be increased. The four zones will now be equipped with such vehicles especially for cleaning the clogged drains as it has been observed that it is difficult to reach inside the covered drains which will be cleaned through pipes. Attempts are being made to hire such machines," said the Mayor. The Ranchi Mayor further said that the civic body plans to take initiatives keeping the upcoming summer season in mind. "With the summer season approaching RMC will

ensure that the residents do not face any water crisis this year. The underground boring done by RMC will surely be done along with the funds received by the corporation which can be used by the various wards for their betterment and also to fight issues like water scarcity or any other concerns expect roads." "Recently as many as 42,000 LED lights were installed

and more have been received by the body which will in the coming week be used across the various wards with no street lights. It was also decided that rain water harvesting should be taken seriously. People across Ranchi have been issued notices which the residents are following. Houses made on more than 3,000 square feet of land need to implement this and the city residents have been informed about the same," added the official. "The wages of the cleanliness staff and other workers under RMC have been raised to Rs 314 per day which will encourage them to carry on with their work. A committee will also be formed which will decide what steps can be taken to bring an improvement in their daily lives as per the guidelines of the corporation.

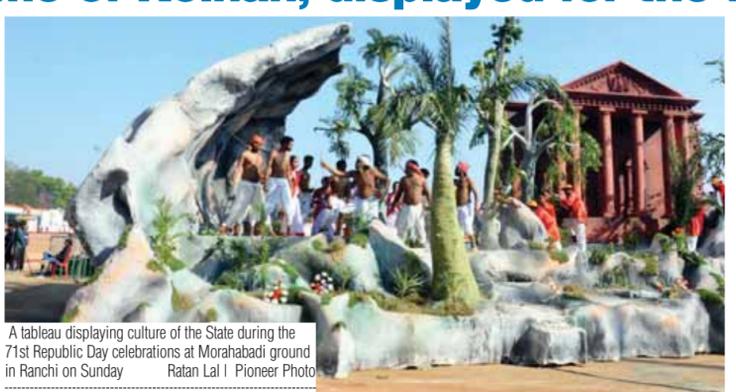
Colourful tableaux at R-Day parade enthuse audiences

Sekor, traditional game of Kolhan, displayed for the first time

PNS ■ RANCHI

In an attempt to convey social messages to society, various departments presented colourful tableaux at Republic Day celebration at Morhabadi ground in State capital on Sunday. Governor Droupadi Murmu was the Chief Guest on the occasion along with other dignitaries. The tableaux showcased the traditions and culture of Jharkhand, while the Tana Bhagat community displayed their beliefs in the non-violence. The Jharkhand Jaguar Police exhibited country's Satyagraha non violent movement against the British rule in their tableaux. Economic importance of bamboo, Birsa movement, rain water harvesting was also showcased by various departments in their tableaux. The Small Scale and Cottage Industries Department was awarded the first prize. The second prize was given to the Department of Tourism, Art and Culture while the Information and Public

Relations Department and the Forest and Climate Change Department received the third prize jointly. Amidst slogans like 'where there is bamboo, there is breath', 'plant bamboo, earn money' and 'plant bamboo, save environment' the Small Scale and Cottage Industries Department showcased the importance of bamboo in Jharkhand in its tableau. The Department of Tourism, Art and Culture presented the State's culture through various musical instruments like mandar, dhak, shehnai and ghungroo. The Birsa movement was shown through the tableau of the Information and Public Relations Department. The artists displayed the people's struggle against problems related to economic, social, cultural, land and religion. The importance of rain water harvesting and preserving it in homes, schools and offices was depicted through artifacts in the tableau of the Forest and Climate Change Department while the



A tableau displaying culture of the State during the 71st Republic Day celebrations at Morahabadi ground in Ranchi on Sunday. Ratan Lal | Pioneer Photo

Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation emphasised on the importance of women and the importance of canal farming. For the first time, the local game of the Kolhan region 'sekor' was showcased in the State's Republic Day celebrations by the Sports Department in its tableau. The game associated with the traditions of the tribal society has seven players in each team and consists to a

wooden 'lattu' tied to a rope and thrown vigorously and thrown on the ground. The Department of Women and Child Welfare highlighted on the importance of model Anganwadi centres from conception to child birth in its tableau. The tableau of School Education and Literacy Department had school children and teachers showing the changing steps of education with digital education and children's rights. The Jharkhand State Khadi and Village Industries Board presented a tableau with Bapu's statue and a charkha. It showed how khadi has changed with time and it is not just a textile but an ideology. A tableau with girls and women showcasing women empowerment and the need to break the cycle of malnutrition was presented by the Tejaswini Club. The model of the State

Election Commission showed voters' awareness campaigns in schools, colleges and offices. The tableau of the Rural Development Department showcased the Swalamban Scheme and stated that the development of a state or country is determined by the development of the village women. The Department of Energy in its tableau showed how solar energy can be used to provide electricity to homes, water fields and also power street lights in places where there are electricity problems. The model of the Department of Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare featured hospital facility given to women during delivery and also highlighted about the Sparsh Malnutrition Awareness campaign from January 30 to February 13. The Department of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry through a colourful tableau highlighted the various schemes given to farmers to increase their income, capacity building and the new techniques introduced.

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BJP delegation to meet Prez over law and order

PNS ■ RANCHI

A BJP delegation from State comprising its Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members will meet President Ram Nath Kovind on January 30 appraising him about deteriorating law and order condition in State. The delegation will inform the President about killing of seven tribals by pro Pathalgadi supporters at Burugulikera village in Chibasa last week and the recent communal tension in Lohardaga and Giridih over CAA and others.

BJP's Rajya Sabha member, Samir Oroan said, "On January 30 around 15 BJP members which includes its Lok Sabha

and Rajya Sabha members along with executive members will meet the President highlighting the deteriorating law and order condition in State." Oroan said, "In the name of Pathalgadi some people are creating disturbance in State. These so called Pathalgadi supporters are against elected government, democracy and constitution."

Targeting Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Oroan said, "Chief Minister Soren during his recent visit to Burugulikera village had said that those who were killed in the incident and those who killed both are our people. It shows that CM is with the murderers and pro-

Government for not announcing any compensation for victim family members. The BJP leader also attacked State Government for having a soft approach on pro pathalgadi supporters. BJP national president JP Nadda after the incident had constituted a six member delegation comprising MPs across the country to visit the incident site, but the delegation was stopped from entering the village. The police stopped the delegation stating that section 144 was clamped in the area, later the BJP delegation sat on dharna at Sonua police

Next day on Friday, the BJP delegation sat on dharna outside Raj Bhavan demanding immediate intervention of Governor on the issue. In its first decision, the Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand on Sunday decided to drop all cases filed against supporters of the Pathalgadi movement in 2017 and 2018. The Pathalgadi movement began in 2017 when stone plaques and signboards were placed in over 200 villages of Jharkhand. The stone orders dismissed the authority of the Central or the state governments in their villages. The BJP delegation will

also highlight about escalating communal tension in State over CAA issue. The BJP leader said, "Some people are trying to create communal tension in State. These people are targeting Pro CAA members and such type of violence has occurred in Giridih and Lohardaga."

Violence erupted on Thursday in Lohardaga town after a march, supporting the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and National Population Register (NPR), was taken out by members of Vishva Hindu Parishad during which stones were allegedly thrown while it was passing through Amla Toli.

INBRIEF

RANCHI RAILWAY DIVISION UNFURLS TRICOLOUR

Divisional Railway Manager of Ranchi Neeraj Ambastha unfurled the national flag at Durga Puja ground in Hatia on the occasion of 71st Republic Day. On this occasion, Additional Divisional Railway Manager Infra Ajit Singh Yadav, Additional Divisional Railway Manager OP MM Pandit, Senior Divisional Operations Manager cum Chief Public Relations Officer Neeraj Kumar, a large number of officers and employees were present. Senior Divisional Safety Commissioner Maheshwar Singh led the parade. On this occasion, the Divisional Railway Manager also announced the award to cultural organizations presenting excellent programs and all the departments that made the event successful.



