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Coronavirus rises like phoenix in India One fresh case each in Delhi, Jaipur, Telangana One fresh case each in Delhi, Jaipur,

One fresh case each in Delhi, Jaipur, Telangana after all 3 earlier patients in Kerala recuperated

Days after three coronavirus-infected patients walked out of a Kerala hospital completely cured, three new positive cases of the deadly virus were reported on Tuesday — one each in Delhi, Telangana and Jaipur.

Giving details of the fresh cases, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said the person from Delhi had travelled to Italy, while the other patient who has tested positive for the coronavirus infection in

CAPSULE

END PARTIAL TRUCE

a period of relative calm in

Taliban ordered fighters to

resume operations against

TALIBAN RESUME FIGHT,

Kabul: A deadly blast shattered

Afghanistan on Monday and the

Afghan forces just two days after

aimed at ushering in peace. P12

signing a deal with Washington

STOCKS GIVE UP GAINS

ON CORONAVIRUS FEARS

index Sensex wiped out its sharp

gains in the last hour of trade to

Mumbai: Market benchmark

close down by 153 points on

Monday as detection of fresh

spooked domestic investors.

session of fall, BSE closed at

38,144.02.

Marking its seventh consecutive

coronavirus cases in India

Telangana had recently travelled to Dubai.

The Telangana man is Delhi. "Both the patients had self-reported after they developed symptoms. They tested positive. They are stable and being closely monitored," he told reporters.

The person in Delhi had reported at the RML hospital after returning to India while the one in Telangana had ini-

The BJP and the Congress members pushed and

shoved each other in the Lok

Sabha on Monday as a slogan-

shouting Opposition demand-

ed the resignation of Union Home Minister Amit Shah over his alleged failure to check

communal violence in Delhi.

pended House proceedings

thrice before adjourning it for

the day. MPs from both sides

complained to the Speaker

over their alleged manhan-

dling inside the House. The Rajya Sabha too was

Speaker Om Birla sus-

tially gone to a private medical facility and then was referred to a Government hospital in the

of coronavirus in Jaipur. He is being treated at Jaipur's SMS Hospital.



A man with symptoms fills a form at a coronavirus help desk at the Government Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad on Monday

adding, "since there is a variation in the reports, samples have been sent to NIV-Pune for

Talking to reporters here after the meeting of the Group of Ministers on the disease, Dr

with Iran and Italian authorities to evacuate Indians there.

"Indian citizens need to avoid non-essential travel to Singapore, Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy. People coming from Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy or having such travel history since February 10, 2020 may be quarantined for 14 days on arrival in India," he said. Universal screening is being done for the travellers from 12 countries for all the flights from China, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Nepal, Indonesia, Iran and Italy at the earmarked

aero-bridges.

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time for fortnight **Death warrant put** off for third time; as mercy plea rejected. convicts get at least

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

14 more days to live

 $A^{
m Delhi}$ court on Monday suspended the death warrant issued against four deathrow convicts in the 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape and murder case till further orders as con-vict Pawan Kumar Gupta's advocate told the court that his mercy plea was pending with the President.

However, President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday evening rejected the mercy plea of Pawan.
This for the third time the

hanging of the convicts -Mukesh Kumar Singh (32), Vinay Kumar Sharma (26), Akshay Kumar Singh (31) and Pawan, who are lodged in Tihar Jail — has been deferred. The convicts were scheduled to be hanged till death on Tuesday at 6 am.

According to the Delhi Prison Rules, if a mercy petition is submitted, a 14-day period has to be given to the convict after the dismissal of the mercy plea, for a new death warrant.



Court in New Delhi on Monday

"Despite stiff resistance from the victim's side, I am of the opinion that any condemned convict must not meet his Creator with a grievance in his bosom that the courts of the country have not acted fairly in granting him an opportunity to exhaust his legal remedies... I am of the opinion that the death sentence cannot be executed pending the disposal of the mercy petition of the convict," said Additional Sessions

Judge Dharmender Rana. Earlier on Monday, Pawan moved a clemency plea before the President shortly after his curative petition was dismissed by the Supreme Court. The curative plea for commuting the death sentence was heard in chamber by a five-judge SC bench. It is the last legal remedy available for a convict to get any reprieve.

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State, the Minister said. undergoing treatment in an Rajasthan Health Minister isolation ward at a hospital in Hyderabad, while Delhi man is Raghu Sharma said an Italian being treated in a hospital in tourist has been found positive

In the first sample collected on February 29, the man

was tested negative but his condition deteriorated so the second sample was collected which tested positive on Monday, the Minister said,

Opp insists on Shah's resignation

adjourned with Opposition members accusing the Government of "sleeping" while the national Capital

the Lok Sabha, some women

members insisted their alleged

manhandling was on account

of their being Dalits, and lodged complained to the

Haridas lodged a complain

that she was assaulted by a BJP

woman MP inside the Lower

House and sought immediate

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action over the matter.

Congress member Ramya

Speaker.

Amid heated exchanges in

burnt in communal riots.

PM mulls to quit

New Delhi: Prime Minister

Narendra Modi on Monday

said he plans to give up his

social media accounts on vari-

ous platforms, including Twitter and Facebook. "This Sunday,

thinking of giving up my social

media accounts on Facebook

Twitter, Instagram & YouTube.

Will keep you all posted," he

tweeted. The PM is active on

social media with 53.3 million

Detailed report on P4

followers on Twitter.

social media

Harsh Vardhan said the Indian

BJP, Cong MPs shove each other as | You can avail in-flight

Wi-Fi, Govt gives nod service initially could be slight-

The central Government on Monday permitted airlines operating in India to provide in-flight Wi-Fi services to passengers, according to an official

notification.

"The pilot-in-command may permit the access of internet services by passengers on board an aircraft in flight, through Wi-Fi on board, when laptop, smartphone, tablet, smartwatch, e-reader or a point of sale device is used in flight mode or airplane mode," the notification stated.

As per industry reports, the

ly expensive by global stan-dards. Recently, Vistara Airlines partnered with Tata group company Nelco for in-flight

data services.

While taking the delivery of its first Boeing 787-9 aircraft at Everett on last Friday, Vistara CEO Leslie Thng had told reporters that it would be the first plane in India to provide in-flight Wi-Fi services.

An additional explanation has been added in the new rules, saying an aircraft shall be deemed to be in flight when all its external doors are closed following embarkation

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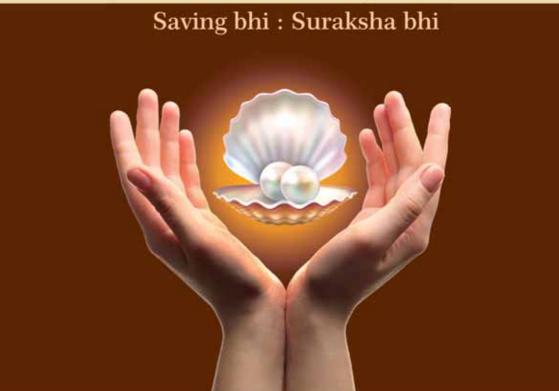
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1,880 DISTRESS CALLS RECEIVED •

21 held for riotous rumours

The Delhi Police was kept on its toes throughout the Sunday night as people kept calling the Police Control Room (PCR) in sheer panic. PCR received 1,880 distress calls on Sunday night after riot-related rumour mongering or fifth generation war broke out in the national Capital creating panic

among the residents.

The Delhi Police senior officials reached out to the people to scotch rumours and later detained and arrested 21 miscreants from North-west Delhi, including one in Rohini. On the other hand, Police said it has initiated action against 18 persons in South Delhi.

Delhi Police Commissioner SN Srivastava issued a statement urging people not to spread rumours as

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear on

March 4 a plea seeking lodging

of FIRs against BJP leaders — Anurag Thakur, Parvesh Verma,

Kapil Mishra and Abhay Verma

— for their purported hate speeches which allegedly led to

recent violence in Delhi in

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that disturb communal harmony and peace.
"Police is keeping eye on

rumour mongers on social media," said the CP adding that people should verify rumours from the Delhi Police control

According to a senior police official, the maximum emergency calls on numbers 112 and 100 were received from West and South-east district respectively. There were 481 calls in West district followed by Southeast district

pressure we are not

equipped to handle. We can-

not stop things from happen-

ing. We cannot give preventive

reliefs. We feel a kind of pres-

sure on us," the CJI said when

senior advocate Colin

Gonsalves, appearing for peti-

tioners, sought urgent listing

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Unsubstantiated reports of tense situation in Delhi are being

mischievously circulated on social media and messaging

Apps. It is to reiterate that such reports are being circulated

to spread rumours and create panic amongst public. People

Delhi Police is closely monitoring the Social Media accounts

spreading fake news/rumours. Strict legal action will be taken

People are advised to verify such reports from Delhi Police

against those who are found involved in spreading rumours.

are advised not to pay attention to such rumours.

Name of District

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North-East District

Shahdara District

South District

South-East District

West District

Dwarka District

Outer District

Central District

North District

North-West District

Rohini District

Outer North District

New Delhi District

South-West District

Railway

on the following telephone numbers: -

lowing the rumours.

"Further, 30 distress calls were received from Southwest district, 310 from Dwarka district, 222 calls from Outer Delhi district, 127 from South Delhi district, 168 calls from Rohini, 54 distress calls from Northwest district, 35 calls from Central district, six from East district, four calls were received from Shahdara district, six calls from North district and two calls were received from Northeast district which witnessed riots," said the offi-

"The police in northwest district have arrested 21 person for spreading rumors under Criminal Code of Procedure (CrPC), one has been arrested in Rohini. In south district, action has been initiated against 18 persons

The bench, also comprising Justices BR Gavai and

Surya Kant, said the court can

deal with a situation only after

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tered under appropriate sections," said a senior police offi-

"One person, identified as Abhishek Shukla (24), has been arrested by Cyber Crime Cell for spreading rumours about riots in Nihal Vihar area of West Delhi. The arrested accused has over 10,000 followers on social media, and was using his following to spread rumours. His mobile phone has been recovered and the alleged social media post has been confirmed to have been posted from his profile. His further antecedents are being examined, said the senior

police official". "Besides the Police Control Room (PCR) calls, several people from within Delhi as well as outside called up police officials, including officers, direct-

violence breaking out," said the senior police official.

Panic gripped the residents several parts of Delhi on Sunday evening following false rumours of violence, days after riots in northeast Delhi claimed at least 45 lives. Even as the Delhi Police and AAP leaders denied any such incident and appealed people to remain calm, the uneasy prevailed around city recording 1880 distress calls across the city.

Following the rumours, on Sunday evening the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) said it had shut down the entry and exit gates of seven metro stations but did not give any reason. The stations were later reopened after 45 minutes. Metro officials later clarified that the steps were precau-

SC to hear plea seeking FIRs over hate speeches on March 4

not handle that," the bench said, adding, "We also read newspapers and the comments which are made. It is like as if

"We would wish peace but you know that there are limitations," the CJI told Gonsalves who said that the court can prevent any further deterioration of the situation.

the court is responsible".

the Delhi High Court is already seized of petitions on Delhi violence, Gonsalves said the high court has deferred the matter for almost six weeks and it was disappointing.

"When people are still dying then why cannot the high court hear it urgently," he said and urged the apex court to list the plea for hearing on Tuesday. The bench agreed to list the petition for hearing on Wednesday and said, "We will see what we can do".

The plea has sought several directions, including constitu-tion of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) consisting of officers from outside Delhi and

It has also sought a direction to a retired judge to enquire into the "communal attacks" and to identify the police persons involved in rioting and direct that such cops be dismissed from service

98% take CBSE Board exams in riot-hit areas

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The CBSE which resumed the **I** postponed examinations of class X and XII in the entire North-east Delhi due to the communal riot took place, conducted the examinations smoothly and peacefully. Out of 2,888 students registered for the Class X and XII Board examinations in North-east Delhi, a total of 2,837 students appeared for the exams on Monday. While, there were 51 absentees. However, CBSE successfully recorded more than 98.2 percentage of attendance in the exam centers of North East

The security force and Delhi Police officials deployed outside the examinations centers for smooth and peaceful conduct of board examinations cheered the students with rose and flowers, saying, "All the best. You all write and concentrate on the exams without any fear; we are here for your safety and security."

The data shared by the CBSE shows that more than 98.2 percent of attendance was recorded in the board exams held in violence-hit northeast Delhi on Monday.

"The CBSE class XII Physics and applied physics exam along with class X music exam has been conducted peacefully and smoothly at all centers across the country, foreign countries and in the entire Delhi including those in riot hit North East part of Delhi on Monday," said

The examinations in the parts of North East Delhi were resumed after the postponement of the four examinations scheduled earlier in these parts of national capital where riots



Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Class 12 exams at riot-affected area of North-east Delhi on Monday Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer

damaged school properties.

"A total of 2,888 students were to appear for the class 12 exam, of which 2,837 sat for the paper today, registering 98.2 per cent attendance," a senior CBSE official said.

"The exams were held peacefully was possible only due to the support and cooperation of students, parents and staffs, schools, Delhi police and Directorate of Education. CBSE is committed to conduct smooth examinations in the coming day as well," said the official.

On Sunday, the CBSE said any further delay may hamper chances of students in securing admission to professional courses like medical and engineering, though it is ready to conduct fresh exams for students who are not able to appear. Meanwhile, Delhi Police

has on Monday said that they have registered 369 FIRs and

arrested or detained 1,284 persons in connection with the northeast Delhi violence. "A total of 44 cases were registered under the Arms Act, 21 cases were registered under cyber crime. These included cases related to spreading of hate messages," said a senior police official.

"A total of 76 meetings were held by the Delhi Police along with peace committees in areas of northeast Delhi. The situation in the riot-affected areas is under control," the senior police official added.

Authorities maintained that the death toll remained at 42 in the communal clashes over the amended citizenship law that erupted a week ago even as four bodies were fished out of drains in northeast Delhi on Sunday.

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4 new malaria cases reported, 19 afflicted STAFF REPORTER

NEW DELHI

With four new cases reported last week, the number of patients suffering from malaria reached to 19 this year. Last year not even a single case of malaria reported till the time. According to SDMC mosquito-breeding has been reported in at least 118 households and 393 legal notices have been issued this

Besides 15 number of prosecution has been launched by the civic bodies till 29 February. At least 22 cases of dengue and 14 cases of Chikungunya also reported this year. A senior

Corporation official said that all the preventive steps have been taken to reduce the cases. "The key to prevention of Dengue is ensuring there is no clean stagnant water in homes and around, which does not allow the Aedes mosquitoes to breed, and therefore dengue cannot spread," he said, adding that zonal officials have been instructed to keep making people aware by organizing seminars, functions in schools and colleges.

Manipur-based ultras held in Burari for collecting funds

STAFF REPORTER ■

The Delhi Police on Monday claimed to have nabbed two alleged terrorists of a banned Manipur-based organisation from Delhi's Burari area. Police said that both terrorist were operating their organization, Kangleipak Communist Party (People's War Group), from other States and were presently staying in organization.

The accused have been identified as Laishram Mangoljao Singh and Hijbur Rahman, both residents of Manipur. Police said that the duo are found involved in several unlawful activities including terrorist and antinational activities and cases of extortion are also registered against them in Manipur. Police said that a reward of Rs one lakh was also declared on information leading Singh

According to Sanjeev Kumar Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, on March 1, specific inputs were received that Laishram Mangoljao Singh and Hijbur Rahman would come to Burari area to



themselves and for their Kangleipak Communist Party (People's War Group), KCP-PWG, organization members.

"Acting on the inputs trap was laid and duo was nabbed by the police team. Both were arrested under the appropriate sections of law as Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) against both have been issued by the Judicial Courts," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, Singh disclosed that he is a self-styled Chairman of banned terrorist organization KCP- Lamyenmbakhuman faction. He further revealed that prior to coming to Delhi he was operating from his base at Kankarbitta, near Indo-Nepal Border. He was living clandestinely in Nepal since



locate some safe hideout for last five years to evade his arrest from Manipur Police," said the DCP. "Both of them confessed

about their involvements in number of terrorist activities in Manipur. They extorted money from different government authorities, local businessman, private schools by sending them threatening demand letters through over ground workers (OGWs) in Manipur," said the DCP.

The duo was on run and had come to Delhi to identify an alternative base in and around Delhi for better coordination of anti-national activities and to raise funds and to procure arms and ammunition for the purpose of conducting terrorist activities for their organization," said the DCP.

G'gram cops arrest 2 for posting anti-Hindu videos

The Gurugram police has 1 arrested two Muslim youths for posting inflammatory comments on social media on Sunday. However, after investigation, the police claimed that the video was an

Farman and Salman, both residents of Jaipur's Shastri Nagar, were arrested after concerned citizens sent a message on February 28 to Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on his Twitter handle.

The CM directed the Gurugram Police to take action and the police as well as the Cyber Cell swung into action, traced the two accused, lodged an FIR against them at the Cyber Crime police station and

In a reply to the Haryana

Chief Minister, Gurugram Police tweeted, "Respected Sir, Cyber police Gurugram took immediate cognizance of the matter, registered an FIR and conducted a thorough investigation. We have identified the accused and arrested two of them from Jaipur, Rajasthan today." In the video, a group of

Muslim men were seen issuing violent threats to Hindus using extremely vulgar language. The video was uploaded from Jaipur, Rajasthan. However, the Gurugram police conducting a raid to arrest the accused whose phone was used into the crime.

The youths recorded a video message in which they blatantly hurl abuses at the Hindus. They are not only

heard using extremely offensive language against the Hindus but openly threatening to rape the Hindu women.

"Both the accused were arrested and after lodging FIR, investigations have been initiated. Thus, the attempts to spoil the communal harmony of the district were thwarted and their mission got failed, just because of cooperation extended by a common man," ACP (crime) Preet Pal Singh Sangwan said.

The official said that the citizen who came up with the information was also informed about the action taken. The citizen thanked the Gurugram police for timely action and also thanked the CM for immediate intervention.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal and Gurugram Police

the information and appealed all citizens of the district to be vigilant while receiving or forwarding the posts on social

people who are trying to disrupt the communal harmony in Gurugram. Strict action will be taken against them," he added. A Spokesman of the state

"We are keeping a tab over

government has advised all citizens not to upload or forward any matter which could flare up communal violence in the district. By forwarding the post without seeing it, might bring trouble for the sender also.

Meanwhile, the Gurugram police and cyber cell have become more vigilant after this matter and keeping watch on the matter being uploaded on social media.

and Delhi Traffic Police on official Twitter handle @DelhiPolice and @dtptraffic respectively for regular update. People's cooperation is solicited in maintaining peace and harmony in the city. **DELHI POLICE** For Immediate Help Call 112 **To Share Information Call 1090**

If they come across any such hate material, they

may complain at "Cyber Helpline No.-155260

or www.cybercrime.gov.in

Apart from the above, information about such rumours can

also be shared on ERSS -112. Please follow Delhi Police

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RELIEF AND REHABILITATION WORK IN RIOT-HIT AREAS

Share info of needy for quick response: CM

Bhajanpura, Yamuna Vihar and

Mustafabad last week claimed

at least 42 lives and left over 200

ments concerned are engaged

in assessing the loss of those

who have lost their houses,

shops, and vehicles in the vio-

pletion and the victims will

soon be given the declared compensation," it said. "The

Delhi government has also set

up relief camps across the North East Delhi. The govern-

ment is providing monetary

assistance along with other

lence, the statement said.

Officials of the depart-

The work is nearing com-

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday appealed to the people to pro-vide details of the needy for a quick response from Government agencies as he directed the authorities to speed up the relief and rehabilitation work in riot-hit North-east Delhi.

"We are working 24/7 to make sure relief efforts reach all in need. If u know of anyone who is in need, use #DelhiRelief to reach us," Kejriwal tweeted. "Pl do mention exact address/contact details so that we can reach him. We will ensure a quick response from our agencies."

Kejriwal is also monitoring the work continuously for 24 hours. Those people whose houses have been burnt are being given immediate relief of ₹25,000, according to the statement.

The communal violence in Jaffrabad, Maujpur, Babarpur, Chand Bagh, Shiv Vihar,

A détailed list of victims is being prepared to provide the compensation announced by the chief minister. Victims are applying through the counter set up at the North East district magistrate office as well as through NGOs. Meanwhile, Chief Minister

Arvind Kejriwal on Monday announced an honorarium of ₹1 crore for the family of Intelligence Bureau staffer Ankit Sharma who lost his life in the North-east Delhi's communal violence. Kejriwal said a family member of Sharma will also be given a government job. "Ankit Sharma was a brave officer. He was brutally murdered in the riots. The country is proud of him. The Delhi government has decided that his family will be given an honorarium of ₹1 crore, and a job to one person of his family. May his soul rest in peace," the Delhi chief minister tweeted. Sharma's body was fished out

City Govt's Peace body to launch drive to end hate mongering in virtual world

larmed over surfeit of fake and mali-Acious posts, messages on social media platform, Peace and Harmony committee, set up by Delhi Legislative Assembly on Monday, decided to apprise people against sharing such hate content and spreading rumour which can invite a jail term for three years.

The committee also decided to

launch a campaign to prevent hate mongering on social media which can cause enmity between two communities, said Saurabh Bharadwaj, Greater Kailash MLA and Chairperson of Peace and Harmony committee.

The committee held its first meeting on Monday and discussed the reasons behind communal riots in India with a focus on the recent riots in Delhi. "The committee has found that one of the major reasons for such disturbance is fake messages and hate content which gets circulated through Twitter, WhatsApp, Facebook and other social media platforms. It noted that the people forward these messages without checking the facts and this is how hate and enmity spreads between communities often which leading communal tension and violence," he said.

"In India spreading hate between two communities is a serious criminal offence under India Penal Code and other laws. We will seek complaints from people through campaign in radio, newspapers and other media platforms," said Bharadwaj.

"We will request people that if you get any such fake messages or someone send a hate message on a WhatsApp group, or you see a facebook post then please send it to this Committee. Tomorrow, we will launch a Wattsapp number and an email ID where people can send such complaints," he said.

Bharadwaj further said that the Committee will cross check the complaints using its team of legal experts and if it finds that the content can potentially cause hatred or disturbance or enmity between two communities or groups then it will recommend criminal prosecutions to the law enforcement agencies for necessary action," he said.

"We will also be working with a factchecking body/probably an agency. They will primarily assist the Committee in checking the authenticity of the content. A team of lawyers will be formed

that will assist the Committee and they will provide legal assistance to the Committee. A team of IT experts will be formed that will assist the Committee by providing technical assistance. All the complaints after due diligence, will be forwarded to Police to take the appropriate action," said Bharadwaj.

He said that the members have shared various experience of such fake messages. "We have found that such fake messages are common in the WhatsApp groups of both the communities. We have also found that in many RWA WhatsApp groups or other groups, some mischievous elements circulate such fake messages full of hatred," he added. "We have also discussed how hatemonger and rumormongers spread hate messages through social media. We observed that yesterday also such rumours were spread by some people regarding a communal disturbance in Delhi," said Bharadwaj.

Man jumps to death from AIIMS hostel over late salary payment

STAFF REPORTER **NEW DELHI**

A 48-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the tenth floor of a hostel at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on Monday Police said they have recovered. on Monday. Police said they have recovered a suicide note in which the man has

salary and torturing him.

The man has been identified as Vipin Sahu and he used to work at AIM chemist shop in South extension part-II.

blamed his employers for not releasing

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, on Monday, Sahu jumped from the tenth floor of hostel number 18 of AIIMS.

"He was declared brought dead by doctors at the hospital's Trauma Centre. During initial investigation, it was revealed that Sahu is not a doctor and on checking the hostel's entry register, it was learnt that Sahu had visited the hostel twice on Monday," said the DCP.

"He first visited the hostel at 10:40 AM and again at 12:20 PM, as per the entry register of the hostel. Some medicines were found at the spot from where he jumped,"

Septic tanks in unauthorised colonies to get RFID tags

of a drain in Chand Bagh area

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-ruled Delhi Government is soon going to install Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags in septic tanks of the houses situated in the unauthorised colonies through which people can get their "septic tank" cleaned legally and for

The project is one of AAP's main poll promises — Chief Minister Free Septic Tank Cleaning'. The Government is soon going to award work to induct about 90 RFID tagged, reader and Geo Positioning System (GPS) installed vehicles for cleaning septic tanks in unauthorised colonies.

The Government will also create a call center and will set up helpline numbers along with creating an application (App) for free septic tank cleaning.



'People can approach via the helpline numbers or can download the app to avail the free services. Also, to avoid illegal cleaning of the tanks, the government will install RFID tags in the household septic tanks as well the trucks will also be equipped with the RFID tags and GPS tracking to avoid any scam and illegal collecting. It will also help the government to keep a tab on the number of houses, and wastes and garbage

dumps. The garbage and wasted collected from each household will be first filtered and then will be disposed off," said the official.

Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's free septic tank cleaning was announced after the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in August last year directed the government and Delhi Jal Board (DJB) with giving a period of 120 days to formulate a committee or plan to clean polluted Yamuna River and to stop disposal of illegal septic tank debris in the river and also sewer deaths caused while cleaning the sewer tanks. Following which a scheme was launched by Delhi Government in November last year. "About 70 lakhs of popula-

tions in Delhi is living in the unauthorized colonies (UC). There are about 1731 UC's in Delhi, out which sewer and pipeline connection has been laid in many colonies but there are still colonies where the sewer line is pending and is not laid. In such areas, people have dug deep septic tanks and get it cleaned through private operators, where the trucks use to come and suck the wastes for merely Rs 300-400 and dump it in the Yamuna without filtering the waste and garbage due to lack of a proper system" said a

government official.

Elaborating further, the official added that the government has set up a mechanism called 'Septic Tank Cleaning Distribution and Management system' (SCDMS) to address this issue with proper management. Tender has been floated days after the announcement of the scheme to induct trucks to clean the septic tanks. The estimated budget of the project per annum is ₹25 lakh (approximately).

"All the paper work has been done and the award of work is pending, which will be awarded in the first meeting of the DJB, expected by end of March," said an official.

The 'CM free septic tank cleaning' was one of the poll promises and a scheme launched a few weeks before the imposition of Modal Code of Conduct for the general assembly elections in the national

Tihar: We had made preparations for hanging four Nirbhaya rapists

New Delhi: Delhi's Tihar Prison authorities had made all necessary preparations for the hanging of four convicts in the Nirbhaya gangrape-and-mur-der case which was scheduled for Tuesday, officials said Monday.

However, on Monday evening, a city court deferred the hanging till further orders.

Postponing the execution, Additional Sessions Judge Dharmender Rana said the hanging cannot be carried out pending disposal of Pawan Gupta's mercy plea before the President, observing any condemned convict must not meet his "Creator" with grievance against courts for not acting fairly on the opportunity to exhaust legal remedies.

"We had made all the nec-



essary arrangements for the execution of the four convicts which was scheduled for Tuesday at 6 AM. Now, the execution has been postponed and we are waiting for the further order by the court," a senior jail official said. The hanging of the four men - Mukesh Kumar Singh (32), Vinay Kumar Sharma (26), Akshay Kumar 6 AM. Singh (31) and Pawan - who are lodged in Tihar jail, was fixed for March 3 in Tihar jail on a

court order. "We had checked the ropes. Hangman was called and dummy executions were carried out," another senior jail official

Barring Pawan, the other three had in the previous weeks moved curative petitions and mercy pleas which were all dis-

The first date of execution January 22 — fixed on January 7 was postponed by the court to February 1. But on January 31, the court indefinitely postponed the hanging. On February 17, the court again issued fresh date for execution of death warrants for March 3 at

The court in its orders observed that the four convicts cannot be hanged since a mercy plea of one or the other convict

1st time AAP MLA Chadha is | Will set up more relief camps for riot victims: Rai Delhi Jal Board vice chairman

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) I Government on Monday appointed first-time MLA Raghav Chadha as vice-chairman of the Delhi Jal Board

Ćhadha (31) a chartered accountant, defeated BJP veteran RP Singh and Congress' Rocky Tuseed in the February 8 assembly polls from the Rajendra Nagar Assembly constituency. Soon after being appointed as Vice- Chairman, Raghav called on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Burari MLA Śanjeev Jha and Deoli MLA Prakash Jarwal were appointed as DJB members. Urban Development Minister Satyendar Jain is the chairman of the board.

In December last year, the



Delhi government and the Centre traded allegations over the national capital's water quality after Union Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan released a Bureau of India Standards report that said water samples collected from the city failed on most parameters.

