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Farmers' protest rocks Parliament

Opp parties give adjournment motion notice, demand repeal of farm laws; both Houses fail to transact business

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The farmers' agitation created turmoil both in and outside Parliament on Tuesday. Opposition leaders did not allow both Houses to function protesting against the farm laws and demanding immediate discussion on the ongoing

farmers' agitation. They also slammed the Government for putting up barricade and surrounding the Ghazipur dharna site in the national Capital with concertina wire. In the Lok Sabha, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the Government is ready to discuss

issues related to farmers inside and outside Parliament. After repeat adjournments, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla adjourned the House till 7 pm as Opposition members continued their protest demanding that Government take back "black laws". Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said disturbing discussion on President's address is "against the tradition". As the House proceeding started, the Congress, the

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), the Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) and the CPI(M) gave an adjournment motion notice in the Lok Sabha over the demand for repealing all three farm laws in view of the ongoing farmers' protest. Shiv Sena MP Vinayak

Raut too moved an adjournment motion demanding discussion on Republic Day violence in Delhi during farmers' tractor rally. The Rajya Sabha witnessed disruptions over the farm laws as Opposition parties, including the Congress, Left, the

TMC and the DMK staged a walkout four times after their demand for suspension of business of the day to take up a discussion on more than two-month-old farmers' agitation was rejected by Chairman Venkaiah Naidu. *Continued on Page 2*

Half of Delhi has Covid-19 antibodies

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain said on Tuesday that 56.13 per cent of those covered under the latest serological survey in the national Capital in January 2021 have developed antibodies against coronavirus. Jain said this is the biggest serosurvey carried out by any State in the country. *Continued on Page 2*

India tells Lanka to honour Colombo port agreement

New Delhi: India on Tuesday said it expected Sri Lanka to honour its agreement to allow it to operate a major port terminal following Colombo's decision to pull out of the deal, as per Reuters report. The East terminal of Colombo port will be 100 per cent owned and operated by the state-owned Sri Lanka Port Authority (SLPA), minutes of a cabinet meeting released on Tuesday said.

CAPSULE

NIA TO PROBE BLAST NEAR ISRAEL EMBASSY
New Delhi: The Centre has entrusted to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) the probe into the blast near the Israel embassy in the national Capital on Friday evening.



MPs from Punjab hold placards during their protest against the new farm laws at Parliament House in New Delhi on Tuesday

No talks with Govt until harassment stops, detained farmers freed: SKM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) on Tuesday said there can be no formal talks with the Government until harassment by police and administration stops and detained farmers are released. Meanwhile, Delhi Police Commissioner SN Shrivastava said to avoid the repeat of what had happened on Republic Day, the police have stepped up security.

The SKM alleged that increased barricading, including digging trenches, fixing nails on roads, setting up barbed-wire fences, closing internal roads, stopping Internet services and "orchestrating protests are part of attacks being organised by the Government, its police against the farmers. The umbrella body of farmers' unions protesting the Central farm laws termed the "frequent Internet shutdown" at

protest sites and blocking of many Twitter accounts related to the farmers' movement "direct attack on democracy". Twitter on Monday blocked several accounts and tweets after the Government asked the microblogging platform to take action against 250 handles and posts for containing "false and provocative content" related to the ongoing farmers' agitation, according to sources. *Continued on Page 2*

CBSE X, XII exams from May 4 to June 10, results on July 15

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday announced that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Classes X and XII examinations will start on May 4 and will end on June 10, 2021. Nearly 30 lakh students are set to appear for the CBSE Board exam 2021 this year. The

The results of examinations will be declared on July 15, Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank announced on Twitter. Class XII Board exams would be conducted in two shifts to reduce the number of days of the conduct of examinations, the CBSE said. *Continued on Page 2*

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No plans to enact Central anti-conversion law: MHA

New Delhi: The Central Government has no plans to enact an anti-conversion law to curb interfaith marriages, the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy said issues related to religious conversions are primarily the concerns of state governments, adding that law enforcement agencies take action whenever such instances of violation come to the fore.

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question that the central government has no plans to enact a central anti-conversion law to curb interfaith marriages.

"Public order and police are state subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and hence, prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of offences related to religious conversions are primarily the concerns of state governments and Union Territory administrations.

"Action is taken as per existing laws by law enforcing agencies whenever instances of violation come to notice," he said.

PTI

Can't remain dependent on other countries for India's defence: Rajnath

Bengaluru: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday that India cannot remain dependent on other countries for its defence and that the indigenously developed Tejas was better than its foreign equivalents on several parameters and also comparatively cheaper.

Under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, India is looking forward to increase its defence manufacturing capabilities, said Singh, who inaugurated Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's second LCA-Tejas production plant here.

"India cannot remain dependent on other countries for its defence", he said.

Singh said Tejas is not only indigenous, but better than its

foreign equivalents on several parameters and also comparatively cheaper.

"Many countries have shown interest in Tejas. India will achieve the target of Rs 1.75 lakh crore in the field of defence manufacturing in (a) few years", he said.

The delivery of the Tejas LCA to the Indian Air Force under a Rs 48,000-crore deal will begin from March 2024 and around 16 aircraft will be rolled out annually till the completion of the total supply of 83 jets, Chairman and Managing Director of HAL, R Madhavan said recently.

He had also said that a number of countries have shown keen interest in procurement of the Tejas and that

the first export order is likely to come by in the next couple of years.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on January 13 approved the Rs 48,000-crore deal to procure 73 Tejas Mk-1A variants and 10 LCA Tejas Mk-1 trainer aircraft from HAL to boost the Indian Air Force's combat prowess.

An HAL statement said Singh lauded the company's efforts to increase the production capacity of LCA, which is going to be the backbone of IAF fighter fleet in years to come.

"HAL's new LCA facility is example of how 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' is shaping and HAL

deserves the largest indigenous order of 83 LCA Mk-1A. LCA is the pride of India and sends the right message to others that India can make fighters of class in-house", he was quoted as saying in the HAL statement.

"The fighter is superior in many ways when compared to other fighters in its category, besides being cost effective. I compliment HAL for working through the COVID times and bringing out this facility. The Company has a lot of talent and more orders should come in its way in future.

"We cannot depend on others on security issues and therefore will make HAL stronger, whatever it takes", Singh added, according to the statement. **PTI**

World Odisha Society picks spokespersons

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Odia Diaspora across the globe has formed World Odisha Society (WOS) with the eminent journalist Kishore Dwivedi as the first Chairman to promote and propagate Odisha interest. In its first meeting convened on last week, the WOS Board designated Dr. Debendra Majhi as its Chief Spokesperson and Swati from Canberra, Australia and Dr. Bhagyashree Singh from London as Addl. Spokespersons of the Global Society.

While Dwivedi is former Delhi Bureau Head of Odia daily Samaja, Sambad and Prajatantra, Majhi is currently posted as Director of Dr Ambedkar Foundation in Union Social Justice Ministry, New Delhi. He earlier had stints in HRD Ministry and Road Transport Ministry. Swati works at Queensland with the children with special needs and Bhagyashree is associated with British Health Systems in London.

The board meeting considered the suggestions received from participating members to make team of inclusiveness and varied representations and resolved that the Chairman was authorised to nominate 15 members from the Primary membership to the Working Committee.



Dr Debendra Majhi

Anti-Hindu jibe sparks row, BJP seeks sedition slap on AMU student

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

An "anti-Hindu" comment by Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) student leader Sharjeel Usmani at a recent Elgaar Parishad in Pune has sparked a controversy, with the Opposition BJP demanding that Usmani be booked for promoting enmity between different community and sedition for his inflammatory remarks against Hindus.

Upping the ante over Usmani's "anti-Hindu" remark, Maharashtra's former chief minister and senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday

demanded to know "if there is Moghal Raj in Maharashtra?" and threatened that his party would launch an agitation if action was not taken immediately against the AMU student leader for his controversial remarks.

Speaking at the Elgaar Parishad held in Pune on January 30, Usmani had said, "Aaj ka Hindu Samaj... Hindustan me Hindu Samaj buri tarika se sadd chukka hai (The Hindu community has become rotten in India today)".

Talking to media persons, Fadnavis said, "If a man by name Sharjeel Usmani with rotten

head comes to Pune in Maharashtra calls Hindus rotten, we do not accept and will not tolerate such statements. The Maharashtra government should act this man. Don we have a Moghal Raj in Maharashtra. Can anyone heap abuses on Hindus and get away in Maharashtra?"

Fadnavis charged that the Maharashtra government had known from the beginning that this Elgaar Parishad had been organised with a clear intent to create disharmony between different communities, that this meet was being organised to allow the participating leaders speak

against other communities. In the process, the leaders concerned would create law and order problems in the state. Even in this part, Elgaar Parishads had contributed to this kind of situation. Despite knowing this, the state government had given permission for the Elgaar Parishad.

"We will tolerate leaders participating in the Elgaar Parishad call the Hindus rotten. If the state government does not take immediate action Usmani, the BJP will launch an agitation in the state. If no action is taken against Usmani, it will go prove that he has made the remarks

with the blessings of the Uddhav Thackeray government," Fadnavis said.

Meanwhile, senior BJP leader Atul Bhatkalkar and BJYM state secretary lodged separate complaints against Usmani in Mumbai and Pune respectively seeking registration of an FIR against the latter under sections 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on the grounds of religion etc) , 295-A (Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class...) and 124-a (Sedition) for his speeches targeting the Hindu community.

Maha truckers want clarity on vehicle scrapping policy

Aurangabad: The Union Budget announcement about a voluntary scrapping policy for old and unfit vehicles is a good one but there must be more clarity on its financial benefits to owners in subsequent purchases, a trucker outfit functionary said in Aurangabad on Tuesday.

Fayyaz Khan of Aurangabad Goods Transport Association, which is part of All India Motor Transport Congress, the nationwide umbrella body of truckers, told PTI the government must give some tax benefit when the person who opts for the policy purchases his next

truck.

He said the trade is already facing losses due to rise in tyre and fuel prices, with rates of diesel going up from Rs 66.47 in March last year, just as the lockdown set in, to Rs 82.52 as on Tuesday.

"We welcome the vehicle scrapping initiative. However, we want more clarity on financial benefits to those who opt for it. Currently, trucks less than 10 years old run on inter-state routes, those between 10 and 15 on state roads, and those above 15 on short fixed trips, mostly carrying farm produce," he explained. **PTI**

Kerala's first human milk bank to be opened on Feb 5

Kochi: Kerala's first Human Milk Bank (HMB), a state-of-art facility will be opened at the Ernakulam general hospital here on Friday by Health Minister K K Shailaja.

Set up with the support of the Rotary Club of Cochin Global, the milk bank is to ensure breast milk for new born babies, who are not being breastfed by their own mothers who may be sick, deceased or due to insufficient production of breast milk, in the hospital.

Although approximately 3600 babies are born in the general hospital a year, 600 to

1,000 sick babies are admitted into the NICU.

"Providing the low birth-weight premature babies, infants whose mothers are unable to provide sufficient milk and babies separated from mothers due to many reasons with the pasteurized breast milk from the bank will reduce the risk of infections and boost their immunity," said Dr Paul P G of Rotary Cochin Global.

Though the concept had come to India 32 years back, Kerala did not have a milk bank till now.

This is where Rotary took the lead to bring the project to

the state with two such breast milk banks - one at Ernakulam and the other at Jubilee Medical Mission Hospital at Thrissur.

All safety protocols and procedures for collecting, preserving and providing it to needy children will be ensured as per government guidelines.

The collected milk can be stored up to 6 months safely in the bank, if needed, before it is given to an infant.

In the beginning, the milk will be provided free of cost to only the babies admitted in the neonatal intensive care unit of the hospital. **PTI**

2 JeM aides held in north Kashmir

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Security forces arrested two associates of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit from Bandipora and Baramulla districts of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Tuesday.

Police in Bandipora district in north Kashmir received information that there were certain anti-national elements who were indoctrinating the youth and influencing them with false narratives, a police spokesman said.

They were also motivating them to take a violent path, besides providing them with arms, ammunition and other resources for this purpose, he said.

Acting on specific human

and technical inputs, security forces apprehended a suspect, identified as Abdul Majeed Khan of Kralpora area of the district, at Wular Vantage Park Aragam, the spokesman said.

The forces seized arms and ammunition, including a pistol, three live hand grenades and 10 live rounds, from his possession, he said.

On his preliminary questioning, the accused revealed that he was associated with JeM outfit and was in contact with handlers across the border from where he received instructions to identify innocent youth for joining militancy and pass on arms and ammunitions to them, the spokesman said.

3 workers die after inhaling toxic gas at plant in Mehsana

Ahmedabad: Three workers died after inhaling toxic gas at a chemical processing unit in Gujarat's Mehsana district, the police said on Tuesday.

The workers were transferring liquid sodium bromide into a tank on Monday evening when the incident took place, the police said.

Langnah police in the district on Tuesday registered an FIR against factory owner Ravi Patel and his business partner Mitul Mistry

under IPC section 304 (causing death by negligence), said police sub-inspector S D Ratda.

The deceased were identified as Ramsingh Rajput, Uttam Gavariya and Pukhraj Taank, all between ages of 25 to 30 years.

The chemical unit is located near Mandaalivillage in Mehsana district.

Owner Ravi Patel also inhaled the toxic gas and is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Mehsana. **PTI**



A tourist paragliding against the backdrop of snow-covered mountains in Manali on Tuesday **PTI**

Doctors, health workers treating Covid patients to get award of ₹11,000: CM Rawat

PTI ■ DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Tuesday said each doctor and health care worker attending to coronavirus patients will be given Rs 11,000 as an honour.

Rawat made the announcement while flagging off a fleet of 132 ambulances under the 108 emergency service here. He said all corona warriors of the Health Department will be given certificates.

Rawat said the ambulances equipped with advanced and basic life support systems will prove to be the lifeline for the sick in hilly areas of the state. Strengthening health care facilities in the state is a priority and 271 ambulances under the 108 emergency service have been put into operation in Uttarakhand in the past four years, Rawat said.

The new fleet of ambulances has been put into operation under a World Bank-aided project.

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In second shift, exams of the subjects which are not offered by the students of schools situated abroad will be conducted, it added.

In second shift, exams on 4 days will be conducted. On these days, in morning shift, exams of Class X of main subjects will be conducted in which maximum number of exam centres will be used. During afternoon shift, only in a few exam centres, exams will be conducted. The CBSE said no school staff who had worked in morning shift will be given duty in afternoon shift, to de-burden them and keeping in view the coronavirus pandemic. This

year, fewer dates are taken to conduct the examinations from last years. In 2020, exam schedule was of 45 days. However, in 2021, exam schedule is of 39 days. Accordingly, 6 days less is taken to conduct exams in 2021, the CBSE said.

In Class X, examinations of 75 subjects and in Class XII, exams of 111 subjects will be conducted. The CBSE said that the datesheet has been prepared in a manner that on any day, total number of students in an exam centre would not be more. This will help the exam centres in strictly following the Covid safety norms and management of the examination, it said.

Half of Delhi has Covid-19 antibodies

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The Delhi Government had collected 28,000 samples with 100 samples each from all municipal wards. The Minister said the least prevalence out of the 11 districts in Delhi was found in the North district, which stood at 49.09 per cent and the highest prevalence was in the South-East district, which stood at 62.18 per cent.

He urged the people to continue to wear masks and follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB), despite the low number of corona cases and declining positivity rate.

Addressing the media on Tuesday, Jain said the number of cases, fatalities and hospital admissions have declined significantly, but insisted that

people should continue use masks for a few more months and maintain Covid-19-appropriate behaviour.

The Health Minister further said three major changes were incorporated during the latest survey.

"We increased the sample size. Samples were collected on the basis of socio-economic conditions. A new, more sensitive kit was used and the testing was conducted at Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences," he said. The Minister also said frontline workers will start getting Covid-19 vaccine jabs this week.

Nearly six lakh frontline workers, including Government school teachers, MCD employees, police personnel, ASHA and ANM workers, are expected to be administered the vaccine.

Farmers' protest rocks...

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The Opposition parties had given notice calling for the suspension of business of the day to take up discussion on the ongoing agitation by farmers on Delhi borders against three new farm laws.

When the House met for the day, Naidu said he has received notice under rule 267 from various members but the issue can be raised during the discussion on motion of thanks to the President's address to the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament. The President, he said, had referred to the farmer's agitation in his address made at the start of the Budget Session of Parliament last week.

The Opposition parties slammed the Government over their refusal to have a discussion on farm laws and the plight of protesting farmers. After the House was adjourned, Opposition leaders defended their actions and said that the session was meaningless if the issue of farmers could not be

address and Budget presentation, Naidu asked MPs to follow rules, maintain discipline and dignity while discussing issues of national and public importance in the House.

Earlier, demanding a discussion on the agitation, Sukhendu Sekhar Roy (TMC) said the House could not discuss the farmers' Bills when it was before this House and everybody wants a discussion as it is a matter of national importance.

T Shiva (DMK), who had also given notice for suspension of business, said for more than two months, in the bitter cold, women and children have been sitting in protest and hundreds of farmers have died.

Manoj Jha (RJD) and Binoy Viswam (CPI) also demanded a discussion while BSP's Satish Mishra said this was an issue that every parliamentarian wants to discuss so that a solution can be found.

Making a veiled reference to the ugly scenes witnessed in the House during the passage of farm Bills in the last session, the Rajya Sabha chairman

asked members to make the current Budget Session "more purposeful" where issues are discussed therebare in "a peaceful, orderly and dignified manner."

"Last time some unfortunate incidents happened," he said without going into the details.

Naidu had an obvious reference to Monsoon Session September last year, when Opposition MPs tore the rule book, climbed on the podium and created a ruckus during the passage of three farm sector reform Bills.

"I have all along been appealing to members to prevent any such situation which will affect the interest of Parliament and also the nation," he said.

On the first full-day functioning of the House in the current Budget Session which started on Friday, Naidu said the nation has completed 100 years of representative democracy. The first direct elections to the imperial and provincial legislative councils were held during the winter of 1920.

No talks with Govt until...

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"It appears the government is extremely fearful of the rising tide of support for the ongoing protest from different states," the SKM said.

Farmers, mainly from Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, are protesting the Centre's farm laws for more than two months at the borders of the national Capital, choking highways to neighbouring States.

"The SKM decided in its meeting on Monday that there can be no formal talks with the government until police and administration's harassment of different kinds against the farmers' movement is immediately stopped," the SKM said.

It also said no formal proposal for talks has been received by it.

"Though no formal proposal for talks came from the government, we clearly state that the talks will be held only after unconditional release of farmers who are in illegal police custody," the statement said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in an all party meeting on Saturday had said the Government's offer to suspend the farm laws for 18 months was still on the table and the Agriculture minister Narendra Tomar was just a phone call away to take the talks forward.

The Morcha had reacted to

Modi's statement by reiterating its demand for repeal of the three agri laws. The Government's negotiations with protesting farm unions hit a roadblock on January 22 as the farmer leaders stuck to their demands for a complete repeal of the three farm laws they find pro-corporate and a legal guarantee for minimum support price, even as the Centre asked them to reconsider its proposal for putting the Acts on hold for 12-18 months.

Unlike the last 10 rounds of talks, the 11th round could not even reach a decision on the next date for the meeting as the Government also hardened its position saying it is ready to meet again once the unions agree to discuss the suspension proposal.

On Republic Day, a tractor parade by farmers in the national Capital turned violent and many protesters were arrested. The SKM, in a statement, said the Delhi Police has released a list of 122 agitators who have been taken into custody.

It said, "The SKM strongly condemns the arrests and detention of many protestors in different police stations and the seizure of vehicles of farmers. Scores of people are reported to be missing and this is a matter of great concern to us."

"We demand their immediate release. We also condemn the attacks and arrests on journalists who are continuously covering the movement," it said.

A legal team has been set up by the SKM, with representatives of different organisations, which will systematically pursue the case of those missing, arrested and seized vehicles, the morcha said.

The protesting farmers have declared a nationwide "chakka jam" on highways on February 6.

Thousands of farmers have been protesting at Delhi's borders with Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, demanding a rollback of the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020.

The protesting farmers have expressed apprehension that these laws would pave the way for the dismantling of the minimum support price (MSP) system, leaving them at the "mercy" of big corporations.

However, the Government has maintained that the new laws will bring better opportunities to farmers and introduce new technologies in agriculture.