TAURIAN WORLD SCHOOL OBSERVES R-DAY

Republic day celebration at Taurian world School was celebrated with all solemnity and grandeur. Principal Dr. Subhash Kumar hoisted the National flag and addressed students to uphold the honor of this country's integrity, diversity and uniqueness. Staff members and students sang the national anthem in unison. Dr. Subhash Kumar, in his speech sent his wishes for the day and hailed our Indian soldiers who had sacrificed their life for freedom. He emphasized the purpose of framing the constitution of India and highlighted responsibilities of each and every citizen. Cultural Programme was organized in the campus where whole campus joined in singing and dancing through patriotic songs.



BLOOD DONATION AT IIM RANCHI

Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi celebrated 'Republic day' by hoisting flag at its campus, located in Pundag. Faculty members led by Prof. Dr. Shaileendra Singh and the staff gathered at the new campus to unfurl the tricolored national flag and celebrated by singing a patriotic song to cherish their patriotism and pride. Samarpan, a club of IIM Ranchi also organised a blood donation camp at the Khealgau Hostel where students participated in huge numbers for the noble cause. Along with this, SOUL - a special-interest group at IIM Ranchi, inaugurated a Premier League to promote and celebrate Gender Equality, teams of both girls and boys are made to play the matches in the tournament.



BIT MESRA ORGANISES FLAG HOISTING

National Service Scheme (NSS) organised a Prabhath Pheri in Birla Institute of technology on the eve of Republic Day. Flag hoisting was done by Vice-Chancellor of the institute, Dr. S. Konar. While addressing the students Dr. S. Konar marked the importance of patriotism, Clean BIT Campus initiative, and the academic developments of the institute. The Vice-Chancellor awarded ranks to Under Officer Pramola Shiv Lalita, Under Officer Kumar Abhishek and Under Officer Mohammad Farooq as the Best SW Cadets, Sergeant Rupesh Kumar as the Best in Respective Rank and Senior Officer Sanjeevan Singha Roy as the Overall Best Cadet, for their services to NCC and to the college.



Tribal sub-plan seminar focuses on development of indigenous people

A national Seminar on Tribal Sub Plan for Jharkhand State was held on January 24 and 25, Ranchi. The programme organised by Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute witnessed national level senior bureaucrats from across nation and State along with many Civil Society representatives, academicians, etc. The two-day programme was set to draft an outlay on Tribal Sub Plan with its objectives, planning, participation, monitoring, evaluation and filling its gaps to make effective implementation. The seminar started with context setting and inauguration session by G Vinay Kumar Nayak, Principal Secretary, Government of Karnataka; Rajashekar Vundru (IAS), Principal Secretary, Government of Haryana and Ratan Tirkey, Ex-Member TAC, GoJ. Welcome address was made and facilitated by Ranendra Kumar, Director TRI, Jharkhand. "For the first time in Jharkhand, People from all across the country have come together for the purpose of tribal and their development. Huge amount of money is vested in it but due to lot of diversion in this field the amount isn't inacted accordingly," said Jhonson Topno, State Manager at PHIA Foundation. The proposed Tribal sub-plan for Jharkhand was made under the Tribal Welfare Research Institute that took an initiative to draft a proper a bill for planning, allocation and utilisation of financial resources. This bill was tabled in the seminar in order to get feedbacks and suggestions from the audience. "Inclusions of more and more tribals in such committee that works for the development of such people must be made mandatory. We need to understand the core values of tribal and their attachment towards, Water, forest and land. Non-tribals can be only assuming their needs from a broader perspective. But we need more people who plan, implement and develop for themselves," said Dr. Namisha Wahi, Fellow, Centre for Policy Research; Founding Director, Land Rights Initiative. C.R Bijoy emphasized on the kind of mechanism that would be appropriate for the tribal people. The PESA represents the kind of basic structure that needs to be implemented. The development for the tribal people must be incorporated in the state. Any law that existed must be harmonized with state and central laws. North east is an example of literacy rate among all tribal people in the country. The concluding session on the first day was chaired by Balram, Former Advisor to Commissioners to Supreme Court and for second day it was Ranendra Kumar (IAS), Director at Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute.



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न्यायालय - प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, धनबाद वन प्रमण्डल।

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि वनबाद संख्या- 3598/19 में जप्त की गई स्विपट डिजायर कार निबंधन संख्या- UP44AF-4242 के विरुद्ध अधिहरण वाद संख्या- 03/2019 प्रारम्भ की गई है। वाहन के कागजातों के अनुसार उक्त वाहन, मालिक का नाम- शानु, पिता- तारा बाबु, साकिम- विवेक नगर, सिविल लाइन, सुलतानपुर, राज्य- उत्तर प्रदेश पिन नं०- 228001 पर निबंधित है। इस अधिहरण वाद में वाहन मालिक को स्पीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से पत्राचार द्वारा सुनवाई की तिथि 08.01.2020 को उपस्थित होने एवं अपना पक्ष रखने हेतु नोटिस भेजा गया था जो पोस्ट ऑफिस द्वारा पता अपूर्ण होने के कारण व्यक्त करते हुए वापस किया गया है।

अतः बजरिए इस नोटिस के माध्यम से नाम- शानु, पिता- तारा बाबु, साकिम- विवेक नगर, सिविल लाइन, सुलतानपुर, राज्य- उत्तर प्रदेश पिन नं०- 228001 अथवा अन्य कोई व्यक्ति जो वाहन संख्या- UP44AF-4242 से संबंधित है, को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक- 08.02.2020 के पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, धनबाद वन प्रमण्डल के न्यायालय कक्ष में आप स्वयं एवं अधिवक्ता के माध्यम से उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष रखें तथा कारण पृच्छा समर्पित करें अन्यथा अधिहरण वाद संख्या- 03/2019 के अन्तर्गत एक पक्षीय आधार पर कार्रवाई करते हुये आपका वाहन निबंधन संख्या- UP44AF-4242 को राज्यसात करने के संबंध में निर्णय ले लिया जायेगा।

प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी धनबाद वन प्रमण्डल।

P.R.224439 Forest, Environment and Climate Changes(19-20):D

Govt. of Jharkhand Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department Office of the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Palamu, Medininagar

Notice Inviting Tender For Purchase of Galvanized Barbed Wire Short Tender Notice No. 01/2019-20 (To be published in newspaper)

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Palamu, Medininagar under Government of Jharkhand intends to purchase the above mentioned article for use in Departmental Afforestation Program. Therefore tenders are invited from Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) situated in Jharkhand State and registered for manufacturing of galvanized barbed wire to supply it. Interested agencies may obtain the Tender Paper from office of the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Palamu, Medininagar, Van Bhawan, Kutchary Road, Medininagar (Jharkhand). Tel-06562-222100 during office hours in working days. Detailed term and conditions may be obtained from office of the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Palamu, Medininagar during office hour.

S.No.	Particular of Material	Specification of the Material	Quantity of Material	Supply Destinations
1	Galvanized Barbed Wire	4 point, 2 ply 12 swg, 15cm apart	76.50 Metric Ton	Palamu/Garhwa/Latehar (Territorial Divisions area)

Schedule of Events

Date of start of sale of tender documents : 30.01.2020 10:00 AM
 Date of end of sale of tender documents : 14.02.2020 12:00 PM
 Last date & Closing Time for Submission of Bids : 14.02.2020 01:00 PM
 Date & Time for opening of bid : 14.02.2020 03:00 PM
 Place of Purchase, Submission & Opening of bids : RCCF Office, Van Bhawan Palamu, Medininagar, (Jharkhand). PIN - 822101
 Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Palamu, Medininagar.

