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Locals, farmers clash at Singhu

Villagers demand eviction of protesters; police resort to baton charge to break up groups; SHO attacked with sword, injured; accused arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A large group of men claiming to be local residents clashed with protesting farmers at Singhu border on Friday, triggering chaos resulting in the Delhi Police resorting to firing tear gas shells and baton charge to break up warring groups.

The protesters hurled stones at each other at the site.

Delhi Police SHO (Alipur) Pradeep Paliwal sustained severe injuries in the violence after a man attacked him with a sword, an official said, adding that several other protesters and policemen sustained injuries during the clashes. Police said they have arrested accused Ranveer Singh, a resident of Punjab, who attacked the SHO.

"SHO Alipur, Delhi, intervened between rioting protesters (MKSC faction) and local Singhu villagers, who had gone to register their protest against the happenings on Republic Day-2021 and continued loss of ordinary livelihood for over two months," the Delhi Police said in a tweet.

In another tweet, police said, "This is how the SHO was assaulted; he has suffered grievous injuries on his hand. Peace has been restored. Legal action is being initiated."

The group claiming to be locals demanded that the farmers vacate the Singhu border, one of the main protest sites around the Capital, alleging that the protesting farmers had "insulted" the national flag during their tractor parade on

Deep Sidhu: Will join investigation, need time to bring out truth

Chandigarh: Actor-turned-activist Deep Sidhu, who has been booked in connection with the religious flag incident at Red Fort, has said he needs some time to bring out the truth and will then join the investigation. The 36-year-old Sidhu is in the eye of a storm for being among the protesters who put up a religious flag atop the Red Fort on Republic Day.



Police trying to control the situation during a clash between people claiming to be local villagers and protesting farmers at the Singhu Border in New Delhi on Friday
Ranjani Dimri | Pioneer

Republic Day. Armed with sticks, the group of locals reached the site and asked the farmers to leave while raising slogans against them. The protesters at the Singhu border, much of which is barred for entry from outside, came out in large numbers

Crowd swells at Ghazipur protest site after admin ultimatum for eviction

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Ghazipur border on Friday witnessed a surge of crowd as around 1,000 farmers from western Uttar Pradesh joined the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) members who have stayed put on at the UP Gate to demand the repeal of agri laws.

Notwithstanding the Ghaziabad administration's ultimatum to the protesters to vacate the UP Gate protest site, more farmers from western Uttar Pradesh districts such as Meerut, Baghpat, Bijnor, Muzaffarnagar, Moradabad and Bulandshahr reached the UP Gate early morning to join the stir following an emotional appeal by BKU leader Rakesh Tikait. The crowd of protesters

that had reduced to 500 on Thursday night has now again increased with around 1,000 farmers joining the stir.

Flanked by supporters, Tikait remained at the centre of the protest site on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, which has been barricaded from both sides, prohibiting regular traffic movement.

However, extra security forces deployed at the protest site have been sent back.

Several farmers from parts of Haryana have also decided to move towards Delhi borders to join the ongoing agitation against agri laws and held protests against lookout notices to peasant leaders and the Ghaziabad administration's ultimatum to vacate protest site. *Continued on Page 2*

Thousands of farmers gather in Muzaffarnagar to back Tikait



BKU president Naresh Tikait, along with other leaders, during a Mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar on Friday. Thousands of supporters gathered at the event in solidarity with the farmers' protest against the farm laws
PTI

PTI ■ MUZAFFARNAGAR

Tens of thousands of farmers gathered in Muzaffarnagar town on Friday to attend a mahapanchayat in support of the Bharatiya Kisan Union-led protest against the Centre's new farm laws in Ghazipur on the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border. *Continued on Page 2*

to resist the locals.

However, they were promptly stopped by farmer union volunteers which helped the situation from turning ugly.

"They are not locals, but hired goons. They were throwing stones, petrol bombs at us. They attempted to burn down our trolleys also. We are here to resist them. We won't leave the place," said Harkirat Mann Beniwal, 21, from Punjab's Khana district.

Thousands of protesting farmers had clashed with the police during the tractor rally called by farmer unions on January 26 to highlight their demand for repeal of the Centre's three farm laws. Many of the protesters, driving tractors, reached the Red Fort and entered the monument.

Some protesters even hoisted a religious flag and a kisan union flag on its domes and the flagstaff at the ramparts, where the national flag is unfurled by the Prime Minister on Independence Day.