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We will soon begin nursery admission: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Nursery admission in the national Capital will begin soon, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced on Tuesday. "We will soon begin nursery admission. The process was delayed this year due to the pandemic," he said while interacting with principals and authorities of private schools on educational reforms in the post-Covid-19 era.

Usually, nursery admission in around 1,700 schools in Delhi begins in the last week of November. The Directorate of

Education (DoE) releases guidelines and schools are asked to furnish required information, following which the application process is rolled out usually in December. However, there has been no development on it this year.

Delhi Government officials had in December said that a proposal to scrap nursery admissions is being considered as the schools have been closed for nine months due to Covid-19 and will remain closed till a vaccine is available, a whole year of online learning for small children seems unviable.



School principals were opposed to the idea of not admitting students in nursery this year. However, Deputy Chief

Minister Manish Sisodia last month had ruled out scrapping nursery admission. Kejriwal asked authorities

and private schools principals to work together with Government on education reforms

"Education is our top priority, providing quality education to every student is our dream, government schools and private schools are two arms of the education system, both will work together for the benefit of our students. We are in complete favour of autonomy to the schools but will not allow any kind of injustice to happen to our students and their parents," Kejriwal said.

Sisodia who was also there in the meeting said we want

mindset development to be an important part of quality education, both government and private schools will play an important role in shaping honest, emotionally sound, and professional individuals.

The Action Committee of Private Unaided Recognized Schools has more than 1000 schools as its members. During the pandemic, the committee has donated close to Rs 1.34 crores for the CM Relief Fund along with thousands of PPE kits and dry ration.

Kejriwal thanked the committee for their support and

contribution. Secretary Education H Rajesh Prasad, Director Education (DE) Udit Prakash Rai, Consultant Private School

Branch Yogesh Pratap Singh and President of Action Committee S K Bhattacharya were also present during the interaction.

CM: Govt, pvt schools need to work in tandem to create world-class edu system

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that the Government and private schools need to work together to create a world-class education system in Delhi.

Interacting with the private school principals and management authorities along with Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia, he said that Delhi model of COVID management was appreciated across the world because government hospitals and private hospitals worked together in close coordination. Similarly, the government and private schools need to work together to create a world-class education system.

The chief minister said "Education is our top priority. That is why we had allocated Rs 10,000 crore for education in our very first budget. Delhi government is committed to work for the most fundamental needs of common people; hence we have worked to transform government schools and hospitals in Delhi."

Kejriwal said, "Getting quality education is a dream of every individual, irrespective of their economic background. Earlier, students from underprivileged backgrounds were not getting quality education but our government has ensured that everyone gets

the best possible education. Providing quality education to every student is our dream."

"The private schools in Delhi have been performing well for a long time. There are close to a hundred Delhi schools in the top 200 private schools in India. Our government has worked to transform the government schools in the last 5-6 years and has brought them at par with the private schools. Government schools and private schools are two arms of the Delhi education system and our government prioritises education reforms in private schools also," he added.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia appreciated the efforts of schools in minimizing the learning loss during the pandemic. Sisodia said, "Without much preparation or training, teachers and school authorities worked to provide learning opportunities for our students. It is highly commendable."

Sisodia said that the Delhi government is working to develop the mindset of the students so that they become honest, emotionally sound and professional.

"We are working to create a world-class curriculum for the Delhi schools. Government and private schools need to work together on this to provide quality education to every child in Delhi," he added.

Heavy traffic jams on many key roads in city

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Following the heavy security deployment and strengthening of barricades near farmers' protest sites at Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur borders of national Capital, there were traffic jams on many key roads in the city.

The Delhi Traffic Police alerted commuters about the closure of borders and suggested alternative roads for

travel through Twitter.

"Ghazipur border is closed. Traffic diverted from NH 24, NH 9, Road no 56, 57 A, Kondli, Paper market, Telco T point, EDM Mall, Akshardham & Nizamuddin Khatta. Traffic is heavy on Vikas marg, IP extension, NH 24. Pl(ease) commute from other borders," the Delhi Traffic Police tweeted.

According to the police, Delhi-Ghazipur border

remains closed for traffic due to the farmers' protests. The commuters are suggested to take alternate routes via Anand Vihar, Chilla, DND, Apsara, bhopra and Loni borders, it added.

"Singhu, Saboli, piau Maniyari borders are closed. Auchandi, Lampur, Safiabad, Singhu school & Palla toll tax borders are open. Pl(ease) Take alternate route(s)," the traffic said in

another tweet.

The police said traffic was diverted from NH-44 and suggested commuters to avoid Outer Ring Road, GTK road and NH 44. Workers under the watch of police personnel on Monday were seen hooking

iron rods between two rows of cement barriers on a flank of the main highway at the Singhu border to further restrict the movement of protesters agitating against the Centre's new farm laws at the site.

Another portion of the

highway at the Delhi-Haryana border is practically blocked now as a makeshift cement wall has come up there.

Security has also been tightened at the Delhi-Ghazipur border, where protesting farmers are also camping for over two months.

On Monday, Delhi Police Commissioner S N Srivastava and other senior police officers visited Ghazipur border to take stock of the security arrangements. Security arrangements continue to be strengthened at the Delhi-UP border site, which is galvanising farmers from Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, days after an emotional appeal by Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait.

Drones have also been deployed to monitor the protesters. Farmers from Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh have been camping at Delhi's borders for weeks, seeking a repeal of the three agriculture laws.

They claim that the new laws will weaken the minimum support price (MSP) system. But the Centre says the laws will only give farmers more options to sell their produce.

Scribe arrested at farmers' protest site granted bail

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Freelance journalist Mandeep Punia, who was arrested by Delhi Police from farmers' protest site at Singhu border was granted bail by the Delhi court on Tuesday.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Satvir Singh Lamba observed that the complainant, victims and witnesses are police personnel only.

"Hence, there is no possibility that accused/ applicant can influence any of the police officials," the judge said.

Punia was arrested by police on Sunday in an FIR registered under various sections including 186

(Obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) and 332 (Voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty) of IPC.

The court directed Punia not to leave the country without its prior permission. "Accused shall not indulge into similar offence or any other offence in the event of release on bail. Accused shall not tamper with the evidences in any manner," it said.

It directed that the accused shall join the investigations as and when required by the investigating agency.

Sanjay Raut at Ghazipur border to support farmers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut on Tuesday reached Ghazipur border protest site and extended support to farmers who are sitting at the border for the last two months demanding to repeal the Centre's farm laws.

Raut met Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait and other farmers off the stage after reaching here around 1 pm. "The way vandalism unfolded here after January 26 and an attempt made to suppress the movement and Tikait, we felt it is our responsibility to stand by the farmers' and extend support of the whole of Maharashtra, Shiv Sena and Uddhav Thackeray

saahab," said Raut. Tikait said, "The farmers' protest is apolitical and no politician has been given the mic or space on the stage."

A major Hindutva ally of the BJP-led NDA till 2019, Shiv Sena was one of the 19 opposition parties which boycotted the President's address ahead of the Budget Session on January 29 and extended support to the farmers' agitation.

Previously leaders of Shiromani Akali Dal, Aam Aadmi Party, Congress, Rashtriya Lok Dal, Samajwadi Party, among others, visited Ghazipur, which has become the camping ground for BKU-led protestors for over two months now.

Of late, thousands have converged in support of the

ongoing stir against the contentious new farm laws. Initially, farmer unions had maintained that their protests were apolitical but have lately welcomed politicians openly.

Rakesh Tikait on January 31 had said the Sanyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) had not allowed political parties in the movement against new central farm laws but took political support "only after the democracy was mocked" at protest sites.

Meanwhile, concertina wires spread further around the UP Gate (Ghazipur border) on Tuesday, while multi-layered barricading of iron and concrete structures along with nails studded on roads made sure no protestor movement towards Delhi.

Order issued to vaccinate frontline workers across UP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Uttar Pradesh Government has issued a schedule and order to vaccinate frontline workers across the State, including Ghaziabad. The order issued by Additional Chief Secretary Amit Mohan Prasad stated that the vaccination of the frontline workers will be done in four rounds of vaccination.

As per the order, the first round will be held on February 5 and on this day 10 per cent of the front line workers identified in each district will be vaccinated.

"All these beneficiaries will receive information regarding vaccination on 4 February," stated the order.

Earlier, the health workers were vaccinated and their last round of vaccination will be held on February 4. A mop up round on February 15 will also be conducted by the authorities for those health workers who had missed the vaccination.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. NK Gupta said that the guide lines have been received from the government regarding vaccination of frontline workers.

He said that vaccination of frontline workers will start from February 5.

Commissioner meets cops injured during R-Day Tractor Rally violence

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police Commissioner, S N Shrivastava on Tuesday met police personnel who were injured during the violence on Republic day in the National Capital.

The CP along with Sanjay Singh, the Special CP, Western zone and Shalini Singh, the Joint CP, Western range visited Pitampura on Tuesday. As many as 144 personnel of the western range were injured, some of them critically, during violence in farmers' Tractor Rally. In total, 510 police personnel were injured during the incident. The CP appreciated the professional and mature handling of the staff for exercising utmost restraint in the face of violent behavior while persuading the farmers to follow the designated routes.

"They remained firm, yet polite while performing their duty in such hostile situation. The staff took appropriate action understanding the gravity of the situation, in overall interest of people of Delhi and the dignity of the force," said the CP.

The CP also lauded the personnel of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for performing duty efficiently along with Delhi Police. He motivated the staff and encouraged them to be prepared whole heartedly for tougher duties in coming days. The CP stressed upon practicing of Riot Control Drills and giv-



ing due consideration to personal safety, while facing any demonstration.

"Though some financial assistance has been extended for injured from PFWs funds, it would not compensate their injuries and pain," he said. The CP also directed the district heads to stay in constant touch with the injured personnel and wished them speedy recovery.

Inspector, Baljeet Singh, Station House Officer (SHO) of Mohan Garden police station and Head Constable (HC) Jagbir posted on Vajra Vahan were injured seriously.

SHO, Baljeet was deputed at Ghasipura picket when the violent mob attacked him at around 2.00 PM. Police said that he held ground for around one and half hour and fractured both his hands while controlling the crowd.

HC Jagbir was stuck inside the Vajra vahan which was attacked from all sides. He was thrashed all over with lathis and suffered spinal injuries.

Leopard, 2 hyenas found dead in G'gram

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

The bodies of two 10-year-old hyenas and a 3-year-old female leopard were found on Tuesday morning in a village named 'Saap Ki Nangli' in the Aravalli region of Haryana.

The village is adjacent to the Sohna block in Gurugram,

the forest officials said. Officials said that the carcasses of the animals were 8 days old. No injuries or other marks have been found on their bodies.

However, forest department officials are yet to ascertain the cause of deaths but they are assuming that the reason behind the death could

be some disease. However, the cause of death will be clear only after the post-mortem report comes, they said.

"The carcasses of a female leopard and two male hyenas were found at three different locations in the Aravalli region which were just 500 meters away from the population area. The bodies were first pointed out by the villagers who alerted the local police and the forest officials.

The post-mortem of the bodies has been conducted on Tuesday and the viscera of the animals have been sent to Bareilly Uttar Pradesh, from where we expect the report will receive on Wednesday. A cause of death could be ascertained once the report will come," said M.S. Malik, principal chief conservative officer, Forest Department.

On receipt of the information, the police and a team of the forest reached the spot. There they recovered bodies from the spot and sent it for an autopsy.

"The distance between the bodies of both hyenas was 30 to 40 feet and whereas the distance between leopard carcasses from hyena was 250 meters," Malik said.

However, the villagers claimed that around 5 big dogs and 6 puppies have been found dead over the past one week.

"We feared that some disease had spread in the area. It could be dangerous for our pet animals. The death of hyenas and leopards could be a reason for such a disease," said a villager.

However, the forest officials are not ready to comment on the matter.

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Kerala, Maha buck Covid trough; Centre rushes teams



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when almost all States/Union Territories are showing a declining trend in number of cases and deaths due to Covid-19, Kerala and Maharashtra are becoming a matter of concern for the Centre by continuing to report a large number of cases, contributing to almost 70 per cent active infections in the country. Fearing that the duo might not play spoilsports to its positive efforts shown in the country, the worried Union Health Ministry has now sent high level teams to collaborate with the State health authorities in instituting public health measures for Covid-19 management. As on Tuesday Maharashtra has 44,944 active cases while Kerala has 69,456 active cases, according to the health ministry data updated at 8 am.

"The Central team to Maharashtra comprises of experts drawn from National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) and Dr. RML

Hospital, New Delhi while the Kerala team shall comprise of senior official from the Ministry along with experts from its Regional Office, Thiruvananthapuram and Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi," said an official from the Ministry.

He said that the teams shall work closely with the State Health Departments, take a stock on ground situation and recommend necessary public health interventions to contain the large number of cases being reported by these States.

Overall, India registered 8,635 new coronavirus infections in a day, the lowest in eight months, while the daily deaths fell below 100 after around nine months, according to the ministry data. The country's COVID-19 tally has gone up to 1,07,66,245 and the death toll increased to 1,54,486 with 94 new fatalities. According to the Ministry, after reaching a high of 95,735 on September 10 in 2020, the daily new cases have dropped to 8,635 on Tuesday, the lowest in eight

Tourists' arrival in India down by 75%

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Travel restrictions imposed to control the Covid pandemic took a toll on the tourism sector with just three million foreign tourists visiting India in 2020, down by whopping 75 per cent from 10.93 million footfalls in the previous year.

Though the Government is yet to assess the losses in earning terms, players in the sector put it around ₹5 trillion or USD 65.57 billion, with the organised sector alone likely to lose \$25 billion.

To add to the agony of the sector, the Budget 2021-22 announced Monday had nothing much for its development, lamented the industry players.

Tourism Minister Prahlad Patel on Tuesday told the Rajya Sabha in a written reply that while in 2019, the number of foreign tourist arrivals was 10.93 million, the number stood at 10.56 million in 2018. It was in 2017 that foreign tourist arrivals first time crossed the 10 million-mark. There were 10.4 million arrivals in that year, he said.



However, last year, foreign tourist arrivals stood at 2.68 million and "no formal study has been instituted for assessment of loss of revenue in 2020", Patel said.

"However, several rounds of discussions and brainstorming sessions with industry stakeholders indicate massive loss of revenue, foreign exchange and jobs. In view of the highly unorganised nature

of the sector, the impact in numerical terms can only be ascertained in due course," the minister said.

Tourism sector is one of the largest industry and accounts for 6.23% of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) and provides employment to 8.78% of the population.

"With an aim to incentivize stakeholders in the

country which account for 1.52 per cent of the total caseload, the data stated.

A total of 1,54,486 deaths have been reported so far in the country.

tourism industry, the guidelines for the scheme of Market Development Assistance (MDA) for providing financial support to stakeholders for the promotion of domestic tourism have been modified to enhance the scope and reach of the scheme, so as to provide maximum benefits to the stakeholders," Patel told the House.

However, industry players are not impressed as they said that they were looking for some major push in the Budget on Monday, but in vain.

Subhash Goyal, General Secretary, FAITH and President, Confederation of Tourism Professionals, said that this was a great opportunity for the Government to revive the tourism industry and save at least 30-40 million jobs which are on the verge of extinction out of 75 million people who are directly and indirectly employed in this industry. "Not just Tourism, it is not mentioned of the services sector, which is a largest employment generator, in this Budget," Goyal said in a statement.

Covid-19 has so far claimed lives of 162 doctors, 107 nurses, Rajya Sabha told

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Covid-19 has so far claimed the lives of 162 doctors, 107 nurses and 44 ASHA workers in the country, Rajya Sabha was told on Tuesday.

The figures are based on the intimations received from the states till January 22, said Minister of State for Health Ashwini Kumar Choubey in the House in response to a question on the number of healthcare staff, including doctors, nurses and ASHA workers who have been affected died due to Covid-19.

On whether the data presented by the Indian Medical Association regarding the number of healthcare workers who have died due to Covid-19 has been taken note of by the Ministry and any follow up verification of the same done, Choubey said the process of insurance disbursement has been decentralised under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP: Insurance Scheme).

Accordingly, the verification of a person affected and died to Covid-19 vests



with State Governments/Central government authorities concerned.

The necessary certification for claims is done by a healthcare Institution, organization or office where the deceased was an employee of/engaged by the institution.

They submit the documents to the competent authority for State and UT, or the competent authority for Central Government, Central Autonomous /PSU hospitals, AIIMS, INIs and hospitals of other central ministries, as the case may be. The competent authorities then forward and submit claims to the insurance company.

However, according to the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Covid-19 data on September 16, as many as 2,238 doctors were infected with the disease and of them 382 lost their lives.

₹8K cr OK'd for developing eight new cities

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In a move to provide space to urbanising population, the Modi Government plans to develop eight new cities in a planned manner in the coming years. The 15th Finance Commission has recommended ₹8,000 crore performance-based grants for incubation of eight new cities in the country.

The Narendra Modi Government has accepted the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission, which has suggested a grant of ₹8,000 crore for incubation of eight new cities in the country.

According to Durga Shankar Mishra, Secretary, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs,



₹8,000 crore has been allocated for incubation of eight new cities. This means ₹1,000 crore has been allocated for each city. The selection of cities will be done through competition and eight states to be qualified. The ministry will come up with detailed guidelines to this regard. Mishra said that several new

urban hubs have been developed Delhi-Mumbai corridor; Chennai-Bengaluru corridor and Bharatmala projects.

As per the ministry's data, the number of towns cities have increased from 5,161 in 2001 to 7,935 in 2011. Of them, 53 have a population of over 1 million people. Post-Independence, several cities, Chandigarh, Bhuvaneshwar, Atal Nagar, New Raipur, Noida, Greater Noida, New Town Kolkata, Navi Mumbai, have been developed as new urban hubs.

The Modi Government has also taken up a project to develop 100 cities as smart city since 2015. All 100 cities have incorporated Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), City Level Advisory

Forums (CLAF) and appointed Project Management Consultants (PMC) to appraise, approve, implement, manage, operate, monitor and evaluate the projects.

According to the ministry, Of the total committed investments of ₹2,05,018 crore as per approved Smart Cities Plans, 5,331 smart city projects with a cost of ₹1,76,059 crore have been tendered so far. The work orders have been ₹1,39,969 crore and 2122 projects have been completed worth ₹34,986 crore among the 100 smart cities since the inception of Smart City Mission.

The 15th Finance Commission has allocated Rs 1.5 lakh crore in grants to urban local bodies (ULBs) in India for the next five years which is a 78 per cent increase over last time. "For the year 2021-22, a total budget allocation of ₹54,581 crore has been provided which ₹50,039 crores which was allocated during BE 2020-21. The budget provided for 2021-22 is 16.52% higher than ₹46,790 crores during 2020-21," the ministry said.

NIA to probe blast near Israeli embassy

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has entrusted to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) the probe into the blast near the Israel embassy in the national capital on Friday evening.

A minor IED blast took place near the Israeli Embassy in the high security Lutyen's Bungalow Zone in which no one was injured but several vehicles parked nearby were damaged.

"The investigation into the blast near the Israeli embassy has been handed over to the NIA for further probe," an official said.

Some cars were damaged in the explosion that occurred about 150 metres away from the embassy on the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Road in the upscale diplomatic enclave.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to his Israeli



counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday to convey his strong condemnation of the terror attack and asserted that India will deploy all its resources to find and punish the perpetrators.

Both leaders, the PMO said, expressed satisfaction about the close coordination between Indian and Israeli security agencies in connection with the blast probe.

The Israeli foreign ministry had said all its diplomats and embassy staff in Delhi are "safe and sound".

A vehicle of the Israeli embassy was earlier hit in a terror attack in 2012.

CBI lodges case against ex-babu in mining scam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against then District Magistrate, Kaushambi, Satendra Singh (IAS officer, now retired) and others in a mining scam, and conducted searches at nine places leading to recovery of documents of 44 immovable properties worth several crores of rupees, bank account deposits and cash recovery of ₹10 lakh besides gold and silver jewellery valued over ₹2.11 crore.

The searches came after the agency registered a case against the retired IAS officer and nine private persons, residents of Kaushambi and Allahabad) besides other unknown officials/persons.

It was alleged that during the year 2012-14, the then District Magistrate, Kaushambi (Uttar Pradesh) had awarded 02 fresh leases and also renewed 09 existing leases to the other accused to

facilitate illegal mining of Minor Minerals in District Kaushambi (U.P) without following e-tendering procedure as mentioned in the orders dated 31.05.2012. of Uttar Pradesh Government," the agency said in a statement.