P.R.224432 Forest, Environment and Climate Changes(19-20):D

झारखण्ड सरकार, श्रम, नियोजन एवं प्रशिक्षण विभाग, जिला नियोजनालय, कोडरमा

"भर्ती कैम्प से सम्बंधित सूचना"

जिला नियोजनालय, कोडरमा द्वारा दिनांक : 29.01.2020 को पूर्वाह्न 10:30 बजे से अपराह्न 03:30 बजे तक कार्यालय परिसर में एक दिवसीय "भर्ती कैम्प" का आयोजन किया जा रहा है, जिसमें निजी क्षेत्र के निम्नलिखित प्रतिष्ठानों द्वारा योग्य उम्मीदवारों का चयन किया जायेगा :-

S. No	Name of Establishment	Name of post	No. of Post	Required Qualification	Exp.	Age	Salary
01	Abilities India Piston & Rings Limited, Delhi	Trainee Operator	100	12 th /ITI (Fitter, Turner, Molder & All Automotive	-----	18+	8300/9300 (8hrs) Salary Increase - 6 Months on Company Payroll
02	BSA Corporation Limited, Pune, India,	Neem Trainee	150	Diploma (Mechanical / Electrical /Automobiles)	Fresher	18-25	11000 P.M
03	Global Balpan School, Rajdhanwar, Giridih,	Teacher	11	12 th Pass	Teaching	18-35	6K- 8K P.M. + Loading

योग्य एवं इच्छुक आवेदक जो पूर्व से किसी भी नियोजनालय में निबंधित नहीं हैं, वे अपने निकटतम नियोजनालय में अथवा अपना निबंधन कराते हुए उपरोक्त निर्धारित तिथि को भर्ती कैम्प में नियोजक/नियोजक के प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष अपने सभी शैक्षणिक प्रमाण पत्रों (एक छायाप्रति के साथ), नियोजनालय निबंधन कार्ड, पासपोर्ट साईज का फोटो एवं बायोडाटा (02 प्रतियों में) के साथ साक्षात्कार हेतु उपस्थित हो सकते हैं। साक्षात्कार पूर्वाह्न 10.30 बजे से अपराह्न 03.30 बजे तक होगा। रिक्तिपूर्ण निजी क्षेत्र की है, अतएव चयन प्रक्रिया में नियोजनालय का कोई हस्तक्षेप नहीं होगा। साक्षात्कार में उपस्थित होने के लिए किसी प्रकार का मार्ग व्यय देय नहीं होगा।

80 / जिला नियोजन पदाधिकारी जिला नियोजनालय, कोडरमा

PR 224446 (Labour Employment and Training)19-20#D

झारखण्ड सरकार झारखण्ड संयुक्त प्रवेश प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा पर्वद

विज्ञापन संख्या : जे.सी.ई.सी.ई.बी./86/18/- 13 , रॉकी/दिनांक: 27/01/2020

डिप्लोमा प्रवेश प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा (पारिषद प्रवेश)-2019 के परीक्षाफल के आधार पर Spot Counseling संबंधी सांकेतिक सूचना

पर्वद द्वारा आयोजित ऑनलाईन प्रथम एवं द्वितीय साक्षात्कार के उपरान्त राज्य के पोलिटिकल संस्थानों के डिप्लोमा अभियंत्रण पाठ्यक्रम अंतर्गत विभिन्न शाखाओं के द्वितीय वर्ष / तृतीय सेमेस्टर में रिक्त रह गये सीटों पर नामांकन हेतु अनुयायों के निमित्त, उच्च, तकनीकी शिक्षा एवं कौशल विकास विभाग, झारखण्ड, रॉकी (तकनीकी शिक्षा निदेशालय) के पत्रांक-विप्र0प्र0छा0ना-01/14-79/रॉकी दिनांक-24.01.2020 के आलोक में, डिप्लोमा प्रवेश प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा (पारिषद प्रवेश)-2019 के परीक्षाफल के आधार पर 02 दिनांक-24.01.2020 को पर्वद के अधिकृत वेबसाईट पर मारित (Upload) कर दिया गया है जिसमें निहित सभी शर्तें प्रभावी होंगी। संशय/दुविधा की स्थिति में पर्वद के दूरभाष सं. 9264473892/9264473893 पर सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

3. प्रथम एवं द्वितीय ऑनलाईन साक्षात्कार से अनुयायित अभ्यर्थियों की संस्थानवार/शाखावार/कोटिवा/कोटावार सूची पर्वद के अधिकृत वेबसाईट के डाउनलोड कॉलम में मारित (Upload) है। पोलिटिकल संस्थानों में नामांकित अभ्यर्थियों को एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि उनका नामांकन संबंधित सूची के अनुरूप नहीं है तो वे स्पोर्ट साक्षात्कार (Spot Counseling) में आवश्यक रूप से सम्मिलित हो कर अपने मेधा-सह-ईच्छानुसार संस्थान एवं/या शाखा का आवंटन करा लें।

Sl. No.	Category/Quota	CML Rank Range		PH/SMQ Rank Range		Counselling Date & Time
		From	To	From	To	
1.	PH Rank	-	-	1	26	31.01.2020/09:00 AM
2.	State CML Rank	1	2,833*	-	-	

[नोट:- * से अभिप्रेत है कि टंकणीय त्रुटिवाहक संख्या पूर्व में 2873 प्रख्यापित हो गया है। उसे इस हद तक संशोधित समाप्त किया जाय।]

2. यह केवल सांकेतिक सूचना है। साक्षात्कार के संबंध में सम्पूर्ण/विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु विज्ञापन सं. जे.सी.ई.सी.ई.बी./86/18-08 दिनांक- 24/01/2020 अवश्य देखें, जो पर्वद के अधिकृत वेबसाईट के Homepage पर Counseling कॉलम में जारी कर दिया गया है। विभागीय पत्रांक (तकनीकी शिक्षा निदेशालय) - विप्र0प्र0छा0ना-01/14-79/रॉकी दिनांक-24.01.2020 को पर्वद के अधिकृत वेबसाईट पर मारित (Upload) कर दिया गया है जिसमें निहित सभी शर्तें प्रभावी होंगी। संशय/दुविधा की स्थिति में पर्वद के दूरभाष सं. 9264473892/9264473893 पर सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

3. प्रथम एवं द्वितीय ऑनलाईन साक्षात्कार से अनुयायित अभ्यर्थियों की संस्थानवार/शाखावार/कोटिवा/कोटावार सूची पर्वद के अधिकृत वेबसाईट के डाउनलोड कॉलम में मारित (Upload) है। पोलिटिकल संस्थानों में नामांकित अभ्यर्थियों को एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि उनका नामांकन संबंधित सूची के अनुरूप नहीं है तो वे स्पोर्ट साक्षात्कार (Spot Counseling) में आवश्यक रूप से सम्मिलित हो कर अपने मेधा-सह-ईच्छानुसार संस्थान एवं/या शाखा का आवंटन करा लें।

80 / (दिलीप कुमार झा, माओप्रणेते) परीक्षा नियंत्रक

PR 224494 (Jharkhand Combined Entrance Competitive Examination Board)19-20#D

झारखण्ड सरकार वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग न्यायालय- प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, धनबाद वन प्रमण्डल। न्यायालय सूचना

नेशनल लोक अदालत दिनांक 08.02.2020 को धनबाद न्यायालय परिसर में सुलह होने योग्य न्यायालय में लम्बित वन वादों की सूची निम्नवत है-