Farm laws give kisan new rights, says Prez



President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Friday
PTI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid opposition by the Opposition to his address to the joint session of Parliament, President Ram Nath Kovind on Friday announced that the Government would respect the Supreme Court's decision to suspend three farm reform laws and claimed that the laws have "given new rights" to the farmers.

He regretted violence and "disrespect to tricolour" on the Republic Day saying right to freedom of expression goes hand in hand with the Constitutional duty to follow the rule of law.

As many as 16 Opposition parties, including the Congress and its allies, Left parties, the Trinamool Congress as well as the AAP, the SAD and the BSP boycotted the address, protesting Government's handling of farmers' protest.

Reading the customary Government statement in the joint session of Parliament, marking the beginning of the Budget Session, the President spoke about border escalation along Line of Actual Control (LAC) saying "additional forces have also been deployed to protect India's sovereignty over the

In address to joint Session, Kovind says Govt respects SC order to put farm laws on hold for 3 months

LAC" and that the Government was "committed and alert" towards protecting the country and the Army was prepared.

He said that in June 2020, 20 of our soldiers made their supreme sacrifice in the Galwan Valley to protect the motherland. "Every countryman is grateful to these martyrs," the President said.

In his address, he also talked about a new beginning in Jammu & Kashmir saying the Union Territories conducted local bodies polls, first since independence, and J&K is "moving towards a new freedom".

In the middle of President's address, Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) MP Hanuman Beniwal showed a placard and raised slogans, demanding the repeal of the three agriculture laws. SAD party president Sukhbir Singh Badal along with other party members held placards on the Parliament premises.

Against the backdrop of the farmers' agitation for the complete roll-back of three

farm reform laws, the President said 10 crore small farmers were immediate beneficiaries of reform laws.

"The biggest benefit of these agricultural reforms also started getting to more than 10 crore small farmers immediately. Many political parties had given full support to these reforms from time to time only after realising these benefits to small farmers," he said.

The President further said "at present, the implementation of these laws has been postponed by the country's highest court. My government will respect and follow the Supreme Court's decision in full respect."

Referring to the violence on January 26, during "tractor rally", Kovind said the "insult" to tricolour on the "holy day" of Republic Day "is very unfortunate."

He said, "The Constitution which gives us the right to freedom of expression, the same Constitution teaches us that law and rule should be followed equally seriously." *Continued on Page 2*

India, US, UK at bottom of Covid handling rankings

New Zealand, Vietnam, Taiwan are top three

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India has scored near the bottom of a Covid-19 performance index where almost 100 countries were profiled for their response to the pandemic that has swept the world.

The Lowy Institute published its index on Thursday and New Zealand, Vietnam, and Taiwan appeared as the top three countries with the best worldwide handling of the crisis. Meanwhile, Britain, Brazil,

and the US ranked among the bottom.

Overall, countries in the Asia-Pacific did a better job at controlling the pandemic while Europe and the US were "quickly overwhelmed." China was excluded from the list as the Lowy Institute cited a lack of credible public data.

An independent think tank based in Australia, the Lowy Institute looked at how countries with publicly available

and comparable data on coronavirus managed the pandemic to date following their hundredth case.

The report has come at a time when India's latest tally of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) is 10,720,048 as on Friday. The number of recoveries from the disease is closing in on the 1.04 crore mark, as 20,746 new discharges took total recovered cases to 10,394,352. *Continued on Page 2*

New milder Covid-19 strain found in S India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Scientists at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology at Hyderabad said that they have found a different variant of SARS-CoV-2 in southern parts of the country.

Rakesh Mishra, director of CCMB, said the different variant (N440K) appears to be milder than the existing one and the institute is stepping up research on it to ascertain its prevalence in the country.

The findings came amid the concerns of a mutated variant of SARS-CoV-2 found in the UK recently.

"It is not a new variant that we found. It is N440 K. It is a different variant. This is there for some time. This N440K was a very small number in September and October last

year. Now it looks like it is getting a much bigger proportion. No symptoms issues with N440K," Mishra told agencies.

"Either this (the different variant) has become normal or the earlier one became weaker. But certainly symptom wise if it is not equal, it (the different one) is milder. We don't have enough data as of now. We are accelerating... I think in the coming days we will do large-scale sequencing," he explained.

He said the variant is seen in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh among other southern States and scientists have no sufficient data to prove its existence in other parts of the country.

Mishra said the CCMB did not see any increased number of cases or symptoms with this variant of the virus.

11% growth with V-shaped recovery: Economic Survey

Supply-side push from reforms and easing of regulations to help

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India's economy is set to witness a V-shaped recovery as the country's growth engine is back on track after a coronavirus-led slowdown, the Pre-Budget Economic Survey said on Friday.