The searches were conducted at the premises of the accused at nine different places in Kaushambi and Lucknow which led to recovery of various incriminating documents. During searches at the premises of then District Magistrate, cash amount of ₹10 lakh, documents relating to the 44 immovable properties, fixed deposits worth ₹51 lakh, 36 bank accounts, in the name of said public servant and his family members at Lucknow, Kanpur, Ghaziabad, New Delhi and keys of six bank lockers were found. Gold and silver jewellery worth ₹2.11 crore and old currency notes with a face value of ₹1 lakh were also found in the lockers, it added.

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ITBP Academy now best gazetted officers training institute for '16-17

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has awarded the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Academy, Mussoorie, the premier officers' training academy of the border guarding forces, as the best Gazetted Officers (GOs) training institute for 2016-17 under the category National Level (CAPFs/CPOs).

Under the category, the CISF, NISA, Hyderabad of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for 2017-18 followed by Border Security Force's BSF Academy, Tekanpur

for 2018-19 and Central Reserve Police Force's CRPF Academy, Gurugram for 2019-20.

The winner institution gets ₹20 lakh reward each for training institutions for gazetted officers, non-gazetted officers training institutes and other ranks (constables) at the national and state levels. At the zonal level, ₹2 lakh each is awarded to the training institutions of the state police in the northern, eastern, north eastern, central, western and southern zones for gazetted, non-gazetted and other ranks' training institutions.

The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) had carried out the inspections of various police training institutes of the nation for 4 consecutive years starting from 2016 to 2020 and each year, there were prizes for the best police training centres in the country in 3 levels-National level for CAPFs/CPOs, National level for States and UTs and Zonal level in 3 categories of each level-Gazetted Officers (GOs), Non-Gazetted Officers (NGOs) and Others (Constables) training.

CAA rules being prepared, Govt tells Lok Sabha

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Fourteen months since the passage of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, the Government on Tuesday informed the Lok Sabha that the Rules of CAA are under preparation. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said the CAA was notified on December 12, 2019, it came into force with effect from January 10, 2020 and got extension from Subordinate Committees of Legislation of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha up to April 9 and July 9. This clearly means that the Centre wanted to imple-

ment CAA only after the crucial assembly elections in West Bengal and Assam.

The Rules under The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 are under preparation. The Committees on Subordinate Legislation, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have granted extension of time up to April 9 and July 9, respectively to frame these rules under the CAA," said Rai in a written reply.

The CAA, which facilitates granting of Indian citizenship to persecuted non-Muslim minorities -- Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Parsi and Christian -

of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, was passed by Parliament in December 2019, triggering protests in different parts of the country. The President had given his assent to the legislation on December 12, 2019.

Under the Act, people from these communities who had come to India till December 31, 2014 due to religious persecution in the three countries will not be treated as illegal immigrants but given Indian citizenship. After the CAA was passed by Parliament, widespread protests were witnessed in the country.

Didi says BJP sold dream, did nothing in N Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

On a day when BJP leader Rajib Banerjee told a rally in South 24 Parganas that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had promised him about a Central package should the saffron outfit come to power in Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee slammed New Delhi for "promising sky but delivering nothing."

The Chief Minister who was in a three-day visit to North Bengal said how the BJP leadership had promised before the general elections that they would reopen all the seven closed tea gardens "but not a single one has resumed operations. There are so many (BJP) MPs who have won from North Bengal, but tell me what they have done for this region... Nothing."

Banerjee was speaking on the sidelines of a mass wedding event at Falakata in Jalpaiguri district where she handed over land pattas (deeds) to several tea garden workers. The handing out of pattas came a day after the Centre declared a budgetary

provision of Rs 1,000 crore for the development of tea gardens in Assam and Bengal.

Banerjee also handed over 4,000 housing certificates to beneficiaries of a State Government scheme even as she said "we do not promise things that we cannot do," adding how her Government had announced providing house in its last Budget and fulfilled it this time round.

"Today we are handing over allotment letters. This is Trinamool Congress. This is the Maa, Maati, Manush (Mother, Land and People) government," she said taking a dig at the BJP leadership which she said "remembers tea gardens only during elections. They said that they will reopen the tea gardens but they seem to have forgotten this promise."

Saying that though the TMC could win no MP seats from the region her Government was trying to help the people of the area whereas "they have several MPs in North Bengal but have done anything," North Bengal accounts for 54

Assembly seats.

Back in South 24 Parganas senior BJP leaders Mukul Roy, Subhendu Adhikari and Rajib Banerjee attacked the Mamata Banerjee Government from a massive rally saying "she has done nothing save dividing the people along communal and regional lines."

While Adhikari asked Banerjee had ordered payment of a monthly stipend of Rs 2,500 to Imams which was discriminatory against the Hindu priests who were getting only Rs 1,000. He also reminded how only 8,000 Hindu priests were getting the allowance in comparison to 55,000 Imams.

Rajib Banerjee a former Bengal minister who joined the BJP last week said that Union Home Minister had assured him about a central package should the saffron outfit come to power in Bengal.

Both Banerjee and Adhikari and all-India BJP vice president Mukul Roy would fly off to Delhi for a core committee meeting of the top party leadership.

Only selective induction from TMC now, says BJP

Kolkata: The BJP has decided to stop mass joinings from the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal amid growing resentment within the saffron party over rampant inductions without scrutiny, senior leaders said on Tuesday.

"Selective" inductions would be made henceforth, that too after consultations with the local leadership, they said.

"We don't want the BJP to turn into the B-team of the TMC by inducting leaders who don't have a clean image. We don't want people, facing allegations or are involved in immoral or illegal activities, to join our party," BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya said.

"So henceforth, mass joinings would not take place. From now on, the joinings would be very selective and that too after scrutiny," he added.

The decision has been taken amid rising infighting within the party's Bengal unit, often snowballing into the open, a senior state BJP leader said. "In many cases, the district leadership is not happy with the mass inductions. It has led to infightings and the matter has not gone down well with the central leadership," he said.

The BJP is working on a mech-

anism for leaders and cadres of other parties who want to switch over, he said.

The mechanism will be in place to ascertain whether they have a good image in the public, the state party leader said.

"Although the central and state leaderships would take the final call regarding the joinings, but those who wish to join also need to get a no-objection certificate from the local or district leadership of the party," he said. Several former TMC leaders who are being probed for corruption have switched over to the BJP in the last few years.

Since the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP has inducted 18 MLAs and an MP of the Trinamool Congress, three MLAs each from the CPI(M) and the Congress, and one MLA from the CPI. Except for former ministers Suvendu Adhikari and Rajib Banerjee, none of the MLAs have resigned from the Assembly.

Reacting to the development, the Trinamool Congress said the BJP's decision reflects that it has lost the plot in Bengal. "The BJP neither has leaders nor has a face in Bengal. So, it was poaching leaders from other parties," TMC spokesperson Sougata Roy said. **PTI**

DMK boycotts Assembly session after arguing with Guv; Govt assures Covid jab for all

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu Assembly session, a few months ahead of State elections, commenced on Tuesday with the main Opposition DMK arguing with Governor Banwarilal Purohit before his customary address to the House, and boycotting the proceedings.

As Opposition benches went vacant after Leader of Opposition MK Stalin walked out of the House with members of alliance parties following suit, Purohit began his speech.

He outlined the action on tackling the COVID-19 pandemic including vaccination, cash assistance to people during lockdown, financial aid to farmers hit by recent cyclones, and the economic front.

Also, Purohit urged the Centre to reject the Mekedatu project proposal of Karnataka and not allow Kerala to build any new dam across River Periyar.

He condemned a recent 'incident' in which four fishermen lost their lives when a Sri Lankan naval vessel deliberately collided with their boat.

The Government continued to take proactive measures to bring back 12 fishermen in Lankan custody, he said.

The vaccination drive against coronavirus has been rolled out smoothly in the State and in due course the entire population would be covered so that normal social and economic activity can be fully resumed, he said.

The vaccination programme was being rolled out in phases with health workers now being covered and in subsequent stages, other frontline workers and the most vulnerable would be administered the vaccines, he said.

Appreciating the significant role of police in tackling the pandemic and enforcing the lockdown, he said, "the police machinery in the state is fully geared to face all challenges, including the orderly conduct of elections to the legislative assembly." Assembly elections are likely in April or early May in Tamil Nadu.

Earlier, before the Governor could start his address, Stalin tried to raise some issues.

Purohit said the Central budget has allocated Rs 1.03 lakh crore for Tamil Nadu and wanted the main opposition to take advantage of the session, the last of the current 15th assembly to debate over all issues.

A din ensued, with DMK Deputy leader Duraimurugan and other opposition members joining Stalin, who objected to Purohit making a mention of the union budget allocation and wanted him to stick to his address.

Purohit said DMK may register its protest if it chose to do so, but suggested that its members could 'come back again' to the House. **PTI**

Corporatisation of farms in TN, left-bastion Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI/CHENNAI

Corporatisation of agriculture is there to stay and it is futile to stage agitations against corporates engaged in the business of agriculture, according to farmers in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode and Kanyakumari districts.

The chain of super markets owned by Reliance or M A Youssuff Ali, the expatriate Indian businessman who is adored by the Chief Minister of Kerala as well his comrades in the CPI(M) spot this statutory notice prominently in their retail outlets, "All Fruits and Vegetables sold in our Stores are sourced directly from farmers and not from APMC or local Mandi".

The customers to these high-profile retail stores range from millionaires to Marxists. "Thanks to these stores, we get quality fresh fruits and vegetables ferried from Coimbatore to Ernakulam on a daily basis," said Shaji Kumar, a CPI(M) activist in Perumbavoor whom this writer came across in one of the super markets on Tuesday morning.

While the CPI(M) and other Left organisations are staging demonstrations against Ambani, Adani, ITC etc, the proprietors of these groups laugh all the way to Banks on a daily basis. "The unsold commodities are purchased by local shopkeepers to be sold in their standalone neighbourhood

shops," said Joemon, branch manager of one of the super markets in Ernakulam.

Customers in Kerala get fresh bananas and plantain leaves cultivated in Nanchinadu region in Kanyakumari because of these super markets. Refrigerated vans, popularly known as reefer vans rush from Nagercoil to district headquarters of Kerala ferrying with them fruits, vegetables and even plantain leaves which the corporates procure directly from the farmers.

Farmers like Edwin Jayaraj and Stanly of Nagercoil have made it big through deals they have made with retail giants who are prompt in paying them without the interference of middle men, said M Ramasubramaniam, chief executive officer of National Agro Foundation headquartered in Chennai.

"We have helped the farmers in identifying the market as well buyers. Some of the farmers groomed by us have graduated to the big league cultivating fruits and vegetables ordered by the corporate groups," said Ramasubramaniam.

Ravi and Arumugham, hailing from Thiruvallur district cultivate muskmelon which is procured by star hotels in Chennai. Interestingly, Ravi was on the verge of suicide having lost all his savings because of 'successful' crop failures. Not anymore. He drives around in a Maruti Omni to supervise the fields where

muskmelon is cultivated.

"Is there any law which bans the corporates from dealing directly with the farmers? I am only bothered about the quality of the fruits and vegetables sold in these outlets. What I have found is that they sell fresh and safe crops," said Thrissur based Sudheer K Damodaran, a Left fellow traveller, who had participated in many anti-corporate agitations.

Ramasubramaniam said the corporates started procuring fruits, vegetables and agricultural commodities directly from the farmers as early as 2000.

"It has been going on quite well for the last two decades and the farmers are a happy lot," he said. Corporatisation remains a good term at least for the farmers who sell their products to the corporate groups.

"We get the price we ask for and we never pay any commissions to anybody," said Sundar of Mettupalayam in Coimbatore district. His requirement is that more and more corporate entities should enter the field with high speed reefer vans and liaison agents who could help them with banking and insurance formalities.

This could be the reason why farmers in Tamil Nadu and Kerala stay away from the ongoing agitation across the country. Corporatisation and corporate farming are here to stay, Stupid.

SI suspended for taking money from differently-abled woman to act on her complaint: DIG

PTI ■ KANPUR (UP)

A sub-inspector heading a police post in Kanpur district was on Tuesday suspended allegedly for extracting money from a differently-abled woman to search for her minor daughter, a senior police official said.

Kanpur range Deputy Inspector General of Police Preetinder Singh said SI Rajpal Singh of Sanigawan police post was suspended after it was found that he had taken the money from the woman on the pretext of paying diesel bill of his vehicle.

"Assistant SP (Cantonment) Nikhil Pathak has been asked to hold an inquiry against the SI and submit his report," the DIG said, adding he would take further action against the SI after receiving the report.

The DIG told PTI that he took action against the SI after the woman, who walks on crutches, approached him on Monday and apprised him of the SI's act of forcing her to pay the diesel bill of his vehicle for acting on her complaint about her missing 15-year-old daughter.

The woman had alleged in her complaint to the police that her daughter had been kidnapped by one of her close relatives nearly a month ago, the DIG said.

The woman even alleged that she had to borrow money from her relatives to pay Rs 10,000 to 15,000 to the policeman, DIG Singh said.

"Taking cognisance of the matter, I ordered the SI's suspension and a departmental probe into his conduct," the DIG said.

Earlier on Monday, the SI was removed from his post and was attached with the reserve police lines, the DIG said, adding, after getting a preliminary inquiry report, the SI was placed under suspension on Tuesday. City's Superintendent of Police (East) Shiva Ji said the differently-abled woman's 15-year-old daughter was kidnapped by her close relative about a month back. **PTI**

Maha: 94 new bird deaths reported

Mumbai: As many as 94 fresh bird deaths have been reported in Maharashtra amid the avian influenza scare, the state government said on Tuesday.

It took the death toll of birds in the state since January 8 -- when alert about bird flu was sounded -- to 20,017, the government said, adding that daily mortality has been declining in the last eight days.

As many as 94 dead birds were found on Monday and their samples were sent to the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal and the Disease Investigation Section, Pune to ascertain the cause of death, an official said.

The dead birds included 63 poultry birds, 25 crows and others including herons and parrots. The statement, meanwhile, also said that samples of dead poultry birds from Mahape and Ghansoli in Thane district, sent on January 30, have tested positive for bird flu.

So far, 72,106 poultry birds from infected zones have been culled and 44,686 eggs and 63,339 kg of poultry feed have been destroyed. To avoid the spread of infection, carcasses are put in a gunny sack and buried in a ditch lined with a layer of lime. **PTI**

2nd daughter set afire by self-immolator father dies

Kanpur: A second daughter of a man, who had set ablaze his six children and wife before setting himself to fire in a desperate bid to save a piece of his land in Kanpur dehat area, died of her burn injuries on Tuesday, police said.

The seven-year-old daughter of Gulfam, 35, a resident of Kanpur dehat's Moosa Nagar, died of her injuries at King George Medical University (KGMU) in Lucknow, where her five-year-old sister too had died on Sunday.

With Moeena's death, the death toll in the gruesome incident reached two, an official said, adding Gulfam had set all his family members afire before putting himself too on fire on Thursday.

Moeena's sister Chand Tara who had suffered 10 per cent burn injuries had died on Sunday, Kanpur Dehat's Superintendent of Police Keshav Kumar Choudhary said.

"The necessary formalities are being made and a probe has also been ordered in this connection," the SP added. He said a team of revenue

and police officers have been formed to probe the man's allegations that the district administration had failed to save his land, saying that it was part of a graveyard.

It has been decided that the revenue team would also inspect the under-construction site to find out if the work was going on the graveyard land, he said.

A case on charges of abetment to suicide has already been registered against unknown persons, the SP said. "We are looking to invoke appropriate sections in the case," he added.

On Thursday, the police too had reached the site of the incident and doused the flame immediately, during which Head Constable Rajendra Pandey too had suffered burn injuries, the SP said.

The victims had suffered 10 to 13 per cent burn injuries in the incident and were first taken to a community health centre from where they were shifted to the district hospital and later to the KGMU, Lucknow. **PTI**

Boy singed on arms, legs with hot spatula by father in Kerala

PTI ■ ADOOR

In a shocking incident, an eight-year-old boy was singed, allegedly by his father with a hot spatula, for not studying, police said.

The incident, which took place on January 30, came to light after a panchayat member informed the police.

The child's father, Sri Kumkar (31), an alcoholic, has been arrested and remanded to custody, police said.

The boy, who has burn marks on his arms and legs, has been shifted to a child welfare centre at Pathanamthitta, police said.

Covid-19 cases in AP cross 8.88 lakh mark

Amaravati: The cumulative coronavirus positive cases in Andhra Pradesh rose to 8,88,004 as 104 were added afresh in 24 hours ending 9 am on Tuesday, even as the active caseload fell below 1,200.

The total recoveries increased to 8,79,651 as 147 more patients got cured.

The overall COVID-19 toll rose to 7,156 with two fresh fatalities, a health department bulletin said.

The state now has 1,197 active Covid-19 cases, it added.

Visakhapatnam reported 27, Krishna 25 and Chittoor 17 fresh cases in a day while



the remaining 10 districts added less than 10 each.

Guntur and Krishna reported one fresh fatality each. **PTI**

Man sentenced to 10 years in jail for rape

Banda (UP): A court here has sentenced a man to 10 years imprisonment for raping his teenage cousin in 2016.

Additional District Session Court (POCSO) Judge Pawan Kumar Sharma on Monday also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on 26-year-old Lakhlanal.

The girl was raped on August 22, 2016. She was 13 years old then, Public Prosecutor Ramsufal Singh said.

He said a case was registered on August 25, 2016, at Girwan and Lakhlanal was arrested three days later.

The girl's mother in her complaint had said that her daughter was raped several times, Singh said. **PTI**

17 people sexually exploit minor girl for 5 months; aunt among 8 arrested

Bengaluru: Eight people have been arrested for allegedly sexually exploiting a 15-year-old girl over a period of five months in Chikkamagaluru district, police said on Tuesday.

Among the accused who have been arrested by the Sringeri police is her aunt who had pushed her into prostitution, a senior police officer said.

"We have arrested eight people including her Chikkamma (Aunt), who had pushed her into prostitution. Hunt is on for nine others who had sexually exploited the girl," the officer said.

According to police, the girl started living with her aunt after the death of her mother three years ago.

For the past few months she was working in a stone crushing facility and came in contact with a bus driver who allegedly raped and sexually abused her.

Later, he and his accomplices raped her, made videos and blackmailed her, police said, adding, her aunt was aware of it and allowed it to happen. A case has been registered under various IPC sections on charges of trafficking, rape and connivance besides Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, Immoral Trafficking Act and Child Labour Act. **PTI**

Girl raped by man in UP

Fatehpur (UP): A 16-year-old girl was allegedly raped by a man in the Khaga area here, police said on Tuesday.

An FIR has been lodged against the 45-year-old accused under Indian Penal Code section 375 (rape) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act on Monday, a police officer said.

The victim has been sent for medical examination, he said.

The girl also named her mother, suspected to be in a relationship with the man, in her complaint, the officer said.

The woman has been booked under section 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the IPC, he added.

The officer said the girl's father had died some years ago and the accused used to visit her home. Police said they are probing the matter. **PTI**

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Interested Chartered Accountants or CA firms may submit their proposals with quotations on or before 07/02/2021 at the email address - aca.srisi@rediffmail.com. Phone :- 9717597954. CA firms must have post qualification experience of more than 5 years. Audit experience of Apartment Association under IIP Apartment Act will be preferred. Individual CAs or any CA of firm SHOULD NOT have any association/ relation with the accountant, internal auditor, AOA board members or any of the Apartment Owner of Shri Sri Sri Apartment.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Stranglehold?

Is the Centre ramping up layers of security at Delhi's borders to choke off the ongoing farmers' protest?

Where exactly is the face-off between the Union Government and the farmers' unions — who have an agitation going on for nearly 70 days now against the three central farm laws at Delhi's borders — headed? Even though the leaders have tamed their aggression since the unfortunate and shameful incidents their peers indulged in on Republic Day and are now going out of their way to try and keep the dialogue on course, the Government has apparently started rolling up its sleeves and tightening the screws on the stir. No sooner had the protesters announced a three-hour nationwide 'chakka jam' between 12 noon and 3 pm on February 6 than the Government unleashed a multi-pronged offensive that's seemingly meant to throttle the agitators. The farmers' unions have announced that they would create blockades at the highways on Saturday to protest against the ban on internet services which has been imposed near their agitation sites, terming it "harassment". Though some farmer leaders have proclaimed that the protesters will "honour the dignity of Prime Minister" Narendra Modi, they said they are also committed to protecting their "self-respect". The Government has responded with the Information Technology (IT) Ministry directing Twitter to temporarily freeze around 100 accounts and remove 150 tweets related to the farmers' protests under Section 69A of the IT Act. The slew of latest measures undertaken by the Centre also includes multi-layered security at the Capital's borders — complete with two heavy layers of metal barricading, a layer of stone boulders and a layer of concrete barricades, followed by rows of more than 2,000 iron spikes planted across Rohtak Road at the Tikri protest site.