क्र० सं०	वन वाद संख्या	अभियुक्त का नाम एवं पता	वन वाद का प्रकार	वाद का निस्तारण संबंधी जानकारी हेतु निर्धारित तिथि
1	3	4	5	6
1	BF-10/10	(1) नाम- बोदी मुर्मू, पिता- सहदेव मुर्मू, (2) नाम- तालर मुर्मू, पिता- सहदेव मुर्मू, (3) नाम- महाश्री सोरेन, पति- कलु सोरेन, साकिम- बड़बाद, टुण्डी, धनबाद।	अवैध पातन	
2	BF-19/12	(1) नाम- सिताराम होंसदा, पिता- दशरथ होंसदा, (2) नाम- धनेश्वर सोरेन, पिता- बिरल सोरेन, (3) नाम- गृही दुङ्ग, पिता- बाबुलाल दुङ्ग, (4) गृही किष्कू, पिता- अशिका किष्कू, साकिम- मालाडीह, थाना- निरसा, धनबाद।	चराई	
3	BF-21/12	(1) नाम- गणेश होंसदा, (2) नाम- मनोज होंसदा, पिता- सतवाला होंसदा, साकिम- बालुडीह, थाना- निरसा, जिला- धनबाद।	चराई	
4	BF-23/12	(1) नाम- ईश्वर मुर्मू, पिता- सुजन मुर्मू, (2) नाम- शिवलाल हेम्रम पिता- गोविन्द हेम्रम, पता- दुर्गापुर, थाना- निरसा, धनबाद।	चराई	
5	BF-04/13	(1) नाम- कसमाली मियां, पिता- स्या समदन मियां, (2) नाम- सिकन्दर मियां, पिता- स्या समदन मियां (3) नाम- सोमानी मियां, पिता- खानु मियां, साकिम- चालुवा, थाना- टुण्डी, धनबाद।	पातन	
6	BF-17/13	(1) नाम- संजय चौधरी, पिता- स्या बटुक चौधरी, साकिम- ताराजोरी, थाना- बरवाड्डा, धनबाद।	चराई	
7	BF-19/13	(1) नाम- उदेश्वर महतो, पिता- जानु महतो, (2) नाम- मूलेश्वर महतो, पिता- गिस्वारी महतो, साकिम- बरमसिया, थाना- बरवाड्डा, धनबाद।	चराई	
8	BF-20/13	(1) नाम- उमेश चौधरी, पिता- गनुस चौधरी, साकिम- ताराजोरी, थाना- बरवाड्डा, धनबाद।	चराई	
9	BF-46/13	(1) नाम- गोविन्द गोप महतो, पिता- ग्राम- नावाटंड, टुण्डी, धनबाद।	पातन	
10	BF-01/14	(1) नाम- लालमोहन उर्फ शिबू कुम्हार (2) नाम- बेबी कुम्हारिन, पति- हरिराम कुम्हार, साकिम- सुन्दर पहाड़ी, टुण्डी, धनबाद।	पातन	
11	BF-08/14	(1) नाम- हंडियाम कुम्हार, पिता- रामनाथ कुम्हार, (2) बेबी कुम्हार, (3) लालमोहन उर्फ शिबू कुम्हार, साकिम- सुन्दर पहाड़ी, टुण्डी, धनबाद। (4) अशोक कुम्हार, पिता- सहदेव कुम्हार, साकिम- दलदली, टुण्डी, धनबाद।	पातन	
12	BF-26/14	(1) नाम- मो० इशमाइल अंसारी, पिता- समसुदीन अंसारी, (2) नाम- मो० इमरान अंसारी, पिता- समसुदीन अंसारी, (3) नाम- मो० समसुदीन अंसारी पिता- सुलतान अंसारी, (4) नाम- सुमान अंसारी, पिता- सुलतान अंसारी, (5) नाम- मुना अंसारी, पिता- कमरुद्दीन अंसारी, (6) नाम- जम्बार अंसारी, पिता- साजन अंसारी, (7) नाम- गफुर अंसारी, पिता- रमजान अंसारी, (8) नाम- प्रयाग मण्डल, पिता- नकुल मण्डल, (9) नाम- लाल मोहन होंसदा, पिता- लोबो होंसदा, साकिम- महुआडबर, थाना-टुण्डी, जिला- धनबाद।	पातन	
13	BF-02/15	(1) नाम- अशोक कुम्हार, पिता- सहदेव कुम्हार, (2) नाम- बेबी कुम्हारिन, पिता- हाड़ीराम कुम्हार, (3) नाम- हाड़ीराम कुम्हार, पिता- रामनाथ कुम्हार, (4) नाम- शिबू कुम्हार, पिता- अंगीलाल कुम्हार, सा- दलदली, सुन्दर पहाड़ी, धनबाद।	पातन	
14	BF-C.P.-2586/16	(1) नाम- हरि सिंह, पिता- गांगा सिंह, साकिम- चरक, थाना-टुण्डी, जिला- धनबाद।	पातन	
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16	C.C.-574/16	(1) नाम- डालुराम महतो, पिता- स्या सहदेव महतो, (2) नाम- मुनेश्वर महतो, पिता- स्या पागल महतो, (3) नाम- भोला महतो, पिता- स्या बाबु महतो (4) नाम- मधुपुदन महतो, पिता- स्या बाबुलाल महतो, सर्वसाकिम- फूलजरा, टुण्डी, धनबाद।	पातन	
17	1345/18	विकास कुमार पिता- स्या आर० एन० प्रसाद जिला- सिनीडीह, थाना- कतरास, सा- धनबाद।	चराई	
18	C.P.-649/2019	(1) नाम- कालीपद मुर्मू, पिता- स्या शम्भु मुर्मू, ग्राम- शहरपुर, थाना- पूर्वी टुण्डी, जिला- धनबाद।	पातन	

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BJP slams Cong's double standards on Sami

Recalls PC's support for his citizenship

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

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

Addressing a Press conference here, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra said though Congress objection was based on Sami's father having served in Pakistani air force, the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance had in the past backed and feted the singer-musician who was invited to play Piano by the Congress Government on the occasion of 500 years of Taj Mahal, he said.

Patra took a dig at Congress saying if father's past is to cloud the present of anybody then 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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Patra said Sami's father was treated in India and even his book was released by an Indian

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

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

the party does not respect Muslim women from the region.

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

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

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

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

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

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

INSHORT

BJP WORKER'S DEATH: SC SEEKS WB REPLY

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

BOOK 'ATROCITY' RELEASED IN DELHI

New Delhi: BlueRose Publishers on Monday released a book 'Atrocity', written by Ann Alexander. The characters in the story just carry the mystery and make it much interesting. The story revolves around the main protagonist '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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jamsandekar was shot dead in his house on March 2, 2007 by two persons, allegedly hired by associates of Gawli who was 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 seeks more forces for forthcoming polls

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



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

The CAA has triggered a nationwide debate on whether the law violates the country's secular nature by excluding a particular religious group from its ambit, as has the iron-fisted approach adopted by police in some areas, including Delhi, to quell protests.

The law favours non-Muslim refugees from the Muslim-majority countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Sources in Delhi police said that heavy police deployment has been made Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, Karawal Nagar, Brijpuri, Bhajanpura, Seelampur, 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.

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

"It is offering platform to

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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".

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



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. The blockade, which started on

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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.

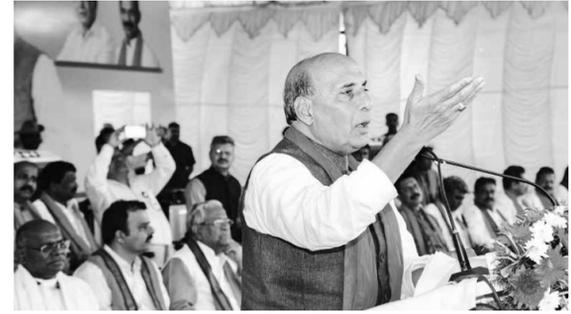
Anti-CAA resolutions constitutional blunder: Rajnath

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 "Rastradharm" 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

Thiruvananthapuram: Observing that the situation in coronavirus affected Wuhan province in China was worsening, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan Monday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to arrange for airlifting stranded Indians, including those from the southern state.

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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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI: 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 manufactures 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 Perumbavoreean 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.

EU's CAA move uncalled for, says Naidu

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of a 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 democ-

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

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

He said such efforts were totally uncalled for and unwarranted and expressed hope that they would refrain from making such statements in future.

Addressing the gathering after releasing the book "TRG-An Enigma" in New Delhi today, Naidu said as a mature republic and democratic polity, India capable of addressing the concerns of its citizens and needs no advice or guidance in such matters from others.

Asserting that our polity

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

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

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.

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

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

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

The investigations have revealed that in 1986, Mirchi had purchased three properties from Mohammad Yusuf Trust (MYT) for ₹ 6.5 lakh through his company M/s 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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NOTICE

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

- Un-audited Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) of the Company for the quarter ended December, 2019 and review limited review report of the Statutory Auditors for the publication as per SEBI LODR requirements.
- Quarterly Compliances/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 Borivali police in the metropolis for allegedly raping a minor girl several times after promising marriage and getting her pregnant, an official said on Monday.