The Delhi government had last year also announced its ambitious project to provide round-the-clock water supply by 2024. Cleaner environment and 24-hour water supply were the key issues in the AAP's manifesto for Delhi election.

It had also launched a mega project for storing rainwater in pits created on the Yamuna floodplains to meet the city's water needs. The national capital needs 1,150 million gallons of water per day against 950 MGD being supplied through various

ssuring people residing in A North-east Delhi about food and other essentials, Cabinet Minister Gopal Rai on Monday said the Delhi Government will set up more relief camps to accommodate riot victims.

Rai visited a relief camp at Mustafabad which has a capacity to accommodate 1,000 people. The relief camp was set up by the Delhi Government to give shelter to the families affected in the communal violence, which broke out in parts of North-east Delhi last week.

There are provisions for food, water and medicines in the camp. It also has a helpdesk to facilitate processing of compensation forms filled by the riot

"We will set up more relief camps in other affected areas too if needed," Rai said.

The minister said after



Delhi Minister Gopal Rai visits riot-affected areas of Mustafabad on Monday

speaking to the local MLAs of Seelampur and Mustafabad, he got to know that some "innocent" persons have also been picked up by police.

"Their relatives are running here and there in hospitals and police stations looking for them. We hope that this issue will be sorted out immediately. The

guilty must be punished but at the same time, the innocent should not be harmed," he added.

Rai said he would meet the Delhi police commissioner in the evening to discuss this issue along with the problems caused due to rumour-mongering on

Pioneer Photo "We had talked to MLAs of Seelampur and Mustafabad and

understood that police have picked innocent people also. Their relatives are running here and there in hospitals and police stations looking for them. We expect that this issue may be

sorted out immediately," said Rai Adding furthermore, Rai

BSF gives ₹10L to jawan whose

house was burnt by rioters

same time.

According to Delhi government officials, now the SDMs and other officials are working in the affected areas to assess the loss due to the damage of houses and shops.

"In the hospitals also, filling forms for compensation is facilitated and I witnessed the same in the GTB Hospital yesterday. For those who can't go out of their houses, NGOs, Civil Defence Volunteers are visiting them at their doorstep," "Also, the SDMs visit the victims' houses in the assigned sectors. We ensure that assistance in all respects reaches the victims wherever they are at present. First, the affected people required to fill the forms and later the officials from the offices of SDM and PWD will verify the documents," said Rai.

Keep watch on online hatemongers: L-G to cops

sources at present.

STAFF REPORTER ■ **NEW DELHI**

ieutenant Governor Anil Laurenant Governor acted with locals and visited in few areas of North-east Delhi which were affected by violence during the riots.

Soon after his interactions, L- G said we all should prioritise brining back peace and tranquility to restore normalcy.

He directed Delhi Police to continue deployment and take effective measures to counter rumour mongers and work closely with Aman Committees to build bridges between communities.

The L-G interacted with commissioner of Police SN Shrivastva and other agencies to work together restore damaged infrastructure and improve civic amenities to instil confidence in the residents and directed Delhi Police to con-



Delhi L-G Anil Baijal with Delhi Police Commissioner SN Srivastava and other police officials during his visit to Shiv Vihar, one of the riot-affected areas, in North-east Delhi on Monday

tinue their Flag March in the area and take effective measures to counter rumour

Delhi Police should

media and ensure timely and effective action against rumour mongers. Any attempt to spread false and

keep strong vigil on social

malicious news should be nipped in the bud itself," Lsaid in a statement. To build confidence

asked police to actively engage with Aman committees to restore normalcy in amongst people of affected

areas LG met locals and

The engineering and technical team of the force is already on job, the spokesperson said.
"Constable Mohammad Anees

has been presented Rs 10 lakh today at BSF Headquarters for the immediate aid. D K Upadhyay, Inspector Genera, l BSF presented the cheque at the BSF Force Headquarters. Repairing of his burnt house is also being done by BSF," the BSF said.



Constable Anees, along with his father Mohammed Munis, met Upadhyay at the force headquarters here at CGO Complex at Lodhi Road where the jawan was handed over the cheque, the

spokesperson said. The welfare funds of the force were utilised and other resources were mobilised to assist their 29year-old colleague whose house in Khajuri Khas area of the national capital was badly burnt and vandalised by rioting mobs when communal violence engulfed parts of northeast Delhi last week.

The communal riots in areas like Jaffrabad, Maujpur, Gokalpuri, Khajuri Khas, Bhajanpura and few others have left at least 46 people dead and over 200 injured.

Anees is presently posted at a BSF camp in Radhabari near West Bengal's Siliguri after he recently completed a stint in the anti-Naxal operations grid in Odisha. Apart from the monetary

relief, the BSF has also decided to post him to a unit in the national capital region so that he can take care of his family, officials said.

With a strength of about 2.5 lakh personnel, the BSF is pri-marily tasked to guard Indian frontiers with Pakistan and Bangladesh apart from deployments in a variety of roles related to internal security.

Thinking of quitting | Won't allow BJP to disturb Maha peace: Sena social media: Modi

Give up hatred, not social media, suggests Rahul

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he is contemplating giving up social media presence.
"This Sunday, thinking of

giving up my social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube. Will keep you all posted," he tweeted from the handle @naren-

The tweet created a flutter as within minutes #NoSir started trending with social media users urging Modi not to give up

his social media accounts. The Congress took a swipe at the prime minister, with Rahul Gandhi tweeting "Give up hatred, not social media

accounts" after tagging Modi's post. The prime minis-

ter is one of the mostfollowed world leaders on social media. He has 53.3 million followers on

and 35.2 million on Instagram. The Twitter handle of Prime Minister's Office has 32 million followers.

In September 2019, PM microblogging site, behind only US President Donald Trump and his predecessor Barack was the first Indian to cross the 50-million followers mark on

Abitter war of words has broken out between the whip up the Aurangabad renaming issue, but it would not able to disturb peace in the

> "The BJP has been invoking the name of Shivaji for the past five years. It has become so arrogant that it has published a book that Prime Minister Modi is himself Shivaji Maharaj... It is now demanding that Aurangabad should be renamed as Sambhajinagar. Who prevented (former chief minister Devendra) from

renaming Aurangabad after

Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj?," the "Saamana" edi-

torial asked. "From when BJP's Dadamiya (Patil) has become a historian? If he really likes to be historian, he should have known Hinduhriday Samrat" Balasaheb Thackeray had renamed Aurangabad as Sambhajinagar 25 years ago. He Aurangabad would be known as Sambhajinagar. From thereon every Hindu with self-pride used to call Aurangabad as Sambhajingar," the editorial

Coming down heavily on Patil for his statement that We are descendants of Maratha warriors Chhatrapati Shivaji Mahataj and Sambĥaji Maharaj and not of Aurangazeb, Hence, Aurangabad should be named after Sambhaji Maharaj", the Hence, Sena's official mouth-piece said: 'There is no need for Dadamiya to make a claim that We are descendants of Maratha warriors Chhatrapati Shivaji Mahataj and Sambhaji Maharaj. He should know that no one in Maharashtra is a descendent of Aurangazeb. Maharashtra has buried Aurangazeb for good. We are

Taking at pot shot at the

Maharaj, Sambhaji Maharaj BJP for invoking Hindutva and and Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray. Like Moghuls, the nationalism, the Saamana editorial said: "Can't people under-BJP's horse is not ready to drink stand as to why there is sudden water in a normal way," the Sena mouth-piece said, while criticising Patil for his irresurge of love for Hindutva and nationalism in the BJP?. Sometimes, it (the BJP) talks sponsible statement. It may be recalled that the about Veersavarkar, while on some other occasions, it talks about Sambhajingar. Neither has it even laid a brick for the grand memorial for

Chhatrapati Shivaji (in mid-sea off south Mumbai) nor has

it given Bharat Ratna posthu-

mously to Veer Savarkar. If

Ram Mandir is being built at

Ayodhya, it is courtesy

Supreme Court. Only thing is

that it is lying emphasis on renaming of Aurangabad as

linked with nationalism. In

Maharashtra, nationalism will

never die. Anyone who tries to

kill nationalism will take a

beating from the Hindus. This

"Hindu self-pride is inter-

Sambhajinagar".

State BJP president had on Saturday last latched on to the Sena's oft-raised issue and rooted for renaming of Aurangabad as Sambhajinar. Talking to media persons at

dents of Chhatrapati Shivaji

Aurangabad after holding a meeting with his party's district office bearers on preparations for the Aurangabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) polls scheduled to be held in March-April, State BJP president Patil

had said: "We are descendants Maratha warriors Chhatrapati Shivaji Mahataj and Sambhaji Maharaj and not of Aurangazeb. Hence, Aurangabad should be named after Sambhaji Maharaj."

Raj: Woman

abducted,

gangraped

Jaipur: A woman was allegedly abducted and gangraped in Rajasthan's Udaipur district,

police said on Monday. On Sunday night, the woman

was with her male friend in a car

when they were intercepted by

two men on the pretext of asking

and raped the woman before

The accused thrashed them

Netizens urge PM not to exit social media

of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tweet saying that he is thinking of giving up his social media accounts, scores of netizens urged him not to various social media platforms as 'No trended Twitter.

Prime Minister Modi sent the social media buzzing with his tweet, "This Sunday, thinking of giving up my social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube. Will keep you all In about an hour, the

tweet had been retweeted over 26,000 times, with comments of people pouring in almost every second.

Within minutes, 'No Sir' started trending on Twitter with people's reactions varyfrom shock to

Several netizens urged him not to quit social media."People Around The World Love You So Much Modi Ji. You May Take A Short Break From Social Media If You Want But, #NoSir We Requesting You

New Delhi: Within minutes Musn't Leave Social Media

(sic)," a user tweeted. "Am Narendra Modi fan If Modi ji quits - I am off as well," said another user on

Some netizens even offered explanations over why the prime minister was contemplating giving up his accounts.

"No sir.. We know that you are upset with the misuse of social media but we need you," a Twitter user said.

It was not just reactions of people that poured in on Twitter, but memes began to appear as well.

One meme said, "People on all social media platforms to Modi Ji: 'Jane nahin denge tujhe" -- with the snapshot of a scene from the popular '3 Idiots' song'.

Some netizens were just plain shocked by Modi's "You inspired us nationalists to be active on social media!...And now you are saying you'll be leaving social media! I'm shocked looking at this tweet! Modi ji, without you, we are nothing on Social Media," a user

Twitter, 44 million on Facebook

Modi was the third most followed world leader on the Obama. The Prime Minister

Anti-Naxal ops: CRPF to turn choppers into air ambulances

Opposition BJP and the ruling

Shiv Sena over the former's

demand for renaming

Samabhajinagar, with the Sena

slamming its erstwhile saffron

ally for making it an issue and

it that it would not allow the

latter to disturb peace in the

Three days after State BJP president Chandrakantdada

Aurangabad be renamed as

"Sambhajinagar", the Shiv Sena

in its official mouth-piece

"Saamana" on Monday hit out

at Patil whom it dubbed as

"Dadamiya" for his demand and stated: "People have begun

to think if the Opposition

(BJP) has been reduced to

kicking its own leg in the air

and making irresponsible statements. We need peace in

Maharashtra. The BJP should

demanded that

Aurangabad

copters operating in the country's anti-Naxal operations grid are being retrofitted by the CRPF with air ambulance-like facilities as part of a maiden initiative to reduce casualties of its troops and other personnel, officials said on Monday.

A specialised training module for helicopter-based air ambulance services, for the force's doctors and paramedical staff, was launched on Monday at a CRPF camp in Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh,

The officials said as the inservice choppers only have basic medicines and doctors on-board when on a 'mission sortie' to evacuate a seriously

administering quick specialised medical care in the air is not

The time taken in the entire process of lifting injured personnel and getting them admitted to a hospital leads to instances of excessive blood loss and also losing the 'golden hour' to save a person hit in A senior official told PTI

the new CRPF chief, AP Maheshwari, has now directed that over a dozen choppers, drawn from the IAF and the BSF, will be "retro-fitted" with air ambulance-like facilities so that as soon as they lift an injured or ill personnel the doctors on-board can give them

Bill to extend upper limit of abortion

to 24 weeks introduced in Lok Sabha

"vital life saving treatment" with the help of dedicated medical equipment.

"When a trooper injured in an anti-Maoist operation or someone seriously ill in a similar remote location is to be evacuated, a fixed-wing air ambulance is sent in. But they can only go upto major locations where there is a tarmac or landing strip and cannot land in a jungle or makeshift helipad like a chopper does.

"This is where it was felt necessary that choppers need to double up as air ambulances so that essential life saving procedures are administered to the injured or sick as soon as they are brought on-board," the

Eleven get life in Jharkhand law student rape case

here on Monday sentenced 11 convicts to life imprisonment for raping a 25-year-old law student in Ranchi last

The court of udicial Commissioner

Navneet Kumar, which had found the 11 guilty on February 27, sent them to jail for the remainder of their natural lives and imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on each of them. One among the 12 appre-

hended in connection with the case is facing trial before the Juvenile Justice Board. Jharkhand DGP K N

Choubey, DIG A V Homkar, Senior Superintendent of Police (Ranchi) Anish Gupta and other senior police officials were present in the court-room when the sentence was pronounced.

On November 26 last year, nine of them abducted the student when she was

dumping her on the road on talking to a friend at Sangrampur under the Kanke police station in Ranchi, a olice note had said then.

The other three joined them later to perpetrate the crime at a nearby brick kiln.

All the 12 had been arrested soon after and a car, a motorcycle, a pistol, eight mobiles and the mobile phone snatched from the victim and other materials were

The convicts are Kuldeep Oraon, Sunil Oraon, Sandeep Tirkey, Ajay Munda, Rajan Oraon, Naveen Oraon, Basant Kacchap, Ravi Oraon, Rohit Oraon, Sunil Munda and Rishi Oraon. *PTI*

Monday morning. PUBLIC NOTICE

an address, they said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This public notice is being issued pursuant to the orders dated 06.11.2019, 16.01.2020 and 24.02.2020 passed by the Horbie National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, Chandigarh. Notice is hereby given that an Application ws 9 of IBC read with Rule 6 of Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2016 bearing CP (IB) No.372/CHD/HRY/2019 in the matter of Grow Max India PVI. Ltd. vs Mallard Inks PVI. Ltd., has been filed before the Horbie National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, Chandigarh. Further Notice is hereby given that the next date fixed for hearing in the above menioned matter before the Horbie National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, Chandigarh is 15.04.2020 and the respondent/corporate debtor i.e., Mallard Inks PVI. Ltd. Aning its Regd. Office at Gali No. 2, Shed No. 5, Parvesh Marg, New Friends Colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121001. has been given an opportunity by the Horbie National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, Chandigarh to file reply/objections, if any, at least a week before the date fixed with copy in advance to the counsel opposite. Further notice is hereby given that the failure of the

before the date of hearing with copy in advance to the counsel opposite.

Further notice is hereby given that the failure of the respondent/corporate debtor to appear on the above date before the Hon'ble Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, Chandigarh and/ or to file reply as aforesaid, may lead to proceeding of the matter ex parte against the respondent/corporate debtor.

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कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, यान्त्रिक खण्ड, उ०प्र० जल निगम, मेरठ एन०आई०टी० संख्या : 215/निवेदा/34

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निगम, मेरठ के टाउन हॉल जोनल पम्पिंग स्टेशन के कॉमन हैडर शिपिटंग के कार्यों में 450 एम0एम0 डाया के CI/DI स्लूस वाल्व एम०एस० फैब्रिकेटिड स्पेशन्स की आपूर्ति 300 एम०एम० डाया के एम०एस० पाइप को जोनल पर्म्पिंग स्टेशन की छत पर लगाने के कार्य हेतु 'Electrical & Mechanical works including supply & installation of pumping plant' along with pipe laying में अनुमयी ठेकेदारों से निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा की बिक्री दिनांक 02.03.2020 से 06.03.2020 तक कार्यालय समय में इस कार्यालय से की जायेगी। मुहर बन्द निविदायें दिनांक 07.03.2020 को साय 17:00 बजे तक इस् कार्यालय में डाली जायेगी। प्राप्त निविदायें दिनांक 11.03.2020 को अधिशासी भियन्ता, यान्त्रिक खण्ड, उ०प्र० जल निगम, मेरठ कार्यालय में निविदा समिति द्वारा उपस्थित ठेकेदारों के समक्ष 15:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रू0 1000+18% GST है। निविदा के कार्यों का विस्तृत विवरण जल निगम

Anti-CAA violence in Muzaffarnagar, SIT files three chargesheets

Odisha collects ₹1.05 cr fine

from traffic violators in a day

Odisha

Muzaffarnagar: A special investigation team probing the violence that had broken out during an anti-CAA protest here in December last year filed three different charge sheets against four peo-

Fixing the next hearing for March 13, Chief Judicial Magistrate Ravikant Yadav has summoned Shehzad,

The

Government has collected ₹1.06 crore

fine from violators of traffic rules on

March 1, the day the state government

implemented the amended Motor

Vehicle Act, 2019 after relaxing its

enforcement for six months, officials

staff of Regional Transport Offices and

police personnel. While 126 persons

were penalised for triple-riding, 49

people were fined for speaking over

mobile phones while driving.

Ten persons were penalised for dri-

ving against the flow of traffic, 1,831 for

riding without helmets, 349 for not

wearing seat belts, 24 for driving in an

inebriated State and 277 for over-

Of the total ₹1.06 crore collected

speeding, the officials said.

The penalty was collected by the

Bhubaneswar:

Dilshad Sattar and Mohd Azim in the

According to the prosecution, the accused were arrested for allegedly being involved in the violence that brock out during an anti-CAA protest on December 20 in Muzaffarnagar.

Over 40 people have been arrested in connection with the violence. PTI

from the violators, the RTO officials

collected ₹88 lakh as penalty from 1,785

people while the police issued challans

of ₹18 lakh to 2,112 people for flout-

₹43,000 fine on a man in Sambalpur

district on Monday for allowing his

allowing the minor to ride the scoot-

er, ₹5,000 as the boy did not have a dri-

ving licence, ₹1,000 as he did not wear

a helmet, ₹10,000 as the vehicle did not

have Pollution Under Control (PUC)

certificate and ₹2,000 as it lacked

amended MV Act have been instruct-

ed to behave properly while collecting

The officials implementing the

minor son to ride his scooter.

insurance, officials said.

penalties from the violators,

Meanwhile, RTO officials slapped

Of the 43,000 fine, ₹25,000 was for

the upper limit for permitting abortions from the present 20 weeks to 24 weeks was introduced in Lok Sabha on

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan introduced the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 amid vehement protests by opposition members against the Central government over the Delhi violence which has

New Delhi: A bill that seeks to extend

After approving the bill last month, the government said this will ensure safe termination of pregnancies and also give women reproductive rights over their

The extension to 24 weeks will also help victims of rape, girls with disabilities as well as minors, who may not realise they are pregnant until later, it said, describing the draft legislation as progressive.

One of the salient features of the proposed amendments is "enhancing the upper gestation limit from 20 to 24 weeks for special categories of women which will be defined in the amendments to the MTP Rules and would include 'vulnerable women including survivors of rape, victims of incest and other vulnerable women (like differently-abled women, minors) official statement said.

If the pregnancy has to be terminated in 20 weeks, the opinion of one nancy," it had said.

doctor is required. But beyond that, opinion of two doctors would be needed and one of them has to be a government physician.

Name and other particulars of a woman whose pregnancy is terminated shall not be revealed except to a person authorised in any law which is in force, the statement said.

The statement said the "upper gestation limit" for medical termination of "substantial foetal abnormalities" diagnosed by the Medical Board.

The composition, functions and other details of Medical Board will be prescribed subsequently in rules to be ramed under the Act. The amendments are aimed at

expanding access of women to safe and legal abortion services on therapeutic, eugenic, humanitarian or social grounds, the statement had said. "It is a step towards safety and well-

being of the women and many women will be benefitted by this. Recently several petitions were received by the courts seeking permission for aborting pregnancies at a gestational age beyond the present permissible limit on grounds foetal abnormalities or pregnancies due to sexual violence faced by women.

"The proposed increase in gestational age will ensure dignity, autonomy, confidentiality and justice for women who need to terminate pregwomen who need to terminate pregative for the pathogen. The point from the day high.

Coronavirus rises like phoenix...

As many as 25,738 people (WHO) on Friday raised its are under community surwhile thirty seven people across the country are currently hospitalised after showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Asked if there could be a drug shortage in the country as around 70 per cent of the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) come from China, Vardhan said he has spoken to the Minister incharge who has informed that "we are adequately prepared to deal with the situation as of

Vardhan said around 1,086 people who returned from Iran in recent times have been recommended for community surveillance.

Earlier, three students from Kerala, who had confirmed to have the virus, were discharged from hospital after global risk assessment of the level after the epidemic spread to sub-Saharan Africa and financial markets slumped. The WHO said the virus

World Health Organisation

appears to particularly hit those over the age of 60 and people already weakened by other illness.

The deadly virus, first detected in China in December last year, has spread to more than 60 countries and infected more than 88,000 people. China has so far witnessed 2,912 deaths due to coronavirus while the total global death toll from the outbreak crossed 3,000 on Monday. The detection of the fresh cases spooked the stock market which squandered away the gain of nearly 800 Sensex points to crash by nearly 800 points before staging a recovery and closing 900

BJP, Cong MPs shove each... From Page 1

"On March 2, at 3 pm, inside Lok Sabha, I was physically assaulted by MP Jaskaur Meena (BJP parliamentarian from Rajasthan)," Haridas said in her complaint.

In her complaint to Birla, she asked if such things were repeatedly happening to her because she was a Dalit and a woman. She sought action against Meena who incidentally also comes from Dalit back-

ground. Meena dismissed the allegations as false. "As she opened the banner in Lok Sabha, it hit me on my head. I asked her to move ahead. İ didn't hit or push her. If she says she is using 'Dalit' word, then I'm also a Dalit woman," she said.

During the Winter Session last year, the Congress had alleged that two of its women parliamentarians, including Haridas, were "manhandled" by marshals in the Lok Sabha when they were protesting in the Well of the House over the Maharashtra Government formation. Both the MPs had lodged a complaint with Speaker Birla.

Union Minister Smriti Irani alleged that Congress MPs in Lok Sabha misbehaved with BJP women members, who also complained to the Speaker against some Opposition party lawmakers.

"Congress MPs misbehaved with BJP women MPs in the Lok Sabha. I would appeal to the Speaker (Om Birla) to take the strongest possible action against them," Irani told reporters outside Parliament.

"For the past two to three sessions 'goonda' elements of the Congress are disrupting Parliament proceedings," she said, adding that the action of Congress members in Parliament shows the desperation of the Gandhi family.

The mood in the Lower House was set with the word go as Congress members stormed the Well shouting slogans against Shah and demanding that he steps down for allegedly not taking timely action against rioters in Delhi.

In turn the treasury side accused senior Congress leaders of inciting violence by their provocative state-

Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said the issue was definitely important, but the priority should be to restore normalcy and then discuss

ways and means of preventing it. The House was adjourned till 2 pm.

As the Upper House re-assembled at 2 pm Opposition MPs including those belonging to the Congress, AAP, Left, TMC, SP, BSP and DMK were up on their feet with several shouting slogans and accusing the Government of failing in its duty in controlling violence which has so far claimed 47 lives in North-East Delhi. The House was thereafter adjourned for the day.

The Lok Sabha witnessed dramatic events when it resumed proceedings at 2 pm with the BJP and the Congress members pushing and shoving each others. . Parliamentary Affairs Minister

Pralhad Joshi condemned their 'unruly behaviour" and asked the Speaker to continue with proceed-Joshi alleged that "these are the

people who have provoked the riots. They murdered 3,000 people in 1984 (riots) and did no investigation. The priority is to restore peace... But they want to create tension." Seeking to restore normalcy in

the House, Birla asked Opposition

members who were in the Well to

take their seats even as they contin-

ued to shout "we want justice" and

"Amit Shah Murdabad" (Down with Amit Shah)

They were also holding placards saying "stop hate speech, save our

The verbal clash seemed to turn physical as Congress' Gaurav Gogoi and Ravneet Singh Bittu holding the black banner went to the Treasury benches where BJP's Sanjay Jaiswal was speaking on 'Vivaad Śe Vishwas' Bill and criticising Congress and its leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul

BJP members, including Ramesh Bidhuri and Nishikant Dubey, asked Congress MPs to return to the Well.

Some Congress members tore papers and hurled them in the air that further provoked BJP MPs with many rushing towards the Congress Members from both sides then

began pushing and shoving each other following which the proceedings were adjourned till 3 pm by the Union Ministers Ravi Shankar Prasad and Smriti Irani were seen

trying to pacify the agitated mem-Congress president Sonia and party leader Rahul were present in

the House during the uproar.

When the House reassembled at 3 pm, some BJP members were seen blocking the way to their side of the Well. Congress member Ramya Haridas complained about being manhandled by BJP members.

BJP's Rama Devi, who was in the Chair, adjourned the House again till 4 pm saying "whatever you have done is wrong". But the ruckus continued when

the House again met and it was adjourned till 4.30 pm by the Chair. However, the slogan-shouting by the BJP members continued even after the adjournment.

They chanted slogans like "Desh ki raksha kaun karega, hum karenge hum karenge (Who will defend the nation, we will do it)" and "Mahatma Gandhi amar rahein, nakli Gandhi jail mein rahein (Long live Mahatma Gandhi, fake Gandhis stay in jail)".

Some Opposition members placed a placard demanding Shah's resignation on the Speaker's table but it was swiftly removed by the staff.

The Lok Sabha was adjourned thrice till 4.30 pm amid continuing ruckus. Birla said he is pained by what has happened during the day, before adjourning the House till

Nirbhaya rapists... From Page 1

In its 6-page order, the judge said, "I have no hesitation in holding that mercy petition is an important constitutional legal principle 'Ubi jus ubi remedium', i.E., where there is a right, there is a remedy, I am of the opinion that the applica-

tion(of Pawan) is very much main-

Earlier in the day, while it was reserving the order on Pawan's fresh plea, the judge rapped the convict's lawyer AP Singh for acting so late in filing the curative and mercy pleas. The court, thereafter, asked him to come post lunch to argue his

In the post-lunch hearing, the court pulled up Singh saying, "You are playing with fire, you should be cautious" and added "one wrong move by anybody, and you know the consequences". The first date of execution,

January 22, was postponed to February 1 by a January 17 court order. Then, the trial court on January 31, stayed, "till further orders" the execution of the four convicts as they had not exhausted all their legal remedies.

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(G.L. Goswami)

95 MPs didn't attend Parl panels' meetings: Naidu

DNO - NEW DELLI

Nearly 40 per cent Members of Parliament (MPs), who as members of Parliamentary Standing Committees were tasked to review allocations for different Ministries in the 2020-21 Budget, gave it a miss, prompting Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday to term it as "really unfortunate" and urge them to honour the mandate given to them.

Naidu said as many as 95 of the MPs did not attend even a single meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committees and that he released the figures to ensure accountability and transparency for better functioning of Parliament.

Giving an account of the meetings on the first day of the Rajya Sabha when it assembled after a three-week recess during the ongoing budget session, he appealed to the various political parties to ensure better attendance of their members.



the Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Monday

The two dozen department-related parliamentary standing committees, with 244 MPs from both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, considered demands for grants of all the Ministries during the recess.

Naidu said 95 members, accounting for 39 per cent of the total 244, did not attend any meeting on the Demands for Grants. Only 28 members had zero attendance last time, he added.

Of the 78 Rajya Sabha MPs on these committees, 23, or 29

per cent, did not attend any meeting as against 11 such members in the last review in December last year. Out of 166 Lok Sabha MPs, 78, or 47 per cent, were absent in all meetings of these panels against 72 MPs in the last review, he said.

Highlighting the importance of the parliamentary panels, the Chairman said since the introduction of department-related parliamentary

standing committees in 1993, substantial work of Parliament is being transacted by these panels which have members from all parties and work in a nonpartisan manner.

The meetings of these panels make up for the about 30 sittings of Parliament and fill the void created by the decline in the number of days when the Parliament meets -- on 60-70 days in a year from earlier 100 or more, he said, adding the three-week recess was meant for 24 department-related parliamentary standing committees to consider Demands for Grants of all the Ministries as proposed in the Budget presented on Feb 1.

"The total number of members who skipped two or more successive meetings has increased from 100 last year to 106 now. These include 28 members from Rajya Sabha as in the case of last review and 78 members from Lok Sabha, with an increase of six from the last time." he said

from the last time," he said.