But if the two sides are not going to war, what is the need for all this paraphernalia on Delhi's door? The right answer, probably, would be posturing. The growers can't risk another round of negative public opinion about their intentions which ostensibly are to make the Government see reason without indulging in any form of anarchy or violence. For its part, the Centre wants to be seen as open to any meaningful dialogue with the farmers' representatives without giving away too much in the bargain. With the Budget Session of Parliament already underway and Assembly elections in a few agrarian States not too far away, the Opposition is sharpening its claws and intending to put the Government on the mat over the issue. As it is, a number of adjournment motion notices in the Lok Sabha and the suspension of business notices in the Rajya Sabha have started pouring in. In an expected development, Shiv Sena leaders Sanjay Raut and Arvind Sawant visited Ghazipur to show solidarity with the protesters and advised the Union Government to speak to the farmers "in a proper way". Though no sane voice would support the arson and violence by the farmers on January 26, the Centre should heed caution and not try to choke the stir. After all, it is their land and their country, too.

PICTALK



Security personnel inspect the site of a bomb attack in Kabul on Tuesday

Democracy's dilemma

India, which sent to Myanmar 1.5 million COVID-19 doses, must ensure democracy gets a shot too

Myanmar's fragile Government was overthrown in a recent coup d'état by the military, plunging democracy there into gloom and despondency. The coup might not surprise popular Governments across the globe as the erstwhile Burma's stint with democracy began only in 2011 after almost five decades of military rule. More so, after the world witnessed the Capitol Hill attack and the Red Fort siege, when the two great democratic champions were put to shame by their own peoples, it may not be taken aback by what happened in Burma where, even after the restoration of quasi-democracy, the military generals called the shots and remained the main adjudicator of the nation's politics. They are back in the saddle to rule the roost with full military might. In the wee hours of Monday, the military seized control over power and arrested civilian leaders, including Nobel peace prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, President U Win Myint, the Cabinet Ministers, Opposition leaders, writers and human rights activists. The military generals were irked after the landslide victory of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) in the November elections. Suu Kyi has been the country's de facto civilian leader since taking office in 2015. The military, which has declared a year-long national emergency, had accused that the elections were fraudulent with rampant irregularities in the voting process.

In what can be termed a futile deterrent to the military rulers, who are least concerned about upholding democratic values, US President Joe Biden has threatened to re-impose sanctions and called for a "concerted international response" pressuring the military leaders to abdicate power. India, too, has expressed "deep concerns" over the developments and is "monitoring the situation" closely. However, India needs to tread cautiously as Myanmar's military leadership may join hands with Beijing for support in the UN Security Council which is likely to take up resolutions calling for the restoration of democracy in the coming days. The coming together of Beijing and Naypyitaw will be a setback for India's attempts for democracy in Myanmar and peace in the region. It will also erode India's influence in the area which it had managed to gain all these years. However, China has expressed the hope that the political leaders and the military regime would uphold stability and resolve their differences as per the Constitution. Meanwhile, India, which has supplied 1.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine to Myanmar, must make all-out efforts to give a 'shot' of democracy in Myanmar's arm.

More funds, less credit needed

The Finance Minister's plans to fix India's agriculture sector leave a lot to be desired and these tall claims should be taken with a pinch of salt



INDRA SHEKHAR SINGH

The message from the Union Budget 2021-22 is clear — Credit, Corporatisation and Disinvestment. Rahul Gandhi promptly tweeted "crony capitalism" while the protesting farmers fulminated over an "empty Budget" as the share of agriculture and allied activities in the total Budget came down from 5.1 per cent to 4.3 per cent. The allocation fell from ₹1.54 lakh crore to ₹1.48 lakh crore. Even agricultural neo-con economists are finding it hard to defend Union Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman's agenda.

Keeping aside the "self-promotion" of the Narendra Modi Government's schemes — the MSP (public procurement), property card, eNAM and so on — the two focus areas for the Government seemed to be agricultural infrastructure and agricultural credit. The FM stressed on the need to improve rural agri infrastructure, and it will be done by paying more tax! A new agri infra cess will be applicable on many items, practically making these products less competitive in the global market, and the Government will increase the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund from ₹30,000 crore to ₹40,000 crore with an additional ₹5,000 crore for the Micro Irrigation Fund with NABARD. When it comes to credit, the COVID-19 tranches on agriculture already provide loans to various sectors within agriculture and the FM has enhanced the agricultural credit target to ₹16.5 lakh crore.

What the Minister omitted in her speech was the burden of a failed crop insurance scheme which was once again allocated a whopping ₹16,000 crore when urgent agriculture issues of water and soil conservation were given only ₹28.3 crore. Degrading soil and water pollution will be the biggest challenges not just for the farmers, but for our national security. Reading the Budget's fine print can inflame any farmer as the tax-payers' precious rupee is squandered on the Prime Minister's pet projects — for example, PM KISAN gives as little as ₹17 per day for the farm household, which has failed to ameliorate the agrarian crisis. Many farmers allege that the



agri Budget is a public relations exercise at best as it fails to address the issues of high indebtedness, falling incomes, soil degradation and agronomic challenges before the country.

The Government also missed an opportunity to alleviate the fears over the MSP, as it mainly reported statistics on the support price without making any budgetary allocation for more public procurement of crops or additional guarantees. The Government's own data state that the MSP is given to only about six per cent of the farmers. Without any Budget empowering the Food Corporation of India (FCI) or public procurement, the Modi Government is toeing the WTO and World Bank's restructuring line: End the MSP, price support, dismantle public distribution systems, end stocking limits, and so on. Aping the West, Modi too wants to shift from negative subsidies to direct bank transfer for Indian farmers, but one shouldn't hold the breath waiting for a successful outcome.

With no Budget for loan waiver, the Government has shrewdly passed the buck to State Governments. This step will be unpopular among the farmers and may distance the BJP from its allies and region-



IT APPEARS THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY SANCTION THE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO PRIVATE PLAYERS OR FPOs TO IMPLEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. IN A NUTSHELL, THE TAX-PAYERS' MONEY WILL AGAIN BE USED FOR PRIVATE PROFITS

leaders. Keep in mind that Indian farmers are already under high debt, with the average debt in the green revolution belts — Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh — ranging between ₹2 lakh-₹3 lakh per farmer. The NSSO data, read with debt-related suicides, illuminates a new "highway to hell" from Maharashtra to Punjab. Any additional credit to the farmers may actually increase their troubles as most of these funds will be used to re-finance bad loans on the Kisan Credit Card. Instead of deracinating the problem, Modi has goaded the rural economy towards speculation and eminent crash. Given the problems of Indian agriculture, after, say, a period of five years, many loans will become NPAs and foreclosures, evictions and auctions will come to rural India too. Albert Einstein said that repeating an experiment and expecting a different result is stupidity; similarly additional credit into the same system of debt-producing agriculture will sound the death-knell for our farmers.

On the matter of development funds, the Government has given bold expense targets but how much of it will actually convert into infrastructure development remains to be

seen. It appears that the Government may sanction these funds to private players or FPOs to implement infrastructure projects. In a nutshell, the tax-payers' money may again be used for private profits. This may also entail providing big grain giants, supermarket chains or the "Indian robber barons" to build super-warehouses and corporate infrastructure with our money. The tax-payers and farmers should closely monitor this fund and ask the Government for accountability.

Finally, the Budget's promises should be taken with a pinch of salt as these tall claims many not be fiscally sound. The State Governments had already locked horns with the Centre over non-payment of GST funds; the Government had to borrow from the RBI to repay the dues.

If Modi or Sitharaman were at all serious about agriculture, they may have looked at VP Singh's Budget of 1990 which pumped all available resources (about 50 per cent) into agriculture, not into loans and credit and thus profiting banks and not farmers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAIL THE DIGITAL BUDGET!

Sir— Against the backdrop of a "once-in-a-century" circumstances, it was expected of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to be fiscally prudent with the Union Budget 2021-22 to provide direction to India's tottering economy and a boost to aggregate demand and investment. It is heartening to see that despite tumultuous international developments and unprecedented contraction unleashed by the COVID-19 pandemic, she did not succumb to the temptation of attempting a spend-and-stimulate exercise. Instead, she used the "digital Budget" to provide calibrated fiscal and monetary support to reset the economy and ensure that India is well-poised to truly be the "land of promise and hope".

That India has already embarked on a V-shaped path of economic recovery is not only a welcome acknowledgement of the Government's efforts to prepare the foundation for sustainable growth, progress and better quality of life for its people, but is also a testimony to the fact that the prophets of doom have been proved conclusively wrong. However, the absence of any concrete employment generation programme to harness India's demographic dividend and oblique references to the schemes introduced in previous years are unfortunate. The Government's decision to sell a part of its holding in the LIC and go for aggressive disinvestment of the PSUs is unlikely to elicit an enthusiastic response.

Shreyans Jain | Delhi

GRAVE NEGLIGENCE

Sir — The report that 12 children were given hand-sanitiser drops instead of oral polio vaccine at a village in Yavatmal district of Maharashtra is more than shocking. The victims, all aged below five, were immediately admitted to a Government hospital and it's good to hear that they are now out of danger. However, this is a clear case of negligence by the staff and officials and the State Government must ensure that none of those who are complicit is spared. It is a serious lapse and a high-level

Democracy derailed



Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi's efforts to foster democracy in Myanmar have come to a screeching halt. Accusing the 1991 Nobel peace prize winner of retaining power through electoral malpractices, the military silently planned a coup that came about on Monday morning. All along, from 2015, the military was wary of Suu Kyi, and that is why it was in control of many administrative decisions. No

army would like a democratically elected leader to get close to the people.

The people of Myanmar, who were getting accustomed to democratic ways of their leaders for the last five years, are back to square one. Suu Kyi's attempts to usher in democracy in a country besieged by high-handed military actions cannot be doubted. The military does not look like relaxing its hold on power though the going may not be that easy internationally for the Junta. Countries of the world that believe in principles of democracy and free speech are bound to make sure the military dispensation faces strict economic sanctions. But the Myanmar military rulers have the imposing China to lean upon. Seen against this backdrop, New Delhi needs to be extra cautious in its dealings with the Myanmar Government. Without in any way giving an impression that it sides with the military rulers, India has to carry forward the goodwill generated between the two countries.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

inquiry should be conducted.

At a time when India is being lauded for developing the COVID-19 vaccines and supplying it to other countries across the globe, such incidents are a blot on its image and a severe setback to its efforts. Ironically, the incident occurred on Sunday when the National Pulse Polio vaccination drive for children aged 1-5 years was underway. The officials have admitted that at Bhanbora Primary Health Centre in Kapsikopri village, as many as a dozen children were given two drops of sanitiser in place of polio drops. Subsequently, one of the children complained of vomiting and uneasiness. We need to train our healthcare staff and grassroots health workers. Awareness should also be created among the people. Such incidents mock the whole system.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

BOOST TO HEALTHCARE

Sir — As expected, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman gave special consid-

eration to the health sector in the Union Budget 2021-22 as we are still in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. Healthcare allocation has been increased manifold from ₹94,000 crore to ₹2.46 lakh crore. However, it remains to be made clear as to how and on which items this huge amount will be spent.

While a huge spend on healthcare is welcome, the Government should also have paid equal attention to the farmers who are agitating against the recent agrarian reforms by the Centre. But it is not that farmers have been given that. There was also talk of increasing the money handed out in the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme, but this did not happen. Currently, 11.5 crore farmers are taking advantage of this scheme. However, several steps have been taken to strengthen the agriculture sector.

Abhijit Roy | Jamshedpur

SOUNDBITE

It seems there was a premeditated attempt on the SAD president's life and the Jalalabad Police was complicit in this crime as it allowed the attackers a free run.

SAD spokesman — Daljit Singh Cheema

The state capture of inquiry can expect no further cooperation from my side in any of their processes going forward. My constitutional rights were being violated.

Former SA President — Jacob Zuma

I think drama comes to me naturally. It came to me easily when I first started acting in college plays. I am quite at ease with that and I did not have to do much learning and understanding.

Actor — Sharman Joshi

There's a big difference now and, with a little more change to our game, we can definitely beat top teams. The whole experience of the Argentina tour was fantastic.

Indian women hockey team captain — Rani

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Defence Minister — Rajnath Singh

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LITTLE CHEER FOR SMALL INVESTORS

Though a few good measures have been announced, overall, the Budget has been found wanting



HIMA BINDU KOTA

Stock markets, both the Sensex and the Nifty, closed lower at 39,735 points and 11,644 points respectively after Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman presented her Budget on Monday. Although the FM proposed several and diverse measures to boost economic growth over the next year, it failed to cheer up the country as a whole. Plus, last year the common man suffered greatly on account of job losses and salary cuts during the pandemic and this will remain a major source of concern this year too. The common man would like to have more cash in hand and any policy, rule or regulation that helps achieve this goal is always welcome. However, this year's Union Budget failed to give relief as the FM left the individual tax slabs unchanged, which means that the basic exemption limit stays at ₹2.5 lakh per annum. Income between ₹2.5 lakh-₹5 lakh will be taxed at five per cent, between ₹5-₹10 lakh at 20 per cent and income above ₹10 lakh will be taxed at 30 per cent. There is also a surcharge for the super-rich in the income category of ₹1 crore, ₹2 crore and ₹5 crore. Any change, either expanding the tax slabs or reducing the tax rate would have been welcome. However, there is a sliver of hope for those senior citizens whose income consists of only pension or interest, as they are exempt from filing Income-Tax. Again, this appears too little, too late. Either the exemption should have included other sources of income of senior citizens or the age bar should have been at least 70 years.



Another burden imposed on the people is the agriculture infrastructure and development cess of ₹2.5 per litre on petrol and ₹4 per litre on diesel. This will raise the monthly expenditure on travel and increase the prices of necessary household items, disrupting the monthly household budget of the common man. The interest earned on Provident Fund (PF) has also come under the tax ambit now. Thankfully, the FM has put a caveat here and has taxed the interest on any PF contribution that is ₹2.5 lakh or above in a financial year. However, the Budget has brought some joy to homebuyers. Increasing the deadline from March 31 this year to March 31, 2022, homebuyers can claim an additional deduction of ₹1.5 lakh over and above the existing deduction of ₹2 lakh with respect to interest on home loans. However, this facility is available only for loans availed between April 1 this year and March 31, 2022.

Savings in bank accounts are one of the most common avenues available for the citizens and any corruption or financial irregularities within banks spell doom for them. To save common investors from any further inconvenience, the FM has announced a deposit insurance of upto ₹5 lakh, which will be available to depositors in case of any untoward banking incidence. The reduction of import duties on gold and silver to 7.5 per cent from 12.5 per cent is another positive step, especially for women. The FM has also announced the Government's intention of making the life of commuters easy by investing in new technologies for upgrading Metro rail systems in both tier-I and tier-II cities. Further, funding is earmarked for Metro systems of cities like Chennai, Bengaluru, Nashik, Nagpur and Kochi. The public bus transport system will also be expanded at a cost of ₹18,000 crore.

Even though a few good measures have been announced, overall, the Budget has been found wanting as far as the common man is concerned. Sitharaman has failed to bring any joy to the middle income group, let alone the poor. The planned improvement in transport infrastructure and healthcare is appreciated, but it will take some time to eventually benefit the common man.

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We must protect the innocent at all costs

Sexual offences against children are violent crimes that exploit their vulnerability and cause profound harm to the victims, their families and communities



ROBIN DAVID

In a shocking verdict that will have far-reaching implications for child safety, the Bombay High Court (HC) recently ruled that there must be "skin-to-skin contact with sexual intent" for an act to be considered sexual assault. This ruling came in a case where an accused had filed an appeal against a Nagpur trial court's verdict which found him guilty. According to the trial court, the accused took a 12-year-old girl to his house in 2016, groped her and attempted to disrobe her. This would be an open-and-shut case under Sections 7 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, to convict the accused. For the purposes of this case, a summary of Section 7 would define "sexual assault" as a touch involving "physical contact" of the genitalia of the child with sexual intent. Section 8 says that the punishment for sexual assault is imprisonment for three to five years, with a fine. The trial court found the accused guilty under Section 7 and sentenced him to three years' imprisonment in February 2020.

But the Bombay HC, in its ruling on January 19, said that the victim was wearing her clothes when the assault took place. As she was wearing a shirt and there was no "skin-to-skin" contact, there was no "physical contact." As a result, there was no sexual assault under the POCSO Act. The accused was acquitted under the POCSO Act, but convicted for a lesser offence under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for one year. Apparently, the HC felt that "physical contact" and "skin-to-skin" contact are the same. On January 27, the Attorney-General informed the Supreme Court about the HC's verdict. He said that the HC's decision is likely to set a dangerous precedent. The Chief Justice of India on the basis of the Attorney-General's oral statement stayed the HC's order. The HC seems to have ignored the very purpose of POCSO. Section 8 punishes any person for acts committed with "sexual intent" such as touching the private parts of a child or any other act which involves physical contact, with a minimum imprisonment of three years.

Sadly, sexual violence against children and women is alarmingly common in the world. According to the National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) reports, one girl child is sexually abused every 15 minutes in India. Statistics of the past few years from the 'Crime in India' report suggest that in 80-90 per cent of the cases, the offender is known to the victim. Out of the 1,48,185 crimes against children reported in 2019, a whopping 31.2 per cent are registered under the POCSO Act. According to a senior official in the Home Ministry, 26,192 cases were reported under the POCSO Act that involve child rape charges and 24,672 of the accused in these cases were known to the survivors.

The State-wise data of NCRB shows that 52 teachers were booked under the POCSO Act in Himachal Pradesh in the last decade. Over the years there has been a consistent rise in POCSO cases in the country. However, the conviction rate for child rape cases has been low, at 28.2 per cent and the pendency of cases is at 89.6 per cent. The HC's interpretation and application of the law is antithetical to the legislative intent of the POCSO Act and the Directive Principles of State Policy. Saying that the ingredient of the crime, namely groping a minor, is not an offence under the POCSO Act in the absence of skin-to-skin contact is ignoring the legal meaning of the law. Taking the principles of statu-



POCSO IS A SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO PUNISH PERPETRATORS OF CHILD ABUSE. THE ORDER PASSED BY THE BOMBAY HC IS CLEARLY REGRESSIVE, NEGLECTING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DELIVERING JUSTICE THROUGH POCSO. THE COURT OUGHT TO HAVE CONSIDERED THAT WHEN THE ELEMENT OF MENTAL INTENTION, THE SEXUAL INTENT, IS CLEARLY PROVED, WHETHER THE CHILD WAS GROPPED THROUGH THE CLOTHES OR NOT

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Interpretation into regard in the 1844 Sussex Peerage case, Tindal CJ observed: "The words of the statute are in themselves precise and unambiguous, then nothing more can be necessary than to expound those words in their natural and ordinary sense. The words themselves alone do, in such a case, best declare the intention of the lawgiver." Similarly, in the Pallavi Resources Ltd vs Protos Engineering Company case, while dealing with the interpretation of provisions of the West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act, 1997, the Supreme Court held that the language employed in a statute is the determinative factor of the legislative intent and if the language of the enactment is clear, then it would not be proper for the courts to add any words thereto and evolve a legislative intent not found in the statute.

On December 11, 1992, India ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children (UNCRC), which prescribes a set of standards to be undertaken by all State parties to secure the best interests of children and to prevent inducement or coercion of a minor to engage in any unlawful sexual activity, the exploitative use of children in prostitution or other unlawful sexual conduct and the exploitative use of children in pornographic performances and material.

The UNCRC views sexual exploitation and abuse of children as heinous crimes and, therefore, propelled State parties to enact legislations to effectively address crimes

against children, which constitute "sexual intent."

Resultantly, by the effect of the enabling provision of the Constitution, Article 15, which empowers the State to make special provisions for children, and Article 39 of the Directive Principles of the State Policy that provides that the State shall direct its policy towards securing that children are not abused and their childhood and youth are protected against exploitation, the POCSO Act came into force. The Constitution further emphasises the need to provide facilities for children to develop healthily and in conditions of freedom and dignity.