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

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

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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 31.12.2018 Unaudited	3 Months ended 31.12.2019 Unaudited	9 Months ended 31.12.2019 Unaudited	3 Months ended 31.12.2018 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 before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)- from Discontinued Operation	-	6.54	(27.83)	-	6.54	(27.83)
6	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)-from Continuing Operation	0.27	(120.08)	50.31	7.54	(174.52)	0.13
7	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)- from Discontinued Operation	-	6.54	(27.83)	-	6.54	(27.83)
8	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	0.27	(113.54)	22.48	7.54	(167.98)	(27.70)
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 (₹)	0.00	(1.17)	0.49	0.07	(1.70)	0.00
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 (₹)	-	0.06	(0.27)	-	0.06	(0.27)
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 (₹)	0.00	(1.11)	0.22	0.07	(1.64)	(0.27)

Notes:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Quarterly/Nine months ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the Securities and Other Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Quarterly/Nine months ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.sunilhealthcare.com)
2 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.
3 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.
4 Consistent to decision taken by Board of Directors to phase out "marketing of Food product". The Company has discontinued the business and accordingly losses, assets and liabilities of the discontinued business has been disclosed separately.
5 The figures for the previous periods have been regrouped/rearranged, wherever considered necessary, to conform current period classifications.

Anil Khatian
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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 & <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 10.02.2020 upto 5.00 PM shall be opened/downloaded on dated 11.02.2020 at 11.00 AM

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

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

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

- To take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended 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

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

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

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Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (P&C)
Tel. No.022-26474211/022-26472131 Extn. 2493/2491.
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Selling the jewel

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

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



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

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

A censure too far

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



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

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

Also, such resolutions mean nothing unless they are a precursor to some sort of practical curbs in EU's engagement with India (some EU members have suggested that as well) but that's an extreme option, considering there are nations with worst rights violations. Unless of course, this is being done to negotiate a stronger position when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Brussels for an Indo-EU summit. Having said that, the international narrative does shape global perceptions and attitudes in engaging with India. And the resolutions embody unanimity of opinion from the extreme Right to extreme Left groups, coming from 625 of 752 EU members. Sifting through them, certain key issues do come up on which the Government has to 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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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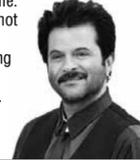
The Opposition, the CPI(M) and the Congress must put aside narrow political differences and fight together against the fascist BJP Government at the Centre.

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.
Sravana Ramachandran
Chennai

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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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—UNION HOME MINISTER
AMIT SHAH

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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.

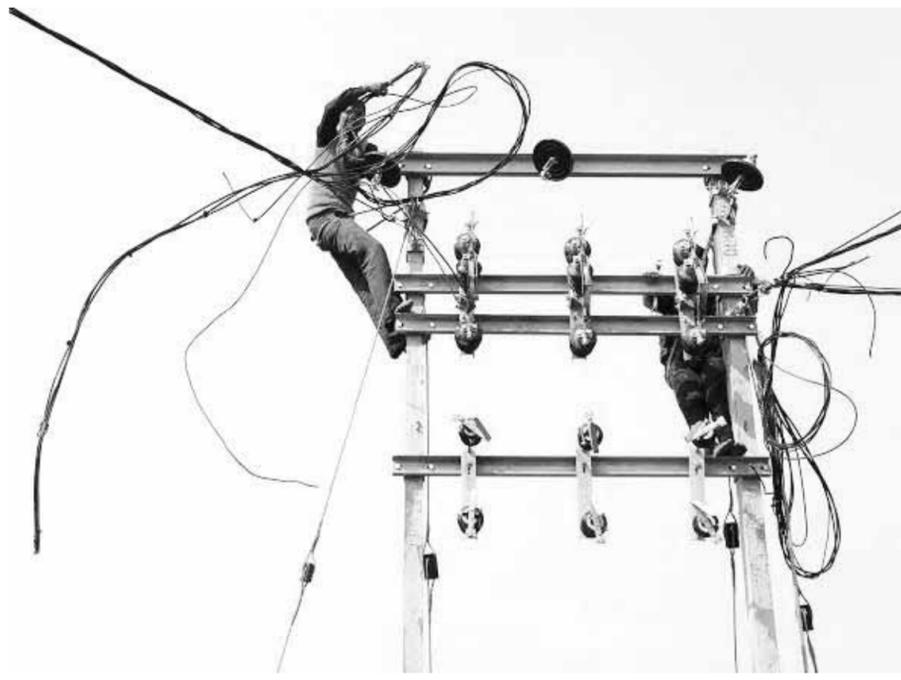
Third, under the power purchase agreements (PPAs) signed by discoms, States allow inflated tariff to generators taking recourse to "gold plating" (euphemism for claiming higher investment than actual), excessive overheads and over-invoicing of fuel bills and so on.

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 (GA) in agriculture at ₹2.4 lakh, has the second-highest GA after Goa at ₹3.7 lakh, which is already above the target of ₹1.3 lakh.

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

of 17.7 per cent.

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

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

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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 as 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. 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.

Budget may bring in new policy to revive power discoms

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

The accumulated losses of all discoms have again shot up to over ₹80,000 crore, as of now, out of which close to ₹60,000 crore is overdue. The new financial support scheme will come with stringent conditions of regular power tariff revision by discoms and bringing down AT&C (aggregate, technical and commercial) losses to a level of 15 per cent within a year.

Non-adherence to conditions will stop loans and grants facility to state-run discoms. The scheme for revival of stressed power discoms was launched in November 2015. The Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana's (UDAY) prime objectives were financial turnaround and operational improvement of the discoms along with the reduction of cost of generation of power development of renewable energy efficiency and conservation.

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

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 booster likely for capital gains on property & equity

IANS ■ 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

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. However, the bank said

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

"Security for the loan... included a personal guarantee from Dr Mallya, an individual closely connected with the borrower," notes the judgment handed down by Justice Nigel Teare in London on Monday. "The sum claimed in this action 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. The court accepted the agency's arguments that Wadhawan's remand was nec-

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."

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E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. SI/03/2020 Date 27/01/2020			
S. No.	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 Corralloy	20 Nos.	18.02.2020
46	Distal Humerus Plate 2.7/3.5, 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
48	PFNA Nail 240mm, Dia11mm 473.806s or similar *	18 Nos.	18.02.2020
49	LCP Medical Proximal Tibial Plate 3.5 right, 4 Holes 439.954 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
50	LCP Medical Proximal 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
52	LCP Proximal Talibia Plate 3.5 low bend, 6 Holes 04.124.205 or similar *	7 Nos.	18.02.2020
53	Hydroxyapatite Coated Tapered Schanz Screw 130mmx30mm D196130306 or similar *	87 Nos.	18.02.2020
54	Hydroxyapatite Coated Tapered Schanz Screw 150mmx50mm D196150506 or similar *	107 Nos.	18.02.2020
55	Distal Humerus Plate 2.7/3.5, 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 Standard 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

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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

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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:

- 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 Premium Merchants Limited
Sd/-
Balbir Singh
Director
Place: New Delhi
Date: 27.01.2020
DIN:00027438

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

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

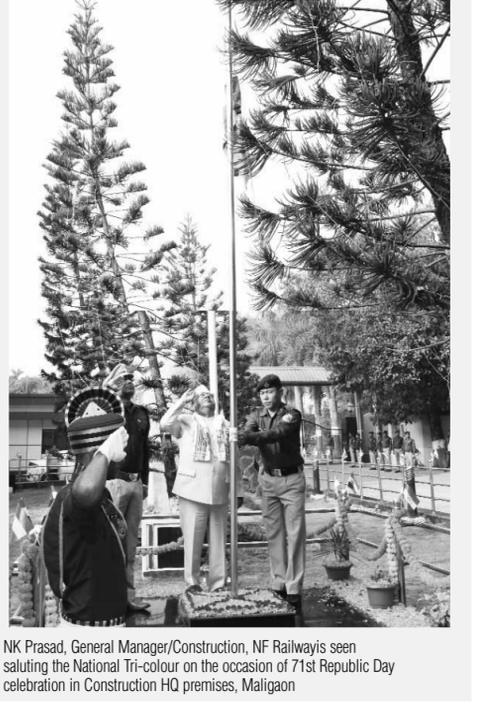
By Order
Sh. Pranav Joshi
DP/901/N/2020 Metropolitan Magistrate
-Court Matter) Room No. 286, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely **Rohit @ Raju S/o Ramchandar R/o H.No.75, Mangolpur Kalan, Panna Mohalla, Delhi Aged-19 Years** has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 14.01.2020 from area of P.S. South Rohini vide **DD No. 27-A Dated 15.01.2020** registered at Police Station South Rohini, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Green coloured inner & Chocolate coloured pajama, slipper in feet.