Naidu said out of the 24 department-related parliamentary standing committees, 8 relating to Rajya Sabha saw 45.35 per cent attendance in the 20 meetings held in the budget Corrections.

Direct Tax Vivad to Vishwas Bill introduced

PNS NEW DELHI

The Government on Monday introduced and started debate on the Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Bill, enabling one time settlement in the decades' long appeals in the Income Tax disputes, amid a din on the issue of Delhi riots.

Introducing the bill, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said direct tax dispute resolution scheme announced in Budget will be of great help to people as they will be able to save time and money spent in fighting cases.

As many as 4.83 lakh direct

tax cases worth ₹9.32 lakh crore are locked up in various appellate forums such as Commissioner (Appeals), ITAT, High Courts, Supreme Court and Debt Recovery Tribunals. "The scheme will give settlement option to all those with disputed tax. This will be of great help because

As many as 4.83 lakh direct tax cases worth Rs 9.32 lakh crore are locked up in various appellate forums such as Commissioner (Appeals), ITAT, High Courts, Supreme Court and Debt Recovery Tribunals

Taxpayers willing to settle disputes shall be allowed a complete waiver of interest and penalty if they pay the entire amount of tax in dispute by March 31 this year, following which a 10 per cent additional disputed tax shall have to be paid over and above the tax liability.

people spent a lot of time and money in settling cases," Sitharaman said while moving the Bill, while Opposition MPs were in the Well demanding reply and resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah in the wake of Delhi riots.

Under the proposed scheme, taxpayers willing to settle disputes shall be allowed a complete waiver of interest and penalty if they pay the entire amount of tax in dispute by March 31 this year, following which a 10 per cent additional disputed tax shall have to

be paid over and above the tax liability.

Further, where arrears relate to disputed interest or penalty only, then 25 per cent of disputed penalty or interest shall have to be paid if the payment is made by March 31, beyond which the same shall be enhanced to 30 per cent. Also in search and seizure operations where the recovery is up to Rs 5 crore, this scheme can be availed once the Bill is passed by Parliament. The scheme would remain open till June 30, 2020.

While debating on the bill, BJP's Sanjay Jaiswal provoked the agitating Congress MPs by saying that the Vivad se Vishwas Bill is actually helpful to corrupt Congress leaders like Sonia and Chidambaram. Jaiswal asked the Congress MPs to cooperate with the Bill and save from the probes on the money looted during the UPA regime. MPs rushed to Jasiwal, when all of a sudden during his speech, he attacked Sonia and Priyaka Gandhi for inciting people leading to Delhi riots. The House was adjourned thrice after this and debate is expected continue on Tuesday.

Earlier, the Government also introduced The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill and Mineral Laws Amendment Bill. The bill seeks to extend the upper limit for permitting abortions from the present 20 weeks to 24 weeks.

EC not in favour of State funding of polls Says it won't be able to prohibit or check candidates own expenditure

PNS NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) is not in favour of State funding of elections as it will not be able to prohibit or check candidates' own expenditure over and above provided for by States.

In a written reply to Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur said the ECI's view is that for addressing the real issues, there have to be radical changes in the provisions regarding receipts of funds by political parties and the manner in which such funds are spent by them so as to provide for complete transparency in the matter.

"The Election Commission has informed the Government that it is not in favour of State Funding as it will not be able to prohibit or check candidates own expenditure or expenditure by others over and above that which is provided for by the State," the Minister said. Thakur further said that in order to discourage cash transactions and bring in transparency in the sources of funding of political parties, the Government has amended the Income Tax Act and limited anonymous cash donations to ₹2,000.

The Government introduced the 'Electoral Bond Scheme 2018' to establish a transparent political funding system in the country with well established audit trail. In another reply, he said

In another reply, he said the number of assessees filing Income Tax Returns (ITRs) has consistently increased during each of the last three years as well as in the current year.



BJP MP Anurag Thakur at Parliament during the ongoing Budget Session in New Delhi on Monday PTI

As per the data provided by him, the total number of ereturns (excluding revised returns) were 5.18 crore in assessment year 2016-17 and 6.35 crore during Assessment Year (up to Feb 15, 2020).

The belated returns of AY 2019-20 can be submitted up to March 31, 2020, therefore, this number will increase further, the Minister said.

Thakur said the Income Tax Department has implemented the Non-Filers Monitoring System (NMS) which assimilates and analyses in-house information as well as transactional data received from third parties to identify such persons/entities who have undertaken high value financial transactions but have not filed their returns.

The number of non-filers with potential tax liabilities identified in the last three assessment years was 33 lakh, 38.81 lakh and 15.58 lakh.

National Chambal Sanctuary gets ESZ tag

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The first and only tri-State riverine protected area in India for breeding population of critically endangered Gharial, the National Chambal Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh, finally got its eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) earmarked where no new construction or anti-wildlife activities will be allowed. The area of the ESZ is 870 square kilometers.

Located at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, the Sanctuary is home of naturally living population of 75 percent of the critically endangered species of Gharial and also harbours national aquatic animal -the fresh water gangetic dolphins, nine species of fresh water turtles and more than 180 species of migratory birds.

"The Central Government hereby notifies an area to an extent of zero to two kilometres around the boundary of National Chambal Sanctuary in the state of Madhya Pradesh as the National Chambal Sanctuary Eco-sensitive Zone," said a notification issued by the Union Environment Ministry on February 20.

Incidentally, no objections and suggestions were received from persons and stakeholders in response to the draft notification issued last year in June for the Sanctuary which lies across Sheopur, Morena and Bhind districts of Madhya Pradesh with a length of 435 kilometers and area of 435 square kilometers.

The Ministry has directed the Madhya Pradesh Government to prepare a Zonal Master Plan, which shall provide for restoration of denuded areas, conservation of existing water bodies, management of catchment areas, watershed management, groundwater management, soil and moisture conservation,

munity and such other aspects of the ecology and environment that need attention.

notification,

the govern-

local com-

ment profilbited any new construction of hotels and resorts within one kilometre from the boundary of the wildlife sanctuary or up to the extent of the ESZ, whichever is

"Provided that beyond the distance of one kilometre from the boundary of the wildlife sanctuary till the extent of the Eco-Sensitive Zone, the establishment of new hotels and resorts shall be allowed only in pre-defined and designated areas for ecotourism facilities as per Tourism Master Plan,"

It said that forests, horti-

culture areas, agricultural areas, parks and open spaces earmarked for recreational purposes in the Eco-sensitive Zone shall not be used or converted into areas for commercial or residential or industrial activities.

The extent of Eco-sensitive Zone varies from zero (due to Inter-State boundary) to two kilometer from the National Chambal Sanctuary in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

J&K ADMIN TO SC

Omar detained under PSA considering his past conduct

PTI NEW DELHI

Jammu & Kashmir administration informed the Supreme Court on Monday that National Conference leader Omar Abdullah has been detained under the Public Safety Act considering his "past conduct" and possibility of such conduct being repeated on his release, which may "prejudice the public order".

Terming Abdullah as "a very vocal critic" of abrogating Article 370, the J&K administration claimed that his acts squarely fell within the realm of public order as it was "calculated to disturb public peace

and tranquility".

The District Magistrate of Srinagar has said this in his reply filed on a plea by Sara Abdullah Pilot, who has challenged the detention of her brother Omar Abdullah under the provision of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA).

The J&K administration

has said that in the history of independent India the existence and continuance of Article 370 of the Constitution, which used to give special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir, has "always remained a contentious and burning issue".

auctioned at ₹700 minimum,

₹1,200 maximum per quintal at

Agricultural Produce Market

Lasalgaon," officials said. On

Monday, onion's minimum price was recorded ₹400 per

quintal while the maximum

rate was of ₹1200 per quintal.

The fall in prices led to angry members of Maharashtra

Onion Growers' Association

and APMC farmers stopping

have held protests in Lasalgaon,

Dewla, Pimpalgaon, Yeola and

Maharashtra on Monday.

Officials said that farmers

district in

Committee

(APMC)

SC declines to refer pleas challenging Article 370 cases to larger Bench

PTI NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Monday declined to refer to a larger 7-judge bench a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 on August 5 last year.

A 5-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice NV Ramana said there were no reasons to refer the matter to a larger bench.

NGO, People's Union of Civil Liberties (PUCL), Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association and an intervenor had sought referbench on the ground that two judgements of the apex court - Prem Nath Kaul versus Jammu & Kashmir in 1959 and Sampat Prakash versus Jammu and Kashmir in 1970 - which dealt with the issue of Article 370 were conflicted each other and therefore, the current bench of five judges

could not hear the issue.

Disagreeing with the petitioners, the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, R Subhash Reddy, BR Gavai and Surya Kant, said it was of the opinion that "there is no conflict between the judgements".

SC bench recuses from hearing pleas

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court bench on Monday recused from hearing the plea challenging the Allahabad High Court order granting bail to former Union Minister Swami Chinmayanand in a rape case lodged by a law student.

A separate plea seeking transfer of the case to a Delhi court from Uttar Pradesh also came up for hearing before a bench of Justices R Banumathi and AS Bopanna.

"List both the matters before some other bench where Justice R Banumathi and Justice AS Bopanna are not members, after obtaining orders from the Chief Justice of India," the pench said in its order.

Senior advocate Colin Gonsalves, appearing for the petitioners, told the bench that these matters should be heard urgently. The bench directed its registry to obtain appropriate orders for urgent listing of both the matters. The high court had on February 3 granted bail to Chinmayanand who was arrested in a case of sexual exploitation of the woman studying law at a college run by his trust at Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh.

"Both parties crossed their limits and at this stage, it is very difficult to adjudicate as to who exploited whom.

GOVT TO MINISTRIES

Stop wasteful expense of printing own diaries, calendars

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has directed all Central Ministries and departments to stop printing their own calendars and diaries as it leads to "wastage of financial resources" and instead make use of those printed by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba last month communicated to all secretaries heading their respective Ministries that the new order is to be "strictly complied with".

Gauba, in the letter accessed by PTI, stated that the Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC) under the I&B Ministry is "entrusted" with printing and distribution of Government calendars and diaries to Ministries, departments and public sector units (PSUs) apart from customised items of this category on a chargeable basis.

"It has, however, been observed that various ministries, department and PSUs and other organisations under their administrative control are printing calendars, desk calendars and diaries in addition to those supplied by

This results in duplication of efforts and wastage of financial resources," the top bureaucrat wrote

Govt allows export of onions

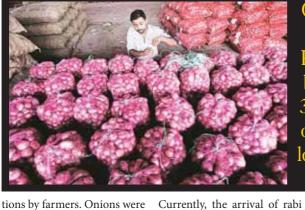
ONION WHOLESALE PRICE DROPPED

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Modi Government has decided to allow the export of onions from March 15 as the onion wholesale prices at the country's largest market at Lasalgaon Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) crashed to ₹1200 per quintal, down from₹1900-2100 per quintal, due to increase in supply of the bulb.

After a bumper crop, onion prices have stabilised. Presently, onion is being sold at ₹25-30 a kg depending on the quality and locality of the areas.

According to Ministry of Agriculture, onion prices increased by ₹300 per quintal on an average at Lasalgaon APMC after reports came in, on February 27, that a ban on its exports had been lifted by the Centre. However, a notification on the lifting of the export ban is yet to arrive, leading to fall in prices, which resulted in protests and agita-



stabilised.
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Onion prices have

(winter) crop of onion has begun in small quantities and would increase from mid-March onwards.

In a tweet, Union

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that the Government will allow export of onions from March 15 in the interest of farmers. The decision will help boost the income of farmers, the Minister said in a tweet.

The Government last week

decided to lift nearly six-

month-old ban on export of

onions as prices are likely to fall

sharply due to bumper rabi

The ban was imposed

after the prices of the commodity skyrocketed.

Expected monthly harvest in March is over 40 lekb MT

in March is over 40 lakh MT compared to 28.4 lakh MT last year, Food Minister Ram Vilas Paswan had tweeted on Wednesday. In September 2019, the

In September 2019, the Government banned onion exports and also imposed a MEP of USD 850 per tonne. The move came after prices started skyrocketing due to supply-demand mismatch. There was shortage of onion as kharif crop was adversely affected due to excess rains and floods in key producing states, including Maharashtra.



Police personnel attempt to detain a Congress worker during a protest demanding enquiry in flood relief fund, in Kochi, Monday March 2 2020

INSHORT

CBI ARRESTS 6 IN YOGESH GOWDA MURDER CASE New Delhi: The CBI has

arrested 6 suspects in connection with the killing of BJP taluka panchayat member Yogesh Gowda in Karnataka's Dharwad in 2016. Agency has arrested Dinesh, Sunil, Nutan, Ashwath, Shahnawaz and Nazeer Ahmed in an operation which is still on. These are 1st arrests in the case which was taken over by CBI in Sep last.

SC REJECTS EARLY HEARING PLEA BY SIT New Delhi: The SC Monday rejected an SIT plea seeking early hearing of its petition challenging the anticipatory bail granted in 2018 to jailed former

Congress leader Sajjan Kumar

Publishers has come up with a

in 1984 anti-Sikh riots cases.

'MANAGEMENT BY TRUST' PUBLISHED New Delhi: Blue Rose

new book 'Management by Trust- Path of Success', written by MP Sinha. Book contains 11 chapters with each discussing the different challenges the author encountered, lessons he picked up on, highlighting the practices that helped him come out successfully.

Man stabbed, four shops set ablaze in Meghalaya

was stabbed with a broken glass bottle in the Mawprem area here, as sporadic incidents of violence were reported from across Meghalaya in the aftermath of clashes between tribal and non-tribal groups that has left three people dead, police said on Monday.

Four shops rented to nontribal businessmen were set on fire in Photkroh town in South West Khasi Hills District in the early hours, they said.

Police said nobody was injured in the incident.

"A 28-year-old man was stabbed with a broken bottle by an unknown miscreant on Sunday evening, while he was walking in the Lower Mawprem area. He suffered shoulder injuries and is under treatment at the Civil Hospital," Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIGP) Gabriel Iangrai

There were also reports of



stone pelting on vehicles plying along the national highway near Puriang village in East Khasi Hills District on Sunday evening, he said.

The situation in Meghalaya "under control" and additional forces are deployed in vulnerable areas, the AIGP

Curfew, which was imposed in the city and its outskirts, was relaxed from 6 am to allow students to appear in board examinations, East Khasi Hills District Magistrate Matsiewdor War Nongbri said.

He, however, said curfew will be reimposed as soon as the exams get over. The indefinite curfew imposed in areas under Sadar police station, Lumdiengjri police station and those under the Cantonment Beat House will continue,

> D Jayakumar on Monday appealed to them to give up their protest and resume northe State Assembly and outside has asserted that minorities will not be affected due to the Citizenship Amendment Act,

he told reporters here.
"People of Muslim community should understand it (the assurance) and give up the protest and resume their norlife...They not have even an iota of doubt. Minorities will not be affected

He said Palaniswami had already held talks with the protesters here.

instigating protests at the Jiwangarh bypass here, police

under various sections of the

IPC for delivering inflammato-

ry speeches," Civil Lines Circle Officer Anil Samania told

served on 752 people for their

alleged links with last week's "dis-

turbances" in the town.

Meanwhile, in view of upcoming festivals, notices were

Mediapersons.

"They have been booked

8 AMU students among 15

anti-CAA protests in Aligarh

'Muslims should give

assurance on CAA'

up protests, understand

booked for instigating

Aligarh: Fifteen people, including eight Aligarh Muslim

University students, have been

booked for allegedly instigating

anti-CAA protests, police said

mer AMU students' union vice-

president Sajjad Rathar, those

booked included students

Kashmir. A case was registered

against them at the Civil Lines

police station on Sunday for

Citing repeated assurances by Tamil Nadu Chief

Minister K Palaniswami to

Muslims over the amended

citizenship law, senior

AIADMK leader and Minister

Palaniswami had both in

Police said apart from for-

here on Monday.

belonging

Similarly he (Jayakumar) too had interacted with those agitating at Washermanpet, which falls under his assembly constituency, the Minister added.The protest at Washermanpet in North Chennai against the CAA, the National Population Register and the National Register of Citizens is continuing here for the 18th day.

To a question on actors Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan joining hands politically, he sarcastically said, "we may again get to see a good film like Pathinaru Vayathinile."

The 1977 superhit Tamil movie directed by Barathirajaa featured both Rajinikanth and

Mamata calls Delhi riot 'planned genocide'

3 BJP men held for 'shoot the traitors'

Mamata Banerjee on Monday launched a scathing counter attack on the BJP Government after Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday slammed the Chief Minister for running a Government of extortionists and rioters in Bengal.

Launching a blistering attack on the Čentre, Banerjee said that the BJP was trying to repeat the "Gujarat model" (refer to Ahmedabad riots) throughout India even as she referred to the Delhi riots. "I am deeply anguished at what happened in Delhi where so many people were killed. What happened there was a planned genocide," Banerjee said adding how the BJP was trying to implement the Gujarat model in Bengal which she would not allow them to do.

Her speech came a day after Shah vowed to conquer Bengal in the next year's Assembly elections. She was addressing a 'strategy meeting' of party workers in Kolkata where the TMC launched special 75-day campaign called "Banglar Garbo Mamata (Bengal's pride Mamata) conceived by pollster Prashant Kishore.

"Delhi is just as big as a municipality if compared to bigger states like Bengal. And they cannot control law and order there. And shamelessly they have come to conquer Bengal instead of apologizing for allowing so many deaths to happen in Delhi. Even today some bodies were found in the

said reminding how Delhi Police which reported to the Centre and not the Delhi Government was responsible for all that happened.

Shah had on Sunday had linked Delhi riots to Bengal violence post enactment of CAA in December 2019 when several trains and railway stations were torched.

Apparently referring to his speech Banerjee on Monday said Bengal was an absolutely peaceful state and the people here enjoyed communal harmony unlike the states ruled by the BJP adding the people of Bengal would never vote for a communal outfit.

Banerjee also attacked the Bengal BJP leadership for trying to fan communal hatred in the State and bringing the "goli maro" (shoot the traitors) slogan from Delhi to Kolkata and said strong actions would be taken against those who raised such slogans from Shah's rally on Sunday.

"Remember this is Bengal and not Delhi. We will not allow you to create a communal problem here. The people of Bengal will resist you with all their might and the Government will not spare those who raise such slogans to create disturbance," Banerjee said. "The Goli Maaro slogans are illegal, scary and provocative and aimed at creating communal hatred. We will take strong action against those who did it. No one will be spared," she said wondering who the real "gaddars' (traitors)

people to decide who the real gaddar or traitors are," she

In fact the police had arrested three persons for raising the "goli maro" slogan from Shah's rally on Sunday. "In Delhi, BJP leaders who gave provocative slogans have not been arrested, but I got three of the BJP workers arrested," she

The three BJP workers identified as Surendra Tiwari, Dhruba Basu and Pankaj Prasad were arrested and produced at a local court. While the court granted Surendra Tiwari and Pankaj Prasad two days of police custody as demanded by the police the third BJP worker – Dhruba Basu was granted bail on grounds of his old age.

However referring to the arrests Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh on Monday said the Chief Minister had no courage to arrest the people who had committed the violence in December. The Bengal BJP had earlier disowned the Sunday's sloganeers saying they were in fact planted by the CPI(M) and the Congress.

Meanwhile, the Left and the Congress questioned

the Congress questioned Banerjee's sincerity in combating BJP's communal politics even as CPI(M) politburo member on Monday wondered "how she changes her colours at the drop of hat.

Two days ago she was sharing dinner with Amit Shah at Bhubaneshwar despite the Delhi riots and two days later she is changing her voice here."

Maha: BJP-ruled local body passes resolution against CAA, NRC

Aurangabad: The BJP-ruled Selu municipal council in Parbhani district of Maharashtra has unanimously passed a resolution against the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

The council chairman Vinod Borade told PTI on Monday that the Nagar Parishad has 27 councillors including three co-opted members. "The resolution was passed by majority

without any Opposition on February 28," he He said local public public representatives

were also in favour of such move.

Borade said he had summoned a meeting two days before the resolution was passed, as demanded by the members of the NCP, the Congress and seven councillors from the Muslim community.

The CAA, which was passed by Parliament in December last year, grants Indian citizenship to non-Muslim immigrants from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh who had settled in India before December 31, 2014.

The new citizenship law triggered protests in many parts of the country since then despite the repeated claims made by the ruling BJP that it will not take away anybody's citizenship.

HC directs TN Govt to file response on plea seeking action against anti-CAA protests

Chennai: The Madras High Court on Monday directed the Tamil Nadu Government to file a detailed response on the anti-CAA protests happening across the state.

A bench Justice MM Sundresh and Justice Krishnaan Ramasamy gave the direction on a petition which contended that the protests were unlawful as permission had not been obtained and caused inconvenience to the public.

Petitioner G Kannan sought to initiate action against those who have been staging protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) near the old bus stand in Salem in western Tamil Nadu since February 14.

Counsel for the petitioner submitted though the petition mentioned only about the protest in Salem, similar agitations were being staged in different places across the state affecting the pub-

In Salem, several protestors, including children, were staging the agitation close to the bus stand, causing "huge inconvenience" to the public, he said.

A detailed response from the government on the action taken against protests without any permission was required, the counsel added. Recording the submissions, the bench ordered the government to file its response on the action taken against the protests and ajourned the peti-tion to March 9. PTI



Prashant flays Nitish for not saying single word on Delhi violence in speech

former JD(U) national vicepresident Prashant Kishor on . Monday slammed Nitish Kumar, saying it was "bad" on the Bihar Chief Minister's part to not mention the Delhi violence in his over an hour address to

Kishor, who was expelled from the Kumar-led Janata Dal (United) in January, was referring to the Chief Minister's speech on Sunday at a party 'karyakarta sammelan'

"It was bad on his (Nitish Kumar) part not to say a word on the Delhi violence," Kishor

The last week communal riots in northeast Delhi left at least 42 people dead and over 200 injured.

Latching on to claims by opposition parties in Bihar that the sammelan saw a less than impressive turnout, Kishor took a swipe at Kumar, saying the event saw "bhaari bheed" (huge crowd).

At a press conference held a couple of days ahead of the event, Bihar JD(U) president Vashishtha Narayan Singh had predicted a turnout of about

two lakh people.

"While addressing a 'bhaari bheed' of JD(U) workers Nitish Kumar claimed that the NDA will win more than 200 seats (in the assembly polls) but did not

explain why despite 15 years of his 'sushasan' (good governance) Bihar continues to be the most poor and backward state in the country", Kishor said in a tweet in Hindi.

exhorted JD(U)workers to strive towards ensuring the NDA's win in "more than 200 seats" when elections to the 243-member Bihar Assembly are held this year. Claiming that there was a

Kumar had on Sunday

poor turnout at the event, Kumar's rivals have asserted popularity of the ruling JD(U)

RJD leader Rabri Devi, who is a former chief minister of Bihar, told reporters outside the state assembly premises that "it was a test for Nitish Kumar and his party".

'They failed miserably and will end up finishing third in terms of seat tally when the assembly polls are held," she

On Sunday, Rabri Devi's son Tejashwi Yadav, who the RJD's chief ministerial candidate in this year's Bihar polls, had termed the 'karyakarta sammelan' a "maha nukkad sabha" (a big street corner

gathering). However, JD(U) leader and minister Ashok Choudhary said that "it was not a public rally but a meeting of workers". *PTI*

Probe 'illegal appointments' made in J&K Bank during BJP-PDP regime: JKNPP

Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) on Monday demanded a probe into the alleged 3,000 illegal appointments made in the J&K Bank during the PDP-BJP regime in the Union Territory.

The party also questioned the rationale behind cancellation of the selection process for I&K Bank POs and banking associates conducted and duly completed by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS).

JKNPP chairman Harsh Dev Singh claimed that 145,000 applicants were anxiously having appeared in the preliminary and main exams conducted by the IBPS in

Singh said rather than quashing the selection process of banking personnel held by a reputed central agency, the focus of UT administration needed to be over the "illegal

backdoor appointments made by corrupt political regime". "We demand a probe into all backdoor appointments made during the previous PDP.RIP regime in Jampu & PDP-BJP regime in Jammu & Kashmir," he told reporters BJP here. PTI said.

39 panchayat members, 10 others join BJP in Jammu

Jammu: As many as 49 prominent people, including 34 panch and five sarpanch, from Jammu & Kashmir's Poonch district joined the BJP here on Monday, a party spokesman said.

The new entrants, who were previously affiliated to the National Conference, the PDP and the Congress, were welcomed into the party fold by senior leaders led by former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta at the party headquarters, he said. Mir Mohammad, former block president of the National Conference, was among those who joined the

,the spokesperson *PTI*

Census: First phase of | Army rescues over house listing in J&K to begin on June 1

Jammu: The first phase of house listing in Jammu & Kashmir under Census 2021 will begin on June 1, officials said on Monday.

Census 2021 - which will be the 16th since 1881 and the 8th since Independence - will be carried out in two phases in the Union Territory.

The process of house listing will be conducted from June 1 to July 15, the officials said.

They added that the second phase of actual population enumeration will be conducted in February 2021, with a revision round in the following month. The officials said while district census cells had

been put in place, a central monitoring and management unit was being set up.

The Census is not just an exercise of head count.
It provides invaluable socio-economic data which forms a credible basis for informed policy formulation..The changing demographics and socio-economic parameters reflected by the Census helps in reformulation of the country's plans for economic

development and welfare schemes.

100 people in Sela Pass in Arunachal

Itanagar: The Indian Army rescued 111 people, including children, who were stranded due to heavy snow at Sela Pass in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh, defence officials said on Monday. Two teams of the Army along with

medical staff and recovery vehicles were engaged in the rescue mission since the night of February 29 and all of them were rescued by early morning on March 1. They rescued 111 people, both locals

and tourists, who were stranded at Sela Pass at an altitude of 14,000 feet above the sea level, due to heavy snow, Tezpur-based defence spokesman Lt Col Harsh Wardhan Pande said in a statement.

The rescued people were given tea, snacks and food at the site by Army personnel, it said. The Chief Ministers Office complimented the Army for their effective response, the statement added.



Visiters look on as two one-horned rhinos play at Assam State Zoo in Guwahati on Monday

BSY: Questioning legitimacy of my Govt amounts to ridiculing public mandate

Minister BS Yediyurappa on Monday flayed Opposition parties for questioning the legitimacy of his Government and said such criticism is like "ridithe public

He also claimed that his Government has in the last seven months boldly faced several challenges and made strong efforts to bring in transparency in administration.

Yediyurappa was replying to the motion of thanks to the Governor for his address to the joint sitting of the state legis-

lature, in the legislative assem-The Chief Minister's reply was marred by protests and sloganeering by opposition parties from the well of the House, demanding that they be per-

mitted to raise the issue of BJP

MLA Basanagouda Patil

ments against centenarian freedom fighter HS Doreswamy.

Even as the Chief Minister read out his reply, the Congress and JD(S) legislators shouted slogans like "jai to freedom fighters", "save democracy and constitution", "down down British agents" from the well of the House. Stating that he did not like to talk politics while speaking on the Governor's address, but will have to reply to opposition's criticism against his government, Yediyurappa said "in democracy numbers matter, and in this number

game our party has won."

Pointing out that by winning 12 of 15 seats in December bypolls "we have proved that public mandate is in favour of our party", he said was our "moral victory."

'You should be aware that the people of the state are

Sabha polls your party had won one seat, we had won 25+1 (one BJP supported independent)," he said, adding that criticism against Government's legitimacy is like "ridiculing" the public mandate.

He cautioned that if the opposition continues to indulge in such criticism, people will start taking them lightly. "Because of my concern towards you, I'm giving you this advice," he said.

Calling the Government in Karnataka as "child born illicitly from Operation Kamala", Leader of Opposition in the assembly Siddaramaiah had said the government in the state did not come to power with the people's mandate, but by engineering the defection of 17 Congress-JD(S)

8 dead, 22 hurt in bus-tanker-jeep collision in Gujarat

Songadh (Guj): Eight people were killed and 22 others injured on Monday in a collision involving a state transport bus, a tanker and a jeep here in Gujarat's Tapi district, police said.
The multi-vehicle

collision took place on the National Highway-53 near Pokhran village under Songadh taluka in the afternoon, Deputy Superintendent of Police RL Mavani said.

"A Gujarat State Road Transport bus collided head on with a tanker coming from the opposite direction. Seconds later, a jeep with passengers rammed into the rear of the bus. Eight people died and 22 others were injured," he said.

The deceased were from all

the three vehicles, the police officer said.

'The injured were admitted in hospitals in Vyara and Songadh towns," Mavani

informed.