The primary purpose behind enacting POCSO is to equip or prepare courts to adopt a child-centric approach. The language adopted by the courts is not what a child speaks. Children speak not just in words but also express their fears and apprehensions through facial expressions, gestures, noises, which the court is not adequately trained to understand. Hence, lawmakers believed that child abuse must be dealt with through the application of the "best interests of the child" standard. With the best interests of the child at heart, the POCSO Act calls for establishment of special courts for children under Section 28 of the Act for fair and speedy disposal of cases.

The criminal laws before the enactment of POCSO neither solely addressed crimes against children nor were they gender neutral. The vulnerabilities, exposure of a child to repeated abuse were ignored.

POCSO is a special legislation to punish perpetrators of child abuse. The order passed by the Bombay HC is clearly regressive, neglecting the effectiveness of delivering justice through POCSO. The court ought to have considered that when the element of mental intention, the sexual intent, is clearly proved, it is immaterial whether the child was groped through the clothes or not. Sexual offences against children are violent crimes that exploit their vulnerability and cause profound harm to the victims, their families and communities. Sentences for these crimes must increase. Courts must impose sentences that are proportional to the gravity of sexual offences against children and the degree of responsibility of the offender. Treating the offence of sexual interference with a child as less serious than that of sexual assault of a person under the age of 16, is an error of law.

Due to the pandemic restrictions, children are spending more time at home and are more exposed to "known" predators. Children are regarded as silent victims of human rights violations against them and are an easy prey because of their tender age, innocence, inexperience and physical disabilities. Sexual predators of children must be adequately sentenced as a deterrent so that other minors are protected. Children are the future of our country and our communities, they are also some of the most vulnerable members of our society and deserve to enjoy a childhood free of sexual violence.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IF THE BJP WANTS TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE, IT MUST REMEMBER THAT TRS TOO HAS THE POWER, STRENGTH AND THE FORCE TO PROTECT ITS CADRE

—TRS WORKING PRESIDENT

KT RAMA RAO



THEY WILL NOT ACHIEVE ANYTHING BY ENGINEERING ATTACKS ON POLITICAL RIVALS. IF THE BJP CADRES RETALIATE, THE STATE WILL BE UP IN FLAMES.

—BJP LEGISLATOR

M RAGHUNANDAN RAO

Biden's decision to continue with H4 EAD a boon

Without the EAD, thousands of married Indian women would be barred from working in the US. For many, it is an escape from an abusive relationship

More than a lakh immigrant women on H-4 visas in the US finally have a reason to smile. Recently, the Biden Administration announced that it would not revoke the H-4 Employment Authorisation Document (EAD) programme. The H-4 visa is normally issued to those who have already started the process of seeking employment-based lawful permanent resident status.

Neha Mahajan, the co-founder of Skilled Immigrants In America (SIIA), is a vocal advocate for H-4 EAD but she argues that it is a quick fix by the Government and the real problem is the backlog of Green Cards. The US has set an arbitrary cap of seven per cent in the employment-based immigration category. This means that the wait time for countries like India is 200 years. More than 1.2 million applicants, who are



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highly skilled immigrants, are stuck in the Green Card backlog. Without the EAD, thousands of married Indian women in the US (93 per cent of approved applications for H-4 EAD are issued to women born in India) would be barred from working. These highly skilled individuals with good educations, jobs, and steady incomes back home in India find themselves jobless and dependent on their husbands. The inability to work affects their confidence, self-worth and, ultimately their mental health. Many find themselves unable to get out of domestically abusive relationships because of the lack of financial independence.

Neha Gill, executive director, Apna Ghar, a Chicago-based organisation focusing on gender violence (24 hours crisis line: +1-773-334-4663), says that having work authorisation is key for women as having

employment helps with other things like getting a social security number, a driver's licence or opening a bank account. It may even be a way out of their abusive marriages. Shiply Chatterjee, a senior anti-violence programme advocate at Sakhi for South Asian Women, (Helpline: +1 (212) 868-6741) has seen the kind of support system available to survivors who work. "They have a world which he is not a part of," she says. Having colleagues, financial independence and access to outside help and resources allows a victim of domestic abuse to seek help.

For many immigrant families, having an H-4 EAD has reduced personal and financial burdens. Sheetal Koparde, an experienced human resources professional, currently resides in Boston with her husband and a daughter with special needs. Having an EAD was a huge help



for her, especially given her daughter's health condition. Once Sheetal started working, the household went from a single income family to a double income one. Access to better health benefits from her employer allowed her to not only cover medical costs like her daughter's speech therapy sessions but also her home treatments and dietary needs.

Unfortunately, last year Sheetal's employment came to a halt due to delay in H-4 EAD renewal. The renewal process for many in 2020 was slow, cost-

ing them their jobs. According to Sakhi, two out of five South Asian immigrant women in the US are survivors of domestic violence (DV).

Abha Rai's research at Loyola University, Chicago, shows that immigration status can be a risk factor. "Due to increased dependency on the spouse there is a power differential between the husband and wife. Furthermore, in the absence of social networks in the US, a woman is confined to the home and can be a silent victim of domestic violence."

Often, victims choose not to file a police report against their spouse. The reasons range from conditioning, to social stigma to fear of losing their own immigration status. However, under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), 1994, certain abused non-immigrant spouses (including those on H-4) may use Form I-765V to request an

EAD. Unfortunately, this form is not commonly known or popular within the H-4 community. Jeffrey Chase, former immigration judge and the founder of the Round Table of Former Immigration Judges, says, "The provision was passed in order to be used. Domestic violence also remains a basis for granting asylum. The recognition of this ground in 2014 was the result of 20 years of legal effort. Today there are a lot of groups working on domestic violence-based asylum claims in response to the Trump Administration's many efforts to block such grants." Chase says that in January 2020, the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued a decision that a woman's resistance to being raped was an expression of a political opinion deserving of asylum protection.

While each person's situation is unique, Shobhana Johri

Verma, from SAAPRI (773) 373-9750, suggests doing your homework and knowing your rights if you plan to move to a foreign country, especially by way of marriage. In cases where women on a H4 are facing DV and do not have EAD, all hope is not lost. They can call 911 for help and reach out to the Indian Embassy, too. Identifying a trusted support system, especially if they are new to a country, helps.

Often survivors leave their homes with no cash, without their documents (taken away by the abuser) and even children. So, knowing that a safety net policy like VAWA exists offers security and independence, which is crucial for survivors.

Talking about DV is not encouraged within the South Asian community. But the only way we can put an end to this is by reporting it and talking about it.

Myanmar's Suu Kyi detained again

AP ■ BANGKOK

A day after Myanmar's military pulled off a well-choreographed coup, the country's civilian leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, finds herself right back where she was just over a decade ago — under house arrest.

But this time, her standoff with the generals comes after she has sorely disappointed many once-staunch supporters in the international community by cozying up to the country's generals while in power. Leaders in the West are still denouncing her detention, of course — but they no longer view her as a paragon of democratic leadership.

Suu Kyi's party won last November elections by a landslide, catching the generals by surprise. They immediately cried voter fraud — an allegation the country's election commission has dismissed — and proved Monday who really controls the country, rounding up Suu Kyi and other top leaders under the cover of darkness, just hours before a new session of Parliament was set to convene.

With flights grounded and communications largely cut, Myanmar plunged back into



Myanmar's military stand guard at a checkpoint manned with an armored vehicle in a road leading to the parliament building Tuesday. AP

isolation and darkness, ending 10 years of new freedoms and quasi-civilian rule that the Obama administration held up as a beacon of nascent democracy.

The military-owned Myawaddy TV said the country would be under a one-year state of emergency.

Now, it's not clear who can lead the country out of the wilderness, with Suu Kyi's reputation abroad badly tarnished.

"I believe that Aung San Suu Kyi has been an accomplice with the military," said veteran US Diplomat, Bill Richardson.

"I hope she realises that her compact with the devil has boomeranged against her, and that she will now take the right stand on behalf of democracy."

Suu Kyi, the daughter of independence hero and father of the nation, spent almost 15 years under house arrest before her release in 2010. Her tough stand against the junta turned her into a symbol of peaceful resistance against oppressors — and won her the Nobel Peace Prize.

During her years of confinement, a parade of foreign diplomats, human rights advo-

cates and Nobel laureates streamed into her lakeside villa, demanding the headline military free the elegant woman known as "The Lady," who often wears flowers in her hair.

But since her release and return to politics, Suu Kyi has been heavily criticised for the political gamble she made: showing deference to the military while ignoring and, at times, even defending atrocities — most notably a 2017 crackdown on Rohingya Muslims that the United States and others have labeled genocide.

ROHINGYA REFUGEES FEAR RETURNING TO MYANMAR AFTER COUP

Dhaka: Rohingya refugees from Myanmar living in camps in Bangladesh condemned the military coup in their homeland and said it makes them more fearful to return.

A counterinsurgency operation by Myanmar's military in 2017 involving mass rape, murders and the torching of villages drove more than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims into neighbouring Bangladesh.

Bangladesh has hosted them in crowded refugee camps, and is eager to begin

sending them back to Buddhist-majority Myanmar. Several attempts at repatriation under a joint agreement failed because the Rohingya refused to go, fearing more violence in a country that denies them basic rights including citizenship.

Refugees said Tuesday they are more afraid now that the military is in complete control.

"The military killed us, raped our sisters and mothers, torched our villages. How is it possible for us to stay safe under their control?" said Khin

Maung, head of the Rohingya Youth Association in the camps in Cox's Bazar district.

"Any peaceful repatriation will hugely be impacted," he told The Associated Press. "It will take a long time because the political situation in Myanmar is worse now." Officials from Myanmar and Bangladesh met last month to discuss ways to start the repatriations, with B'desh's Foreign Ministry seeming more hopeful of success and officials saying they expected to begin sometime in June. AP

Navalny slams court that may jail him for years

Moscow: Opposition leader Alexei Navalny denounced a Moscow court hearing on Tuesday on whether he should be sent to prison for years, calling it a vain attempt by the Kremlin to scare millions of Russians into submission.

The 44-year-old Navalny, an anti-corruption investigator who is the most prominent critic of President Vladimir Putin, was arrested January 17 upon returning from Germany, where he spent five months recovering from a nerve-agent poisoning that he blames on the Kremlin. Russian authorities deny the charge and claim, despite tests by several European labs, that they have no proof he was poisoned.

Speaking in court, Navalny attributed his arrest to Putin's "fear and hatred," saying that the Russian leader will go down to history as a "poisoner."

"The aim of that hearing is to scare a great number of people," Navalny said in court.

"They jail one man to scare millions."

Russia's penitentiary service alleges that Navalny violated the probation conditions of his suspended sentence from a 2014 money laundering conviction that he has rejected as politically motivated. It has asked the Simonovskiy District Court to turn his 3 1/2-year suspended sentence into one that he must serve in prison.

Navalny emphasized that the European Court of Human Rights has ruled that his 2014 conviction was unlawful and Russia paid him compensation in line with the ruling.

Navalny and his lawyers have argued that while he was recovering in Germany from the poisoning, he couldn't register with Russian authorities in person as required by his probation. Navalny also insisted that his due process rights were crudely violated during his arrest and described his jailing as a travesty of justice. AP

China strips HK activists' 2nd lawyer of bar licence

Taipei: A second Chinese lawyer who represented a Hong Kong pro-democracy activist was stripped of his licence on Tuesday as Beijing attempts to crush opposition to its tighter control over the territory.

Ren Quanni, who represented one of 12 Hong Kong activists who tried to flee to Taiwan, said he had his licence revoked by the Henan Provincial Justice Department.

Ten of the 12 activists caught at sea in August were sentenced by a Shenzhen court in December to prison terms ranging from seven months to three



years for crossing the border illegally and organising the crossings. The two other activists are minors. Thousands of Hong Kong residents have fled the territory since Beijing's imposition of a tough new security law that some say is destroying the territory's Western-style civil liberties. Since the law was introduced in response to anti-gov-

ernment protests that began in 2019, dozens of pro-democracy activists have been arrested or detained. The Henan Judicial Department held a hearing on the license revocation on Friday in Zhengzhou, the provincial capital, according to other lawyers who turned up to support Ren. They were not allowed into the hearing.

Ren is the second lawyer to have his license stripped by the authorities for handling the activists' case. Two weeks ago, judicial officials in Sichuan took away the license of Lu Siwei, another lawyer on the case. AP

Bolsonaro allies win in Congress, may slow impeachment drive

Brasilia: President Jair Bolsonaro helped elect two allies to the top jobs in both houses of Brazil's Congress, a success that is expected to help him blunt a campaign by protesters who have been calling for the conservative leader to be impeached.

Deputy Arthur Lira of the center-right Progressive party was elected by his colleagues Monday to be speaker in the Chamber of Deputies, while Sen. Rodrigo Pacheco of the center-right Democrats party was chosen as the Senate president.

Any impeachment move would have to start in the lower house, where outgoing Speaker Rodrigo Maia has been a critic of the president though also rejecting calls for an impeachment effort. Maia's candidate to be his successor, Luiz Felipe Baleia Rossi, got 145 votes in the lower house dispute while Lira got 302.

In the Senate, Pacheco also had the support of opposition parties despite Bolsonaro's explicit support.

Neither Lira nor Pacheco mentioned Bolsonaro in their victory speeches, and both promised to lead an independent legislature. In accepting

the leadership of the lower house, Lira said, "Neutrality should mark this presidency, the respect to the customs, to the minority and the majority."

Still, the Brazilian president published a picture of himself with Lira on his social media channels. Opponents of Bolsonaro, who is midway through a four-year term, have been staging street demonstrations to demand his ouster over his handling of the coronavirus pandemic, which has caused more deaths in Brazil than any other nation except the United States. Beatriz Rey, a political scientist at the Center for Latin American & Latino Studies at American University in Washington, said the two wins reduce Bolsonaro's risk of being impeached, although they don't nullify it.

"Bolsonaro has won, but it is not clear whether he will get unconditional support," Rey said. "He has no coalition in Congress and that is why he is so active in this election. But he can still lose control if he has an issue with spending, if his Cabinet reshuffle doesn't work. The president needs the support of these center-right parties." AP

15 killed in bus accident in Pak

Karachi: At least 15 people, including five women and three children, were killed and 10 others seriously hurt in Pakistan's Balochistan province on Tuesday when a speeding passenger bus overturned on the Quetta-Karachi highway, according to media reports.

The bus was going to Karachi, the capital of Sindh province, from Panjgur area of

Balochistan when the driver lost control of the vehicle and it overturned in the early hours of Tuesday near Uthal town, officials told The Express Tribune newspaper.

The deceased were shifted to District Headquarters Hospital, Uthal, while four grievously injured persons have been shifted to Karachi. The deceased include five

women, three children and seven men. They are yet to be identified.

Questions have been raised on whether the bus was over-speeding. However, officials are yet to confirm.

Meanwhile, Samaa TV quoted a local police officer as saying that poor visibility due to fog in the early morning led to the accident. PTI

Tanzania says no plans in place to accept Covid vaccines

Dodoma (Tanzania): Tanzania's Health Ministry says it has no plans in place to accept Covid-19 vaccines, just days after the president of the country of 60 million people expressed doubt about the vaccines without offering evidence.

Health Minister Dorothy Gwajima told a press conference in the capital, Dodoma, on Monday that "the ministry has no plans to receive vaccines for Covid-19." Any vaccines must receive ministry approval. It is not clear when any vaccines might arrive, though Tanzania is eligible for the COVAX global effort aimed at delivering doses to low- and middle-income countries.

The health minister insisted Tanzania is safe. During a presentation in which she and others didn't wear face masks, she encouraged the public to improve hygiene practices including the use of sanitizers but also steam inhalation — which has been dismissed by health experts elsewhere as a way to kill the coronavirus.

Chief government chemist Fidelice Mafumiko also suggested the use of herbal medicine to cure Covid-19, without offering evidence. Tanzania's Government has been widely criticised for its approach to the pandemic. It has not updated its number of coronavirus infections — 509 — since April. AP

Pak SC orders to remove main accused in Daniel Pearl murder case from death row cell

Islamabad: Pakistan's Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered to shift British-born al-Qaeda terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, the main accused in the sensational kidnapping and murder of US journalist Daniel Pearl in 2002, from the death row cell to a rest house run by the government.

A three-member bench of the apex court headed by Justice Umar Ata Bandial ordered Sheikh, 46, to be transferred to the other barracks for two days following which he should be shifted to a government rest house by Friday under tight security, where

his family will be able to visit from 8am to 5pm, officials said.

However, he will not have access to a mobile phone or internet. The government will pay for his family's accommodation and transport.

The court said that Sheikh would be under guard and not allowed to leave the place where he would be kept.

However, the court again rejected the government's appeal to suspend the Sindh High Court's verdict on the acquittal of the accused and asked it to file an appeal against the high court's decision. PTI

PARIJAT PAPER MILLS LIMITED
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NOTICE
Pursuant to Regulation 29 and 47(1)(a) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the company will be held on Wednesday, 10th February 2021 at 11:00 A.M to consider and approve the Standalone Unaudited Financial Results of the company for the Quarter ended 31st December 2020.

The Intimation is also available on the website of the company (www.parijatpapermills.com) and on the website of the Stock Exchange (https://www.mseil.in/)

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

Date: 02.02.2021
Place: Muzaffarnagar

COSCO (INDIA) LIMITED
(CIN: L25199DL1980PLC010173)
Regd. Office: 2/8, Roop Nagar, Delhi-110007
Website: www.cosco.in Email: mail@cosco.in
Tel: 91-11-23843000; Fax: 91-11-23846000

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Listing Regulations"), a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, February 12, 2021, to inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Result for the quarter ended 31.12.2020; as per Regulations 29 & 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

A copy of the said Notice and the Financial Results shall also be available at the Company's website at www.cosco.in and the website of the Stock Exchange - BSE at: www.bseindia.com

For Cosco (India) Limited
Sd/-
(Pankaj Jain)
Whole Time Director and CFO
DIN: 00190414
Place: Delhi
Date: February 02, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given by Mr. Manoj Kumar, Mr. Rameek Kumar & Mr. Jitendra Kumar all sons of Mr. Tuntun Ray, who are the owners of Ground Floor without roof/ceiling rights, built on Property bearing No. B-143, area measuring 50 Sq. Yds., out of Khara No.368, situated in the area of Village Bindapur, Delhi state Delhi, colony known as Subhash Park Extn., Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 vide Sale Deed dated 12.01.2021 registered as Doc No. 793 in the office of Sub Registrar II B Janakpuri and further will be mortgaging the same against the financial assistance from Unmeed Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. To comply the requirements of bank/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of this notice, at below address.

Lucem Legal LLP
269, Rama House, Ground Floor,
Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Extn. II,
New Delhi-49. Contact #9111-40046316

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the general public that one ICID Card of Mr. Ghanshyam Jha issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. having ID card no. 12026 has been found missing and/or lost on 01st Feb-2021. Anyone, who finds the said ID card, is requested to return the said ID card to the Manager Debt Services & Management Group, ICICI Bank Limited, S.D. Tower Rohini Sec-08 New Delhi-110085.

Therefore, all the customers of ICICI Bank Limited are hereby notified not to make any payment to any unauthorised person holding the said ID card no. 12026.

Please take further notice that anybody making payment to any person holding the said ID card shall do so at his/her own costs, risk and peril and ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any payment.

For ICICI Bank Limited
Date: 03-02-2021
Place: New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Tripti Sharma, D/o Chander Shekhar, R/o: H.No. AF-88B, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi, Age: 20 years, Height: 5'1" Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black Jeans, Black Jacket, Black Cap, White & Brown colour Sports Shoes feet, has been missing from her residence in the the jurisdiction of PS Shalimar Bagh, Delhi since 15.01.2021 at about 03:30 PM. In this regard a case vides DD No. 37A, dated 16.01.2021 has been registered at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> SHO
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S. Shalimar Bagh,
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Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/635/NW/21 Ph.: 011-27495198, 27497179

WESTERN RAILWAY
VARIOUS WORK

Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6th floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai : 400008 Invites E-tender as per details given as follows:

Sl. No.	Executive	Tender Notice No. & Date	Work and location	Approx Cost of Work in Rs.
1.	DEN(CENTRAL) BCT	BCT/20-21/331 dtd.: 01.02.2021	Virar - Surat Sec. Replacement of corroded steel girders from 9.15m to 12.20m by precast RCC/PSC Slabs for Bridge No. 344, 360, 369, 370, 372, 445LL 1/2 Total Span = 30 Nos.	₹ 8,36,56,728.55
2.	DEN(CENTRAL) BCT	BCT/20-21/332 dtd.: 01.02.2021	Joravasan - Surat Sec. CTR (S/P) = 8.290km in connection of sanctioned work CTR (S/P) - 15.524km	₹ 1,45,53,490.24
3.	DEN(CENTRAL) BCT	BCT/20-21/333 dtd.: 01.02.2021	Virar - Surat Sec. (ii) TFR = 28.02km & TBR=1.684km (ii) Thick Web Switch Renewal & Deep Screening of P & C	₹ 1,36,62,443.61

(iii) Rectification of bad layouts and TBR of P & C by use of T-28, JCB, Crane etc. (iv) Painting of AT welded Collars & rails under ADEN/Surat in connection of sanctioned track work under CPWINAVSARI.