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

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 Sd/-
FAX No. : 011-24368639 SHO, South Rohini, Delhi
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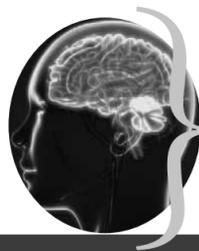
NK Prasad, General Manager/Construction, NF Railways seen saluting the National Tri-colour on the occasion of 71st Republic Day celebration in Construction HQ premises, Maligaon



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



DOCYARD

DR B T CHIDANANDA MURTHY

Chief Medical Officer

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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.

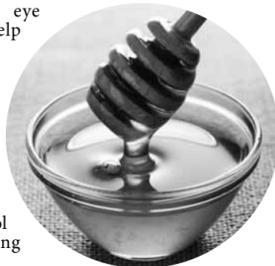
■ **Detoxify your body:** No matter what the season, your body can always do with a little detoxification. Squeeze out a slice of lemon into a glass of lukewarm water, add a pinch of parsley and drink it before breakfast. It is effective at eliminating toxins from the system. Cabbage juice, rosemary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



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

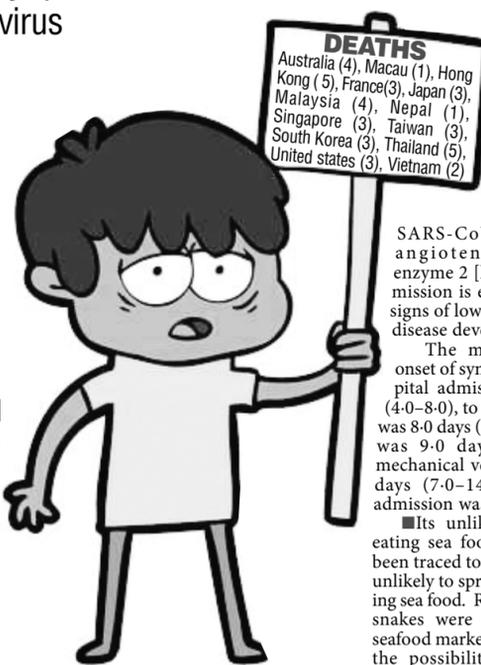
Pathogenesis
People infected with these coronaviruses suffer a severe inflammatory response.

■ 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

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



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.

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.

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.

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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.

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

domestic and wild pigs, according to the study, published in the *Journal of Virology*.

"This new experimental ASFV vaccine shows promise, and offers complete protection against the current strain currently producing outbreaks throughout Eastern Europe and Asia," said study researcher Douglas P Gladue from Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Agricultural Research Service, US Department of Agriculture.

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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.

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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*.

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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) 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-Jharkri-Nalagarh line with associated bays and 2 nos. 400 kV bays at Nalagarh for Kunihar and (xv) 400KV D/C Nalagarh-Jharkri-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 Viduyt Prasran Nigam Limited, (2) Ajmer Viduyt Vitran Nigam Ltd. (3) Jaipur Viduyt Vitran Nigam Ltd. (4) Jodhpur Viduyt 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	Rs. in Lakh
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	-	-	643.69	-
	Asset-XV	-	-	6055.11	-

Petition No.	Asset No.	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Rs. in Lakh
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	428.69	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	-
Asset-I	1831.81	1846.75	1862.79	1878.96	1754.55	-	
Asset-II	318.92	318.81	318.83	318.90	319.18	-	

Petition No.	Asset No.	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Rs. in Lakh	
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	-

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Chinese Premier visits Coronavirus-hit Wuhan

Toll reaches 80

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GERMANY URGES CITIZENS TO AVOID 'UNNECESSARY TRIPS' TO CHINA

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

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

Dems demand Bolton testify at Trump's impeachment trial



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

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

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

resumes Monday afternoon with arguments from Trump's defence team.

Bolton's account was first reported by The New York Times and was confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with the manuscript on the condition of anonymity to discuss the book, "The Room Where It Happened; A White House Memoir", ahead of its release March 17.

When the Times report went online Sunday night, the seven House Democratic managers immediately called on all senators to insist that Bolton be called as a witness and provide his notes and other relevant documents. Sen. Chuck Schumer, the Senate's top Democrat, issued the same call.

Trump denied the claims in a series of tweets early Monday. "NEVER told John Bolton that the aid to Ukraine was tied to investigations into Democrats, including the Bidens," Trump said in a tweet. "In fact, he never

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

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

He also falsely claimed Monday morning that the Democrat-controlled House "never even asked John Bolton to testify". In fact, Democrats did ask Bolton to testify, but he didn't show up for his deposition. They later declined to subpoena Bolton, as they had others, because he threatened to sue, which could lead to a prolonged court battle.

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

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

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

Mongolia closes China border to cars, shuts schools

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

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

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

Vice Prime Minister 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**

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.

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

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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**

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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			(₹ in Lakhs)
		31.12.2019	30.09.2019	31.12.2018	31.12.2019	31.12.2018	31.03.2019	
1	Total income from Operations (Refer Note -2)	14,041.81	17,672.44	17,300.97	48,620.59	50,476.79	67,584.91	
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	615.19	812.72	416.40	2,406.07	2,105.87	2,701.73	
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period Before Tax (After Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	615.19	812.72	416.40	2,406.07	2,105.87	2,701.73	
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period After Tax (After Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	477.64	573.63	371.46	1,780.21	1,564.60	2,142.52	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (After Tax) and other Comprehensive Income (After Tax))	477.64	573.63	371.46	1,780.21	1,564.60	2,142.52	
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each)	469.17	469.17	469.17	469.17	469.17	469.17	
7	Reserves Excluding Revaluation Reserve						28,586.11	
8	Earnings Per Share for Continuing and Discontinued Operations (Before & After Extraordinary Items) (Face Value of ₹ 1/-each)	1.02	1.22	0.79	3.79	3.33	4.57	
	Diluted	1.02	1.22	0.79	3.79	3.33	4.57	

NOTES :

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

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

Date : 27th January, 2020
Place : Delhi

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 Daksha 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 Daksha 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" 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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DHFL DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED
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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 Gautam Buddh 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 Eighty Seven) NPA (01-11-2017)	Flat No 404 4th Floor Tower No- A1 Global Land Masters Sector- 30 Panchkula Panchkula Haryana-134112
(LC No. 00000211 of Gurgaon Branch) Ashish Nagpal (Borrower) Ashwarya Nagpal (Co Borrower 1) Surindra Kanta Nagpal (Co Borrower 2) Shiva International (Guarantor 1)	27-12-2019/ ₹ 51,24,833/- (Fifty One lakh Twenty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three) NPA (01-04-2018)	Flat No- 2102 Tower-h Mount Ville, Sector-79 Gurgaon Haryana Bengaluru Karnataka- 122018

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to DHFL as aforesaid, DHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of DHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 28-01-2020
Place: DELHI

Sd/-
(Authorised Officer)
Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure) In the Court of SH. R.L. MEENA, ADJ-02 (New Delhi), Patiala House Courts, New Delhi
MU/11/2016 NDOH-06.02.2020

Shri Anil Aggarwal Versus Wafik Khan Bahadur Nawab Abul Hasan Khan & Wafik Mst. Mahmood-UN-Nisa Begum & Ors.

To: 1. Wafik Khan Bahadur Nawab Abul Hasan Khan & Wafik Mst. Mahmood-UN-Nisa Begum & Ors. Through its Advocate, 626-27, Bazar Chitli Qaria, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110005.Defendant No.1.
2. Ranat Kamal Hasan Khan S/o Late Mustafa Kamal Hasan KhanDefendant No.3.
3. Humayun Kamal Hasan Khan S/o Late Mustafa Kamal Hasan KhanDefendant No.4.
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5. Haziq Kamal Hasan Khan S/o Late Mustafa Kamal Hasan KhanDefendant No.6.
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8. Uruska Kamal Begum W/o Anis AhmedDefendant No.10.