He said initial probe revealed the tanker was on the wrong side of the road and hit the bus heading towards Ukai town of Gujarat from

Rajasthan. A case is being registered against the driver of the

Cong sulks as DMK denies party RS seat

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

With the DMK refusing to part with even a single seat to the Congress in the upcoming Rajya Sabha election from Tamil Nadu, the grand old party of India is sulking silently and has to continue as second fiddle to the Dravidian

The sight of the DMK drubbing the Congress, which commenced in the 1967 Assembly elections, is continuing unabated and this has resulted in the latter becoming more vulnerable and weak, according to senior Congress leaders in the State.

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Congress was defeated by the DMK for the first time, the former had polled 41 per cent of the popular votes while the Dravidian party could poll only 40.7 per cent. From that respectable vote share, the strength of Congress has come down to just 6.47 per cent (in the 2016 Assembly election).

Govindarajan Satymurthy. veteran scribe who has tracked the Congress in Tamil Nadu for more than four decades, said that the DMK made hay while the Congress became weaker and weaker over the years. "In the 2006 Assembly election, the DMK under M Karunanidhi managed to win just 96 seats in

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NO.30, ZONE-III, UNDER MCG. + 1 OTHER WORK PROVIDING & FIXING PRECAST RCC BLOCK/PLOT INDICATOR IN SECTOR-51&57 IN WARD NO.29,

UNDER MCG. + 3 OTHER WORK PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF OPEN GYM

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PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE OF MATERIAL

REQUIRED FOR THE YEARS 2020 FOR FOUR MONTHS I.E. 01.02.2920 TO 31.05.2020 FOR MAINTENANCE OF

STREET LIGHT IN PANCHKULA ZONE
CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL, MISC. WORKS

AT 66kV SUB-STATION, SECTOR-44, GURUGRAM.
CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL IN THE SPARE
LAND AT 220kV GIS SUB-STATION, SECTOR-20,

CONST. OF RAVIDAS BHAWAN AND CHHATARAVAS IN SECTOR-7, M.C. GOHANA (RECALL).

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HARYANA STATE. ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

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BASKET BALL COURT, VOLLEY COURT, LAWN TENNIS COURT KABBADI GROUND, HOCKEY FIELD AND HAND BALL COURT IN

DISTRICT LEVEL SPORTS STADIUM AT VILLAGE SILANA IN JHAJJAR DISTRICT. + 7 OTHER WORKS STRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE WITH

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IMPROVEMENT BY PROVIDING WIDENING & STRENGTHENING ON VARIOUS ROADS IN PROVINCIAL DIVISION NO.1, SONEPAT (MAHLANA FARMANA ROAD TO TIHAR KHURD AND ROAD ID

6226, 6228, 6238, 6244, 6267, 9693) IN SONEPAT DISTT.

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OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO. + 5 OTHER WORKS

strength of 234 members. Though the Congress won 34 seats as an ally of the DMK, Karunanidhi refused point blank to share power with the former. Karunanidhi became chief minister and ruled the State for five full years without yielding to the demands made by the State leaders of the Congress for a share of power," said Satyamurthy.

He pointed out that the situation was different at the Centre. "The Congress formed Governments in 2004 and 2009 at the Centre and had to accommodate the DMK by offering them some of the plum ministries. The situation

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was entirely different in Delhi," he said.

When asked whether he would give place to the Congress in Tamil Nadu Government, Karunanidhi replied with a wink: "I have given them a major place in my heart". The Congress High Command was happy with Karunanidhi allocating them a place ion his heart and failed to bargain effectively with the DMK leadership. Though Jayalalithaa used to describe the Karunanidhi-led Government as "the minority DMK Government" at each and every juncture, the Congress leaders failed to take the cue and pressurize the DMK for its pound

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There is massive resent ment in the Congress over the 'double-standard" of the DMK. "We do not hope that Stalin, the DMK chief would accommodate us in the State Government after the 2021 election. For that to materialize, the High Command should bargain effectively with the DMK leadership. The situation is ripe because the DMK is not in the best of health. If we fail to bargain tough with the DMK, chances are that many senior leaders may walk over to the outfit to be launched by Rajinikanth," said a senior Congress leader who did not want his name to be quoted.

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Man detained for 'raising' pro-Pak slogan in K'taka

man was on Monday detained after he allegedly raised pro-Pakistan slogans in front of the mini Vidhan Saudha at Kundapur in neighbouring Udupi district in Karnataka, police said.

The man, said to be mentally unstable, came in front of the mini Vidhan Soudha (a complex housing Government offices) at around 10 am and shouted Pakistan Zindabad several times. Then he moved on to the

corridor and continued shouting the slogan, police said. A video of the incident

recorded by locals became viral within minutes. On being alerted by locals, police personnel reached the

spot and took the man into cus-

Kundapur tahsildar also gave a written complaint to the

According to police, the man was said to be mentally unstable and currently under treatment. He was working as teacher and had lost his job eight years ago on account of the 'illness'.

His health condition will be

report from doctors, further investigation will be held, Udupi Assistant Superintendent of Police Hariram Shankar said.

Family sources said the man, who regulary watches television, may have been influenced by the news items telecast on such slogans raised by some persons elsewhere.

Three students from Kashmir studying at a private engineering college in Hubballi were arrested on sedition charges last month for allegedly raising pro-Pakistan slogans and posting a video of it on a messaging platform on the first anniversary of the Pulwama terrorist attack.

On February 20, a young woman, later identified as Amulya Leona, had raised "Pakistan Zindabad" slogan thrice at an event in Bengaluru against the Citizenship Amendment Act.

Besides, Zindabad" graffiti had been found on the wall of a house and a school in different places in the state in recent

One more screening counter in Mizoram

CORONAVIRUS

Aizawl: The Mizoram Government has set up one more screening counter for coronavirus at Thingsai in Hnahthial district on the Indo-Myanmar border, an official of the state Health department

Thingsai is the entry and exit point along the Indo-Myanmar border in Hnahthial district.

The official said that screening for coronavirus began at Thingsai police check gate on Saturday.

So far the Mizoram government has set up at least six screening counters for coronavirus to prevent the spread of the deadly virus in the state.

No case of coronavirus has been detected in the state till date, the official said.

The State Government has also formed a task force to monitor screening of passengers along the state borders and international borders.

Kerala CM rejects CBI probe over missing cartridges, rifles

Thiruvananthapuram: The by way of the adjournment CAG report on missing rifles and live cartridges rocked the Kerala Assembly on Monday as Opposition Congress-led UDF insisted on a CBI probe which was rejected by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

The Assembly was adjourned for the day in the pre-lunch session by Speaker P Sreeramakrishnan as the United Democratic Front members stormed the Well holding banners and raising slogans after their notice for an adjournment motion on the issue was rejected.

It was first raised during

motion notice, but Vijayan asserted no rifle was missing from the Special Armed Police Battalion here as found by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) and the cartridges were lost mainly during previous

Left government was viewing the matter 'seriously, adding one police official was arrested and a departmental inquiry pending against 11 others in connection with over 12,000 cartridges going missing. "There is no relevance for

The Chief Minister said the

the Question Hour and again a CBI probe right now. An

effective and comprehensive investigation by our own agency, crime branch, is progressing...Let its report come first," he said.

Replying to the notice for adjournment motion later, he said: "we don't have anything to hide. We just followed the pro-As the Opposition target-

ed state police chief Loknath Behara, who came in for rap from the CAG for purchasing luxury vehicles and constructing villas diverting funds and violating norms, Vijayan said it was not fair to "tarnish the image of a person who is not in the House".

UP woman harassed over dowry, given triple talaq; husband, in-laws booked

Bareilly (UP): A case of dowry and domestic violence has been registered here against a man complaint by his wife, police

said on Monday. The man also gave triple talaq to the woman over phone,

they said. The case was registered on Sunday on the orders of DIG, Manoj Kumar, SHO, Quila

police station said. The police, however, said no case has been registered under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act which makes instant triple talaq (talaq-e-biddah) in any form spoken, in writing or by electronic means such as e-mail, SMS and WhatsApp illegal and void, with up to three years in jail for the husband.

"The woman (complainant) got married to Tasleem on May 9, 2014. After the marriage, her dowry," he said.

The officer said the complainant was also allegedly molested by her brother-in-

"The woman's brother-inlaw Altaf often molested her and tried to rape her a few days back. When the woman resisted, he threatened to kill her by putting a knife on her neck. However, as the woman raised an alarm, Altaf fled from there," Kumar said. "On February 6, when the woman complained about the incident to her husband, he beat her up and threw her out of the house along with the children. Next day, he pronounced triple talaq on her over phone," the officer added. PTI

UP: 22-year-old rape survivor dies under mysterious circumstances

Fatehpur (UP): A 22-year-old woman, who was allegedly raped, died under mysterious police said on Monday.

The woman was living at her relative's house after she was raped six months ago, Station House Officer (SHO), Khakheru, Anoop Singh, said.

"She died under mysterious circumstances on Sunday," he said, adding that police took custody of the woman's body when her family members were about to perform last rites and sent it for postmortem.

"She had moved out of her village after being allegedly raped and was staying with her relatives," Singh said. The woman had accused a youth of her village of raping her on the pretext of marriage, the SHO

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The Bengal gamble

Amit Shah continues to drive the CAA as a key campaign plank for the Bengal polls. What should Mamata do?



o matter what the results of the Delhi elections have been, no matter how people rejected the politics of polarisation and divisiveness, the BJP will not stop running with the flare gun. Even if it burns lives and sears memories, it will go ahead with its identity politics in the name of cleansing and securing the nation. If the promise of development was the access card for the 2014 mandate, May 2019 onwards the rationale is about why development is in ferment because of pollutants among people, because the nation is not secure from "virus"

threats of the "alien" kind implanted many centuries ago. This justification works in core factories of the Sangh Parivar, one that has led Union Home Minister and party supremo Amit Shah to unfurl his campaign for the Bengal 2021 polls with a renewed emphasis on the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The BJP hopes this will be a trumpcard for three reasons. First, it sharpens the polarity with its harshest critic on its identity and race-profiling policies, Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee. Second, Bengal has become a fertile ground for polarisation with the decimation of both the Left and the Congress as secular entities. It is home to about 27 per cent Muslims that congeal around Mamata and is a swirling petri dish of latent anxieties about Partition and infiltration. Third, Bengal represents the Leftist liberal way of life and, as another bank of the ideological divide, is one that the BJP wants to desperately breach. Emboldened by its performance in the Lok Sabha polls with 18 seats, the BJP is pitching CAA as its arrowhead, hoping to consolidate those numbers. Hindu refugees are a deciding factor in about 80 Assembly seats and spread around 50 others in the 294member House. Besides, by just talking about the CAA, Shah is selling it as a virtuous proposition in itself, as opposed to Mamata's linking it with census profiles under the National Population Register (NPR) and National Register of Citizens (NRC). Even at the national level, the BJP is using CAA to explain how it helps persecuted Hindi refugees and covering up what it implies, that it is exclusionary in violation of the Constitution. Or that Muslims left out for want of legacy data in census drives, intentionally or not, have no other way of proving citizenship or seeking redress. Mamata is the only politician to expose a sinister design behind the CAA-NRC combination that has put the BJP on the backfoot in a State that hasn't taken to divisive politics, except in pockets dominated by migrant labourers or border districts. Hence, Shah's fervent appeal to Hindu refugees like Matuas and Rajbanshis to vote for the BJP because by protesting against CAA, he argued, Mamata was eroding their settler status vis-a-vis Muslims. Matuas, who migrated from Bangladesh during Partition, matter in 74 seats. Since 2009, they have been with the Trinamool. But ever since the death of their leading matriarch, Boro Ma, who was close to Mamata, they are a house divided. And BJP has successfully used Mamata's overt minority appeasement of the past to tell Matuas that they have been cheated.

Mamata, too, has wisened up after the Lok Sabha debacle. At her recent rallies in these constituencies, she has run down CAA as a needless exercise, saying she had regularised refugee colonies and that official recognition meant that all Hindu residents were genuine citizens. She, therefore, nullified the need to queue up for fresh documents under CAA. She is also making right noises about "extremists" among minorities and may have to follow through her promises of a Matua Welfare Board, dedicated colleges and a university. While the polarisation of the Hindu and Muslim vote had helped her at one time, the Trinamool chief, like many other Opposition leaders, has realised that the predominant Hindu sentiment is now a decisive factor in the country's political eco-system. One that is not about winning over Muslim votes but about convincing Hindu voters that they are a priority. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Arvind Kejriwal also displayed signs of Hindu ritualism, which is the new normal, despite winning a mandate based on his performance. The BJP has successfully supplanted votebank politics with a consolidated Hindu appeasement. Mamata is a Kali bhakt herself and chooses to live her faith than sporting it for political reasons. That is the reason she played to the Muslims through visual rhetoric, landing herself in the BJP's trap. The question is how reactively Hindu she will be in the light of the local body elections later this year? The bigger question is, can her all-pervasive crusader image afford it? But Didi has a pulse of her people and a personality cult that makes her almost a demi-god to the masses. For the first time, she can't take that for granted.

A Chair for women

Honouring women scientists with 11 Chairs is good provided we find enough candidates to fill them



■ ot a single woman features in a quick search of India's top 10 scientists. A name doesn't even feature in GK quizzes. As per a report published by the World Economic Forum, only 14.3 per cent of science researchers in the country are women. In such a scenario, the Government's decision to set up 11 Chairs in the name of eminent Indian women scientists in various fields "to inspire, encourage, empower women and give due recognition to young women researchers excelling in various fields" came as a breath of

fresh air. For those who missed the news, the 11 eminent women to be so honoured are physicist Bibha Chowdhuri, mathematician Raman Parimala, botanist Janaki Ammal, organic scientist Darshan Ranganathan, cytogeneticist Archana Sharma, chemist Asima Chatterjee, anthropologist Iravati Karve, doctor Kadambini Ganguly, meteorologist Anna Mani, engineer Rajeshwari Chatterjee and biomedical researcher Kamal Ranadive. Even though some would term the move too little and too late, the fact remains that the only woman from India after whom a Chair has been set up till now is the late Mother Teresa. So this is a step in the right direction. Women constitute 35-40 per cent of the total enrollment in science programmes. But just a few of them go on to pursue scientific careers. Nobody asks why till the images of women scientists celebrating the launch of a mission are used to symbolise the great surge forward by them. Even after the film Mission Mangal, how many of us know about the real women portrayed in the film? Just the way most of us don't watch women's cricket or even know the names of the cricketers save for a few star players, we are not conditioned to celebrate women who break the glass/mud ceiling or their achievements. It is no wonder then that even in ISRO, which should promote a scientific temper and hence "never rely on pre -conceived notions/biases", a little over eight per cent women work in its scientific and technical department. Since its emergence, not a single woman has ever headed the organisation.

The Indian National Science Academy, Indian Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Agricultural Sciences have awarded only five per cent of their fellowships to women, a patronising and placatory soother really. But, given the dismal figures of women's participation in different disciplines of science, will they find 11 women eminent enough to fill these Chairs? Only time will tell.

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Reformer par excellence

Given the ignorance of modern critics and the tragic fact that social evils still persist, it's time to examine Savarkar's ignored legacy as a reformer against the caste system



∙hen Vinayak Damodar Savarkar passed away on February 26, 1966, at the ripe age of 82, despite his health wracked by the dehumanising conditions at Cellular Jail, Andaman and Nicobar Islands (July 1911-May 1921), and further imprisonment in Alipore, Ratnagiri and Yerawada jails (till January 1924), some stalwarts remembered his contribution to the freedom movement. Prof Hiren Mukherjee, a Communist Party of India (CPI) MP, had urged the Lok Sabha to pass a resolution condoling his death. After his demise, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had praised him and said that his name was a "byword for patriotism and courage" and in 1970, the then Government issued a

commemorative stamp.
When Pandit Bakhle, secretary, Swatantra Veer Savarkar Rashtriya Smarak, informed Indira Gandhi about its plans to observe Savarkar's birth centenary, she replied, "I have received your letter of May 8, 1980. Veer Savarkar's daring defiance of the British Government has its own importance in the annals of our freedom movement. I wish success to the plans to celebrate the birth centenary of the remarkable son of India." (No. 836-

Indira Gandhi even donated ₹11,000 from her personal account to the Savarkar Trust and directed the Films Division to produce a documentary film on his life, which she personally cleared in 1983. As former Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Vasant Sathe explained, "Savarkar's contribution to the freedom struggle has to be viewed in totality. You can disagree with his Hindutva but you cannot ignore the fact that he was a great poet and a rationalist."

However, in February 2003, when the then President, APJ Abdul Kalam, unveiled Savarkar's portrait in the Central Hall of Parliament, the Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) boycotted the function. In fact, influenced by some Leftists, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi urged the President to reconsider his decision to unveil the portrait, though the decision was taken by the joint committee on the installation of portraits/statues of national leaders/parliamentarians in Parliament House Complex, where Pranab Mukherjee (Congress) and J Chittaranjan (CPI) were members.

contemporaries across the spectrum. MN Roy called him "my inspiration." C Rajagopalachari said, "Savarkar is a symbol of courage, bravery, fearlessness and intense patriotism and he is a foremost leader, who has laboured hard to ignite the desire of freedom in the Indian people (1937)." Mahatma Gandhi said, "Sacrifice

together (1944)." Given the ignorance of modern critics and the tragic

fact that social evils, which Savarkar fought against, still persist, it is time to examine his Îargely ignored legacy as a social reformer. Savarkar was interned in Ratnagiri district for 13 years (January 1924-June 1937) and was asked to abstain from politics, publicly or privately. So, he plunged into the field of social reform with the same passion he once devoted to revolutionary activities. He advocated social reform through his powerful writings and worked to stimulate the change he desired.

The Indian society then

was suffocating under a range of taboos: Untouchability (spar*sha-bandi*), ban on inter-dining with certain castes (roti-bandi), on inter-caste marriages (betibandi), on certain occupations (vyavasaya-bandi), on travel overseas (sindhu-bandi), on rites sanctioned by the Vedas reconversion (shuddhi-bandi) to the Hindu dharma.

Analysing the social system, Savarkar said birth-based caste categories probably gave stability to Hindu society in the past but the present divisions raised a girl from the Maang rested on the debris of the

nas). Disagreeing with the view that caste division was an upper caste conspiracy, he said that all castes had to share the blame as almost all used the system to assert superiority over others; hence, all should work to reform it. Savarkar said the varna-caste system was only a custom and Sanatana Dharma would not collapse if caste divisions were destroyed. He emphasised on equal access to wells and temples and said ex-(poorvauntouchables asprushya) had the right to launch civil agitations to secure their lawful rights if caste Hindus resisted. In 1925, Savarkar organised

mass singing of bhajans in small towns around Ratnagiri, urging an end to caste-based segregation in schools. He helped children of unprivileged castes to attend school by distributing chalk and slates and giving monetary incentives to their parents. He also exposed schools that continued casteing false reports to higher authorities. In 1932, he asked the authorities to drop the title, 'Special schools for low caste children" as it gave the children an inferiority complex. Savarkar community in his own home

untouchables to read, write and recite the Gayatri mantra. He organised shuddhi for those who had left the Hindu fold under duress and wished to return. He supported BR Ambedkar's Mahad and Nashik campaigns against untouchabil-In 1930, Savarkar launched

the first pan-India Ganeshotsav with kirtans by the so-called untouchables. He started the Patitpavan Mandir, open to all Hindus, and said a priest need not be a Brahmin by birth but should have knowledge of all priestly duties. The temple was consecrated in February 1931 and ex-untouchable leader, Rajbhog of Pune, did pad-puja of Shankaracharya Kurtakoti, thereby breaking a

major taboo. The temple trustees were drawn from all varnas. Savarkar said every Hindu, whether Mahar or Maharaj (king), should have the right to recite the Vedas. Savarkar organised several

where Muslims and Christians also participated. In March 1936, the famous Marathi actorsinger, Narayan Shripad Rajhans (named Bal Gandharva by Lokmanya Tilak), visited Ratnagiri and asked Savarkar to attend one of his performances.

that an inter-caste dining be arranged after the show; this was done on March 6, 1936.

When a Government was formed in Bombay Presidency after elections under the Government of India Act 1937, it ordered Savarkar's unconditional release in 1937. Now free to travel, Savarkar, who had become president of the Hindu Mahasabha, visited homes of ex-untouchables wherever he toured; he would speak at Ganesh festivities only if his lectures were open to them.

Savarkar thundered against caste inequalities: *Jatyuchchedak* Nibandh (Essays on abolition of caste), Samaj Chitre (Portraits of society) and a drama, Ushaap (Antidote to a curse), on the problem of untouchability abduction of women, shuddhi and the dishonesty of conservatives. Since he was confined to Ratnagiri, he wrote in Marathi to reach the local audience and stimulated significant social backward districts Maharashtra. Although his writings were not translated, his ideas and programmes spread

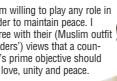
as others picked up the threads. (The author is a senior journalist. Views expressed are per-



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I am willing to play any role in order to maintain peace. I agree with their (Muslim outfit leaders') views that a country's prime objective should be love, unity and peace.

Tamil film superstar —Rajinikanth



Being a father (3x) has been, my greatest source of pride humility, inspiration and even achievement. It has taught me to choose innocent honesty over smarts....in every aspect of life

-Shah Rukh Khan



I think she (Priti Patel) is a fantastic Home Secretary. Anybody who has been Home Secretary will testify that it is one of the toughest jobs in the Government

British PM



I am pained by the killing of innocent people in Delhi. I think it was genocide... The violence was State-sponsored The BJP is trying to replicate the Gujarat model of riots.

West Bengal CM

–Mamata Baneriee

LETTERS

Shun politics

Sir — The Kerala High Court's recent order banning all forms of student agitations in school and college campuses — that disrupt functioning of educational institutions - can be double-edged if used to stifle opinion-making. Campus politics is sadly going from bad to worse. In the past, it helped students train themselves as responsible citizens to work for the welfare of the student com-

munity as well as society. Violence was present in the past but not the horrendous kind that we see now. Student activists are used as "death squads" by some political outfits for selfish motives. At the same time, each institution should encourage a healthy platform for debate and discussion and keep it independent of politicking. The present verdict comes as a result of petitions filed by various college and school managements against agitations on campuses disrupting the peaceful atmosphere. The court said educational institutions can be made a venue for peaceful discussions and dialogues.

M Pradyu

Criticism aside, Sharapova loved playing tennis

t is disheartening that tennis player and winner of five Grand Slam singles titles, Maria Sharapova, has decided to retire from the sport too early, at the age of 32. This news came soon after the death of basketball star, Kobe Bryant, who was a good friend of hers and had been guiding her through her career. Sharapova said that Bryant's demise helped her cement her own decision about hanging up her tennis shoes.

The most significant reason for her retirement, how ever, is the near-constant pain she has had to live with over the last few years. While Sharapova was a world number one player and also one of the most recognised faces of the sport, she struggled to regain her form after a suspension. The ban was the result of her having tested positive for meldonium, a drug developed for ischaemia patients, which she had been taking for years on account of a magnesium deficiency and a family history of diabetes. The drug, while available in the Baltic countries and Russia, is not approved for use in the rest of Europe or in the US

It is a pity that a player of Sharapova's ability and stature is now at the 373rd spot in the world rankings.



She became a global star in 2004 by winning Wimbledon at the age of 17, upsetting the top-seeded Serena Williams in a gripping final. Irrespective of how Sharapova's career turned out, she always commanded respect from her peers for her single-mindedness and fighting spirit.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee Faridabad

Damage is done

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Scarred childhood" (February 2). Some signs of normalcy have returned to riot-hit areas of northeast Delhi. But scars are deep. Especially for children, the danger

is for real. For them, the memories are traumatic and can have a lasting impact on their physical growth, self-esteem and emotional and psychological well-being. Though civil society organisations have been doing their bit in providing relief to the people

affected by riots, it will take huge

efforts on the part of both Central as well as the State Government to calm the nerves and regain the lost

trust of the people. Indeed it will be difficult for both Governments to get into the shoes of the student who was hit while he was returning home after appearing for an exam or even

burnt. Delhi will become normal in some time but the scars of violence may never go away Bal Govind

those little ones, whose school was

Strengthen bonds

Sir — This refers to the article, "Look beyond the surface" (February 29) by Vivek Mishra. The recent high-profile visit of US President Donald Trump to India, during which a defence deal was signed, is welcome. However, such an extravagant show amid high-value spending and which led to normal life being affected was unnecessary.

India and the US must now focus on strengthening ties, especially through trade. India must emphasise on the need to resolve the issue of H-1B visa cap on skilled professionals, which hampers the prospects of talented Indians. The countries should work together on energy and defence issues.

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analysis

FIRSTCOLUMN

Well begun but not half done

The proposed law is silent on the right to parenthood of LGBTQs and doesn't specify monetary compensation to the surrogate mother



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urrogacy in India has come a long way, from the country becoming a popular destination for childless couples since 2002 to the surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016, which restricted the option of surrogacy for many. The law regulating surrogacy was first mooted in 2016 in the wake of disturbing reports of exploitation of women, who were confined to hostels, not provided adequate post-pregnancy medical care and paid a pittance for repeatedly becoming surrogate mothers to supplement family income. In 2018-19, too, several cases of harassment and violence against surrogate mothers were reported to the police and brought before courts in the country. These incidents led to an increase in demands for a law regulating surrogacy, protecting rights of both parents and surrogate mothers.

As a result, on February 26, the Union Cabinet approved recommendations made by the 23-member Rajya Sabha Select Committee on Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2020. This allows a "willing woman" and not just a "close relative" to become a surrogate mother and proposes that single women can also benefit from its provisions, besides infertile Indian couples.

Today, there are two types of surrogacy. The first type of surrogacy arrangement is "traditional surrogacy" or "complete surrogacy" in which the eggs of the surrogate mother are used in the conception of the child. The surrogate mother is genetically related to the child and is thus more accurately considered the child's biological mother. In this process the surrogate mother conceives the baby by means of "artificial insemination." It is a form of surrogacy in which a gestational carrier is paid to carry a child to maturity in her womb. The second type of surrogacy arrangement is "gestational surrogacy", in which the wife is fertile but incapable of carrying a growing foetus; the child is conceived by "in-vitro fertilisation" using the wife's eggs and her husband's sperm, and the resulting embryo is implanted in the surrogate mother's uterus.

There is another kind of surrogacy called "altruistic surrogacy". It is a situation where the surrogate receives no financial reward for the pregnancy or the relinquishment of the child. Another term "commercial surrogacy" is much in debate where a woman agrees to bear the child for a fee over and and above the medical expenses.

The earlier version of the Bill defined commercial surrogacy as a surrogacy or its related procedures undertaken for a monetary benefit. In India, the demand for surrogacy has been on the rise due to decisions to have a baby later in life, problems with the uterus, pelvic tuberculosis, infections and so on. India is one of the few countries that allowed commercial surrogacy for a long period of time apart from Russia, Ukraine and some states in the US.

With the new law, commercial surrogacy will be prohibited, including sale and purchase of human embryo and gametes and ethical surrogacy to Indian married couples, Indian-origin married couples and Indian single woman (widows or divorcees between the age of 35 and 45 years) will be allowed on fulfillment of certain conditions. The proposed law says that only Indian couples can opt for surrogacy in the country. It also allows the person using a surrogate mother to pay just for her medical expenses to reduce commercialisation. The proposed insurance cover for surrogate mothers has now been increased to 36 months from 16 months provided in the earlier draft. The text further proposes to regulate surrogacy by establishing a National Surrogacy Board at the central level and State Surrogacy Board and appropriate authorities in States and Union Territories respective-

The proposed law allows a "willing woman" and not just a "close relative" to become a surrogate mother for the simple reason that with families getting smaller these days, it is becoming difficult to find somebody among close relatives for the task. So altruistic surrogacy has been allowed, where there is no element of coercion and is done in the spirit of helping somebody. This would ensure that all those who are needy can take advantage of science.

However, the definition of "infertility" as the inability to conceive after five years of unprotected intercourse should be deleted on the ground that it is too long a period for a couple to wait for a child. Further, the proposed legislation is silent on the right to parenthood of LGBTQ couples. Health experts, however, criticised the absence of monetary compensation for the surrogate. They say that while it is a good step to omit near relative clause for a surrogate, it doesn't help to not include monetary compensation for the surrogate because not many women would be interested in carrying someone's child without being paid for it. They also seek establishment of surrogate clinics for mothers at the district level with a full time woman medical practitioner. Surrogacy is a boon for women who are looking to make ends meet. Although, surrounded by a few criticisms, this is a welcome move by the Government where a liberal view or approach on the issues of reproductive rights of women, was much

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IT IS A LAW TO PROVIDE CITIZENSHIP AND NOT TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM ANY CITIZEN. MAMATA DIDI IS MISLEADING THE MUSLIM BROTHERS AND SISTERS. **—UNION HOME MINISTER**





WEST BENGAL IS BETTER OFF WITHOUT THE **BIGOTRY AND THE HATRED THAT THE BJP IS** TRYING TO SPREAD.