The EMD for above tenders is NIL. Date & Time of submission : for all tenders is 02.03.2021 at 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of opening : 02.03.2021 at 15.30 hrs. Regarding detailed nature of work, containing cost of tender document (non refundable), EMD, eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender conditions, please visit www.ireps.gov.in Manual offers will not be considered. 0624

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that my client Harish Virmani, Saurabh Virmani, Sahli Virmani and Virmani Hospitals P Ltd. are going to purchase the Property No. 141 at Madhuban, Delhi-110092, owned by Julie and Deborah Nagpal.

All person(s) having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage/equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, tenancy, license, lease, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise whatsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
Shop No. 5 & 6, Pkt-E, CSC, Mayur Vihar-II,
Delhi-91, 9810063351

Banks' NPAs declined to ₹8.08 L cr in Sept '20: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Non-performing assets (NPAs) or bad loans of the banking sector came down from a high of ₹10.36 lakh crore at the end of March 2018 to ₹8.08 lakh crore at the end of September 2020 due to various initiatives of the Government, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur informed the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

As a result of the Asset Quality Review (AQR) and subsequent transparent recognition by banks, stressed accounts were reclassified as NPAs and expected losses on stressed loans not provided

for earlier under flexibility given to restructured loans were provided for, he said in a written reply.

Further, he said, all such restructuring stressed loans were withdrawn.

Primarily, as a result of transparent recognition of stressed assets

as NPAs, gross NPAs of scheduled commercial banks as per the RBI data on global operations rose from ₹3,23,464 crore as on March 31, 2015 to ₹10,36,187 crore as on March 31, 2018, he said.

Government's strategy of recognition, resolution, recapitalisation and reforms have resulted in decline of NPAs by

₹2,27,388 crore to ₹8,08,799 crore as on September 30, 2020, he added.

Replying to another question, Thakur said Government borrowings from market increased by 57 per cent in Q 1, 90 per cent in Q 2 and 48 per cent in Q 3 for completed quarters of 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20.

As per the Revised Estimate (RE) in the Union Budget 2021-22.

The Government borrowing for the current fiscal ending March would be ₹12.80 lakh crore which is 64 per cent higher than the Budget Estimate of ₹7.8 lakh crore.

Budget delight: Sensex scales Mount 50K again; global trends, earnings to guide future course

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Equity benchmark Sensex Escalated the 50,000-mark for the second time in a week on Tuesday, riding high on Union Budget 2021-22 and going ahead, global trends and corporate earnings would guide its future course, analysts said.

Markets roared back to life on Budget Day (February 1) after falling since January 21. Cheering the Budget proposals, the BSE benchmark Sensex zoomed 2,314.84 points or 5 per cent to close at 48,600.61 on Monday. This was the best Budget-day gain for the markets since 1997. Continuing its winning ways on Tuesday, the benchmark jumped 1,197.11 points or 2.46 per cent to close at 49,797.72. During the day, it

hit a high of 50,154.48, registering a gain of 1,553.87 points.

"It has been a picture perfect rally in the last two sessions with the broader indices clocking record Budget Day gains in last over 20 years and extending them today as well. Although some profit-booking can be expected, but we expect stock-specific action to continue," said Rahul Sharma, Head - Technical & Derivatives Research, JM Financial Services.

Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said this Budget rally is expected to continue. However, participants should be selective in their approach now. Going ahead, global cues and corporate earnings would also be on the radar, he added.

₹ rises 6 paise to end at 72.96 against US \$

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee gained 6 paise to settle at 72.96 against the US dollar on Tuesday tracking weak American currency and heavy buying in domestic equities.

Analysts said the rupee is trading in a narrow range as traders remained cautious ahead of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) monetary policy scheduled on Friday.

IN BRIEF

SAIL DECLARES Q3 FINANCIAL RESULTS

New Delhi: Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), the Maharatna steelmaker, has declared its financial performance results for the third quarter of current financial year (Q3 FY21) and nine months (9M FY21), both ending 31st December, 2020.

There has been a countrywide turnaround in the overall economic activities after the short pause set in during the pandemic. In sectors like infrastructure, construction, manufacturing and automobiles, there has been a relatively rapid recovery. As these sectors are major steel consumers, the recovery in them has helped the up-rise in demand in domestic steel sector. The concerted thrust of the government to strengthen the infrastructure of the country has helped the domestic steel sector witness healthy demand generation.



BRPL AWARDED GOLDEN PEACOCK AWARD

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) has been awarded the coveted Golden Peacock Award 2020 for 'Occupational Health & Safety'.

It is the only discom in the country to be selected for this prestigious award under the category this year. It was received by the BRPL CEO, Mr. Anil Sinha in an online ceremony recently. Those present on the occasion included Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Mr. Anurag Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, and Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, Hon'ble CAG of India.



IMCC PAYS GRATITUDE TO FINANCE MINISTER

New Delhi: IMC Chamber of Commerce (IMCC) and Industry has expressed its gratitude to the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for implementing most of its recommendations in the annual budget presented on Monday.

"The Finance Minister has presented an exceptional Budget, amidst an unprecedented economic backdrop. With many fresh ideas, the FY22 Budget signals the surgical delivery by the Government in areas it was desired the most. Undoubtedly, the economic backdrop against which this Budget was presented was challenging to say the least," said Rajiv Podar, President of IMCC.



GM NORTHERN RLY HOLDS PERFORMANCE REVIEW MEETING

Ashutosh Gangal, General Manager Northern Railway held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway through video conferencing. The GM emphasized that Safety is the main concern over Railways, for which all efforts should be directed towards maintaining the tracks, rolling stock, signaling and electric overhead wires are working in top order. He informed that Northern Railway has achieved 50.36 Million Tonnes freight loading which is 21.05% higher as compared to the same period of previous year. (April, 2020 to January, 2021). He advised the departments to regularly conduct training and refresher courses for the staff to keep them motivated and informed of the working of the system to minimize human error.

GSK Velu is new Chairman of FICCI TN State Council

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Trivitrion Healthcare Chairman G SK Velu was appointed as Chairman of trade body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry - Tamil Nadu State Council for 2021.

Velu, also the Chairman and Managing Director of Neuberger Diagnostics, was earlier serving FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council as its co-chair, a press release said.

"This position gives me an opportunity to work within the FICCI framework in meeting its objectives of industry growth at one level and the nation's growth at another. I look forward to engaging with industry leaders to foster an ecosystem of innovation and growth..." he said on taking up the new responsibility.

3 PSU banks likely to be out of PCA framework by March: DFS Secretary

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The finance ministry expects the remaining three public sector banks (PSBs) to be out of the RBI's prompt corrective action (PCA) framework in two months as their financial health has improved.

Indian Overseas Bank, Central Bank of India and UCO Bank are currently under this framework which puts several restrictions on them, including on lending, management compensation and directors fees.

"In fact, these three banks are also now consistently for the last two quarters... In profit and they are fulfilling by and large all the parameters of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)," Financial Services Secretary Debashish Panda said.

In any case, he said, "they

are lending, they're doing all that businesses but there are some restraints, so that they will be out of that. So we hope that before the close of this financial year (they should be out of PCA)."

He also assured additional capital for these banks if the regulator insists as the Govt has cushion of the remaining amount of ₹20,000 crore recapitalisation budget for PSBs. "Although we believe that they are already meeting the regulatory requirement of 11.5 per cent Capital to Risk (Weighted) Assets Ratio so that we will take it forward and we hope that they should also come out from the PCA," he said. For the current financial year, the Govt had allocated Rs 20,000 crore for capital infusion into the PSBs for meeting the regulatory requirement.

As many as 32 States/UTs implementing 'One Nation One Ration Card'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday said that 32 states and Union Territories have implemented 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan, which seeks to give over 80 crore beneficiaries under the food law access to their foodgrains entitlement from anywhere in the country.

Under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) or food law, the Centre provides 5 kg of foodgrains per person per month to over 80 crore beneficiaries at a highly subsidised price of Rs 2-3 per kg. Presently, out of the total given coverage of 81.35 crore persons under the NFSA, around 80 crore beneficiaries are receiving their entitled quota of foodgrains through public distribution system (PDS) on monthly basis.

"The Department in association with State/UT Governments is implementing 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC) plan for nation-wide portability of ration cards under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). "So far, the facility has been enabled in 32 states/UTs covering nearly 69 crore beneficiaries, almost 86% of NFSA population of the country," Minister of State for Food and Consumer Affairs Danve Raosaheb Dadarao said in a written question to the Lok Sabha.

Under the ONORC plan, beneficiaries can lift their entitled foodgrains from any ePoS (electronic Point of sale device) enabled Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice by using their same/existing ration cards with biometric authentication on the ePoS device at the time of lifting the foodgrains through portability.

Pfizer swings to small profit as vaccines begin to roll out

AP ■ NEW YORK

Pfizer, the first company to get U.S. Emergency use authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine, swung to a small profit in the fourth-quarter as it started shipping vaccines globally.

The drugmaker expects roughly USD 15 billion in revenue this year from the vaccine, which won emergency clearance in mid-December from U.S. Regulators and continues to rack up approvals across the globe. The two-dose vaccine is about 95 per cent effective and is one of only a few vaccines available to check the global pandemic.

Rising medicine sales helped offset big increases in spending on research and production as the New York company manufactures hundreds of millions of doses of the COVID-19 shot and pushes forward on research gauging its effectiveness in different patient groups, such as teens and people with compromised immune systems.

PM-CARES Fund to foot over 80% cost of 1st phase of Covid vaccination drive

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The PM-CARES fund, which has been set up to provide relief during the coronavirus pandemic, has contributed over ₹2,200 crore for the first phase of vaccination drive, which is looking to inoculate frontline healthcare workers, the Expenditure Secretary said on Tuesday.

Set up in March 2020, the

exact collections made by the fund through voluntary contribution by individuals and corporates, are not known but the corpus managed by the PMO has been providing relief to pandemic-hit sectors.

With the Budget for the current fiscal, which was presented before the onset of the pandemic, making no separate allocation for vaccination, more than 82 per cent of the cost of the same during January to March is being borne by the PM CARES Fund.

States' GST revenue shortfall to be lower due to better collections in last months: Finance Secy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The GST revenue shortfall faced by the states is likely to come down with the improved collections in the last few months, Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said on Tuesday.

He said the Budget proposal of taxing interest on employee contributions to provident fund over ₹2.5 lakh per annum would be taxed from April 1, 2021. Pandey said people with less than ₹25 lakh annual income can continue to deposit 12 per cent into the EPF without paying any tax. "There were anomalies in the system... There are some cases which are depositing crores of rupee into the fund and there you are getting 8 per cent assured tax-free return. This is a question of equity. This is against the

assured 8 per cent return. According to the Budget, interest on employee contributions to provident fund over ₹2.5 lakh per annum would be taxed from April 1, 2021.

Pandey said people with less than ₹25 lakh annual income can continue to deposit 12 per cent into the EPF without paying any tax.

"There were anomalies in the system... There are some cases which are depositing crores of rupee into the fund and there you are getting 8 per cent assured tax-free return. This is a question of equity. This is against the

Principles of Equity. If you have surplus money, you invest, but you have to pay tax," Pandey told PTI.

Less than 1 per cent of the total six crore EPFO subscribers actually contribute more than Rs 2.5 lakh in the fund.

Pandey said the Budgeted 16.67 per cent growth in tax revenue is realistic and the pre-filled income tax return forms with details on interest from bank and Post Office, capital gains on listed securities and dividend income would be made available next fiscal.

Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Delhi

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

O.A. No. 562 / 2018 CORPORATION BANK

Vijay Kumar Tyagi & Ors. Respondents

1. Shubhkamna Buildtech Pvt. Ltd., (Builder & Developer) Through Resolution Professional (Respondent No. 03) Mr. Anand Sonbhadra, Flat-2183, Sector-B, Pocket - 2, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 26,37,715.00 (Rs Twenty Six Lacs Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on 20-04-2021 at 10.30 A.M. (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.tribunal.gov.in) Phone No. 011-23748473.

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application / Software;

(ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by "Registrar/Recovery Officer-I" and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head.

(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 27th day of January, 2021.

Respondent may contact under mention phone number for further enquiry. Amit K. Dar, Ld. Registrar, DRT-I, New Delhi Phone: 011-23748473 E-mail: dti1delhi-dfs@nic.in

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one male named Shankar, S/o. Mohan Lal, R/o H-2/807, Jahangir Puri, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P. S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi since 27.01.2021 at 03:30 pm. In this regard a case vide DD No. 108A, dated 27.01.2021 has been lodged in P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped male is as under: Age: 25 years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Strong, Wearing: Blue colour shirt, jeans & jacket and black colour shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing male kindly inform to the following.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in

E-Mail ID - cbc@cbi.gov.in SHO P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi

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

DP/631/NW/2021 8750870228

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), Namely : Yogita D/o Paraminder Singh R/o 10280, Gali Gyarasi Wali, Manakpura, Karol Bagh, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 27.01.2021 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 4A dated 28.01.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Desh Bandu Gupta Road, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age : 22 Years, Height: 4'9", Complexion : Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Peach colour suit & white colour palazzo and violet colour blazer and brown colour sandal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Desh Bandu Gupta Road, Delhi at E-mail id - cbc@cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Phone: SHO P.S. Desh Bandu Gupta Road, Delhi

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

DP/624/CD/2021 Ph. No. 011-23613252, 23537374

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Preeti Kumari D/o Kanahya Sharma R/o RZ-167/10, Gali No. 06, Durga Park, Sagarpur, New Delhi Age : 16 years, Height : 5', Face : Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Built : Strong, wearing pink colour suit and jutti in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 26.01.2021. In this regard FIR No. 53/21 dated 26.01.2021 has been registered at P.S. Sagarpur, New Delhi.

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

E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in SHO : P.S. Sagarpur, New Delhi

Website: http://cbi.nic.in Tel. No. : 011-28522653, 28522664, 7065036228

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male Age : 50-55 years, Height: 165 cm., Face : Long, Complexion : Wheatish, Build : Normal, wearing red & black colour lined shirt, and black colour pant, was found dead on 28.01.2021 near IHBAS Hospital, Delhi in the area of P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 112-A dated 28.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO - P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi Tel. No. : 011-22580946-22580947

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age: about 40/45 years, Height: Approx 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: blue coloured jersey, blue coloured jeans and barefoot, was found dead



on 25.01.2021 at Kudeshiya Ghadi Wala Park, Near Hanuman Akhda, Civil Lines, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 57-A dated 25.01.2021, u/s 174 Cr.PC has been lodged at P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi Ph.No.: 011-23815444, 23810633

DP/916/N/2021 Mob.: 8750870127

ANS INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Regd. Off.: 136 KM, GT Road, Vill & P.O Shamgarh, Karnal (Haryana) Head Off.: 1442, Ashram, Mathura Road, New Delhi - 110014. CIN: L15109HR1994PLC023282 E-mail: ansagro.limited@gmail.com, Website: www.ansfoods.com.

NOTICE This is to inform you that pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, 12th day of February, 2021 at 1.00 PM. at the head office of the Company inter alia, to consider, approve and take on record the standalone unaudited financial result for the quarter ended 31st December, 2020.

This information is also available on the website of the Company and website of BSE.

For ANS Industries Limited (Manoj Mishra) Company Secretary M.No. ACS-18891

Place : New Delhi Dated : 02.02.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by Mr. Taslim & Mrs. Zainab Bano who are purchasing left hand side portion on ground floor, without roof/raja, built on property bearing no. D-45, out of Khadra no. 1822, situated at new Govind Pura, village Khureji Khas, Ilaqa Shahdara, Delhi from Mrs. Shaheen Parveen. That the Original GPA, Agreement to Sale & WILL executed by Mr. Mohan Lal Manchanda in favour of Mr. Satish Bhatia in regarding the property has been lost/misplaced. Public is being warned not to deal with the said document. Any person dealing with the said document would do so at their own risk & responsibility. Owner shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such person. If anybody found these documents or notice any misuse of the above mentioned document, Concern person is required to communicate in writing to the undersigned, at below address.

269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Ex. II, New Delhi-49. Contact #011-40046316

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public at large is hereby informed that Late Sh. Pawan Kumar Kapoor S/o Lt. Sh. Kanhai Ram Kapoor r/o E-23 Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash 3, New Delhi 110048 was having commercial property in joint ownership along with his son Sh Amit Kapoor in our project Vatika Mindscape, Tower B, flat no. 919B addressing 500 sq. ft. which his legal heirs Mrs. Kamini Kapoor, Mr. Pankaj Kapoor and Mr. Amit Kapoor requested the company to be transfer to his son Mr. Pankaj Kapoor. Any person having any objection on this please may contact the company officer details as under within 15 days after which No Claim would be accepted.

Vatika Limited Vatika Triangle 4th Floor, Sushant Lok - I, Block A, MG Road, Gurgaon, Haryana Contact : 9955930930

ADDI INDUSTRIES LTD.

Regd. Office : 23, Eastern Avenue, Mahabani Bagh, New Delhi - 110065 CIN: L51109DL1980PLC256335

NOTICE Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we are pleased to inform you that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company has been scheduled to be held on Wednesday, the 10th day of February, 2021 at 3.30 PM. at B-44, Mahabani Bagh, New Delhi - 110065, to inter-alia consider and approve, the unaudited Financial Results of the Company along with Limited Review Report of the Statutory Auditor for the quarter ended December 31, 2020.

For ADDI INDUSTRIES LTD. Sd/-

Date : 27.01.2021 C. L. Jain

Place: New Delhi Managing Director

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Whereas A housing loan facility was granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between ICICI Bank Limited ("Secured Creditor, which term shall include its successors and assigns) and the borrower & co-borrower, mentioned below ("Borrower(s)", which term shall include his/ its/ their respective [successors, assigns, heirs), The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Secured Creditor ("Authorized Officer") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, ("Rules") has issued demand notices under Section 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers / co-borrowers mentioned below to repay the amount payable pursuant to the loan agreement and as specifically mentioned in the said respective demand notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrowers / co-borrower, having failed and neglected to repay the amount as claimed in the said demand notices, a notice is hereby given to the borrowers / co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details including date of possession of the properties are as mentioned below

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Pawan Kumar Tyagi / Neeraj Tyagi / LBNOD00001524256	House/ Plot No- 4C, 104, Building Called F-60, Sahakari Awas Samit Ltd Sector- 4C, 100 Vartalok Housing Society Ltd. Vasundhara Ghaziabad- 201001/ Jan 29, 2021	October 31, 2020 / Rs. 17,64,140/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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True leader in making

Leadership is one of the most studied and debated topic in human history. It is a thing of wonder that a fellow human being is elevated to a status reasonably and distinguishably above the rest. The role assigned to the rest remains to follow the leader. No wonder, Thomas Carlyle said, "Human history is nothing but the biographies of great men". In today's times, when everyone presents themselves as leaders, it is important to learn how to separate chaff from grain. Leadership theories have attempted to do so and have moved far beyond the 19th century argument of the great man theory, which said that leaders due to their superior intellect or heroic courage or even divine inspiration, influence the society they are a part. The journey of leadership theories have travelled a vast landscape of thoughts, from task focus to people focus, from transactional to transformational, from authentic leadership to servant leadership, from moral leadership to spiritual leadership.