Defendants No. 2 to 8 R/O Mustafa Bagh, Nasheman-E-Tahzi, Nagla Barola, Aligarh U.P.

9. Shri Sukhbir Singh S/o Late Harpal Singh R/o WZ-156, Ravi Nagar, New Delhi-110013

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



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



—Disha Patani

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

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



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

Cardi B looks like nemesis Minaj

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

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



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

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



A tribute to Kobe Bryant



Billie Eilish



Tanya Tucker

A SONG FOR DIVERSITY

The attendees at the 62nd annual Grammy Awards, besides paying a tribute to lost heroes, including basketball player Kobe Bryant and late rapper Nipsey Hussle, called out for more inclusiveness. Then 18-year-old Billie Eilish swept with five wins, capping off an incredible breakthrough year. Here are the top moments from the gala

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's first thought no one would care to hear. The female composer won best score soundtrack for the HBO miniseries *Chernobyl* during the pre-telecast ceremony. The soundtrack already won her an Emmy late last year. And in January she became the first woman in 19 years to win best original score for *Joker* at the Golden Globes. "I think it fits really well with the images of the film, and I was happy with how the music worked with the narrative and characters in this series," she said backstage of the *Chernobyl* soundtrack. "But I never thought anyone would ever listen to the soundtrack record, honestly. I've very surprised to be here today."

Michelle Obama is a Grammy winner. The former first lady won her first Grammy Award for best spoken word album for the audio book of her 2019 memoir *Becoming*. Obama was not on hand to accept the award. Her husband, former president Barack Obama, has two Grammys in the same category, one for his 2005 audio book *Dreams of My Father* and another for his 2007 audio book *The Audacity of Hope*. The spoken word album category includes poetry, storytelling and audio books.

Beyoncé's *Homecoming* has won the Grammy Award for best music film. The Netflix film weaves together Beyoncé's 2018 performances at the Coachella music festival, which included numerous nods to historically black colleges and universities.

—With inputs from agencies

Sacred Games, Mirzapur among most-searched web content

A study on most searched OTT content reveals that *Sacred Games*, *Mirzapur*, *Made In Heaven*, *Criminal Justice* and *Lust Stories* have been appreciated globally.

According to a study by SEMrush, the most searched for web series online was *Sacred Games* followed by *Mirzapur*, *Made In Heaven*, *Criminal Justice* and *Lust Stories*. Each was searched on an average of 5,011, 3,511, 1,931, 1,771, 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.

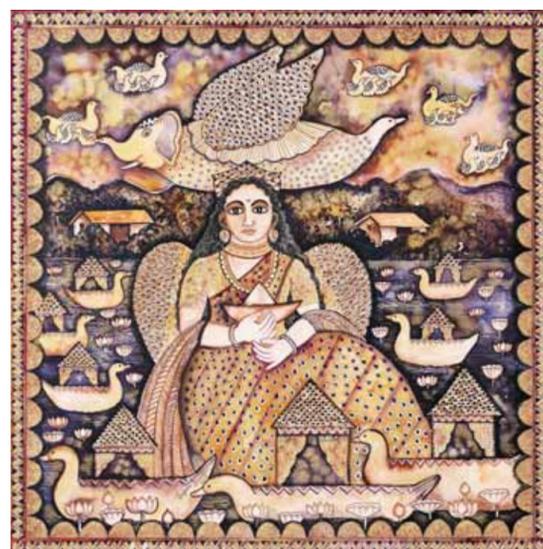
Art centre director Rukshaan, who often brings artists with alternative voices from Baroda, says, "His sculptures are made from broken bricks of destroyed homes as they reflect the trauma we are living with in our contemporary societies." He has collected these broken bricks from his home town in Uttar Pradesh and other Indian cities. It highlights his interest in destroyed building sites and their legacy.

Girjesh's tensile terracotta faces line the walls and grab your attention instantly, simply because they are invested with his life's experiences. The artist combines destruc-

tion with something human and historical and brings forth the difficult truths which are too often suppressed or ignored.

His portraits of charismatic men and women depict humanity in more ways than one. "I try to showcase all kinds of faces. They're not of any specific community but maybe native Americans, Europeans, minorities and sages with their hair bunched up. The expressions on each face are distinct, definite and powerful, some joyful, some serene, others stern. Others smirk at you, some have a cynical look and some even frown. But each one is worth watching. Girjesh has deep observational skills and is able to translate emotions onto the terracotta profiles. Perhaps it is their inner state, worries and tribulations that are being unveiled.

The strong cement-brick bond he works with holds multiple metaphors — of construction and demolition in our own lives. With every road we take, our old memories stay with us. The cement that



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binds the bricks remains even after a building is razed to the ground. Themes of identity and migration define his work. "You migrate from one place to another but never leave a place fully — the emotions become a part of your identity," says Girjesh.

He is interested in the history of his materials as he wants to know the actual past events, architectural structures and the human narratives that established them.

By reintroducing a human element to these objects, the artist reminds us that the meaning of buildings, their homeliness and utility can only exist through our interpretations. Furthermore, by asking us to consider the lives of the people who might once have inhabited them, he also poses inevitably emotional questions about current human situations: "Where people might be and what has become of their lives?"

India Art Fair will also present the 30th anniversary of Gallerie Ganesha through its show titled *30x30*, curated by gallery director

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 Delteil, 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

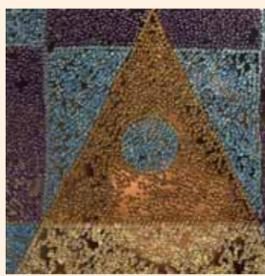
Gallery Latitude 28 presents *The Exodus of Eternal Wanderers*, a solo show of Sudipta Das, who, through her works, interrogates the realities of climate change and appeals to humanity about its most important outcomes, human migration. **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHEN:** Till February 28 **WHERE:** Gallery 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.

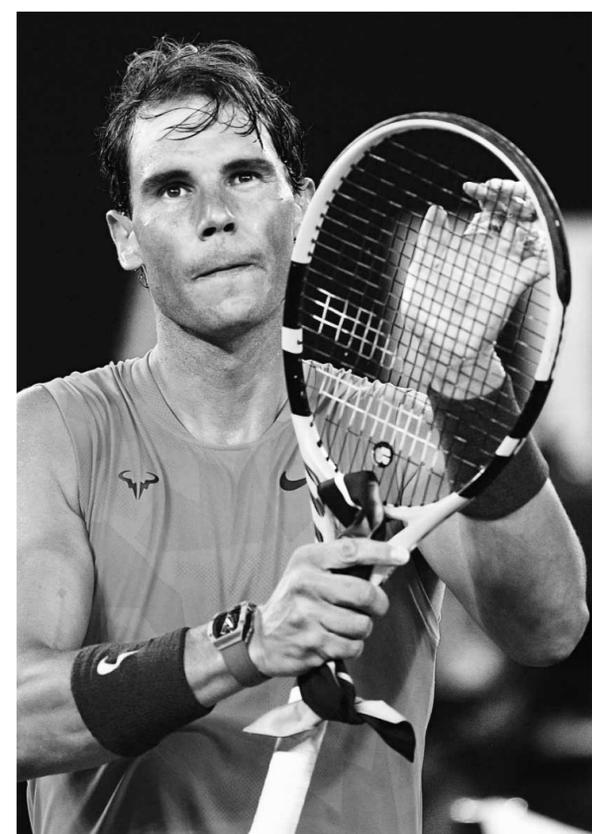


Gandhara Art Gallery and Dhoomimal Art Centre presents *Art: Bengal Now*, an art exhibition that showcases contemporary artworks from Bengal, which have inherited a significant historical language from its modern past. **WHEN:** Till February 7 **TIME:** 11 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Dhoomimal Art Centre.