—TMC MP **ABHISHEK BANERJEE**

No big deal

Staying clear of the optics and bonhomie on display all through the US President's recent visit to India, one gets a sense that the road to even a limited trade deal is thorny



UTTAM GUPTA

Drior to the maiden visit of US President Donald Trump to India, there was a sense of dejection about the possibility of the US and India signing even a limited trade deal, leave aside a major one. This is to be seen in the backdrop of the absence of United States Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer from the delegation. Earlier, too, Lighthizer had cancelled a visit to New Delhi when he was scheduled to wrap up discussions on a trade

However, the mood was buoyant at the end of Trump's visit. This was reflected in the press statement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 25. He stated, "As far as bilateral trade is concerned, there have been positive talks between the two Commerce Ministers. President Trump and I have agreed that our teams will give a legal shape to the understanding that our Commerce Ministers have reached. We have also agreed to start negotiations for a big trade deal. We hope that it will yield good results in mutual interest.'

So, what is the understanding reached between the Commerce Ministers on either side? What is the time-frame for reaching a limited trade deal? What is the big trade pact? When will it happen?

Participating in the 'US-India Forum: Partners for Growth on February 25, Commerce Minister, Piyush Goyal said, "On the economic front, having almost closed the last contours of the limited trade deal and with the announcement of a much larger trade deal in the offing, we have moved to a new level of engagement." The deal could include restoration of benefits of low or zero duty to certain Indian exports under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) and market access for each other's agricultural products, including pulses, dairy, almonds, walnuts and so on (items of interest to the US), fruits like pomegranate and grapes (of interest to India).

Even as the limited deal is largely about goods and market access, the big deal — call it Free Trade Agreement (FTA) — is all-encompassing, going much beyond goods and incorporating *inter alia* intellectual property rights (IPRs), investment and services, issues related to visas and manpower movement. The USTB has beginned to discuss the initial contents of the c ment. The USTR has begun the filing process to initiate FTA talks. As per extant rules, the US Trade Promotion Authority requires the administration to notify the Congress 90 calendar days prior to entering into a trade agreement.

ig clear of the optics and b play all through, one gets a sense that the road to even a limited trade deal is thorny. At a fundamental level, both Trump and Modi are hard core nationalists and have increasingly leaned towards "protectionism" (even though in their posturing, they talk of "free" and "fair" trade. This was seen in the address by each). While the former has orchestrated his policies under "Buy American, Hire American", the latter does it under the "Make in India" banner. Trump has unilaterally taken a number of steps which seriously undermine the multilateral rules of "free" and "fair" trade under the World Trade Organisation (WTO). These include rejecting the demand of developing countries for finding a "permanent solution" to stockholding for food security despite a decision at the ninth WTO ministerial held in Bali in 2013; hike in customs duty on steel and aluminum to 25 per cent and 10 per cent on imports (sans preferred friends of the USA); review of the H-1B visa programme to restrict the entry of foreign specialists/professionals to only "most-skilled and highest-paid applicants."



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Early last year, the US also asked the WTO to do away with the extant Special and Differential Treatment (S&DT) available to developing countries. The S&DT enables the latter to give less than reciprocal commitments. A major plank of this special dispensation is a fairly liberal threshold of 10 per cent aggregate measurement support (AMS) — an acronym for subsidies in WTO parlance — for agriculture for developing countries as against five per cent for developed countries. If, S&DT is withdrawn, India will have to limit its subsidies to less than five per cent of the value of agricultural production against 10 per cent currently. Last year (June), Trump also withdrew the over five decades old special dispensation viz. Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) available to developing countries (including India) under which they are eligible for export of specified products such as at low or "zero" customs duty. Justified on the ground that India is no longer a developing country, it has affected Indian exports worth \$5.6 billion. The US, under the Trump administration, has also blocked the appointment of members of the appellate authority of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) — an authority for adjudicating disputes arising from non-compliance with WTO rules. At present, there being just one member in the body against the required strength of seven, the dispute resolution process has come to a grinding halt.

India, too, has pursued its protectionist agenda with alacrity. Thus, it levies high customs duty on import of electronic items, especially mobile phones, dairy products and automobiles (for instance, Harley Davidson bikes in which Trump has keen interest); controls the price of medical equipment viz. stents, knee implants and so on; restricts policy on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in ecommerce; localisation of data generated from transactions by international digital and payment companies from their operations in India. There is a lack of effective enforcement of laws for protection of IPRs, especially patents, absence of a law on data protection and so on.

In pursuit of its "Buy American, Hire American" mission, Trump is seeking to do away with special privileges available to developing countries under the WTO and undermining the authority of this multilateral body on the one hand and outrecting concession for its industries and extracting concession for its industries and businesses under bilateral deals with individual countries on the other.

Modi seems to be equally determined to protect the interests of India's industries and consumers and has even taken recourse to retaliatory measures. For e, after the US h and aluminum, India imposed duties of up to 50 per cent on 28 products, including almonds, walnuts, apple and so on.

The tit-for-tit syndrome can be seen from the US side as well. For instance, the withdrawal of GSP dispensation by Trump was triggered by changes in India's policy on 100 per cent FDI in ecommerce "market-place" vide December 26, 2018 circular amending the Press Note 3 (2016-17) to say that "the marketplace can't have ownership of the vendors selling on the platform, nor can it have an 'exclusive" arrangement with the latter. This hit the US-based MNCs like Amazon and Walmart, forcing them to rework their business plans; hence, the retaliatory action by the US. The gulf between the stance taken by the US and India is even wider in areas such as 100 per cent FDI in multi-brand retail (MBR), offline and online; localisation of data generated by international digital and payment companies from their operations in India; effective enforcement of laws for protection of IPRs, especially patents and law on data protection (this is mainly with respect to the data generated and submitted by MNCs in pharmaceutical and agrochemical sectors to the national regulators viz. the Drug Controller General of India [DCGI] and Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee [CIB&RC] to seek approval for marketing of their new products in India).

Citing the dire need to protect the interests of millions of small traders, India has ruled out 100 per cent FDI in MBR. On data generated by international digital companies, while India would like them to retain all critical data with Indian servers and even set up a local office, Trump is uncomfortable with the idea. On protection of IPRs, even as India (Amendment) Act 2005 (this is to prevent grant of frivolous patent), the US wants this to go. On data protection, another demand vociferously put up by the USTR (albeit on behalf of US-based MNCs), India is in no mood to oblige. It has argued that this goes even beyond what has been agreed to under the Trade-Related Aspects of the Intellectual Property Rights agreement of the WTO

Given these positions, which are poles apart, the FTA, that too before this yearend, sounds like daydreaming. A limited deal with some concessions on both sides could be done within this time frame. However, from the statements emanating from "key persons", it would appear that even this idea has been put on the backburner for now.

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Is faith enough to clean the Ganga?

A Ganga yatra and awareness drive may be the first steps to save the river but are far from the solution. Thousands of crores have already been spent to clean the Ganga. Yet, in Allahabad, the river water is undrinkable



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cological violence is contagious, much like indifference, which has become the norm in our society. Violence and indifference are enough to set a nation on the path of destruction. We have eroded our mountains and chopped up catchment forests so that India is poised on the edge of the environmental precipice. The cost, 7,00,000 people die prematurely due to water pollution, while millions linger on with symptoms of dysentery to heavy metal poisoning. Our surface water resources shrink and groundwater retreats into newer depths, all precursors to water wars in

While, younger "contractors" loot and destroy our rivers and sandbanks, illegally steal gravel and mine the bedrocks, the sententious older generation preaches duty, conveniently forgetting that it instilled indiffer-

The Government is not responsible for the pollution: We are. The Ganga river, venerated as a living goddess, today is laden not with fertile silt and minerals but with a toxic mixture of garbage, faeces, untreated sewage, heavy metals and drug-resistant pathogens. Ganga is the fourth most polluted river of the world, toxic not only for human beings but even for the fishes and plants.

There are reports, right from The New York Times to the Government's own assessments, that reveal mother Ganga to be little less than malodorous sewage meandering across the Gangetic plains. It was shameful that especially for US President Donald Trump's visit, we admitted Yamuna

into the ICU and galvanised it by dumping water into the river. Now that Trump has gone, the Yamuna will again become a filthy stream carrying flush water to the ocean.

A Ganga Yatra and awareness drives may be the first steps to cure this problem but it is far from the solution. Thousands of crores have already been spent to save the Ganga, yet even today in Allahabad, the river water is undrinkable

I am reminded of the aftermath of the Ardh Kumbh Mela in 2019, one of the biggest gatherings of the Hindu faith, which saw the whole city drenched in pathogens and waste rotting all along the river banks. There is no question mark on the faith of the millions of devotees but is this faith in good faith?

The answer is tricky but the truth is obvious. Misguided faith or rather lip service to faith has killed one of the largest rivers systems of our world and in record time. A bath in the Ganga is cheap indulgence for the sinning

the river is not Hinduism but egomaniacal perversion of Hinduism.

The solution is also a hard one which involves sacrifice. In good faith, we have to first regulate the holy dips in the river, especially in the upper regions of Uttarakhand. Sewage, which is 80 per cent of the pollution, needs

to be immediately stopped.

A national plan for Ganga conservation should pay special attention to effective sewage management, especially in the upper tracts of the river. Currently, we can't even stop waste. from rafting camps on the Ganga. We have to ensure purity at source, without an effective sewage management system, the river can never heal.

There is also a need for an active portal that reports the health of the river, including that of her tributaries. The next step is to restore catchments areas of the Ganga. This means that all tributaries of the Ganga, need to be declared a national treasure and any sand mining, rock mining or waste

mind. To care only for oneself and not dumping should become a serious crime. Harsh punishments need to be proposed.

The rural police across States needs to be made aware about these issues, as water may even be more precious than gold in the very near future. But the biggest polluters, the industry needs stricter regulations and a new Clean Ganga tax. As part of the stricter regulations, the Government needs to look at Norway or Sweden and their river policy.

All polluting industries need to have a treatment plant on site and the State Pollution Board reports on water need to verified by a third party to have complete transparency in the matter.

CSR funds from major pollutant cities in the Ganga Basin need to be redistributed for rejuvenation activities. Eco-entrepreneurs need to be encouraged and ecological services should be valued and monetised. For example, if tanneries in a particular area cannot themselves set up a treatment plant, they can tie up with these

ecological services. Small pockets along the river need to be developed not as industry zones but as green industry zones, exclusively for projects related to cleaning of water and green zones along the river. NGOs and farmers around the Ganga should be encouraged to adopt organic farming and the State Governments need to subsidise the transition to organic farming. Ganga Organic can even be developed as a brand for consumers. The Bihar Government has undertaken a similar programme called the Iavik Setu that needs to be emulated

across the Gangetic plains. It is about time, we the people of India and children of the river civilisations reclaim our sanity and love for our mothers — the rivers of India. One is reminded of the Garuda Purana — 'Thousands of man's sins get destroyed by the holy sight of the Ganges, and he becomes pure by the touch of the water of the Ganges, by consuming it, or just by pronouncing Ganga."

Such was the holiness and purity of our mother Ganga. It is time we clean ourselves and our society of greed, selfishness and ecological violence and through good faith make the Ganga our holy mother again.

To conclude, the crisis of the Ganga or Yamuna or any other river for that matter is a crisis of faith. We as a society have destroyed our culture and now reap the harvest — disease and pollution. A dead river represents a dead faith and a cadaver of Hinduism. Our greed and our religion cannot co-exist.

Either the river lives, with all sacredness within it or triumphs greed and ecological destruction. Money and Government efforts are not enough to clean the Ganga, only sacrifice and faith can heal our river. We need a Ganga Satyagraha to ensure the sense of duty is rekindled in our soci-

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CORONAVIRUS

World economy may shrink because of virus: Watchdog

global agency says the Aspreading new virus could make the world economy shrink this quarter, for the first time since the international financial crisis more than a decade ago.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development says Monday in a special report on the impact of the virus that the world economy is still expected to grow overall this year and rebound next year.

But it lowered its forecasts for global growth in 2020 by half a percentage point, to 2.4 per cent, and said the figure could go as low as 1.5 per cent if the virus lasts long and spreads widely.

shrank on a quarter-on-quarter basis was at the end of 2008, during the depths of the financial crisis. On a full-year basis, it last shrank in 2009.

The OECD said China's reduced production is hitting Asia particularly hard but also companies around the world that depend on its goods.

It urged Governments to act fast to prevent contagion and restore consumer confidence.

The Paris-based OECD, which advises developed economies on policy, said the impact of this virus is much higher than past outbreaks because "the global economy has become substantially more interconnected, and China plays a far greater role in global output, trade, tourism and

Stocks give up gains to fresh cases **Benchmark indices**

slide for 7th day

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 $M^{\mathrm{arket\ benchmark\ index}}_{\mathrm{Sensex\ wiped\ out\ its}}$ sharp gains in the last hour of trade to close down by 153 points on Monday as detection of fresh coronavirus cases in India spooked domestic

Marking its seventh consecutive session of fall, the 30share BSE barometer closed 153.27 points or 0.40 per cent lower at 38,144.02 as financial, steel and FMCG stocks tanked

The broader Nifty of the NSE also shed more than 400 points from its day's high and closed lower by 69 points or 0.62 per cent at 11,132.75.

Stocks had rallied in morning session due to value buying by investors following sharp losses in the previous sessions. Sensex rallied 786 points to touch the day's high of 39,083.17. Nifty scaled 11,433 in day trade. However, the Union Health

Ministry reporting two more positive cases of new coronavirus spooked domestic investors with Sensex crashing almost 1,300 points from the day's high to touch 37,785.99. Nifty also plunged to a low of

coronavirus in India has nipped the nascent pullback in the Indian equity market. Despite the stability in the equity markets globally, the coronavirus scare led to fall of close to 400 points in Nifty from its intra-day high of 11,430 in matter for just an hour or so," Gaurav Dua, Sr VP, Head-Capital Market Strategy & Investments, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, commented.

Sector-wise, BSE metal, oil and gas, basic materials, utilities, energy and telecom indices fell up to 2.05 per cent, while IT and teck indices ended in

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

Top losers in the Sensex pack included SBI, Tata Steel, Hero MotoCorp, Bajaj Auto, ONGC and IndusInd bank.

On the other hand, HCI Tech, Nestle India, ICICI Bank and Infosys were among the gainers. Bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul and Tokyo ended with significant gains as investors began value-buying in recently-hammered equities. Stock exchanges in Europe

too turned positive in their morning sessions. Brent crude oil futures

fell 2.25 per cent to USD 50.79

biz sentiment: PMI

The country's manufacturing

I sector activity eased in

February from a near eight-

year high in the previous

month and business sentiment

took a hit amid impact of

coronavirus outbreak on

exports and supply chains, a

monthly survey said on

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Coronavirus may impact India's March quarter GDP growth by 0.20%: Report

Mumbai: The coronavirus epidemic can impact India's March quarter GDP growth by 0.20 per cent as imports from China for crucial sectors have got affected, a foreign brokerage said on Monday.

The country's economic growth is already sagging and is set to slide to a decadal low of 5 per cent in 2019-20 as per official estimates. Data for the December 2019 quarter released last week said growth had slid to a seven-year low of 4.7 per cent.

Two cases tested positive for the coronavirus infection in

India's mfg activity eases marginally in Feb

India on Monday, after the initial set of three cases in Kerala were successfully treated.

In a report, UBS Securities said sectors such as electronics, pharmaceuticals and automobiles can see supply disruptions in value chain, which may lead to a derailment of the domestic economic growth.

The brokerage also cut its fis-cal 2020-21 real GDP growth estimate marginally to 5.6 per cent as against the previous estimate of 5.7 per cent, but added that there will be a recovery in the next financial year. PTI

Virus to cut India's diamond exports to \$ 19 bn for 2020-21

The country's diamond exports could shrink by a fifth to USD 19 billion by the end of 2020-21, as the novel coronavirus (n-CoV) outbreak amplifies sluggishness in global demand, according to a report.

In 2018-19, India's diamond exports stood at USD 24 billion, according to Crisil Ratings. Consequently, exports in the next financial year would remain down or at best flat because any traction in the second half would be offset by the weak first half, the report

In the first nine months of this fiscal, India's total diamond exports by value were down 18 per cent, year-on-year. About 40 per cent of these exports are to Hong Kong, which has seen dysfunctional local markets over the past year or so.

Moreover, it said there has diamond no exports to the island since January 15 this year.

"Exports would continue to fall in the closing quarter of this fiscal, which typically accounts for roughly a third of India's exports to the Southeast Asian region. Given extended holidays in the region and shutdown of markets in the after-

exports worth over USD 1 billion may be lost in this quarter alone," Crisil Ratings Senior Director Subodh Rai said.

The report added the n-CoV impact could not have come at a worse time for an industry that has been buffeted by tepid demand, declining realisations and the ongoing political conflict in

Even if the n-CoV outbreak is contained in the next two months, trade normalcy and demand uptick from Hong Kong are unlikely before the middle of the next fiscal, it

₹ slumps 50 paise to 72.74 against \$

Mumbai: The rupee pared all its initial gains and settled 50 paise down at 72.74 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday after two fresh cases of coronavirus detected in India.

Forex traders said the Indian rupee which started the day on a positive note, witnessed heavy volatility and finally settled with significant losses after two more positive cases were reported in the

The Health Ministry on Monday said two more positive cases of the novel coronavirus one in Delhi and another in Telangana — have been reported. At the interbank foreign

exchange market, the local currency opened at 72.09 During the day it saw a high of 72.04 and a low of 72.74 against the American currency.

The domestic unit finally settled at 72.74 against the greenback, down 50 paise over its previous closing price.

The local unit had settled

at 72.24 against the greenback on Friday. This is the second consecutive session of fall for the domestic unit during which it has depreciated by 113 paise. Meanwhile, the number of deaths globally in the new

coronavirus outbreak passed

3,000 on Monday, as China

reported 42 more deaths. PTI

Monday. At 54.5 in February, the headline seasonally adjusted Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) held close to January's near eightyear high of 55.3, signalling

improvement in operating con-

No major impact on Indian fertiliser sector

COVID-19 outbreak hits ditions across the sector.

This is the 31st consecutive month that the manufacturing PMI has remained above the 50-point mark.

In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction. "Factories in India contin-

ued to benefit from strong order flows in February, from both the domestic and international markets. The pick-up in demand meant that companies were able to further lift production and input buying at historically-elevated rates," said

Pollyanna de Lima, Principal Economist at IHS Markit. The strong manufacturing sector expansion seen in India at the start of the year was

As per ICRA's analysis, the

domestic industry imports a

major portion of the raw mate-

rials for phosphatic fertilisers,

mainly phosphoric acid and finished fertilisers — mainly

maintained in February, with rates of growth for factory orders, exports and output holding close to January's recent highs. While firms were willing to step up input buying, hiring activity increased only fractionally.

"However, alarm bells are ringing for Indian goods pro-ducers as the COVID-19 out-break poses threats to exports and supply chains. Businesses became less confident about the year-ahead outlook for output, in turn restricting hiring activity," Lima added.

The coronavirus outbreak has brought a large part of the world's second-largest economy China to a standstill and its impact has been felt across

Poultry sector faces ₹1,750 cr losses due to coronavirus rumours

Demands relief package from Govt

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Poultry breeders on Monday demanded a relief package from the Government claiming that the sector has incurred heavy losses of around ₹1,750 crore in a month due to fake news that coronavirus was spreading due to chickens.

Poultry bird prices have

plunged to ₹10-30 per kg at farm gate level due to a slump in chicken demand while the average cost of production is ₹80 per kg, the All India Poultry Breeders Association (AIPBA) said in a representation to the Ministry of Animal and forced poultry sector to "The repeated onslaught of social media with wrong infor-"bankruptcy".

mation on consumers has shaken consumer confidence and depleted the demand for chicken products," AIPBA Chairman consumers has created a massive problem for the poultry sector, Ali said, "If these con-

This will also impact maize and soyabean farmers because without poultry there is no market for soyabean meal and maize in the country, he said, adding that maize prices have droppped from ₹25 per kg to ₹15 per kg in the

Mumbai: While many sectors are under pressure due to the spread of coronavirus, the impact on Indian fertiliser players is expected to be soft even as

imported, according to a report. The Hubei province is a major centre for production of phosphoric acid and phosphat-

"Even though the production is down in the province, the

overall fertiliser market remains well supplied due to the buildup of inventories at the producer's end in China as international prices remained weak," ICRA group head and senior vice president K Ravichandran said.

The fertiliser sector is not

expected to witness any major impact on the global front as production in China remains low during January every year following Chinese New Year holidays, the report stated.

DAP (47 per cent of total imports in FY2019) from China. The Indian fertiliser industry, with the markets currently remaining well supplied and the fourth quarter of the financial year being an off-season period for the industry, the

impact of the Chinese shutdown is expected to be muted, Ravichandran said. "Also, the global urea mar-

kets have remained well supplied in recent years with new capacities coming online in Africa, the Middle-East and Africa. With the downward trend in Chinese exports continuing for the last couple of years, the impact of the Chinese urea industry on the global market has reduced," he

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March 31, saying manufacturing could come under pressure from weak domestic demand and

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Tender Inviting Notice

Office of Executive Engineer (Generation), Khodri Power Station

Tender no.: 14/EE(G)/KPS/TN/2019-20: Design, Engineering,

Fabrication, Supply & Fixing of 2 nos new oil coolers for 34 MVA Generato

Tender no.: 15/EE(G)/KPS/TN/2019-20: Procurement of ABC & CO2 type

Estimated Value of work: ₹2400000/-, ₹485672/- (GST extra)

Tender Document Fee : ₹ 1180/-, ₹ 295/- (GST inclusive) respectively.

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

Last date of down loading tender : March 22, 2020, 17:00 Hrs.

Last date of submission of tender : March 23, 2020, 15:00 Hrs

Date & Time of opening of tender : March 25, 2020, 12:30 Hrs

:₹72000/-, ₹ 19450/- respectively.

Dakpathar invites sealed tenders for following work.

UJVN LTD. H.O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248000

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2021), it said. "We at Fitch Solutions are revising down our forecast for India's real GDP growth to 4.9 per cent in FY2019/20, from 5.1 per cent previously, and 5.4 per cent in FY2020/21, from 5.9 per cent previously," the agency said in its outlook for the country.

India's real GDP growth decelerated to 4.7 per cent in the third quarter (October-December) from an upwardly revised 5.1 per cent in the sec-

(Narender Singh Bhandari)

MC, NNH

ond quarter owing to slower government consumption, a steeper contraction in gross fixed capital formation and a

Union Budget to provide support to the industry will also bring little reprieve for a sluggish industry already coming under heavy pressure from a credit squeeze following the collapse of several key Non-Bank Financial Companies

(NBFCs)," it said. NBFCs are a key channel in which consumers obtain loans for vehicle and housing purchases. "Our revision is due to our view for disruption in the automotive and electronics supply chain from the ongoing Covid-19 outbreak in China to weigh on India's export manufacturing sector, and for this to have negative knock-on effects on the broad services sector," Fitch Solutions said.

NBCC WINS DIGITAL PSU AWARD



New Delhi: NBCC has won "Digital PSU Award" conferred upon it by the Governance Now at its 7th PSU Award Event held on 19.02.2020 in New Delhi. The Company received the award for its outstanding contribution in adoption of maximum Digital Technology in the organisation's operations as envisioned in the Prime Minister's Digital India initiative. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises accompanied by Shri Shailesh Lodha, Indian Actor, gave away the award. RK Srivastav, GM (Admn.); Satish Nangia, GM (IT); Pradeep Sharma, GM (BD); Anurag Verma, AGM seen receiving the award.

21 RLY EMPLOYEES AWARDED SAFETY AWARD



New Delhi: General Manager Northern Railway, Rajiv Chaudhary reviewed safety and Infrastructure work and awarded 21 Employees through safety awards for the month of January & February 2020 at Northern Railway Headquarters Office , Baroda House, New Delhi on

DELHI METRO HOLDS 1ST FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT New Delhi: The Delhi



Metro in association with Football Delhi, organised its first Football Tournament on 28th and 29th February, 2020 at Dr. Ambedkar Stadium, New Delhi. Six teams from different departments contested under the titles of all Directors of DMRC. The

Operation United Football Club (OUFC) team won the tournament after defeating the Metro Knight, both represented by Operations and Maintenance wings respectively. Dr Mangu Singh, MD, DMRC handed over the prizes to the winning team and other players who performed

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, REW, RAMBAN **SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Nagar Nigam Haridwar e-NIT No. 16 of REW RAMBAN of 2019 Dated 27 - 02 -2020

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, due to poor response of office e-NIT No. 14 & 15 of REW Ramban dated:- 17-02-2020 & 19-02-2020 fresh short time etenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered. with J&K Govt. for the following works:with J&K Govt. for the following works:S. No. 1: Name of Work:- Construction of 02 ACR at Govt. PS Dharamanshara Panchayat Demote-B Block Ramban District Ramban (3nd time)
Name of Division:- REW, Division Ramban, Estimate Cost (in lacs):-13.53, Cost of document (in):-600, Earnest Money (in):-2% of adv. Cost ie (Rs. 27060), Time Allowed for complete-on:-02 Months, Time & date of opening of tender:-(1530 Hrs) on or after 04-03-2020, Class of Contractor:-A, B, C & D,Position of funds:-partially explicitly (1998).

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funds :- partially available / Demanded, funds:-partially available / Demanded,
S. No. 3: -Name of Work:- Construction of 02 ACR at Govt. UPS Kalah Panchayat
Dheada Block Gool District Ramban (3RD time)
Name of Division:- REW, Division Ramban, Estimate Cost (in lacs):- 14.50 Cost
of document (in Rs):- 600, Earnest Money (in):- 2% of the adv. Cost (Rs. 29000)
Time Allowed for complete-on:- 02 Months, Time & date of opening of tender:(1530 Hrs) on or after 04-03-2020, Class of Contractor:- A, B, C & D, Position of

S. No. 4 :- Name of Work :- Construction of 01 ACR at Govt. UPS Chail Panchaya

S. No. 4: Name of Work: Construction of U1 ACR at Govt. UPS Chail Panchayat Dhandrath-B Block Ramban District Ramba (3⁵⁰ time)
Name of Division: REW, Division Ramban, Est. Cost (in lacs): -7.38 Cost of document (in Rs): -600, Earnest Money (in): -2% of the adv. Cost (Rs. 14760), Time allowed for complete-on: -01 Months, Time & date of opening of tender: -(1530 Hrs) on or after 04-03-2020, Class of Contractor: -A, B, C & D, Position of funds: partially available / Demanded
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S. No. 5:-Name of Work:-Construction of Panchayat Ghar at Sarachi Pyt. Sarachi, Block Khari (MM) District Ramban (6TH time)
Name of Division:-REW, Division Ramban, Estimate Cost (in lacs):-35.66 Cost of document (in Rs):-1000, Earnest Money (in):-2% of the adv. Cost (Rs. 71320), Time allowed for complete-on:-06 Months, Time & date of opening of tender:-(1530 Hrs) on or after 04-03-2020, Class of Contractor:-A & B, Position of funds:-partially available / Demanded
S. No. 6:- Name of Work:- Construction of Panchayat Ghar at Sancha, Pyt. Sancha Block Ramban, District Ramban (8th time)

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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website http://liktenders.gov.in.as.per/belowschedules

http://jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule . Date of Issue of Tender Notice :-27-02-2020 2. Period of downloading of bidding documents :-From 27.02.2020 to 04.03.2020 1500 Hrs No. DIP/J-14408/19 Dated:- 29.02.2020

Sd/- (Er. Devi Dayal) Executive Engineer REW, Rambar

The loss of broiler farmers, integration companies and breeding companies put together was about ₹1,750 crore during the third week of January till the third week of February, he said, adding that it has created "massive crisis"

Expressing concern that the "fake" coronavirus threat spread by social media among

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India, Calgary seeks bilateral

PNS NEW DELHI

ndia and Calgary in Alberta ▲ Canada, termed as one of the most sought entrepreneurial cities of Canada is seeking bilateral investments, skill and tech talent partnership, higher education partnerships and film industry collaboration for significant promising economic potential on both the sides.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi, the third term Mayor of 'Indian ethnicity' at 'an industry roundtable in the national Capital hosted by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) kicked-off a weeklong 'exploration mission' with a nine-member delegation who will visit three cities -Delhi, Bangalore, and Mumbai — to seek partnerships. The mission has been built through a partnership between Calgary Economic Development (CED) with the CII.