Each one of them grasps the issue of leadership from a vantage point and offers a worldview that the leaders can choose to adopt. The most recent intervention in this field is humanistic leadership. While still in its infancy and seen largely as a derivative of humanistic management, it is likely to become one of the most holistic methods of elucidating the idea of leadership. The need for such a construct was felt in current times when a pandemic is raging through the world leaving millions jobless indicates towards a global movement towards making leaders more humane and less cut throat. A global effort is underway involving eight major cultures of the world to theorise humanistic leadership through a bottom up approach. The cultures are from Japan, China, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, UAE, India and the Amish community in the USA. Humanistic leaders from these countries were asked to relate stories of events and business situations that demonstrated their idea of humanistic leadership. It was soon realised that humanistic leadership practices were closely connected to the roots of local culture. The study on China integrated the characteristics of three leaders with the core values of Confucianism. Researchers went on to develop a framework of Confucian humanistic leadership. It

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comprised five attributes, Tuijijiren (understand others by putting oneself into others' position), Yi yiwei li (making a profit by doing the right thing), Xiuji da ren (developing others by cultivating themselves first), Zhixing he yi (aligning the knowing with doing) and Yun zhijuezhong (seeking the balancing point amid different things). The five attributes interact with and mutually reinforce each other. The study of humanistic leadership practices in India focused on the ethos of one corporation that has a history of more than one hundred years of exemplary labour relations. Researchers collected narrative stories from the leaders of top management on how the organisational values are translated into leadership behaviours and institutional policies. A thematic analysis of the stories was conducted which revealed that humanistic leadership is realised through seven values. They are — adherence to the founder's philosophy and the basic core values, leadership with trust, community as the primary purpose of the enterprise, senior leaders as mentors and role models, abiding by the ethical code of conduct, employee-focus, and tacit alignment

with Indian cultural values. Researchers subsequently grouped leadership with trust and community development as terminal values and the others as instrumental values. Such studies across eight cultures created a picture of a humanistic leader as one who respects people as holistic human beings by taking care of his own needs as well as his followers' needs and motives. Who continuously improve himself while developing the followers to unleash their full potential, and who recognises and tries to take into account all stakeholders' interests while striving to pursue the common good. Thomas Carlyle in heroes and hero worship traces the evolution of the idea of a hero and classifies them under categories, hero as divinity, hero as prophet, hero as poet, hero as priest, hero as man of letters and finally hero as king. Plato spoke of hero as the philosopher king. In humanistic leadership practices, we are probably coming close to realising the long-standing ideal of human race. The writer is Associate Professor and Director, Staff Training and Development, Anant National University

QUOTE OF THE DAY
To avoid self destruction is not to be grouped through life by pursuing education alone. — Sunday Adelaja

BUDGET TALK
The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) welcomes Budget 2021. It proposed a boost for the healthcare sector with a significant increase of 137% in the outlay. The decision of a total spend of around ₹2 lakh crore on healthcare with ₹35,000 crore on Covid-19 vaccine development and inoculation is a much needed step. With no income tax return filing for senior citizens above 75 years, having only pension and interest income, and setting up of faceless dispute resolution committee for individual tax payers, the Institute applauds the ease provided in compliance for seniors and small tax payers and making Income Tax Appellate Tribunal faceless. The reform measures focusing on the six pillars of the economy vis a vis, health and wellbeing, physical & financial capital and infrastructure, inclusive development for aspirational India, reinvigorating human capital, innovation and R&D, minimum Government and maximum Governance are perfectly aligned with the Government's Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative. — CS Nagendra D Rao, President, ICSI

1.97 trillion committed to the manufacturing sectors over five years starting this financial chain. It'll help bring scale, job and growth. Manufacturing companies need to become an integral part of the supply chain and the government is gearing up to support the economy for sustainable growth. This is a much-needed stimulus to boost demand and consumer confidence. The Government plans to allow incorporation of one-person companies with no restriction on the paid-up capital and turnover and Non-resident Indians will also be allowed to incorporate one-person companies in India. This is a positive step for single founders who are able to start a company and attract investments. Most importantly, ₹1000 crores has been announced for tea workers of Assam and West Bengal. The details have not yet been shared but this is a positive step for the COVID impacted tea industry. Last year was difficult for them and this is a timely intervention to provide much needed relief to the tea workers and will go a long way in easing the pain and hardships. — Bala Sarda, Founder & CEO, VAHDAM India

We applaud the finance minister's move for the MSME Sector which includes an allocation of ₹15,700 crores. Moreover, we are pleased to see the efforts outlined to ease compliance requirements for the start-up community as well as the introduction of incentives such as tax holidays and an extension in capital gains exemption by a year. The Finance Minister's proposal to revise the definition of small companies under the Companies Act, 2013 by increasing their threshold for capitalization, is a much-needed step to benefit over two lakh companies. This step will provide a big push to startups and innovators by enabling them to grow without regulatory restriction on paid-up capital and turnover, thereby bolstering the startup ecosystem and the economy at large. — Sameer Nigam, CEO & Co-founder of Stratbeans

The recent news coming in from US shows that healthcare sector has made the most dramatic and momentous reversal in employment fortunes, after the knee-jerk reaction of leading in job losses in April. Now, none other than the *Wall Street Journal* is predicting that healthcare is all poised to lead all other sectors in employment opportunities in the US going forward. America being one of the largest and most advanced economies would naturally be the first in predicting such trends. But as an entrepreneur in the healthcare sector, we can clearly see that the trend in India would only be stronger. There are several reasons contributing towards this. Firstly, the world and especially the industry has awakened to the undeniable fact that productivity is intimately connected to the health and fitness of its workforce. Secondly, health insurance and life insurance are all set to boom like it has never done in India, where both suffer from deep under-penetration still. Both families and organisations are not going to take things lying down anymore, having seen the risks for life and savings from the pandemic. This will drive growth in insurance, which in turn will drive a lot of growth in healthcare, especially conventional healthcare like hospitalisation, surgical procedures, medicines etc. But a much higher growth is likely to come eventually from an unconventional source — health startups or more specifically health-tech startups. Such startups were slowly emerging even before the pandemic, in both India and abroad, but

For a healthy future

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now it is clear that nothing can prevent them from booming to an unprecedented scale. This is not only because of the natural emergence of e-commerce which eases sales and delivery, but due to another peculiar reason. Covid-19 has exposed the chinks in the armor of conventional medicine, and health-tech startups being innovators and disrupters will be seen to be attempting a one-up on conventional medicine by focusing on solutions for wellness or preventive medicine.

The academic qualifications and career experience needed by jobs in such health-tech startups differ significantly from the requirements of conventional roles like doctor, nurse, pharmacist, physiotherapist, lab technician and others. Clearly, there is significant momentum on both the demand and supply sides when it comes to new jobs emerging in the healthcare sector. This is an ideal situation, just like how it happened in the 90s of the information technology sector in India when the emergence of a

wave of IT jobs was consumed eagerly by a wave of graduate engineers who could be easily taught the requirements of the new jobs. It is no coincidence that industry stalwarts like Biocon's Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw had recently opined that healthcare is now all set to be India's new IT. Many of you may still be wondering how you would fit into the healthcare sector. You may be an engineer, a manager, a sales professional, a marketing expert, a programmer, a writer, a PR professional, a designer, or for that matter any professional, but the fact is that the growth in the healthcare sector can accommodate you. Already, health-tech startups are creating demand for specialised programmers with skills in artificial intelligence, big data and internet of things, among others. Another exciting arena coming up for those planning sales and marketing jobs in health-tech startups is Work From Home opportunities. With e-commerce getting smoother and social media getting more productive, health-tech startups are expected to pursue digital direct selling models. The writer is Founder, Vieroots Wellness Solution

LEARN TO GROW

For living a wholesome and fulfilling life, we must work on projects so that our learning curve does not become flat, says SURBHI JAIN

How many of us wish to make incremental changes in our life? How many of us make New Year resolutions every year just to default on them within a month? How many of us want to become better version of ourselves every day? The reality is as we grow old, we become complacent and stop dreaming. We stop learning new things. We lack inquisitiveness and become dull. We settle for things.



The most cherished moments in life were those when one was able to tame a difficult target. These moments become tales to be told again and again to our near and dear ones. We are proud of these stories and the struggle we went through. We keep these glories close to our heart as we consider them as defining moments in our lives. The passion, energy, resolve and unwavering belief we had in ourselves made us achieve the feat. Vicariously living these moments still gets us excited. For living a wholesome and fulfilling life, we must work on projects (long-term/ short-term) so that our learning curve does not become flat. These projects can be personal or professional projects. We must consciously dedicate time to our personal growth and set realistic

milestones to keep us gripped to the projects. The projects can be learning skills to progress in career or reuniting with an old hobby. We can learn new tools, new computer language, find ways for improving existing processes or keep ourselves updated with the best in class practices in our field of operation. This will keep us abreast with happenings within our field and open opportunities for us. Personal projects may or may not provide monetary benefits but will enhance satisfaction in life and keep our creative juices flowing. Though we might not become expert in the skill but pursuing it will bring gratification. This could be to learn dance, play an instrument, train for a marathon, learn to cook, improve skills at a sport, to

maintain a healthy lifestyle, meditate, etc. Once we set a goal, planning and execution are intrinsic. A goal without a plan is just a wish. We need to set milestones and celebrate short-term wins to keep us motivated. Visualising is one of the most powerful technique to plan in greater detail and to build an association with a goal. We can start with the end in mind. We can visualise how accomplishing a goal will change our life and those of people around us. This will make us feel positive about the result and increase the desirability of the goal. Execution requires dedication and discipline to follow the plan. Periodically we should revisit the plan, its importance too us and the progress we have made. We'll soon see changes in our body, attitude, and our reaction to the environment. This will renew our self-confidence to accomplish the goals we set. Once we cross the finish line, we will have a template in place, a protocol to follow, a tested formula for success. Now we just need to place our next goal in the template, devise a pragmatic plan around it using imagination and execute. The writer is Human Resources Professional and writes in the field of human and organisation behaviour

6th int'l conference at SRMIST

The inauguration of the 6th International Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICONN 2021) at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur was held virtually on February 1, 2021. The Biennial International Conference was organised by the Department of Physics and Nanotechnology, SRMIST in association with Shizuoka University-Japan, National Chiao Tung University (NCTU)-Taiwan, GNS Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS) Science-New Zealand, University of Rome Tor Vergata-Italy, RMIT University-Australia, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)-India, Asian Consortium on Computational Materials Science

(ACCMS), Indian Physics Association (IPA), Materials Research Society of India (MRSI), Indian Carbon Society (ICS)-India and Springer Nature. The event will be held until February 3, 2021 and is aimed at providing a platform for researchers and scientists to assess recent trends and developments in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology for promising applications. Scientific sessions includes low-dimensional and 2D materials, surfaces, interfaces and thin films, nanocomposites and catalysts, multifunctional nanomaterials, to mention a few. There will be over 70 sessions with eminent speakers from international institutions such as University of California, Berkeley-CA and others.

Inauguration of VIT office in Hyderabad

The Chief Guest Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary to the Government Industries, Commerce and IT, Telangana State inaugurates VIT Hyderabad office on Monday in the presence of Ramesh Kaza, Senior MD and Country Head — IT, State Street India, Dr Sekar Viswanathan, Vice President, VIT and Dr SV Kota Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, VIT-AP University. In his address the chief guest lauded the efforts of VIT in reaching out to aspiring students and parents and fostering strong corporate relations with IT, software and core companies in the state. Kaza extended his greetings to the VIT family and urged the aspiring students to make use of this office for all their queries. This endeavour of VIT shows its commitment in reaching out to aspiring young talent.



Dr Sekar Viswanathan, Vice President, VIT, Dr SV Kota Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, VIT-AP and Dr CLV Sivakumar, Registrar, VIT-AP addressing the press at VIT Hyderabad Office. This VIT Hyderabad office launched on February 1, 2021 is with

the primary purpose of facilitating aspiring candidates, parents as an information centre and to corroborate, build corporate relations with IT, software and core companies. Dr Reddy highlighted how the entire teaching-learning process at the university is centred around the seven schools offering UG, PG, five years Integrated programmes and research programmes.

Alfaaz for Urdu enthusiasts

To familiarise Urdu language enthusiasts and budding poetry appreciators with the fundamental vocabulary used in Urdu Poetry and conversations, Rekhta Foundation launched its second online learning course, Alfaaz by Aamozish (an initiative of Rekhta Foundation for learning and education) for understanding Urdu Poetry better. "Majority of the people who are enthusiastic towards Urdu poetry and language

are the ones whose interests are newfound. The sonic beauty and the discipline of language mesmerise them but their unfamiliarity with Urdu words, the metaphors and the traditions they derive meaning from keeps them from enjoying poetry in its true form. Alfaaz would help such people develop deeper insights into Urdu literature by acquainting them with initially 100 most fundamental words," apprises Satish Gupta, Head — Programs & Outreach, Rekhta Foundation.

There are several opportunities available for students to pursue after Class XII. But before choosing an option make sure to find one's interest, says SHILPI SHARMA and lists a few choices



OPTIONS FOR 2021

Rising number of new courses being introduced in universities, thereby widening the career prospects for students. There are a lot of opportunities available to students right after their graduation. Before choosing a career make sure that you discover your interests at all possible extent and try choosing an option according to your skills and interests.

importance to practical and research-based training instead of putting them into Theoretical studies.

Students who are completing their graduation can choose various courses mentioned below to kick-start their career.

FASHION DESIGN

In a highly competitive industry, fashion designing has become most competitive and one of the most rewarding, alluring, and exciting career options for those students who have a flair for cre-

ativity, style, and originality. Fashion industry offers a multitude of job opportunities for those who have a creative outlook to explore the things in different forms of trends with fashion ideas to represent uniqueness among others.

INTERIOR DESIGN

This continues to be one of the most sought-after design disciplines in which students specialise and seek to build a career. The sector is not just expanding but it is getting redefined every day with modern advancement of technology. Going by the real-estate boom, there is great scope for interior designers. You can choose to work with established interior-design organisations, in architects' firms, consultancy firms, or with builders and contractors. You can even choose to work as design consultants with hotels, hospitals, shopping arcades, or even in design studios and furniture stores.

There are multiple career options in the media field such as advertising, audio engineering, anchoring, broadcasting engineering, radio jockeying, disc jockeying, video editing, print, graphics, PR and website designing and event planning.

CULINARY ARTS

Culinary Art is a dynamic and rapidly growing industry that offers a wide range of opportunities for diverse profiles for graduating Students. Within the country, the industry has been estimated to double in its size in the coming decade. Culinary artists have various employment opportunities in Hotels, Restaurants, Cafes, Resorts, Bistros, and Bakeries. The field gives the lib-

erty to explore the food industry as determined professionals and passionate freelancers as well.

MEDIA COURSE

good, everyone wants to look at its best, so the beauty and wellness industry helps them in enhancing their natural beauty to make them look good and feel good about themselves. They help people in many ways from hairdressers to indulging in yoga.

The industry offers a diverse range of careers. Candidates can work for or run a locally owned beauty salon or find themselves working for spa resorts, fitness centres, cruise ships, hotels, and so on. With a range of specialties available, candidates can find themselves developing a variety of skills in practices like hair styling, makeup, skincare and yoga.

BEAUTY & WELLNESS

Beauty has a much deeper significance; it is not only a job for beautician. An attractive personal appearance has become a pre-requisite to move ahead in life. As said by many legends, if you look good you feel good. The beauty industry in India is the 10th fastest growing market in the beauty and wellness sector.

Around this world, who does not want to look

The writer is director, Edu Brain Academy

The New Education Policy helps to add more skill-based design subjects and the flexibility of choosing a degree or diploma courses in between your existing academic tenure. This policy gives



'Time to plug gaps seen in 2020'

2020 may have been tumultuous but it's now time to look forward and focus on the trends that will shape future of education, says RAHUL DESHPANDE

The Year 2020 saw disruption in the global education system like no other year. The silver lining in this disruption is that as a sector we did not adhere to the dogmas of the past. Instead, the entire education sector came together and thought anew and acted anew. Innovative approaches and distance learning solutions were thought of and implemented like never before.

As we look back at this turbulent year, it's now time to look forward and focus on the trends that will shape the future of education. This pandemic has given the education sector a golden opportunity to pilot changes which would have otherwise taken many more years to implement.

Let's take a look at some of the emerging trends which will shape the education in 2021.

Technology: Digital platforms came to the rescue as schools migrated to online learning as the new way of teaching-learning due to the pandemic. A combination of synchronous and asynchronous methodologies using digital platforms and video-assisted learning has made online learning fun and collaborative for learners faced with challenging times and this trend is likely to continue ruling in 2021.

Personalised learning: Due to remote learning, students are now learning individually. This has led to increased instances of personalised learning allowing educators to customise and personalise learning basis the needs of each student.

Hybrid schooling: With countries deciding to open schools in a phased manner, the possibility of hybrid schooling seems to be an option that most schools across the globe are likely to opt for.

Hybrid schooling provides an opportunity to strike a balance between online learning and traditional classroom learning, thus making it more interesting and innovative. This fast growing trend in education seems to be in tandem with the evolving situation across the globe.

Project-based learning: For those schools who value and promote Project Based Learning (PBL), increased use of Edtech tools due to remote learning have provided the right platform for children to collaborate and work on projects in a



Rahul Deshpande
CEO Euroschool India

group. It gave an opportunity to students to stay connected with each other and helped the teachers to facilitate curriculum delivery in a meaningful manner.

Although 2021 will see schools opening physically, flipped classroom methodology will come handy in imparting PBL wherein the students work individually on a project and then brainstorm and ideate either in small groups in a classroom or during online learning. Presenting the projects to brainstorm by using technology while working on the projects remotely, will make the entire teaching-learning process interactive and more meaningful.

Professional development of teachers: COVID-19 saw teachers stepping up their game and adapting to newer ways of imparting education by embracing technology. The learning curve has been pretty steep for teachers across the globe. They have worked creatively, coming up with solutions to ensure that learning never stops.

Although they have done a marvelous job, they will need to be supported with sound understanding of technology and it's wide range to plug in the gaps that have been identified during the remote learning year of 2020.

The COVID-19 has affected everyone and the aftermath of it has been felt by one and all including students. Due to the present pandemic and the economic crisis that followed due to the lockdown has focused a spotlight on the need of financial decision-making in times when the economy is uncertain.

Our school education system failed at preparing students for financial crises in adulthood. Successful professionals who have worked successfully in their chosen path with skills, have no idea how finance and investments work. The reason behind this is personal finance is not a part of our curriculum in school or college. Now as the economy begins to

recover and coming back on track, it is important to improve financial literacy. Well, there is no specific age to start learning but educators should start teaching basic financial knowledge to students as soon as they feel the kid is ready. Research also shows that children who learn to manage finance at a younger age will be able to handle it better as adults. Strong mindset and good financial habits are crucial for everyone and it can be taught from an early age.

There is a need of having basic personal financial skills so that one can live a happy, secure and healthy life, as every step a person takes is directly or indirectly connected to the fact how well one can manage money.

MINDIT

It cannot be learnt overnight; experience and habits are really important and one can start with basics by making a budget regarding spending and savings. Hence early exposure to financial affairs along with proper guidance is crucial.

There is an urgent need to include financial management and investment in curriculum for the following reasons.

You need to manage it at the level of your life
From graduation to retirement every step related to investment is

going to directly or indirectly affect our lifestyle. Finance plays an important role in deciding our career, getting married, buying a house and many other life events. Finance is a part of our everyday life from what we eat to how we live. At our young age we lack the experience and knowledge to make these decisions whether big or small.

Lack of financial knowledge has painful consequences
Wrong decisions can be painful at the end of our working life and we can only regret the kind of financial

decisions we made. It can be stressful for adults. Lack of savings or funds can cause a lot of hardship in one's life and can create many other problems.

Proper financial management leads to a healthier life
According to a survey half of millennials feel their financial illiteracy is holding them back from making proper financial decisions. It is becoming a speed breaker in utilising their full potential.

It is the need of the hour to teach personal finance in schools

Many adults feel students should be taught in schools about financial management. It is a good age where they start with basics and can expand their horizon in the field of financial management.

It is where they can learn
School is the place where we learn

about many lessons of our life and it is the best place to learn about personal finance.

Thus for inculcating the habit of savings, improving financial literacy and making children responsible, financial education is necessary, it helps them to keep a check on spending.