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 her 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



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

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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

20 Major titles.

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 Tenny's 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.

PSG go 10 points clear

AFP ■ LILLE

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

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

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



Neymar celebrates after scoring AP

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

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

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

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

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

Struggling Napoli beat leaders Juve to spoil Sarri San Paolo return

AFP ■ NAPLES

Piotr 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



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

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, mentally bland" team.

"We lost a match against an opponent who had done the minimum to win," he added. "We were passive throughout

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 Szczesny.

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

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

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

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

Warriors look to bounce back against Rockets



PTI ■ LUCKNOW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All senior players, Klopp to miss FA Cup replay

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

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

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



Dejan Lovren, Fabinho and Divock Origi.

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

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

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

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



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Third Pak-B'desh T20 rained off

PTI ■ LAHORE

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

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

Pakistan won the first match by

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

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

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

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

Real go top with win

AFP ■ MADRID

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

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

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



Nacho embraces Real's coach Zinedine Zidane after scoring AP

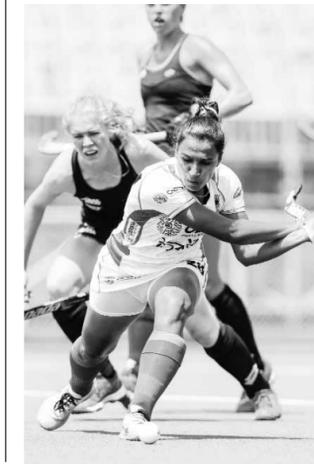
said Zidane. "There are 16 games left and we will have to fight until the end if we want something. Nothing changes."

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

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

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

Indian women's lose 1-2 to NZ



PTI ■ AUCKLAND

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

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

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

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

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

Hull made no mistake from the spot.

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

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

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

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

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

Tough to hit Bumrah: Tom

PTI ■ AUCKLAND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lakers great, teen daughter & seven others also killed in helicopter crash

LOSS OF A LEGEND

Kobe Bryant Factfile

Name: Kobe Bryant
Former Team: Los Angeles Lakers (1996-2016)
Position: Guard
Height: 6feet, 6inches, 1.98m

➤ Bryant was the son of Joe "Jelly Bean" Bryant, who played eight seasons in the NBA

AWARDS/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

➤ Bryant won five NBA championships — 2000, 2001, 2002, 2009, 2010

➤ Named NBA Finals Most Valuable Player in leading Lakers to titles in 2009 and 2010

➤ Earned Olympic Gold medals with USA at 2008 Beijing Olympics and 2012 London Olympics

➤ Named NBA regular-season MVP in 2007-08 season and a record-tying 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.

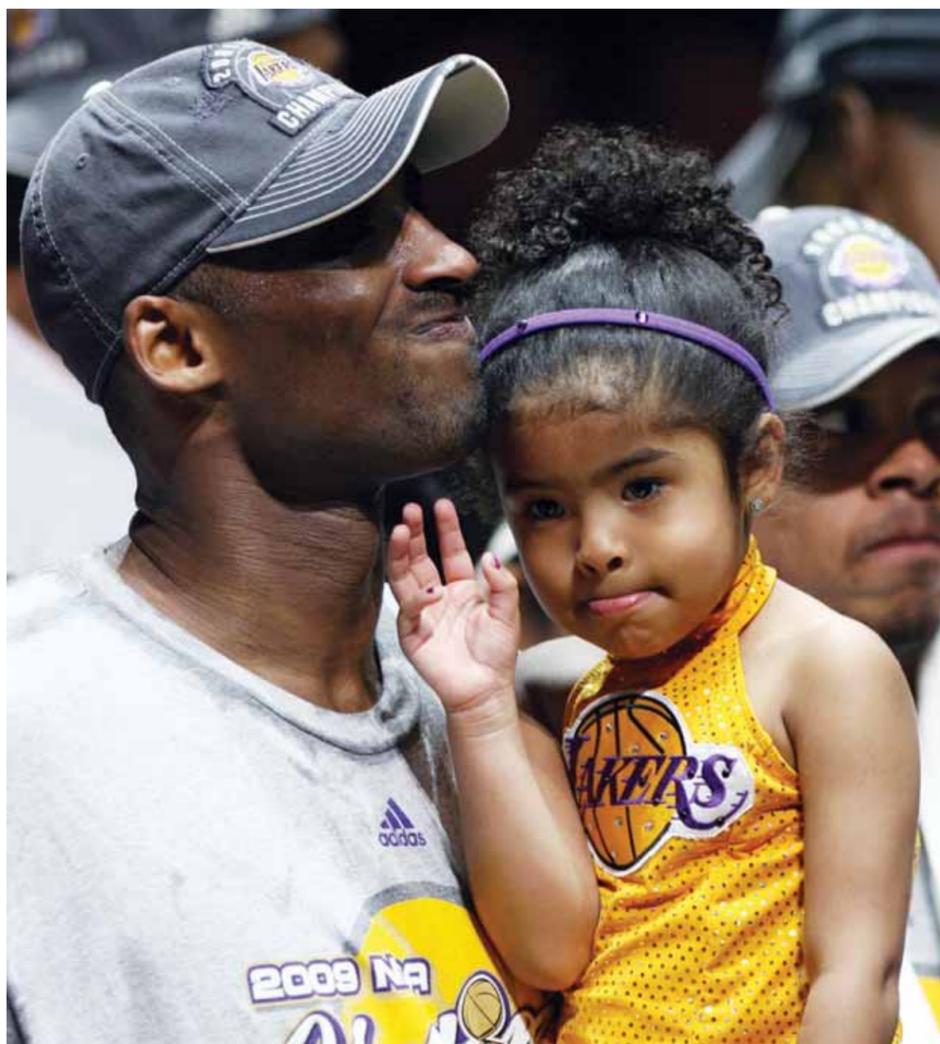
➤ Named an NBA All-Star 18 times - 1998 and 2000-2016

➤ 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 victim was opening batsman Dean Elgar, who was caught and bowled playing an awkward pull shot in the penultimate over before lunch. Stokes finished with two for 47.

De Kock and Bavuma batted brightly in a fifth wicket stand of 48 before Broad bowled a vicious bouncer which Bavuma gloved to wicketkeeper Jos Buttler.

Broad had Dwaine Pretorius caught at fine leg in his next over and the rest followed.

Vernon Philander, playing in his last Test, struck a couple of beefy blows before falling to Wood who supplied the coup de grace, another lifting ball flicking Anrich Nortje's glove on its way through to Buttler down the legside.

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 Chaudhary 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 started the rescue act first by conjuring up a 55-run stand with 'crisis man' Siddhesh Lad (20), to steady Mumbai's ship.

And then he found an able ally in Aditya Tare (62), with



Mumbai's Sarfaraz Khan celebrates after completing his double hundred PTI

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.

MAJUMDAR LEADS BENGAL KOLKATA: Anustup Majumdar hit an unbeaten 94 under pressure to help Bengal reach 286 for five in Group A match against

Delhi at Eden Gardens.

Majumdar, who looked in formidable form, had some anxious moments as he survived a run-out chance to remain unbeaten, alongside Shahbaz Ahmed (39 not out) at the end of day one.

The home team turned the game around in the second session as Majumdar found a fine ally in wicketkeeper-batsman Shreevats Goswami (59).

Scoring above four runs

per over, the duo stitched a 117-run fifth wicket stand to give Bengal the edge.

Earlier put in to bat, Bengal's top three batsmen, including last match's triple centurion, Manoj Tiwary (7), got out inside lunch.

VINAY GRABS SIX CHANDIGARH: Puducherry found themselves on the mat at 37 for 4 after their veteran pacer R Vinay Kumar grabbed six wickets to bowl Chandigarh out for a paltry 134 in their top of the table Plate clash.

Vinay Kumar triggered a Chandigarh middle-order collapse with twin blows in his successive overs en route to 6/32 as the hosts were dismissed after lunch inside 38 overs after they were sent in to bat.

In reply, the Plate leaders Puducherry were reeling at 37 for four, trailing by 97 runs at close on first day with Chandigarh new ball bowler Shreshth Nirmohi returning with figures of 3/17.