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Calgary President and Vice-Chancellor Dr Ed McCauley For eligibility criteria and full & further details, please visit our website Royal www.ujvnl.com The tenders can only be obtained by downloading University President and Vicefrom our website and their cost is to be paid at the time of submission of the Chancellor Dr Tim Rahilly, along with senior officials from Economic

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Mayor Nenshi is accomit operative. Agencies

PAN holders may be fined up to ₹10,000 for

New Delhi: The Income Tax Department has said PAN holders may face penal action under the İncome Tax Act if they fail to link it with Aadhar before the deadline. In a fresh notification, the tax department said that the PAN cards will become inoperative and they could face a fine of up to ₹10,000 in case of failure to link it with Aadhaar cards. The possible fine is not

an individual could be fined up to ₹10,000 for using an invalid/inoperative PAN card. "If a person fails to comply with the provisions of section 139A, the Assessing Officer may direct that such person shall pay, by way of penalty, a sum of ₹10,000," according to Section-272B, Income Tax In a notification dated

of Direct Taxes said that any person who has been allotted the permanent account number as on the first day of July 2017 is required to link the PAN with Aadhaar on or before March 31, 2020. The person will be required to furnish, intimate or quote PAN number in accordance with the provisions of the Act to make

PillKill

Taking multiple courses of antibiotics within a short span of time may do people more harm than good, suggests new research which discovered an association between the number of prescriptions for antibiotics and a higher risk of hospital admissions



DOCYARD

DR LVK RAJU

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Don't read in dim light

With the onset of March, arrives exams and with exams comes its first casualty: eyes. Exam time means a lot of reading, writing that brings a lot of stress and strain to the eyes, the usually neglected part of our body.

When it comes to taking proper care of your eyes, there are a number of things that you should be aware and informed of. Few people actually understand the various exercises and steps that should be performed in order to maintain proper function of the eyes.

Here are the critical ten commandments for eye care: ■ Never lie flat on your back

While working and read.

As far as possible, try to maintain a reading distance not less than 25 cms from the surfaces like computers, use Take adequate intervals of rest (five to 10 minutes) in between reading for long hours. computers, use to avoid glare meters away.

It is crucial that you eat plen-

way that there is fore help you to have healthy eyes and proper vision. a 45-degree Do not compromise on sleep.
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angle between fresh one should avoid rubbing the eyes and the water instead.

■ Never read when in motion (as on a moving train or a bus). ■ While working with reflect-

ing surfaces like computer terminals, use anti-reflection coated glasses, to avoid glare and eyestrain. Position the monitor in such a way that there is a 45-degree angle between the eyes

Get vour eyes examined once a year by your optometrist/ophthalmologist even in the absence of an eye problem. Always follow the instructions of your optometrist in using glasses or con-

Experts suggest that if there are any symptoms like constant headaches, redness in eyes, watering eyes and recurring pain in eyes, parents should not ignore, instead take their child to an eye-expert for a comprehensive eye check-up.

Some basic tips to de-stress and keep the eyes relaxed.

■ Splash cold water on eyes on equal intervals.

SUMMERCOOLERS

HONEYDEW: Honeydew melon also called as honeymellon is a yellowishgreen fruit that belongs to

the melon family. It is rich in nutrients and thereby aids in many health benefits. These nutrients specifically help maintaining bone health

and keeping them strong. One of the

m a n y benefits of the fruit is that it can help reduce blood pressure due to its h i g h potassium sodium content. The high water content

and electrolyte in the fruit makes it a must to beat the scorching summer heat and help you keep hydrated throughout the day. Honeydew melon also

contains Vitamin C which may support healthy skin by repairing and maintaing the skin's tissue.



tly pressing a warm compress against the abdomen. It worked wonders. The procedure can be repeated two-three times in a

the pain.

Apply mustard oil. Lay the

TAKE ALTERNATE ROOT

Although herbs can't promise to cure chronic conditions, they do mitigate the risks of occurrence of several women-specific health conditions. ARCHANA JYOTI tells you more

The International Women's Day falls annually on March 8 and though we feel that just one day isn't quite enough to deliberate on the myriads issues confronting the fairer sex — we're using the occasion to dwell on medicinal plants meant to take care of women

Although herbs cannot promise to cure chronic conditions, they do mitigate the risks of occurrence of several women-specific health conditions such as post menstruation syndrome, fertility, menopause, physical stamina, stress

menopause, physical stamina, stress and many other conditions. Herbs have been for long a friend of women in ensuring their wellbeing.

In fact, according to a study published last year in *International Journal of Scientific Research and Reviews* even today, tribal women and certain women local communications. and certain women local communities in India still practice herbal medicine to cure a variety of diseases and disorders. They collect and preserve locally available, wild and cultivated plant species.

Similarly, as per a review, nearly 2000 different plant species are reported to be used in over 5000 combinations. Plants with numerous efficacious observations have historically been used as a starting point in the development of new drugs while a large percentage of pharma firms have developed drugs derived from medicinal plants.

"Medicinal plants play a crucial role in drug discovery, with at least 25 per cent of modern medicine being derived either directly or indirectly from them.

"For instance, available in syrup and tablets, our herbal formulation based on shatvar or shatvari, ashwagandha and putranjeevak, Amycordial is women centric — a uterine tonic aiming to maintain healthy and balanced production of female harmones as well as effectively reduces symptoms of pre and post menopause," said Sanchit Sharma from AIMIL Pharma.

No doubt, the list of herbs for ensuring women well-being is long. Here we have tried to elaborate on a few of them.

Known as herbal magic potion for women's health, there are a number of studies documenting benefits of ashwagandha that helps against inflammation, fatigue, hormonal issues, and more. Other studies show that it can bolster mental clarity and brain function. Yet another study even showed that the herb's active ingredients (steroidal alkaloid and steroidal lactones) are important fertility hormone precursors and stimulate blood flow to reproductive organs.

Another herb red clover of plant-derived, natural phytoestrogens called isoflavones that various researches show to replicate the structure and functions of the fertility hormone estrogen in a woman's body. Regular consumption of this herb can elevate estrogen levels, thus helping in treating fertility disorders. It is also said to be a rich source of essential body nutrients like calcium, thiamine, niacin, potassium, and vitamin C besides being beneficial for women suffering from hot flushes, vaginal dryness and night sweating.

Ayurveda experts say that the

leaves, root, and stem of the nettle leaf has powerful diuretic and antioxidant properties, help cure

EXPERTS SAY THAT LEAVES, **ROOT, AND STEM** OF THE NETTLE HAS POWERFUL **DIURETIC AND ANTIOXIDANT PROPERTIES** THAT HELP CURE **URINARY TRACT** INFECTIONS,

ALLERGIES AND

OSTEOPOROSIS

urinary tract infections, allergies and osteoporosis — a common symptom of menopause that are quite common among women. Similarly, in pregnant women and lactating mothers, it acts as a rich source of Vitamin K and helps in increasing milk production.

Nettle leaf is also a rich source of iron that can fight anemia while its anti-oxidising properties are useful in the treatment of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and PMS through the stabilisation of hormonal imbalances.

Chamomile is another herb that has proven calming and antiinflammatory properties and is an effective treatment for stress, sleep apnea or insomnia and similar conditions. It offers a natural herbal remedy to women suffering from PMS and irregular menstrual cycles by regulating the menstrual cycle and relieving menstrual cramps.
Similarly, *shatavari* is said to be

useful in maintaining good female health for ages. This herb has a balancing effect on the fertility hormones in women and helps maintain physical activeness and improve sex drive. Research has shown its effectiveness in managing fertility in women,in alleviating symptoms of PMS and in the repair of damaged vaginal tissues as well.

To manage stress, herbal experts recommend passionflower or krishna kamal in Hindi, a natural relaxant that is very effective orders, and stress through its ability to increase the levels of gammaaminobutyric acid (GABA) in the brain, according to various researches.

Commonly found herbs like amla, beetroot, aloe vera, ginger and punarnava are already proven for their efficacy in preventing

Moving further in the sector, a startup Gynoveda has combined technology, content and Ayurveda to built the world's first MenoBot, a gynaecology robot that uses artificial intelligence (AI) to identify period abnormalities, and then prescribes ayurvedic supplements to alleviate the issue.

GET RID OF

LINES & WRINKLES



There are many habits that influence ageing. KEWAL KAPOOR tells you how to get rid of those

Plenty of habits influence the ageing process. While genetics is a key driver, your lifestyle plays an equally important role in how fast you age. Let us take a look at some routine habits that shorten your lifespan.

Lack of sleep: Sleep is crucial for hormone regulation, memory development, muscle recovery, and proper metabolism among other things. If you skip on sleep, it will eventually lead to anxiety, depression, weight gain, and insulin resistance, triggering Diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease. Sleep deprivation is also related to pale skin, fine lines, and wrinkles. If you do not get at least eight hours of sleep daily, make

it a point to do so.

Excessive drinking: Drinking in moderation has been proven to have measurable health benefits. Go overboard, and you damage everything from your skin to your internal organs. Alcohol depletes the body of Vitamin A, which is essential for cell regeneration. Try not to drink regularly, avoid cocktails with added sugars and try not to have more than two drinks when you

Regular smoking: This one bears repeating multiple times. Not only does smoking causes heart disease and makes you susceptible to lung cancer, it also has noticeable effects on your physical appearance. The harmful chemical sin tobacco smoke show up as fine lines and wrinkles on the face. Nicotine constricts blood vessels, limiting the reach of nutrients to the epidermis, causing wrinkles. If you still have this habit, it is best to drop it altogether.

Sedentary lifestyle: If you think manual labour is dangerous, then you might be concerned to know that a desk job is doubly so. Sitting idle for more than eight hours increases the risk of premature ageing and death by over 50 per cent. Not only does it increase the risk of heart disease, it also slows down the blood circulation, interferes with the regulation of blood sugar, and pushes up the cholesterol levels.

Excessive sugar consumption: From sugary drinks and cereals to nutrition bars to plain old ketchup, you consume unhealthy amounts of sugar on a daily basis. Not only is it unhealthy, of sugar on a daily basis. Not only is it unhealthy, it also makes you age faster. Excess sugar causes proteins like elastin and collagen to bind together, increasing the level of inflammation markers that accelerate the process of ageing. Luckily, it is reversible. Research has found that cutting out sugary foods and increasing the intake of foods rich in antioxidants led to a decrease in the level of inflammation markers.

decrease in the level of inflammation markers. Too much exposure to the sun: While sunshine not only boosts the mood and help your body get much needed Vitamin D, excess exposun is the cause for common skin wrinkling. Sun damage depletes the elastin and collagen, causing the skin to wrinkle. It makes you age rapidly, and even cause skin cancer, including the lethal melanoma. To avoid this, ensure that you wear a sunscreen with an SPF of 30 every day.

Eating fried food: French fries, onion rings, and fried chicken - they are all bad for the gut. Deep frying food exposes the fat and oil to very high temperatures. It is best to avoid eating any fried foods as it not only affect your body internally but externally too.

If you are guilty of any of the above habits, now is the perfect time to turn your life around. If you follow these suggestions, you will begin to see an improvement in your appearance and state of mind in just a matter of months.

The writer is director & creative strategist, CHAI Kreative and

Return of Million Smiles

DadiKa Kehna

For parents, it is always distressing to see their baby cry. In many cases it can be due to a stomachache which is common. ROSHNI DEVI tells you how home remedies can help treat an upset tummy



baby on his back and gently → here are several reasons why a baby can get an massage his tummy using upset tummy. One mustard oil. Apply it around could be that they have just the baby's navel in an antistarted to eat solids and their clockwise direction. This will stomach is not used to the help stimulate the digestive same. For a baby, the system.

pain can be too Give your little one a glass of warm water to much to handrink. This will help dispel gas in the stomach. If your baby is colic, garlic is the

best remedy. However, you can't feed it to the baby. Gently rub garlic with nutmeg on the stomach.

Take a pinch of asafoetida (hing) and dissolve it in warm water. Apply the paste gently around your baby's navel. It will relieve gas and ease the baby's stomachache.

TIPTOP =

The cancers which affect women more tain subtle symptoms point to the onset ▲ often are breast, cervix and ovarian cancers. These cancers can be cured if detected early. This was stated by Dr Manish Sharma, and Dr Leena Dadhwal, the two cancer experts from Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre (RGCIRC) Niti Bagh,

South Delhi in an interaction with large number of gynecologists from Faridabad. The event was jointly organised by Faridabad Menopause Society, Faridabad Obstetrics and Gynecology Society and Rajiv Gandhi Cancer institute and research center, Niti bagh, South Delhi.

"Ovarian cancer is the third most common gynecological cancer in females. Earlier ovarian cancer was called a silent killer since symptoms were supposed to remain undétected till it was too late. However studies have revealed that cer-

of ovarian cancer. These include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty in eating or feeling fullness without eating much and increase in urgency or frequency of urine. if these symptoms are occur-

ring frequently in a woman, one should see a gynecologist", said Manish Sharma, Consultant, Medical Oncology, RGCIRC Niti Bagh. The risk factors for Ovarian cancer include infertility, polycystic ovarian syndrome,

Endometriosis and tobacco smoking. Ovarian cancer is hereditary too. The genetic factors can be detected easily by undertaking BRCA gene test. If one is BRCA positive, the chances of developing ovarian cancer is extremely high. . In such cases one is advised to remove ovaries and fallopian tubes after a woman has completed the family, added Dr Sharma.

SLIMLINE he 26th edition of Medical Fair India

2020 is slated to be held from March 5 to March 7 at Bombay Convention and Exhibition Centre in Mumbai. It is India's prominent exhibition and conference for healthcare, which acts as a platform where connections are made and business relationships are nurtured. A part of the MEDICAlliance family of trade fairs, it is organised by Messe Düsseldorf India in cooperation with MEDICA.

It is being held in the backdrop when Indian healthcare industry has witnessed a remarkable growth over the last two decades. The foreign investments have made the medical devices market a fast moving sector contributing to the GDP. The Indian healthcare sector is diversifying and opportunities are emerging in every segment

This edition promises to bring together all the stakeholders from all facets of medical and healthcare industry.

STUDYCENTRE

eople with Diabetes, hypertension and depression might be able to continue taking life saving medications in small doses even while they heal from drug-induced liver injuries, suggests new research.

The findings, published in the journal Drug Metabolism and Disposition, suggests that doctors need not always make patients with drug-induced liver injury stop taking all their medications until the liver healed.

"Doctors give patients drugs to treat diseases. No one wants their liver damaged, but it happens all the time," said Xiaobo Zhong from the University of Connecticut in the US. When a person takes a medication by mouth, it goes into their stomach and then to the intestines, where it is absorbed into the blood. This blood, in turn, passes first through the liver before reaching the rest of the body. The liver has enzymes that

break down medicines. But different people naturally have more or less of these enzymes. Sometimes, what could be a safe and effective dose in one person is too much for someone else who has different enzyme levels. This is why some individuals are more vulnerable to liver damage, even when taking drugs just as a doctor prescribed. There is no standard guidance for doctors when a patient gets drug-induced liver damage.

Often times they tell the person to stop taking all medications immediately and wait for their liver to recover. But that can take weeks or months.

Taliban resume fight, end partial ceasefire

Afghanistan on Monday and the Taliban ordered fighters to resume operations against Afghan forces just two days after signing a deal with Washington aimed at ushering in peace.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack at a football ground in Khost in eastern Afghanistan, where three brothers were killed, officials told AFP.

The blast occurred around the same time the Taliban ordered fighters to recommence attacks against Afghan army and police forces, apparently ending an official "reduction in violence" that had seen a dramatic drop in bloodshed and given Afgĥans a welcome taste of peace.

The partial truce between the US, the insurgents and Afghan forces lasted for the week running up to the signing of the US-Taliban accord in Doha on Saturday, and was extended over the weekend.

"The reduction in violence... Has ended now and our operations will continue as normal," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told AFP.

"As per the (US-Taliban) agreement, our mujahideen will

operations will continue against the Kabul administration forces.' The Taliban's military commission circulated instructions for fighters to resume operations, according to a document that an insurgent provided to AFP.

Soon after, an Afghan army commander told AFP that the Taliban were attacking army positions in the northwest province of Badghis. At least one soldier was killed.

President Ashraf Ghani on Sunday said he would continue the partial truce at least until talks between Afghan officials and the Taliban kick off, supposedly on March 10, though he angered the militants by rejecting a prisoner swap component

Fawad Aman, a defence ministry spokesman, said Monday the government was "checking to see if (the truce) had ended".

Washington has said it expected the Taliban to maintain the reduction of violence ahead of the launch of intra-Afghan talks, slated to take place in Oslo.

The reduction in violence was a confidence builder. We're very serious about our obligations and we expect the Taliban will be serious about their obligations," US Forces-Afghanistan

"The United States has been very clear about our expectations — the violence must remain low." The US has previously said it would defend Afghan partners if they come under attack

The Doha deal includes a commitment to swap 5,000 Taliban prisoners held by the Afghan government in return for 1,000 captives, but Ghani said the US had no authority to negotiate such an exchange.

"Ghani's stand shows that the Americans hadn't done the groundwork before signing the agreement," a Taliban source in Pakistan said. Analyst Michael Kugelman

from the Wilson Centre thinktank said he was not surprised the Taliban were on the offensive again. "Remember, violence is leverage for the Taliban. It won't easily give it up," he tweet-

'And now it's exploiting that leverage to strengthen its bargaining position going into the intra-Afghan dialogue, when (and if) it begins.

According to Khost police chief Sayed Ahmad Babazai, the blast at the football match killed three people and wound-

Death toll crosses 2,900 in China

Beijing: China has reported 42 new fatalities from the novel coronavirus outbreak, taking the death toll in the country to 2,912, Chinese health officials said on Monday, as the rapid spread of the epidemic wreaks havoc globally causing over 3,000 deaths and infecting more than 88,000 people.

The deadly virus that first emerged in China in December last year has spread to more than 70 countries and has infected more than 88,000 people, including over 80,000 in China.

China's National Health Commission (NHC) said on Sunday it received reports of 202 new confirmed cases of coronavirus on Sunday, taking the total number of cases in the mainland to 80,026.

The new cases are the lowest since January 22 when Beijing initiated emergency measures, including placing the worst-hit Wuhan city and 17 other cities with over 50 million people under lockdown.

Forty-two deaths were reported on Sunday in the virushit Hubei Province and its capital Wuhan, the NHC said in its daily report.

The overall cases included

2,912 people, died of the disease, 32,652 patients who were still being treated and 44,462 patients discharged after recovery, it

The commission said that

715 people were still suspected of being infected with the virus. Hubei province and its cap-

ital Wuhan which remained the epicentres of the coronavirus outbreak reported 196 new confirmed cases.

The latest report brought the total confirmed cases in the hard-hit province to 67,103 and that of total deaths to 2,803, including 2,227 fatalities in Wuhan, local health commission said. Wuhan reported 193 confirmed cases and 32 deaths on Sunday. In total, the city has registered 49,315 con-

Indonesia confirms first cases

Jakarta: Indonesia on Monday reported its first confirmed cases of coronavirus, after health officials in the world's fourth-most populous country hit back at questions over its apparent lack of infect-

A 64-year-old woman and her daughter, 31, tested positive for the virus at a Jakarta hospital, said health minister Terawan Agus Putranto.

"This morning I received the test results and they were positive," he told reporters in the

First case confirmed in Moscow

Moscow: Russian authorities on Monday confirmed the first case of coronavirus in Moscow, saying the patient had recently returned from Italy.

The anti-coronavirus task force said in a statement quoted by Russian news agencies that the "young man" had fallen ill on February 21 while on vacation to Italy.

The man, who resides outside Moscow, returned to Russia on February 23, and started showing signs of a respiratory viral infection, it said.

ITALY CORONAVIRUS DEATH TOLL JUMPS TO 52

Biden fights for momentum in Dems' shifting primary

Rome: Italy on Monday reported a jump in the death toll from the coronavirus to 52, with more than 2,000 people infected, most of whom were in the country's northern Lombardy region. The civil protection agency said 18 people had died since Sunday.

Virus kills member of council advising Iran's supreme leader

Tehran: A member of a council that advises Iran's supreme leader died on Monday after falling sick from the new coronavirus, state radio reported, becoming the first top official to succumb to the illness that is affecting members of the Islamic Republic's leadership.
The death of Expediency

Council member Mohammad Mirmohammadi came as Iran announced the virus had killed 66 people among 1,501 con-

Selma (US): An emboldened Joe

Biden is trying to cast himself as

the clear moderate alternative to

progressive Bernie Sanders as

the Democrats' shrinking pres-

idential field raced toward Super

erate rivals, former South Bend,

Indiana, mayor Pete Buttigieg,

dropped out of the campaign

Sunday just 24 hours after Biden

scored a resounding victory in

South Carolina, his first of the

One of Biden's leading mod-

firmed cases in the country. Iran has the highest death toll in the world after China, the

epicenter of the outbreak. Mirmohammadi died at a

north Tehran hospital of the virus, state radio said. He was 71. The council advises

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, as well as settles disputes between the top cleric and parliament. His death comes as other top officials have contracted the virus in Iran. *AP*

2020 rollercoaster nomination

undeterred, Biden pressed his

case during a round of nation-

al television interviews that

reflected a stark reality a day

after his resounding primary vic-

tory in South Carolina: The

former vice president was forced

to rely upon free media cover-

age because he was understaffed,

underfunded and almost out of

time as he fought to transform

While other rivals appeared

for virus checkpoint killing

Beijing: A Chinese court has sentenced a man to death for fatally stabbing two officials at a checkpoint set up to control the spread of the new coronpeople out, fearful that trav-

Chinese man sentenced to death

avirus outbreak. The virus has infected more than 80,000 people and killed nearly 3,000 in mainland China — prompting a wide network of temperature checks, travel restrictions, residential checks and closures nation-

Many villages and communities have also implemented their own blockades and tough measures to keep

munities. On Sunday, a court handed down a death sentence to a 23-year-old man after he stabbed two officials at one local village checkpoint. AFP

ellers could infect their com-

Malaysia's new PM says no 'traitor' after turmoil

Monday he was no "traitor' after taking power without an election and with support from a scandal-tainted party, following political heavyweight Mahathir Mohamad's shock resignation.
"I know there are those

first extensive comments since being inaugurated Sunday. "I have a clear conscience.

who are angry with me -- I am not a traitor," Muhyiddin Yassin

said in a televised address -- his

(I am here) to save the country from being battered by continued political uncertain-Malaysia was plunged into turmoil after Mahathir's reformist "Pact of Hope'

alliance, which stormed to a historic poll victory two years ago, collapsed and the 94-yearold resigned as premier. come back as prime minister but lost out to low-profile, former interior minister

Muhyiddin, who has backing from a coalition dominated by the multi-racial country's ethnic Malay Muslim majority. He was named to the job by the king, who appoints the

Southeast Asian nation's premier after deciding who has most support from MPs. But there has been wide-

spread anger that the democratically elected government was ejected, while Mahathir insists he had enough backing to be premier and has accused Muhyiddin of betraval. Muhyiddin defended his

legitimacy as premier, saying he had secured majority support from MPs.

He also said he would "prioritise having a clean, corruption-free and efficient administration"



Migrants hold placards during a rally outside the Moria refugee camp on the northeastern Aegean island of Lesbos, Greece on Monday

Some 10,631 polling stations

opened at 7 AM Israel time to

enable about 6,45 miliion eligi-

ble voters to cast their ballots.

There were 14 special polling

day, but the truth is that I don't

feel like celebrating. I only feel

a sense of deep shame when I

face you, my fellow citizens,"

Rivlin said after casting his vote

at the Yefe Nof school in

We don't deserve another awful

and grubby election campaign

like the one that ends today and

we don't deserve this never-end-

ing instability. We deserve a gov-

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AFP

Israeli President said.

"We just don't deserve this.

Ierusalem.

Israel votes for third time in 12 months

third parliamentary elections in less than a year to break the deadlock on government formation, with the country's longest serving Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fighting for his political survival amid indictments on graft charges.

Israel's Central Elections Committee (CEC) said that 27.6 per cent of registered voters had cast their ballots by noon, the highest figures for this hour since the 1999 elections when incumbent Prime Minister Netanyahu lost to Ehud Barak in direct elections for premier-

Neither Netanyahu, who heads the right-wing Likud party, nor his main challenger, Benny Gantz — leader of the Blue and White alliance — were able to put together majority coalitions following the last two

The final opinion polls sug-

Eight suspected Rohingya gangsters shot dead in B'desh

Dhaka: Bangladeshi security officials on Monday fatally shot seven suspected members of a Rohingya refugee gang allegedly involved in drug dealing and human trafficking, officials said.

stations for Israelis quarantined due to possible exposure to In a separate incident, another Rohingya man was President Reuven Rivlin killed early Monday during a expressed a feeling of "deep gunfight with members of the shame" while voting.

"This is normally a festive Bangladesh Border Guards.

The killings of the seven suspected Rohingya gangsters occurred near a refugee camp in Teknaf in Cox's Bazar near Bangladesh's border with Myanmar, police Superintendent A B M Masud Hossain said over phone. More than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims fled from Myanmar after the Buddhistmajority country's military launched a crackdown against them in August 2017 in response to an attack by insurgents, and are staying in crowded refugee camps in Bangladesh.

In Texas, Democrats do battle for Latino vote **Houston:** In Elizabeth Warren's healthcare and their experiences

Houston campaign office, one early morning in February, volunteers bustled around arranging chairs in a circle and tacking Spanish-language posters

They were soon joined by a dozen Latino voters, come to discuss the Democratic White and we all believe that we do House race - with days to go 3, when Texas and 13 other states vote to pick a challenger to President Donald Trump.

For an hour and a half, people of all ages -- seniors, young adults, families with children -talked about immigration,

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as Latinos living in a state where they make up a third of the electorate. "A lot of the time, we are kind of ignored as a community," said novelist Ariane Navarro, joined for the event by her husband and their two children. "I'm surrounded by educated Latinos, have a voice and we can make a teacher told AFP.

Most of all, Navarro is keen to help her younger family members register to vote, in line with a broader effort to boost turnout among the state's Hispanic community.

improve his campaign operation, his fundraising haul - and even his own performance — in an interview on ABC's "This Week." He warned of a "stark choice" between him and

his sole win into a national

movement. Biden vowed to

Sanders, while making the case he was the candidate who could win up and down the ballot and in states beyond those voting next week. Biden added a swipe at one of Sanders' signature lines during an appearance on "Fox New Sunday": "The people aren't looking for revolution.
They're looking for

results." The newfound confidence came at a crossroads in the Democratic Party's turbulent primary season. Sanders remained the undisputed front-runner. But the rest of the field was decidedly unsettled, even after Biden's South Carolina blowout and Buttigieg's sudden departure.

Most notably, New York billionaire Mike Bloomberg could create problems for Super Tuesday, when 14 states from Maine to Alabama to California hold Democratic elections as the 2020 primary moved into a new phase. No longer would individual states hold primaries every week.

Starting Tuesday, and most Tuesdays through early June, batches of states would vote at the same time in what had essentially become a national

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Pak to request UK **Govt for Sharif's** deportation Lahore: Pakistan will request

the British government to deport Nawaz Sharif, a senior official said while alleging that the "absconding" former prime minister was playing a "fixed match" regarding his illness while in London. Casting doubts on the illness of the 70-year-old

three-time former prime minister, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Information Firdous Ashiq Awan said Sharif has neither undergone any heart surgery nor was he admitted to hospital for any emergency during the last three

Sharif left for London in November last for treatment after the Lahore High Court allowed him to go abroad on medical grounds for four

Irag's PM-designate withdraws from post, prolonging deadlock Baghdad: Iraq's prime minister-

designate announced his withdrawal from the post Sunday night after failing to secure parliamentary support for his Cabinet selection, prolonging the political deadlock in the country amid multiple economic, health and security chal-Prime Minister designate

Mohammed Allawi blamed political parties he did not name, saying they "were not serious about implementing reforms that they promised to the people" and accusing them of placing obstacles in the way of a new and independent government. "If I agreed to offer conces-

sions, I would be prime minister now, but I tried everything possible to save the country from sliding toward the unknown and resolve the current crisis. But the negotiations hit repeat-**PTI** | ed snags," he said.