The writer is PC Chhabra- Executive Director, Sanskriti University

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age: about 45-50 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Hair: Black, ID Mark: Cut mark on right cheek, Injury Mark: Deep injury on head, both arms broken, scratch marks on body, Wearing: Black coloured jacket, blue coloured lower and sports shoes in feet, was found dead on 31.01.2021 at 9:39 PM at KM Pole No. 3/14-16, Railway Track, North Line, Near Metro Station Seelampur, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in GTB Hospital Mortuary vide MLC No. 801368/101/2021. In this regard a DD No. 39-A U/S 174 Cr.PC. dated 31.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers. SHO P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-23961522 Mob. No.: 8750871302 DP/52/RLY/2021



SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely Himanshi @ Dolly, D/o Raja Chandel, R/o C-4/90 Jhuggi near Railway Line, Lawrence Road, Delhi, Age: 17 years, Height: 5'5", Built: Normal, Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Wearing: Blue Jeans and Sky Colour Sweater and White shoes in her feet has been missing/kidnapped from the her home since 19.01.2021 at 14:00 hrs. In this regard a Vide FIR No. 31/21, u/s 363 IPC dated 19.01.2021 has been registered at P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

E-mail : clic@cbl.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO DP/634/NW/2021 P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi Ph.: 011-27181325/8750870223

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Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Bibudhendu Panigrahi Nanditarani Mishra LBDEL00002032049	Flat No B- 828, 8th Floor, Tower T-6, Ashiana Uppan, Village Chhajarsi, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh./ January 28, 2021	September 25, 2020 Rs. 58,60,889/-	Del NCR
2.	Abhimanyu George George Thakanchan LBDEL00001014463	Flat- Mol- 16/15 (Nova), Windsor, 3rd Floor, Vaibhav Khand, Shipra Sun City, Indrapuram Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh./ January 28, 2021	September 30, 2020 Rs. 6,92,935/-	Del NCR
3.	Archna Singh/ Satya Prakash Singh/ LBDEL00002872265	Flat No- 1108, 54 Sg Homes Plot No Gh- 04 Sec 3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh./ January 28, 2021	August 18, 2020 Rs. 16,23,917/-	Del NCR
4.	Archna Singh/ Satya Prakash Singh/ LBDEL00002872267	Flat No- 1108, 54 Sg Homes Plot No Gh- 04 Sec 3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh./ January 28, 2021	September 25, 2020 Rs. 13,81,817/-	Del NCR
5.	Vinay Singh/Jatan Singh/ Bhanwar Lal Singh/ Praveena Singh/ LBDEL00004640871	House No:- 87, Ground Floor, Without Roof Block- A2, Sector- 5, Rohini, Delhi/ January 29, 2021	September 30, 2020 Rs. 15,36,614/-	Del NCR
6.	Radhika R K A Balasubramanian LBDEL00002895189	Flat No- 12c, Second Floor, Block- Ed, Pitampura./ January 29, 2021	August 20, 2020 Rs. 3789479/-	Del NCR
7.	Sunil Kumar Singh/ Sushant Kumar Singh LBDEL00001382793	Plot No.- 25, Gf, Plot No- 25, Gf Block- A, Pkt- 4, Sec- 16 Rohini, Delhi- 110085./ January 29, 2021	October 31, 2020 Rs. 1,75,651/-	Del NCR
8.	Gopal Rajani/ United Constructions/ LBDEL00001793951/ LBDEL00001794316	Plot No- 21, S.F. Kailash Enclave Chbs Ltd, Kailash Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi./ January 29, 2021	August 21, 2020 Rs. 33,88,745/-	Del NCR
9.	Sumit Kumar/ Saloni Kumari/ LBDEL00002361585 LBDEL00005270594	Dda Lig Flat No- 20, 4th Floor, Block- B3 Sector- 35, Pocket 5 Rohini, Delhi- 110085./ January 29, 2021	October 31, 2020 Rs. 1318685/-	Del NCR
10.	Sunil Kumar Singh / LBDEL00001382668	Plot No- 25, Ground Floor, Block-A, Pocket- 4, Sector16 Rohini, Delhi/ January 29, 2021	September 25, 2020/ Rs. 9,62,500/-	Del NCR

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : February 03, 2021 Place: Delhi/ NCR Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

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- निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि :- दिनांक: 04.02.2021 से 17.02.2021 के 15:00 बजे तक।
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Siraj, Ishant battle to partner Bumrah Aus postpone SA Test tour



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

From not having enough options due to a plethora of injuries, the Indian team will have a different worry while selecting the playing XI for the opening Test against England, with old warhorse Ishant Sharma facing tough competition from newcomer Mohammed Siraj.

The Indian team had their first of the three available practice sessions on Tuesday and going by the traditional Chhapauk wicket that normally assists the spinners, India might go with two pacers and three spinners for the February 5-9 opener.

"The pitch is a typical Chhapauk wicket. No English feel or anything. In this humidity, you need to have grass on the wicket so that it doesn't break up that easily. This wicket will help spinners as it always has been the case," a BCCI source, who is monitoring the developments, said.

All eyes will be on the trioka of head coach Ravi Shastri, bowling coach Bharat Arun and last but not the least, skipper Virat Kohli, to make a tough call on who would partner pace spearhead Jasprit

Bumrah. Bumrah, who missed the last Test against Australia in Brisbane due to a groin strain, is fit and available to lead the pace attack.

However, there are questions about 32-year-old veteran Ishant being out of red ball cricket for nearly one year. On the other hand, Siraj is in red-hot form having picked 13 wickets in three Tests, including a five-wicket haul in Brisbane.

As far as Ishant is concerned, he has only recently made a comeback to competitive cricket, having played four Syed Mushtaq Ali trophy matches and bowled a total of 14.1 overs.

It is expected that in the course of the next two days, bowling coach Arun will take a

call after checking the two bowlers in question.

The second call could be a bit tougher as there is an in-form Washington Sundar and left-arm orthodox spinner Axar Patel, with senior off-break bowler Ravichandran Ashwin and left-arm wrist spinner Kuleep Yadav.

Washington is the man in form having hit a half century and taken four wickets on his debut, but his presence would mean two identical bowlers even though there is a vast difference in terms of quality.

Axar is also a very handy middle-order batsman apart from being a like-for-like replacement for Ravindran Jadeja.

HP TO START TRAINING TODAY

All-rounder Hardik Pandya's quarantine will end on Wednesday morning and he will join the team training. Pandya, who is back in the Test team after a long hiatus, joined his colleagues a day late after attending to a personal matter.

While Pandya may not feature in the opener, he is expected to increase his bowling workload keeping the final of the World Test Championship and the five-match Test series in England in mind.

PTI ■ SYDNEY

Australia on Tuesday postponed their tour of South Africa next month citing "unacceptable health and safety risk" in that country because of a fresh Covid-19 outbreak, a decision that virtually knocks them out of contention from the World Test Championship final later this year.

Crickets South Africa (CSA) expressed its "extreme disappointment" and frustration after the Australian team withdrew from the tour, during which it was scheduled to play a three-Test series, and said it will have serious financial implications.

However, with the host nation battling a second wave of Covid-19 and a new variant of the virus, Cricket Australia's (CA) interim chief executive Nick Hockley on Tuesday said travelling to South Africa is not possible given the current scenario.

"Following extensive due diligence with medical experts it has become clear that travelling from Australia to South Africa at this current time poses an unacceptable level of health and safety risk to our players, support staff and the community," Hockley said in a statement. "We acknowledge the signif-



icant amount of work by CSA in planning for the tour, during which we made it clear that CA was prepared to take on additional cost and effort to make the series happen," the statement read.

The announcement is a blow to Australia's chances of qualifying for the WTC final, scheduled to be played in June in England. The top two teams in the points table will make the final.

Expressing his displeasure in a press release issued by CSA, its director of cricket Graeme Smith said, "We are extremely disappointed by the decision of CA."

"CSA has been working tirelessly in recent weeks to ensure that we meet every single expectation of CA," Smith, a former South Africa captain,

added. "This was set to be the longest tour in a BSC (bio-safety cabinet or biological safety cabinet) comprising a three-match Test series that was scheduled to begin with Australia's arrival later in the month. So to be informed about the CA decision at the eleventh hour is frustrating."

Australia, currently third in the WTC points table behind leaders India and New Zealand, needed to win two Tests in South Africa and prevent their hosts from winning one, to ensure their spot in the inaugural WTC decider.

For Australia to have a chance at qualification, India and England will need to draw at least twice in their four-Test series starting on Friday.

What India, England need to qualify for WTC final

The ICC World Test Championship final scheduled to be played in England in June 2021, is heading for a rather interesting climax with three teams in contention to join New Zealand for a shot at the title.

After Australia's tour of South Africa was officially postponed, the highly-anticipated India-England series is set to witness numerous possibilities in terms of deciding who reaches the final, with Australia still not ruled out either.

SCENARIOS FOR QUALIFICATION

FOR AUSTRALIA

Even though they would have liked a better result against India at home, or for the South Africa series to go ahead, to keep matters in their own hands, Australia are still in with a decent chance to qualify for the final.

ICC WTC TABLE AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Rank	Team	PCT	Points	S	M	W	L	D
1	India	71.7%	430	5	13	9	3	1
2	New Zealand	70.0%	420	5	11	7	4	0
3	Australia	69.2%	332	4	14	8	4	2
4	England	68.7%	412	5	17	10	4	3

The following scorelines in the India-England series will result in Tim Paine's men qualifying for the title clash: 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2 draw, a 1-0, 2-0 or 2-1 England win or a 1-0 India win.

The above scorelines will prevent England from overtaking New Zealand and Australia, while India will slip from their top spot.

FOR ENGLAND

Fresh from their 2-0 series win in Sri Lanka, England will fancy their chances to get something out of the India series. But a mere win or draw won't do, as England will need to outright win at least three matches out of four

against Virat Kohli's men.

The scorelines of India-England that will favour Joe Root's men are: 0-3, 1-3, 0-4.

FOR INDIA

After their historic series win in Australia, India made things easier for themselves to qualify for the final. The team are top of the WTC points table ahead of the Test series against England. India need to win at least two matches and draw one out of the remaining two, if they are to progress to the final and face New Zealand.

The scorelines of India-England that will favour Virat Kohli and Co are: 2-0, 2-1, 3-0, 3-1, 4-0.

Black Caps make it to WTC final

Dubai: New Zealand on Tuesday became the first team to reach the final of the World Test Championship after Australia's away series against South Africa got cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

With Australia's Test series postponed indefinitely, no team can surpass New Zealand's percentage points of 70 and for all practical purposes, the series between India and England starting in Chennai on Friday will decide the opponents for Kane Williamson's men.

"All to play for in the



upcoming India v England series with three teams able to meet New Zealand in the final of the

inaugural ICC World Test Championship," ICC tweeted. As of now, India has high-

est percentage points 71.7 while New Zealand has 70 while Australia are third at 69.2 and England are currently placed fourth with 65.2 points.

India will qualify if they beat England in the series by winning at least two matches. England can make it by triumphing in at least three games while recording a series victory.

If the two teams end up drawing, then it will open up a chance for Australia to sneak in.

The WTC final is scheduled to be held from June 18 at the Lord's. PTI

SINGLES



Spain's Rafael Nadal, right, gestures to teammate Roberto Bautista Agut during his ATP Cup match against Australia's Alex de Minaur in Melbourne on Tuesday. AP

FOWLER FACES BAN, FINE FOR RACIST REMARK

KOLKATA: The ISL is making headlines for the wrong reasons as East Bengal's coach Robbie Fowler faces a minimum ban of five matches and ₹6 lakh fine for an alleged racist remark against referees after a match against FC Goa. Frustrated after East Bengal's 1-1 draw against a 10-man FC Goa on January 29, Fowler had allegedly said the refereeing was either "anti-English or anti-East Bengal". "The match commissioner has taken a strong note of the incident and reported the matter to the disciplinary committee which will take the decision after hearing Fowler's version on Wednesday evening," an ISL official said on Tuesday. "If he's proven guilty, he is liable for a minimum five-match ban and ₹6 lakh fine," he added.

ODISHA FC SACK BAXTER FOR RAPE REMARK

NEW DELHI: ISL side Odisha FC on Tuesday sacked its head coach Stuart Baxter for making an unsavoury comment on rape to criticise a refereeing decision after the team's loss to Jamshedpur FC. The club also issued a public apology after the Englishman suggested one of his players "will have to rape someone or be raped" to get a penalty after the 0-1 loss to Jamshedpur FC on Monday. "Odisha FC has decided to terminate Head Coach Stuart Baxter's contract with immediate effect. Interim Coach for the remainder of the season will be announced soon," the club said in a statement on Tuesday.

FEDERER TARGETS COMEBACK AT DOHA OPEN

BASEL: Roger Federer is targeting the Doha Open in March for his comeback after over a year on the sidelines recovering from two knee operations, the 20-time Grand Slam champion said on Tuesday. The 39-year-old Swiss has been out of action since February 2020 and shelved plans in December to compete in the Australian Open, which makes a delayed start next week. In an interview with Swiss radio SRF, he said he now felt ready to begin his season in the tournament in Qatar which begins on March 8.

HERTHA SIGN KHEDIRA; SCHALKE GET MUSTAFI

BERLIN: Hertha Berlin brought Sami Khedira back to the Bundesliga after 10 1/2 seasons away, hopeful the World Cup winner will help lead the ambitious club to bigger and better things. The 33-year-old former Germany midfielder was joining the club from Juventus, Hertha said on the last day of the winter transfer period. Also, Schalke signed former Germany defender Shkodran Mustafi from Arsenal to cover the departure of 20-year-old center back Ozan Kabak on loan to Liverpool.

SHAKIB'S RETURN BOOSTS B'DESH HOPES

CHATTOGRAM: Bangladesh captain Mominul Haque believes the return of Shakib Al Hasan gives them an edge against a depleted Windies in the opening match of the two-Test series starting on Wednesday. Mominul called him a "two in one" player. "Such a player is a gem for any team" he said. Agencies

Kuldeep should play against Eng: Pathan

PTI ■ MUMBAI

"You don't get left-arm wrist spinners everyday," former pacer Irfan Pathan said, firmly backing Kuldeep Yadav and hoped that there will be place for him in the Indian team for the Test-series against England.

Yadav has been warming the bench for more than three months now but Pathan said he is a "unique bowler" who would do well in the upcoming Test assignment, starting February 5 in Chennai.

"It is very important from the team management point of view, how they keep mind-set of a player, who is not playing. I am sure they must be doing a right job, and that's why the guys, when we saw some of the youngsters, they came and played really well," Pathan said.

"I am sure they must be supporting and backing Kuldeep Yadav because he has got immense talent. You don't find left-arm wrist spinners on every-day-basis.

"He is a unique bowler. The guys is about 25-26 and this is where he is going to get maturity. Whenever he gets opportunity, first Test, second Test, whenever he will be rar-



ing to go and I am pretty sure that he will do well." Further making a case for Kuldeep to play against England, Pathan cited history.

"When it comes to England, look at the history, if you are a leg-spinner, you always have a chance of performing well, I just hope that whenever he plays, he does really well," added Pathan, who has played 29 Tests and 120 ODIs for India. Yadav has so far played six Tests and picked 24 wickets. He played his last Test against Australia at Sydney in January 2019.

Asked about combination of the series-opener, Pathan said fielding three spinners would not be a bad option, considering the nature of the Chennai pitch.

"It depends on the wickets but there is a high chance in Chennai they play three spinners because we see how Chennai pitch can really help the spinners with that extra bounce as well and the soil, which is very conducive for spin bowling," he elaborated.

"India is such a good side that even if they have to play three fast bowlers, they will be ready to play, in any kind of pitch," he said.

Novak makes strong start

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic got his season off to a perfect start with a battling win over Denis Shapovalov in the ATP Cup on Tuesday, but world number three Dominic Thiem crashed to defeat.

The Serbian world No. 1, who will be chasing a ninth Australian Open crown when the first Grand Slam of the year begins on Monday, was pushed hard before coming through 7-5, 7-5 against the Canadian on Rod Laver Arena.

Djokovic showed no signs of being hindered by a nasty blister on his racket hand that troubled him at an Adelaide exhibition last week and returned 30 minutes later alongside Filip Fratinovic to play the decisive doubles rubber.

The pair beat Shapovalov and Milos Raonic 7-5, 7-6 (7/4) as defending champions Serbia took the tie against Canada 2-1 in Group A.

While Djokovic tasted victory, US Open champion Thiem, who lost to the Serb in a gripping Australian Open final last year, got his season off to a disappointing start.

He slumped 6-2, 6-4 to Italian world No 10 Matteo Berrettini who never allowed the Austrian to get going with his big-swinging game. Berrettini was under pressure after Austria took the lead in their Group C clash when 100th-ranked Dennis Novak earned one of the biggest wins of his career, upsetting world number 17 Fabio Fognini 6-3, 6-2.

It sent the tie to a deciding doubles with Thiem returning alongside Novak only to crash again, losing 6-1, 6-4 to Berrettini and Fognini.



Liverpool sign Kabak, Davies to bolster defence

AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool finally bolstered their defensive options by signing Schalke's Ozan Kabak and Preston's Ben Davies before the Premier League transfer window slammed shut on Monday.

Meanwhile Premier League champions' Japanese attacking midfielder Takumi Minamino left for Southampton on loan until the end of the season in one of the few moves between Premier League clubs on a quiet deadline day.

The January window is regarded as a sellers' market and often a time for stop-gap measures but Liverpool were forced to act.

The champions are missing all of their senior central defenders, with Virgil van Dijk, Joe Gomez and Joel Matip out of action.

Fabinho, who had impressed at centre-back after moving from his usual midfield position, recently joined the injured list while captain Jordan Henderson,

who usually plays in midfield, has been forced to deputise at the back.

Japanese international Minamino departed Anfield for Southampton in a surprise move allowed to be completed after the window shut because the Saints had submitted the necessary paperwork in time.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has been suggesting for several weeks that a replacement centre-back would be a major lift for his team.

Klopp got his wish at last as the Reds brought in two defenders in the final hours of

the transfer window. Kabak joined on loan until the end of the season, subject to international clearance.

The Premier League champions have paid an initial £1 million (\$1.37 million) loan fee with the option to buy for £18 million at the end of the season.

The 20-year-old arrives after two years in the Bundesliga, where he played for Stuttgart before joining Schalke in July 2019. He previously gained Champions League experience at Galatasaray and has won seven caps for Turkey.

Davies, 25, signed for an initial fee believed to be £500,000 plus future add-ons. Davies made 145

appearances for Preston, scoring two goals, since his debut in 2013.

LOW TRANSFERS

Arsenal allowed Shkodran Mustafi to leave, with the German defender signing a short-term contract at Schalke.

Gedson Fernandes ended his disappointing spell at Tottenham, with the midfielder's loan from Benfica cancelled so he could join Galatasaray.

Relegation-threatened West Bromwich Albion agreed a deal with Arsenal to take the versatile Ainsley Maitland-Niles on loan until the end of this term.

Newcastle signed Arsenal midfielder Joe Willock on loan for the rest of the season, while Magpies' right-back DeAndre Yedlin joined Galatasaray in a permanent deal. Fulham landed former Sunderland forward Josh Maja on loan from French side Bordeaux. Everton were hoping to sign Bournemouth striker Josh King in a late deal.



Pant nominated for Player of the Month award

Dubai: One of the architects of India's historic win in Australia, wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant was on Tuesday nominated for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award along with England skipper Joe Root and Ireland's Paul Stirling.

The 23-year-old Pant played two Tests against Australia where he scored a 97 at Sydney to ensure a draw before an unbeaten 89 at Brisbane that led India to a historic series-clinching win.

In January, Root played two Tests against Sri Lanka, where he scored a 228 and 186 and led his team to a 2-0 Test series victory.

The third nominee in the category, Stirling played two ODIs against the UAE and three ODIs vs Afghanistan, where he scored three centuries. PTI

Satwik, Ashwini break into top 20



New Delhi: India's mixed doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa was rewarded for its stupendous show at the recent-concluded Asia leg as it broke into the world's top 20 in the latest BWF rankings announced on Tuesday.

Satwik and Ashwini, who had become the first Indian mixed doubles pair to reach the semifinals of a world tour Super 1000 event at the Toyota Thailand Open, jumped 16 places to reach a career-best ranking of world number 19.

In the men's doubles, Satwik and Chirag Shetty retained their world number 10 spot after reaching the semifinals at Toyota Thailand Open.

Among others, world champion P V Sindhu remained static at world number 7, while Saina improved a place to world number 19.

In the men's singles, Kidambi Srikanth moved up a spot to 13th, while Sameer Verma jumped four places to 27th spot after his quarterfinal showing at Toyota Thailand Open. PTI