Alia joins hands with Priyanka, Sonam

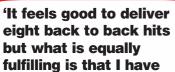
Actor ALIA BHATT alongwith actors Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Sonam Kapoor Ahuja has decided to share select pieces from their personal wardrobes to raise funds and aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of the affected wildlife in Australia.

This joint wardrobe is available for sale through Mi Wardrobe is Su Wardrobe (MiSu), Alia's closet

sharing initiative for charity.
She said, "The bushfires were an ecological disaster and the effects can be seen well beyond Australia's geographical limits. It's been heartbreaking. We might be thousands of miles away from Australia but it's important for all of us to come together and help the country rebuild and recover. I am grateful to Priyanka and

Sonam, for support-

ing the initiative.





different and cinema to the audience. The making these

films have been an enriching experience creatively for me as they have also made me a thoughtful, more sensitive and definitely a better human being.' —Ayushmann Khurrana

Actor-producer ANUSHKA SHARMA says as an artiste and a producer, she has only tried to do new things.

"As an artiste and a producer, I have only tried to do new things. I have never succumbed to pressure of any sort and I have relished at every opportunity to do something new and learn something dramatically different,"

Anushka said. She said that her body of work is a testimony to this. Anushka's horror flick Pari com-

pleted two years of its release. "I was blown away with Pari's script. I knew immediately that I was producing this film," she added.

Lopez ditches hair extensions

Actor-singer JENNIFER LOPEZ embraced her natural hair as she stepped out for the gym in Miami without her trademark long tresses and flaunted a completely different style.

Heading out in Miami, J-Lo is looking a world away from her red carpet look with a

> wavy head of She also donned a sleeveless black athletic crop top that showed off her

chopped and

abs and toned arms There was also a personal

touch in that she carried a black crystal cup, which had J-Lo written in silver glitter. She was also photographed in the same outfit later that day, as she headed in to the recording studio.



Founder-director MAHEEP SINGH says that the Khushwant Singh Humour Fest 2020 is an attempt to bring various generations under one roof and inspire them to think. By CHAHAK MITTAL

think humour can be a very lethal weapon. You make somebody a Llaughing stock and you kill him. But most journalists don't do it. They get angry, which doesn't serve the purpose," said Khushwant Singh once. For the author, humour was something very subtle, something that eludes precise definition and isn't hurtful. Known for his large "repertoire of jokes," Singh had an unusual ability to not just laugh at him-self but also make valid points through comedy without hurting any sentiments.

To celebrate this true comic, founder-director Maheep Singh conceptualised the Khushwant Singh Humour Fest (KSHF). The idea, he says, came about while having a spirited conversation about a pertinent subject — 'Where has all the humour gone?' And he found an answer. He adds, "And there it was. I have delved into stand-up comedy for the longest time alongwith theatre, radio and TV. I have written plays and lyrics, poetry, fiction and found a common thread that strings all the genres together. The fest is an attempt to

y father was a cabinet maker and

My father was a capinet mater than the once told me that you have to

follow the vein of the wood rather than

try to impose your own will on it. I took

this literally and have chosen to keep myself open to opportunities and encounters life throws at me. Throughout my 29-year career as a shoe

designer, I've never had a set plan and I truly believe that everyone has their

own specific journey. My advice is — enjoy the adventure. There isn't one

My experience of journeys started

I am reminded of a French book

from a young age. When you're a

child, your imagination allows you to

fly beyond yourself, it's something that

written in 1790 by Xavier de Maistre,

called A Journey Around My Room.

Stuck in one place for six weeks, the

author recounts the 'journeys' he had

different worlds. Where I grew up, in

the 12th arrondissement in Paris, there

was a cinema called L'Athena and

another nearby called L'Avron, where

they screened films from India and

Egypt. I would skip school and go there

when I was meant to be in class. I was-

n't into French films of the time and by

watching the ways of people and locales far from everything I knew in my day-

to-day life, I could travel without leav-

childhood was the Palais de la Porte

Dorée, a stately art deco museum at the

end of my street. There was a tropical

aquarium in the basement, and I loved the bright colours of the fishes. Upstairs,

at the time, the Palais was home to the

Musée des arts africains et océaniens

(MAAO). This place fed my imagina-

tion. Eventually, I explored the whole

building. Alongside the beautiful fres-

coes, I travelled the world through all

these amazing objects from countries

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In a similar way, films can show you

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look for humour in our mundane lives through a multi-art festival of spoken

Rahul Singh (author's son) says, The fest takes the audience through a journey that not just rejoices in goodquality humour but also commemorates the spirit of Sardar Khushwant Singh who never ceased to call it a day, drew unique observations out of the ordinary and unapologetically laced it with witty sarcasm. It strives to bring all generations under one roof and have a good laugh, bond over jokes and rejoice the hilarity of life, keeping all the humdrum and monotony of everydayness at bay. It urges all and sundry to break out of the mundane and celebrate life."

The fest will see performances by stand-up comedians like Amit Tandon, Neeti Palta, Anubhav Singh Bassi, Rajneesh Kapoor, Gursimran Khamba, Atul Khatri and Zakir Khan, who have been a rage in the Indian comedy circuit. The line-up will also have the best

have any authors or writers on board. Maheep argues that there is already a literary fest dedicated to Khushwant Singh's name. "He certainly has a literary background, no doubt, but if one remembers him the most now, then it is for his column, With Malice Towards One and All. With his famous jokes at the end, he would make the most fiercely written articles bearable for even his strongest critics. I think it's most appropriate that we choose humour to remember him," he says.

However, he points out that one shouldn't mistake the festival to be a stand-up comedy event. He says, "It involves a lot more from so many different artforms. We have carefully curated a festival which includes a wide range of programmes that would attract the attention of all age groups. From standup comedy to humorous Urdu poetry, from Hari Shankar Parsai's writing through feminist perspectives to Qissebaazi/Dastangoi by Danish Husain of Delhi's comedy talent performing.
Given Singh's literary background, one may wonder why the fest doesn't Given Singh's literary background, one may wonder why the fest doesn't collective based on women's issues by

Mahila Manch, Gujarat, names like Mark Tully and Rahul Ram of Indian Ocean, who have made a connection with so many generations — there is a lot to look forward to."

So how does he aim to revive Singh's writings and jokes through this fest? "Khushwant ji's family and friends have immensely contributed towards creating sessions about his personal life. He is remembered not only as a writer but also as a friend who loved telling jokes at parties. And this fest is a befitting tribute to the man we all loved and loved to

Today, humour has become a tool of dissent with satire embedded in it. Does that make it as free-flowing? Says Maheep, "Comedy has become a strong platform for youngsters to express their thoughts in a rather candid way, a trait which was otherwise non-existent or very subtle in classic arts. The irreverence and the freedom that stand-up comedy allows youngsters automatically resonates with the rebellion the youth craves to express. They club that with political awareness, given the expansion of social media and

you have voice of dissent. However, satire has always been an important tool for writers, journalists, cartoonists and various other forms of expression."

He recalls the "common man" by R K Laxman. "In today's time, we have strong voices like Kunal Kamra, Varun Grover and Sanjay Rajaura, who have used their satire to put across their perspective in such an effective and efficient way. I'm really happy to see this in present times," adds he.

Singh had said that if we love our country, we will have to save it from communal forces. He had hoped that the present generation totally rejects the communal and fascist policies. The author has also been known to have taken several digs at religious fundamentalists. Asked whether this aspect will be touched upon, Maheep says that Singh's ideologies are certainly needed in today's sensitive time. "By creating a platform like KSHF, we are not only making space for laughter but also making you think," he adds.

(The fest will be held from March 5 to 7 at Hotel Ambassador, Sujan Singh Park from 12 noon to 10 pm.)



One of the most celebrated shoe designers in the world, CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN dreamt of making footwear for showgirls as a child. Since then he has grown his company into a global brand and been adored by women and men the world over. He commissions a series of features exploring the theme of his 'journeys'

a Buddhist. I

thought about

working with

those artisans. It

was from that

initial thought that I ended up

collaborating with

them to create an

entire collection of

shoes and handbags,

A SECRET REVEALED

ago, I made a powerful

discovery about my own life. My elder sis-

ter told me my father

was not my birth

father and that I was

actually half-Egyptian.

I was surprised, of

course, but also

happy that my moth-

er had had a love

story in the middle of

raising a family, and

it gave me even more

respect for the

father who brought

me up. I was also

happy to be part of

a larger world than I

had thought, and it

made sense to me

for I had always felt

an attachment to

When I told the

Nearly 10 years

called LouBhoutan.



that he had already sold it before 1 had seen it. But our conversations and my persistence led Eric to mention that a shop in the Galerie, which is a beautiful covered passageway in the 1st arrondissement, had become available. He believed this would be the perfect place for me to set myself up for a return to shoe design.

decided to start the Louboutin company. I had never projected that I would run a label under my own name but I found myself here and this shop is where Louboutin was born.

MEANINGFUL PLACES

Throughout my life, I have always been interested in other cultures and civilisations. I've connected with countries that aren't mine, cultures and food that were exotic to me. My career has allowed me to travel the world and sometimes my chance encounters have influenced my designs.

There are a lot of places that are meaningful to me — Egypt, Portugal, Rio and Paris, of course. Another place is Bhutan. I'd always wanted to travel there but the visa process was very complex and I didn't manage it when I was younger. Then about 10 years ago, I finally went with my friend Diane von Furstenberg. She knew the King and Queen of Bhutan and was going to visit ack to the country almost every year. I love the country and the surprised. I thought, how could they people, their way of life, their know this when I didn't even know it fantasies when I was a child about being Egyptian, and truly, I felt that I had known, even before I had been told this was the truth. This path, though surprising, had been there inside me the

RETURN TO THE GOLDEN DOOR

As an adult, there was a period of time when I didn't visit the Palais de la Porte Dorée, not for any particular reason other than it was no longer local to me and life took me elsewhere. I then came back not that long ago with my business partner. I was once again very impressed by the bas-reliefs that cover the façade and sides of the building. They were designed by Alfred Auguste Janniot and they are truly monumental - covering 1,130 square metres of the building.

There are also two salons at each end of the building dedicated to Asia and Africa respectively. I was taking him around and wanted to point out all the features that had captured my imagination as a child — the warthog tusks door handles and the monumental frescos and noticed that they were missing or in need of repair. I felt that it was my responsibility to give back to this place that had been so important to me as a child, which I've done by supporting the

restoration of the two marvellous salons. Now I'm really keen that more people know about it, so this is why I decided to put on my exhibition, L'Exhibition[niste] here. It's in the east of Paris and not as visited as some of the major museums in the centre but I'm hoping to bring new people to the area so that they too can explore and enjoy

the building like I did as a child. When putting together the exhibition of my work to be shown at this museum, Í chose objects with the curator that linked to my creative process. They might seem disparate - birds, dancers, Marilyn Monroe, cinema, sports, stain-glass, video art, photography, furniture, sculptures, popular ceramics, crosses, crowns — but there is a through-line. Sometimes you don't realise where your inspiration comes from and the pieces might not seem to fit together but there is a connection, even if it only becomes apparent further down the road. This is the way I look at my life in general. I encourage everyone to stay open and embrace the unex-

—CNN Style



New paradise for melody

AR RAHMAN will creatively lead the new Firdaus Women's Orchestra in the UAE

omposer and songwriter AR Rahman ✓will work with Expo 2020 Dubai to create a world-class music recording studio in the UAE. He has been announced as a mentor and a composer for the first project — Expo 2020's new all-female orchestra.

Rahman will lead the Firdaus Women's Orchestra, which is now the new Firdaus Studio by AR Rahman. The orchestra will bring together 50 talented women musicians from across the UAE and wider MENA region to create a unique musical project that will benefit from the state-of-the-art facility, which will serve as the orchestra's rehearsal base. It aims to draw on inspiration from the UAE and region's centuries-old rich musical traditions through instruments like the *oud, rebaba* and *darbuka*.

The orchestra is set to perform at the Expo 2020, including two AR Rahman concerts, a special show for International Women's Day on March 8, 2021, plus a number of other events and perfor-

mances across the site.
Rahman said, "This world-leading studio will attract the cream of the industry to Dubai. Working with the most exciting female musical talents of the region, the Firdaus Women's Orchestra will enable Dubai to become a focal point for making ground-breaking new music, and I look forward to being part of that."

in Africa and Oceania. **SHOES**

ing home.

I started designing shoes when I was a child. My early attempts were driven by my love of showgirls. To me, these dancers were like exotic birds of paradise. I thought to myself, "the only thing that I can give a bird that it doesn't already have is shoes."

But my career as a shoe designer nearly ended before it began. At 23, I began working with the master shoe designer Roger Vivier as his right-hand man. He was hugely inspiring and a mentor for me. I worked with him on his exhibition at Musée des Arts Décoratifs. After that, I truly believed that I would never design shoes again, because I didn't want to work for anyone else. I thought this particular journey had ended.

When I stopped designing shoes in my early 20s, having done it for almost a decade, I wouldn't say that I had lost my way as such, but I did make a significant change in my professional life. I started pursuing landscape design. I loved being close to nature and flow-

OUTER INFLUENCES, INNER TRUTHS

Modernist PRODOSH DAS GUPTA deals with the human form, specifically in terms of insight and intuitive reasoning, says UMA NAIR

o be trained at the Madras School of Arts under the eagle eye of Devi Prasad Chaudhury is for the fortune's favoured few. To be former director and curator of the National Gallery of Modern Art is a designation of envy and art history. To be a sculptor, who had the opportunity to study and sculpt in London as well as Paris, is a lesson in learning and leaning.

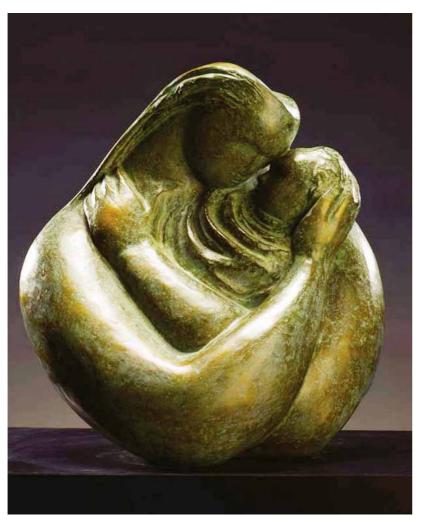
learning and leaning.

Art lovers, sculptors and artists can view at least 23 sculptures by Prodosh Das Gupta at Akar Prakar Contemporary in Delhi. Among the many small sculptures (1947-1991) lie lessons of beauty for modern day artists and sculptors in dealing with the human form, specifically in terms of insight and intuitive reasoning.

INDIAN MODERNISTS

Let us go back to the post-Independence days when Indian artists were seeking fresh insight into idioms that were built on the foundations of British and Western grammar and techniques but were hungry for a new language. Das Gupta began with European echoes. But when we look closely, he slowly pared down dogmas and started creating works that celebrated the simplicity of contours. He harnessed his imagery with a feminine fervour amid a love and passion for what he created

love and passion for what he created.
As an Indian modernist, Das Gupta imbibed a lot of Western styles – classical realism, cubism, primitivism and abstraction. But because of the cultural context of the Indian sub-continent, he began to draw on Indian mythology and



history. This is evident in works like *Pounding Corn* and *Surya Mukhi*. In *Sun Worshippers*, he blended his innate spirituality with accents of the modernist Constantin Brancusi, enriching his sculptures with neat contours and minimalism. The Indian art world had not seen the likes of his works.

INFLUENCE OF EUROPEAN

While there is a lot of Henry Moore, don and the sinuous curves that speak to

who brought about a humanist tradition in sculpture with his series of reclining nudes, we can also see a Rodinesque resonance in two pieces. But it is the evocative elegance of *Egg Bride* and *Unfolding Spring* that are a critic's delight. In both these works, Das Gupta advocates a certain responsiveness. In *Bride*, we sense a longing for the shadows in the overlay of the ovoid and its sliced entendre. In *Unfolding Spring*, it's the elegance of aban-

us about his admiration and reverence for the female figure. He knows very well that a sculptor must balance the will to expose as well as the will to be sensitive while dealing with the feminine form.

When you see the many female forms in this exhibition, they seem tactile and palpable. Their lines are fluid and there is a profound understanding of vulnerability. There is an inherent balance of looking within and without which doesn't hurt the human sentiment.

FUSION OF TRENDS

It is important to ponder over Das Gupta's own writings to understand his viewpoint and his brilliance as a diarist of art history and sculptural jottings.

"When we look back into our own history of sculptural culture, it becomes quite evident that gradually there has been fusion between the different regional trends, a mixing of the artistic concepts in the formal as well as technical applications t build up the images. The Greco

Buddhist fusion was no doubt the starting point in the history of our sculptural manifestations running through the ages. It took time to assimilate the Greek influence into our own indigenous concepts and finally when we see its fulfillment in the stupendous works of sculpture in the Kushan period of Mathura, we realise how a work of art can be developed and enriched with proper understanding and careful handling of the methods and material without surrendering to abject imitation.

"This fusion to my mind has been there throughout the ages and indeed this process is inevitable and most welcome to renovate periodically the indigenous arts to instill into them a fresh breath of life. In this vast world, nothing can remain absolutely pure in its indigenous approach. Mixing and intermixing has always been there from time immemorial. Civilisation today is a variegated phenomenon like the colours of the artist's palette. It is futile to search for the lily-white purity there."

LUCID DRAWINGS

The drawings on the walls at Akar Prakar talk to us about time and space, memory and mood. Feminine curves align themselves with the space that surrounds them. Das Gupta's drawings on newspaper are a lesson for students of arts colleges. The equilibrium between a simple interior and an elusive exterior informs his drawings.

A sculptor can be gregarious like Picasso or gently private like Brancusi and this is where the deeper rhythms of Das Gupta's sensibility lies. The feminine body is there before you, there's nothing to hide but how you translate the feminine form into a modernist mould will live and speak long after you made it. This is what signifies your stance and temperament as a sculptor. *Translating Modernism* is about understanding the rudiments of realism and abstraction before settling into the niche of the true modernist.

(The show runs till March 28.)

A rtist Pooja Aggarwal diverts from the traditional treatment of flat canvas and creates three-dimensional forms that seems to break the limits of the frame. She expresses her thoughts using novel 3D techniques on an organic wooden surface, using acrylic and oil colours, in her latest exhibition, *The Third*

Dimensions.

Each painting reflects dimensions of her life as they unfold — a kind of a diary. These paintings belong to a series of works that remagine landmarks by staging a virtual event that would alter the viewer's memory, suggesting how the virtual could affect and alter the real.

She explains, "Art in the broadest sense is a form of communication. In my art, I first make a broad sketch of what I want to convey and then get into the minute details to make it more impactful. My art is a literature born of my thoughts. It's like documentation of your own feelings, inspiration and progress. The subject matters could be my surroundings or something which I have encountered during my travel or any memory."

The idea of being able to move things around within the space of the mind is a magical power that we as human beings possess. This inspired her to highlight the uniqueness and individuality of the expressions. Thus, she paints her meditation series titled *The Path Within* and *Circles of Life*. Her perspective is reflected in her paintings that represents space and provides an illusion of depth while creating a 3D world for the viewer. Thus, another one of the paintings has been aptly named *Gullibility of Human Senses*.

Pooja discovers that 3D can convey a lot more by implying movement towards our ideals. The intriguing part of the paintings is that those parts of the picture which seem farthest away are actually physically the nearest to the viewer, similar to what we discover during meditation. She says, "These paintings created on a 3-dimensional surface give an amazing optical illusion where the parts of the picture which seem farthest away are actually physically the nearest. This surface provides a powerful and often disorienting impression of depth and

Dear diary

Artist POOJA AGGARWAL presents her first solo, *The Third Dimensions*, a series of 15 3D paintings that mirrors the landmarks of the cityscape and her surroundings. By TEAM VIVA



Gullibility of Human Senses



Enlightenment

movement. As the viewer walks by the painting put up at eye level, the composition seems to move with him/her and shows how gullible

human senses can be." (The exhibition is on from March 6 and runs till March 12 at All India



When Bahija Karim arrived in Idaho as an Afghan refugee in 2005, she knew little about American culture. She didn't speak English. A volunteer directed her to Artisans for Hope, a local crafts initiative for refugees. There, she was taught crafting skills and English. Artisans for Hope took Karim on field trips. They found her a job with a seamstress, which she held for nine years, and then they helped her start her own custom drapery business, The Golden Needle.

Karim says Artisans for Hope helped her feel like an empowered member of her new community. With their help, she says, "all the people know we are human beings. We could make something for ourselves, for them, for the country, for the community."

Around the world, crafting is being used as a tool to help refugees — and especially women — get acclimated to a host country, learn skills and, sometimes, earn a living. "We provide a

A healing medium

Crafts can help refugees find community and maybe a living

venue for refugee women to craft together, build a community, make some friends, and have a safe way to interact with each other and talk about what they've been through," says Sharon McCreary, who in 2007 helped found A Little Something, a women's refugee crafts organization in Denver.

A Little Something also sells the crafts and gives artisans 75 per cent of the earnings. In Paris, the Agency of Artists in Exile (aa-e) supports professional artists — from painters to photographers to dancers to musicians — who come to France as refugees. Founded in 2017 by Judith Depaule and Ariel Cypel, the

group works with about 200 artists from 45 different countries, many of them seeking political asylum. The organisation hosts a festival, provides workspace, offers French classes, and helps artists find grants, residencies and jobs. If they need lawyers, psychiatrists or accommodations,

aa-e helps find those too.

"When you get to a country in the way of exile," Depaule says, "you can have a lot of bad experiences, very hard, very traumatising experiences. And when you are waiting for papers it's very hard, too. Because you don't know if they will say yes or not, so (art) is a possibility to start to build something, and to start thinking

about something else."

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees also runs a craft-based initiative, Made51. It partners with local groups around the world to help artisan refugees connect to markets where they can sell their products.

Made51's Global Manager Heidi Christ says that after forming a successful partnership with Virgin Megastores in the United Arab Emirates, the Made51 team is now working to expand and grow its direct-to-consumer market. "We see lots of possibility," Christ says. "People love the storytelling behind Made51, love the idea of being able to buy from refugees in many different countries and do it in a way that also supports local business growth in these developing countries."

She hopes a ripple effect of Made51 will be to shift people's perception of refugees. "Despite the conditions that a refugee artisan is living in, they're able to make this beautiful product," she says, "And then the way the consumer can think about refugees changes."

Depaule, too, hopes to change attitudes, aiming to hold more aae e festivals in countries where taking in refugees is controversial. And back in Idaho, Artisans for Hope worked to change hearts and minds through a travelling quilt project. In partnership with the Idaho Commission on the Arts, the artisans created story quilts and travelled around Idaho, Oregon, and Utah to display them.

"It was for me a very good experience," says quilt project participant Wafaa Alwan, "because I was seeing support from people." Alwan came to the United States from Iraq, and was connected to Artisans for Hope after opening up to a friend about struggling with homesickness.

"It's not just a centre for crafting," she says. "It's a healing centre for us. It's really a second chance for refugee ladies to find a place to live and prosper in the community."

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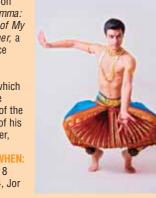
MAKE!

DAG presents *The Fifties Show: Works of Indian Modernism* that brings to you the country's rich history of the 1950s, highlighting how a newly-independent nation put its colonised past behind and embraced the triumphant modernism through art.

WHEN: Till March 26 TIME: 11 am to 7.30 pm (closed on Sundays) WHERE: The Claridges.

Foundation presents Amma Memories of My Grandmother, a performance artwork by Revanta Sarabhai, which will capture fragments of the memories of his grandmother, Mrinalini Sarabhai. March 6 to 8 24, Jor

he Gujral-



Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night, a monthly concert series is back with its second edition. This edition will present New Yorkbased guitarist and composer Shubh Saran. Other performers are Adam Neely, Shawn Crowder, Bianca Gismonti, Julio Falavigna and Paolo Andriolo. WHERE: 1AQ, Qutub





Nature Morte presents *Everyday Extraordinary*, a solo exhibition of works by artist Suhasini Kejriwal, which features her errands of Chitpur of north Kolkata and Chor Bazaar in central Mumbai. WHEN: Till March 14 TIME: 10 am to 6 pm WHERE: A1, Neeti Bagh, Khel Gaon Marg.



The much loved World Sufi Music Festival, Jahan-e-Khusrau, designed and directed by Muzaffar Ali held under the aegis of Rumi Foundation, returns to the city. Its 15th edition, with the theme Let Love Reign, will witness soulful performances by renowned groups for three days. WHEN: March 6, 7 & 8 TIME: 6.30 pm onwards WHERE: Arab Ki Sarai, Humayun's Tomb.

Chelsea vs Liverpool

"I was not happy with

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Chelsea are also desperate

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Now it happened, that's how it

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Bayern Munich in the first leg of their Champions League

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Madrid take Clasico honours up FA Cup side

Real Madrid defeat Barcelona 2-0 to regain top spot in La Liga

AFP MADRID

eal Madrid won the Clasico and Right have saved their season as they ended their slump in the best way possible on Sunday by beating Barcelona 2-0 and returning to the top of La Liga.

Vinicius Junior's deflected finish and a stoppage-time goal from Mariano Diaz decided a frenzied contest at the Santiago Bernabeu, where Madrid found new life after a Champions League defeat by Manchester City had left them on the brink of

"It's been a tough week," said Real Madrid manager Zinedine Zidane. "We talked about how we had an opportunity this weekend and we took it."

Victory put them one point clear at the top of the table and shifts focus back to Quique Setien's Barcelona, who were outfought and, at times, outplayed.

"The reality is we lost a lot of confidence with the ball," said Setien. "We entered a nervous spell and that's when the goal came?

Lionel Messi's rasping shot was saved by Real goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois in the first half but it was the Argentine's opposing captain, Sergio

Ramos, who was thrashing his arms in celebration after the final whistle.

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His reaction was an indication of the importance of this victory, not only for the effect it has on the standings but on the dynamic of the title race, which had seemed to be switching firm-

> OPPORTUNITY MISSED Cristiano Ronaldo, now of

ly in favour of Barca.

Juventus, was watching

from an executive box and Madrid could have done with him during a period in which they had won only one of their last five games.

Zidane said on Saturday this match would not decide who lifted the trophy in May but a Barca win and a five-point gap might well have been diffi-Yet from the start Barcelona

seemed keener to kill the game than win it, playing for time in the hope of keeping the contest tight, when they might have been better off attacking their opponents' fragility. 'The Madrid we faced in the

first half was one of the worst Madrids I have faced at the Bernabeu," said Gerard Pique.

"I don't say it as a criticism, we



Vinicius Junior celebrates after scoring Real Madrid's opener against Barcelona RMFC/Twitter

also have our problems, but we've missed an opportunity."

There was more tension than creativity in the early stages as Fede Valverde crashed into Arthur Melo before fellow Spain full-backs Dani Carvajal and Jordi Alba were both booked after a disagreement.

Madrid had the better of the play and regularly broke at speed through Vinicius down the left but constantly they failed to make the final pass, with

Isco once left with his head in his hands after Marcelo opted not to pull the ball But Madrid remained in the ascen-

dancy and in the 71st minute they took the lead. Benzema came short and pointed right to encourage Vinicius to run in behind. Kroos found him and Vinicius's shot deflected off the sliding Pique to beat Ter Stegen at his near post.

The game opened up as Barcelona chased an equaliser. Marcelo celebrat-

FIGURATIVELY

touches in the opposite box vs Barcelona, more than any other single game for Real Madrid in all competitions (level with vs Melilla at home in Copa del Rey)

Lionel Messi has not been involved in any of his last five appearances against Real Madrid in all competitions, his worst historic run in the Clásico (425 minutes)

Mariano Díaz's goal is the fastest by a sub in El Clasico in La Liga in the 21st century (50 seconds)

Vinícius Júnior (19 years and 233 days) has become the youngest player to score in El Clásico in La Liga in the 21st century, breaking the record previously held by Lionel Messi in March 2007 (19y 259d)

ed when Messi's surge through was stopped by Raphael Varane. Pique headed Messi's cross over at the near post. Messi picked up a yellow card for a frustrated slide on Casemiro.

In injury time, Ter Stegen ventured up for a late free-kick but it was Madrid that struck again. Mariano sped past Semedo and finished from the

Turgen Klopp said he would **SONY TEN 2 NETWORK** name a more senior side for Liverpool's FA Cup trip to Chamberlain came off the Chelsea today after relying on bench. the club's talented youngsters to "It didn't destruct us, it's just

make it to the fifth round. the situation," Klopp said at his Klopp left under-23 coach Neil Critchley, who pre-match press conference on Monday, referring was named Blackpool manager on Monday, in charge for a 1-0 fourthto the Watford defeat. "Nobody can tell us how to deal in the best way round replay win over with runs like this because Shrewsbury, while Klopp not a lot of teams had it. and his senior players

ter break. However, the layoff has done Liverpool little good in recent weeks. They returned rusty and lost for the first time in 45 Premier League games at Watford on Saturday, beaten 3-

enjoyed a two-week win-

Klopp could still rest a number of key players at Stamford Bridge but pointed to a 2-2 draw at Shrewsbury that forced the replay in January as indicative of his plans.

Adrian, Dejan Lovren, Joel Matip, Fabinho and Divock Origi all started that game, while Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and

five of their past 16 Premier League games.

The faltering form of the Oxladechasing pack behind them means Frank Lampard's men are still clinging onto fourth place in the Premier League and Klopp insisted the former England midfielder is still doing a fine job in his first full season

at Stamford Bridge. "The way they go is really promising and Frank is doing an incredible job, but for all managers and especially

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PTI DUBAI

Ankita Raina's red-hot form and Sania Mirza's assuring presence will give India a much better shot at the Play-offs place when the six-team Fed Cup competition begins here today.

India will begin their campaign by locking horns with China today and are scheduled to clash with Uzbekistan (Wednesday), Korea (Thursday), Chinese Taipei (Friday) and Indonesia (Saturday) during the week.

Ankita has been in tremendous form since the start of the season, winning two ITF singles and as many dou-

She is placed at a career-best 160 in the singles ranking chart but during the Fed Cup the gritty Ankita has always punched above her weight, giving tough times to formidable oppo-

She would be captain Vishal Uppal's

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Saina, Ankita lead Fed Cup challenge Zheng (34) and Shuai Zhang (35) biggest weapon apart from multiple-

time doubles Grand Slam champion Sania, who is returning to Fed Cup after

The three-week delay in the start of the tournament due to Coronavirus outbreak has given Sania a chance to recover from her calf injury which had forced her to retire mid-way from her Australian Open women's doubles

winning at the big stage will help younger players in the side in handling the pressure situations better.

so I am confident going into the competition. And definitely Sania will inspire all of us to give our best. Her advise and tips will be more than help-



Riya Bhatia rose in the ranks and her new-found confidence will be good for India's chances. Karman Kaur Thandi has slipped in rankings after an injury and it will be an opportunity for the tall Delhi girl to not only regain her confidence but also help the team qualify for the next stage.

India had finished fourth at the Asia/Oceania Group I event but this year they have a realistic chance to make it to top-two.

Qiang Wang (ranked 29), Saisai

make a formidable trio in the Chinese side, which missed out on promotion last year after losing 1-2 to hosts Kazakhstan. Another side which may

trouble India would be Chinese Taipei, who have Su-Wei Hsieh in their ranks.

It should not be problem for India to handle the challenge of Indonesia and Uzbekistan, though Korea have some good

"Yes, we have a very realistic chance of qualifying. The team is upbeat and hungry and with Sania in the squad it makes us stronger in doubles which has bolstered our chances," Uppal said.



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E-Tender Notice

Panghal gets top billing in Asian Oly Qualifiers

World Silver-medallist Amit Panghal (52kg) has been given the top billing in the men's competition while the iconic M C Mary Kom (51kg) seeded second in the women's event of the Asian Olympic Qualifiers for boxing starting here today. Eight men and five women

from India will be aiming to secure Tokyo Olympics berths at the continental event being conducted by the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Boxing Task Force. While Panghal is the lone

Indian man to be seeded, twotime world Bronze-medallist Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) and Pooja Rani (75kg) have been seeded second and fourth respectively in the women's competition.

The Indian team arrived in Jordan on Friday last week after a training stint in Assisi, "Everything is fine here.

The team is in high spirits and

we are looking forward to a

strong performance," Indian

MC Mary Kom in a file picture

boxing's High Performance

Director Santiago Nieva said. "We have worked on some areas to ensure that our opponents do not stand a chance," he asserted. The tournament has 63

quota places on offer and a boxer will be assured for a Tokyo ticket on reaching the semifinals stage



world Silver medal in September last year, while Mary Kom collected a recordshattering eighth world medal a month later in the same year. Expectations will also be

high from Borgohain, who has been rising up the ranks with some strong performances, including back-to-back world Bronze medals. Also, national champion Simranjit Kaur (60kg) can be considered among the contenders after

Devi in the trials. Among the men, Commonwealth Games Silvermedallist Manish Kaushik (63kg) is a strong contender to book a Tokyo spot along with

having beaten veteran Sarita

E-Tender Notice No. 162/ Nivida/13/18 Dtd. 28-02-2020 Online percentage rate e-tender for "Strengthening of pipe line road and other allied works from Muradanagar to Tail reach under operation & maintenance of 200 Cusec & 270 Cusec Delhi Water Supply Scheme" is hereby invited in tw bid system on behalf of M.D. U.P. Jal Nigam from the contractors having required work experience and financial capability. Tender document shall be available at e-

procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in latest by 05-03-2020. Interested contractors may veiw 8 download tender document and upload their bids, duly filled, online latest by 21-03-2020 up to 01.30 P.M. Technical & Evaluation cum Financial technical Bid (Pre-Qualification Bid) of E-tender shall be opened on **21-03-2020 at 03.00 P.M**.

संस्थाओं / आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से विद्युत पारेषण रू० 590 / – (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक मंडल, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत निम्न 24.03.2020। **६. निविदा संख्या टी-237/** सामग्री / कार्य हेतु ई—निविदायें ई—पोर्टल **2019—20** : विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के etender.up.nic.in पर दो भागों में निविदा अन्तर्गत 220 कें0वी0 उपकेन्द्र, डिबाई पर खोलने की दिनांक को 12.00 बजे तक कुलिंग फैन की आपूर्ति एवं स्थापना का कार्य। आमंत्रित की जाती है। जिसका प्रथम भाग धरोहर राशि रू० 2,000/- (रू० दो हजार उसी दिन क्रमशः 03.00/03.15/03.30/ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रू० 590/—(क 03.40 बजे (यदि अवकाश / अन्य कारण हो सहित)। खुलने की दिनाक 24.03.2020। तो अगले कार्य दिवस में) खोला जायेगा। **७. निविदा संख्या टी-238/ 2019-20**: विद्युत निर्धारित निविदा शल्क आर०टी०जी०एस० / पारेषण खण्ड खर्जा के अन्तर्गत २२० के०वी० एन०ई०एफ०टी० तथा धरोहर राशि उपकेन्द्र, खुर्जा हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति आर0टी०जी०एस०/एन0ई0एफ0टी0/बैंक धरोहर राशि रू0 2.000/— (रू0 दो हजार गारन्टी के माध्यम से (निविदा शुल्क एवं धरो. मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रू० 590/—(कर हर राशि पृथक-पृथक हस्तांरित की जानी सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 26.03.2020 है) अधिशासा अभियन्ता, विद्युत 400 के०वी० **८. निविदा संख्या टी-239/2019-20** : विद्युत उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के पक्ष में पंजाब पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के0वी नेशनल बैंक की आई0सी0डी0 तिलप्ता, दादरी उपकेन्द्र, खुर्जा हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति (गौतम बुद्ध नगर), उ०प्र० शाखा में संचालित धरोहर राशि रू० 2,000/- (रू० दो हजार चालू बैंक संख्या 0109012100000756 (IFSC मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रू० 590/-(कर Code PUNB0466300) में जमा कराया सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 26.03.2020। जायेगा। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में 9. निविदा संख्या टी-240/2019-20 : विद्युत आर०टी०जी०एस० / एन०ई०एफ०टी० द्वारा पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत विभिन् जमा किये गये निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि उपकेन्द्रों हेतु विभिन्न प्रकार के बोर्ड की आपृति की पे-इनस्लिप, यथा योज्य यू०टी०आर० एवं स्थापना का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० संख्या की प्रति, निविदा प्रपत्र, पैनकार्ड 2,000/- (रू० दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र जी०एस०टी० संख्या, इन्कम टैक्स रिर्टन की शुल्क रू० 590 / –(कर सहित)। खुलने की स्वयं प्रमाणित छायाप्रति तकनीकी अनुभव यथा दिनांक 26.03.2020। 10. निविदा संख्य क श्रेणी अद्धतन (विद्युत सुरक्षा उ०प्र० सरकार टी-241/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड द्वारा प्रदत्त). ई०एस०आई०, ई०पी०एफ०, बीमा खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी० उपकेन्द्र, धर्मपुर सम्बन्धी प्रपत्र (जोकि आनिवार्य है) इत्यादि पर ए०सी० रिपेयर एवं अनुरक्षण का कार्य ई-पोर्टल पर स्कैन्ड प्रतियाँ (PDF format) धरोहर राशि रू० 2,000 / - (रू० दो हजा तथा ई-निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरे एवं मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रू० 590/-(कर वाणिज्यक नियम व शर्ते ई—पोर्टल पर अपलोड सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 28.03.20201 11. की जायेगी। निविदा की वैधता खुलने की निविदा संख्या टी-242/2019-20 : विद्युत तिथि से 90 दिन होगी। 1. निविदा संख्या पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के0वी0 टी-232 / 2019-20 : विद्युत पारेषण मंडल, उपकेन्द्र, खुर्जा पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य ग्रेटर नोएडा कार्यालय हेतु संविदा पर कम्प्यूटर धरोहर राशि रू० 2,000/- (रू० दो हजार ऑपरेटर (हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी टंकण कार्य हेतु) मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रू० 590 / – (कर (01 नग) उपलब्ध कराने का कार्य। धरोहर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 26.03.2020। 12. राशि रू० २,000 /- (रू० दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा संख्या टी-243 / 2019-20 : विद्युत निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रू० 590 / – (कर सहित)। पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 132 के०वी। खुलने की दिनांक 24.03.2020। 2. निविदा उपकेन्द्र, धर्मपुर पर नेम प्लेट की आपूर्ति एव संख्या टी–233/2019–20: अधिशासी स्थापना का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० २,०००/ अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा (रू० दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क के उपयोगार्थ एक नग डीजल चलित वाहन रू० 590 / -(कर सहित)। खलने की दिनांक चालक सहित एक वर्ष (12 माह) अनुबन्ध पर 26.03.2020। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग उसी रखने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रू० ३,००० / – दिन निर्धारित समय पर सार्वजनिक रूप से (रू० तीन हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क खोला जायेगा एवं भाग द्वितीय (प्राइजबिड क्त0 590/-(कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक खुलने की तिथि तदोनुसार वेबसाइट पर सूचित 24.03.2020। **3. निविदा संख्या** की जायेगी। निविदा भाग प्रथम में सम्बन्धित टी-234/2019-20 : विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, प्रपत्रों का अपलोड ना किये जाने की स्थिति खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 132 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र, में निविदा का भाग द्वितीय (प्राइज बिड) नई जहाँगीराबाद पर उपकरणो एवं स्ट्रक्चर अर्थिग खोला जायेगा। ई–निविदाओं को बिना कोई की मरम्मत कराने सम्बन्धित कार्य धरोहर राशि कारण बताये अस्वीकार / विभाजित करने क रू० 5,000/- (रू० पाँच हजार मात्र)। निविदा अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा प्रपत्र शुल्क रू० 590 / –(कर सहित)। खुलने कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउनलोड, अन की दिनांक 24.03.2020। 4. निविदा संख्या संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के टी-235/2019-20 : विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपर खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र, etender.up.nic पर लॉग ऑन करें। अधीक्ष जहाँगीराबाद हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। **अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण मण्डल** धरोहर राशि रू० 2,000/- (रू० दो हजार **उ०प्र०पा०ट्रा०का०लि०. ४०० के०वी० उपकेन्ड** मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शल्क रू० ५९० / – (कर **पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा।** पत्रांक – ३०६ सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 24.03.2020। वि०पा0मं० / ग्रे ०ना० / T-232 to 243/

5. निविदा संख्या टी-236/2019-20 : विद्युत 2019-20 दिनांक 24.02.2020 ''राष्ट्रहित

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Mir put up a gritty show

The 11th seeded Mir, Gold

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With three top-50 players, China will test Indian players the most in the Asia/Oceania Group I competition, where the top two teams will be promoted to the Play-offs, to be held on

Mir, Mansi win Bronze at Dutch Jr International Series last year, has had a sensational run at this tournament and showed exceptional fighting spirit

> Lee but it was not enough as ers. Indian who stood out. She had won both the selection tournaments in the run-up to the Dutch International and carried that momentum to make it to the semifinals, where she lost to Indonesia's Saifi Rizka Nurhidayah 11-21, 16-21.

against higher-ranked play-

Mansi had earlier toppled fifth seed Amy Tan 22-20, 21-14 in the third round.

The Indian contingent will now look to continue their heroics at the Yonex German Junior 2020 to be held in Berlin from March 4 to 8. Meanwhile, India's rising

stars Aakarshi Kashyap and Anupama Upadhyaya won Gold and Silver medals respectively in the girls singles at the Kenya International held in Thika, Kenya.



Mahendra Singh Dhoni arrives to bat during Chennai Super Kings practice session ahead of Indian Premier League 2020

Lock, Stock & Barrel

Kiwis thrash India in three days again to win second Test by 7 wickets, seal series 2-0

PTI CHRISTCHURCH

star-studded India was outplayed by seven wickets inside three days in the second Test against New Zealand here with the home team making a mockery of the visitors' world No 1 status to complete a memorable series sweep

New Zealand prevailed by seven wickets, chasing down a modest target of 132 in just 36 overs, after India's second innings folded for 124 in less than an hour on the third day. India, perched at the top of the World Test Championships right now, were humiliated 0-2, found wanting yet again when up against high-quality seamers overseas.

Tom Latham (52 off 74 balls) and Tom Blundell (55 off 113 balls) had a good batting session as Mohammed Shami didn't bowl post lunch due to a ball-impact injury while batting.

Á solid 120 points took New Zealand's tally to 180 even as India stayed on top with 360 points courtesy their series wins against the lowly West Indies, depleted South Africa and a below-par Bangladesh.

The feel good factor of a 5-0 T20 series victory seemed like ancient history as a dream start turned into a virtual nightmare for Kohli's bunch that has always taken immense pride in performing well in overseas conditions.

However, a look at India's overseas performance indicates that whenever the ball swings and seams, reputations end up in tatters. It happened in England in 2014 and 2018 and now New Zealand have exposed them one

The main culprit was the batsmen, and Kohli had no



New Zealand players celebrate with winners' trophy after end of two match Test series against India on third day of second Test

qualms in admitting it.

"The batsmen didn't do enough for the bowlers to try and attack. The bowling was good, I thought even in Wellington we bowled well. Sometimes if you bowl well and things don't happen, you have to take it in your stride," Kohli said.

More than the margin, the manner of surrender will come back to haunt the current Indian team, which leaves this part of the world with a lot of unanswered

It's not only about technique of some top players against the moving deliveries but also about their mindset when put under the

VIRAT KOHLI'S WORST TEST SERIES Aus in India in 2016-17 India in NZ in 2019-20 9.50 India in ENG in 2014 13.40 134 39 India in B'DESH in 2015 14.00 India in WI in 2011 30

There were only four half-centuries across four innings in this series with techniques of some of the players like Ajinkya Rahane, Mayank Agarwal against seam and swing leaving a lot to be

Skipper Kohli's 38 runs in four innings was one of the biggest setbacks for the visitors in the series.

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Prithvi Shaw is a work in progress when it comes to his decision-making on deliveries on the fourth stump and, of course, the short ball, which the Kiwis used liberally to get rid of him since the start of the practice

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Kohli's problems against the seaming deliveries resurfaced again during the series but there is little time to go back to the drawing board with a packed schedule for the remaining part of

On Monday, there was another lower-order collapse as the last four wickets went for 34 runs, but lack of gumption from someone like Rishabh Pant, playing for his place in the side, was dishearten-

"The batsmen didn't do enough for the bowlers to try and attack. We accept it upfront and if we have to win away from home, we have to do that. No excuses, just learning moving forward. In Tests, we weren't able to play the cricket we

"India are a world-class side and to beat them is quite satisfying. A great

— KANE WILLIAMSON

"Jab India mein yeh log aayengey, tab dikha doonga (When they will come to India, we will show them). – VIRAT WAS HEARD SHOUTING TO HIS TEAMMATES

It was the pair of Tim Southee (3/36 in 11 overs) and Trent Boult (4/28 in 14 overs), which once again tormented the Indian batsmen, who were all at sea against

lenging track. In the morning, Hanuma Vihari (9) was caught down the leg-side off an innocuous Southee delivery.

quality bowling on a slightly chal-

On a track where it was next to impossible to defend, Pant was seen pushing and prodding defensively, something that's not his nat-ural game. The result was a halfhearted poke at an away going delivery that safely landed in the wicketkeeper's gloves.

The much talked-about "intent" was completely missing in Pant's game and his approach defied logic. Especially after coach Ravi Shastri spoke about how his aggressive batting scored over Wriddhiman Saha, but questions will certainly be asked on if scores of 19, 25, 12 and 4 justify his inclusion over a more accomplished



We were completely outplayed, can't live in denial: Kohli

PTI CHRISTCHURCH

Adisappointed Virat Kohli on Monday admitted that his side was "completely outplayed" by New Zealand in the two-Test series and they can't live in denial about "not being brave enough" to counter

The Indian batting was in complete shambles in the series and the skipper said that with a packed schedule, the team management will have to find solutions despite time constraints.

"Obviously quite disappointed with how we played in this series. I feel like we were completely outplayed in this series," the Indian captain was honest and forthright in his assessment following the seven-wicket loss.

"We obviously didn't play the kind of cricket we do as a team. The thing to take away from here is to not shy away from things that have gone wrong and instead address them straight up, and not be in denial," he said.

Asked to point out what exactly went wrong, Kohli felt the outlook towards a series in adverse conditions was "not ideal".

"I think the outlook as far as I am concerned, and as far as I saw things happening, was not ideal for us in this series. We were not positive enough. We were not brave enough in moments, which we have done in the past. Skills follow your mindset, simple as that."

However, he didn't like New Zealand being called India's "bogey team", having lost to the Black Caps in 2019 World Cup semifinal and two series in white and red ball formats.

"I am sure no one was saying that in first half of the tour," he said referring to his team's 5-0 win "You can't just make a team a bogey team

because of one Test series defeat and a semi-final loss. They played better cricket on that day, and in this Test series, and there is no shame in accepting

"We are not trying to create some controversy by tagging a team or naming a bogey team or something like that," the skipper certainly wasn't amused.

Asked about specific mistakes that this team can rectify, Kohli said that clarity of mind is paramount. "Something (clarity) we failed to do as a bat-

ting unit, and I truly believe that we made too much of the conditions from the first day onwards, of the first Test: overcast, a bit of dampness on the pitch - we never spoke of these things before.

"If you're not clear in your head then the feet don't move, you're not quite sure whether to play the shot or not, leave the ball or play the ball. I think these sort of things can creep in, and which have crept in our game in this series. It's something we have recognised already," he added.

CAC to shortlist candidates for selectors' job today

 $T^{\text{he BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee}}_{\text{(CAC) will finally get down to the work of picking two national selectors at its first}$ meeting here on Tuesday.

The three-member CAC, which is supposed to pick the selectors as per the BCCI

constitution, has not had much to do since its appointment on January 31. The committee comprising former

India cricketers Madan Lal, R P Singh and didates for personal interviews. Lal, who had earlier told that 44 applications have been received for two positions,

confirmed on Monday that he will be travelling to Mumbai for the meeting.
"Yes, I will be going for the meeting but I don't know the details yet," he said.

However, a BCCI source confirmed that the meeting is scheduled to shortlist the can-

The CAC is looking for replacements of outgoing selection panel chief MSK Prasad and fellow panel member Gagan Khoda. Ganguly, who did not travel to Dubai

for the Asian Cricket Council meetings due to the rising threat of novel coronavirus, is likely to be present at the BCCI headquarters on Tuesday.

In January, the BCCI boss had said the new selection panel will pick the India squad for the home ODIs against South Africa, beginning in Dharamsala on March "There is still time for the South Africa

series. The entire process for picking the new selectors will be done this week," said



50 more runs would have made things challenging: Williamson

PTI CHRISTCHURCH

New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson says their victory in the second Test well inside three days is not a fair reflection of how competitive the match was and If India had scored 50 more runs, the chase would have been much more challenging.

"It's an outstanding performance. I sort of said it recently but I don't think the result reflected how competitive the match was. Perhaps another 50 more runs from the India's perspective would have made it quite a balanced-looking match," Williamson said at the post-match conference.

Unlike the flat sub-continental tracks, the tracks for two Tests had an ideal balance between bat and ball where it was hard to score

runs. "Both games were a really good balance in terms of the surface between bat and ball and runs were quite tough to come by. You had to have a little bit of fortune go your way and then try and put a bit of pressure on the bowlers first. A great performance over the last two games from the guys."

Williamson had no qualms in admitting that tracks were tilted in favour of bowlers.

"I guess you look at the surfaces and they both were perhaps seam-bowler friendly. But as a batting unit as well, the contributions that were made to get us to parity in the first innings of this game and in Wellington to get competitive totals on the board on these surfaces were really pleas-

CHRISTCHURCH: India captain swearing at Williamson and pened. Also if you want to that did not go down well with the away team captain. "What do you think? I am

Virat Kohli on Monday got annoyed after being asked about his animated celebrations over Kane Williamson's dismissal on day two of the second Test before clarifying that match referee Ranjan Madugalle had no issues with what happened.

Following India's loss, one of the local journalists sought Kohli's reaction on allegedly

Defending champions Australia advanced to the ICC Women's

T20 World Cup semifinals after

knocking out New Zealand with a

four-run win in their must-win final

Group A match here on Monday.

century proved the difference as

four-time champions Australia halt-

ed New Zealand in a chase of 155

50 balls in the must-win match.

four runs short. Mooney hit 60 off

three for 17 sent the top-order into

collapse and ensured a semi-final

berth for the hosts, who will face

either South Africa or England in

including six fours and two sixes,

helped Australia to 155 for five with

the White Ferns requiring the high-

est successful chase of the tourna-

ment to win at Junction Oval

Mooney's 60 runs from 50 balls,

Leg-spinner Georgia Wareham's

Beth Mooney's brilliant half-

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

asking you the answer," the irritation was writ large on Indian skipper's face as he came up with a sharp retort.

"You need to find out an

Kohli irked when asked about his

celebration of Kane's dismissal

answer and come up with a better question. You can't come here with half questions and half details of what hap-

create controversy, this is not the right place. I spoke with the match referee (Madugalle) and he had no issues with what happened," said Kohli.

It was on day two when

Williamson was dismissed by Jasprit Bumrah and Kohli was animated as ever in his celebrations. Kohli also gestured the crowd to keep

Aus enter Women's T20 WC semis, NZ out

Australia on their way.

SIRIWARDENA SHINES Elsewhere in the other game, Shashikala Siriwardena produced the perfect swansong to her inter-national career by taking four wickets in Sri Lanka's victory

over Bangladesh. Siriwardena's World Cup best and Achini Kulasuriyas two for 19 saw Bangladesh slip up in their final match of the tournament.

Hasini Perera's 39 not out helped to seal Sri Lanka's first victory by nine wickets with 27 balls to spare.

Siriwardena's figures were the best in the tournament to date in her final international match, with her four for 16 a memorable farewell after 17 years of service to Sri Lankan cricket.

Faf back for India series

PTI JOHANNESBURG

eft-arm spinner George Linde Left-arm spinner George _ Lreceived his maiden call-up while former South Africa skipper Faf du Plessis returned to the side for the three ODIs in India, beginning March 12 in Dharamsala.

Linde had made his Test debut during the tour of India last October. The 15-man squad also sees the

return of rested players, du Plessis and Rassie van der Dussen to bolster the batting line-up and the retention of newcomer Kyle Verreynne who impressed selectors with his score of 48 off 64 on debut against Australia.

Du Plessis has not played an ODI since South Africa's disappointing World Cup campaign under his leadership. Keshav Maharaj and Lutho Sipamla are also among tretained play-

of Cricket South Africa's (CSA) search for the next generation of Proteas who will potentially represent the country in the 2023 ICC World Cup in India..., Cricket South Africa said in a state-"It is also a good opportunity for

the players selected to put their hands up and show what they are capable of in the tough playing conditions of India," it added. Spinner Tabraiz Shamsi was not

available for selection. Lead pacer Kagiso Rabada remained unavailable due to a groin strain. Squad: Quinton de Kock (c & wk), Temba Bavuma, Rassie van der Dussen, Faf

du Plessis, Kyle Verreynne, Heinrich Klaasen, David Miller, Jon-Jon Smuts, Andile Phehlukwayo, Lungi Ngidi, Lutho Sipamla, Beuran Hendricks, Anrich Nortje, George

Linde, Keshav

Maharaj.

PTI ■ KOLKATA

 H_{grip}^{osts} Bengal tightened their grip over the Ranji Trophy semifinal by reducing Karnataka to 98 for three after setting them a stiff 352-run target on day three of the contest, at Eden Gardens on

Resuming the day at 72 for four, Bengal could manage just 161 but the massive 190-run first innings lead meant that Karnataka now have a mountain to climb. Anustup Majumdar, who

staged a fourth rescue-act this season with an unbeaten 149 in the first innings, hit a combative 41 in Bengal's second innings amid yet another batting collapse. Bengal, who won their previ-

ous Ranji title during Sourav Ganguly's debut season in 1989-90, would go for the kill to make their first final in 13 years. They had lost to Mumbai by 132 runs in their last final appearance in 2007. Karnataka have already lost

their top-order and they have to produce a superlative batting effort to score the required 254 runs in the remaining two days of the match. KL Rahul (0) was dismissed by

Bengal takes firm control of Ranji semis

Ranji Trophy Semifinal



Bengal's Mukesh Kumar celebrates with teammates after taking wicket of Karun Nair

a peach of a delivery by the firstinnings hero Ishan Porel.

On a pitch which has slowed down and ball has turned soft, Karnataka duo of R Samarth and

ship after the fall of Rahul. Bengal broke the partnership

Paddikal put up a 57-run partner-

overturning the umpire's decision

with a successful review from the

New Zealand, who have made

the semi-finals once since 2012, fell

agonisingly short as their top-order

struggled in Melbourne for the

third successive game

bowling of Akash Deep who had Samarth plumb in front. Mukesh Kumar dismissed

Megan Schutt took three for 22

but Wareham was the pick of the bowlers after taking the crucial

wickets of Suzie Bates, Sophie

Devine and Maddy Green to set

Karun Nair (6) as all the three pacer had a share of one wicket each at the close of day three.

The 19-year-old Padikkal remained unbeaten on 50 in company of Manish Pandey (11). Earlier, Sudip Chatterjee (45)

was Bengal's top scorer in their second innings, while Majumdar and all-rounder Shahbaz Ahmed (31) continued their fine form in a 61-run partnership to prop up their overall lead after a familiar top-order collapse.

Mithun bagged 4/23 and was their most impressive bowler.

GAJA LEADS FIGHT BACK

RAJKOT: Medium pacer Chintan Gaja grabbed a fifer to lead Gujarat's fight-back after they conceded a 52-run first-innings lead

against Saurashtra. Gaja (5/15) reduced Saurashtra to 66 for 5 in their second essay at the end of the day three as the hosts took an overall lead of 118 at the SCA Stadium in Khandheri. The 25-year-old Ahmedabad-

born Gaja bowled in the right areas and was handsomely rewarded for his efforts. His scalps included Harvik

Desai (0), Kishan Parmar (0), Avi Barot (1), Vishwaraj Jadeja (6) and first-innings centurion Sheldon Jackson (0) to reduced

Saurashtra to 15 for 5. But an experienced Arpit Vasavada (23 not out) and Chetan Sakariya (32 not out) stood tall

against the Gujarat bowlers till stumps were drawn. This was after the hosts, who had posted 304, bundled out Gujarat for 252 in their first essay.

Gujarat was reeling at 155 for 8 at one stage in their first innings, but then Rujul Bhatt (71 off 212

balls) and Gaja (61 off 103 balls) joined hands to bail their side out by adding 87 runs for the eighth