The economy may see an 11 per cent growth in the next financial year, while Gross Domestic Product (GDP) could see a contraction of 7.7 per cent in the current fiscal ending March 31, 2021. India witnessed its last annual contraction of 5.2 per cent in the fiscal year 1979-80.

Amid farmers' protests which entered the 64 days over the farm laws, the Economic Survey termed the three agricultural reform laws as a "remedy", building a case for its acceptance among the farm community that has strongly opposed it.

According to the survey, the agricultural reforms would enable farmers to sell where they get the "best deal" and thereby, allow competition, an essential condition for the welfare for the small farmer.

The Economic Survey said that the Centre's recent reforms in the agricultural markets will

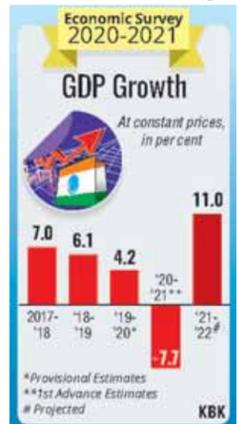
enable the creation of "One India, One market" and offer more opportunities to farmers.

At the same time, services, manufacturing and construction were most hit by the lockdown that was imposed to curb the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"After an estimated 7.7 per cent pandemic-driven contraction in 2020-21, India's real GDP is projected to record a growth of 11.0 per cent in 2021-22 and nominal GDP by 15.4 per cent. These conservative estimates reflect upside potential that can manifest due to the continued normalisation

in economic activities as the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines gathers traction," the survey said.

The growth will further be supported by supply-side push from reforms and easing of regulations, push for infrastructural investments, boost to manufacturing sector through the Productivity Linked Incentive Schemes, recovery of pent-up demand for services sector, increase in discretionary consumption subsequent to roll-out of the vaccine and pick up in credit given adequate liquidity and low-interest rates, it said.



CAPSULE

'EIGHT CORE INDUSTRIES' OUTPUT SHRINKS 1.3 PC

New Delhi: The output of eight core infrastructure sectors contracted for the third month in a row by 1.3 per cent in December 2020, dragged down by poor show by crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel and cement sectors.

GZB JUDGE COMMITS SUICIDE: POLICE

Ghaziabad: A senior Ghaziabad judge allegedly committed suicide on Friday, police said. The body of Additional Sessions Judge Yogesh Kumar was found hanging from the ceiling fan by his wife in his bedroom in their flat at Judges' Colony in Ghaziabad's Model Town area, they said.

3 Hizbul ultras killed in 1st encounter of 2021 in Valley

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

In the first encounter of 2021, three local terrorists belonging to the pro-Pakistan Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist outfit were eliminated by the joint team of the security forces in Mandoora Tral area of Awantipora on Friday.

Meanwhile, soon after the Inspector General of Police, Kashmir range, Vijay Kumar briefed the media about the first encounter, another encounter of the day was launched by the security forces in Lelhar area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Friday. *Continued on Page 2*

IGP, Vijay Kumar, "A joint cordon and search operation was launched by police, 42RR and 180Bn CRPF in village Mandoora Tral area of Awantipora after receiving a specific input generated by Awantipora Police regarding presence of terrorists in one of the houses in the area on Friday."

The IGP said, "During the search operation as the presence of terrorists got ascertained they were given an opportunity to surrender, however, they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party, which was retaliated leading to an encounter." *Continued on Page 2*

Blast near Israel embassy, letter to envoy recovered

PRAMOD KR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Security apparatus in the highly sensitive Lutyens' Bungalow Zone went into a spin after an improvised explosive device (IED) went off near the Israel embassy situated at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Road in New Delhi on Friday evening. Police said while no person was injured, some cars were damaged in the blast.

A letter addressed to Israeli Ambassador to India was recovered from near the blast site. The blast took place at the pavement opposite Jindal House which is three bungalows away from the Israeli embassy. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to his Israeli



counterpart Gabi Ashkenazi and assured him of "fullest protection" to the Jews nation's diplomats and its mission. *PTI photo*

BLAST OUTSIDE ISRAELI EMBASSY 'Full confidence' that India will ensure safety of Israelis: Bibi

PTI ■ JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday expressed "full confidence" in the Indian authorities in ensuring the safety of Israelis and Jews in India following a blast close to the country's embassy in New Delhi.

A minor improvised explosive device (IED) blast took place outside the Israeli Embassy in the heart of Lutyens' Delhi on Friday evening.

India's National Security adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval spoke to his Israeli counterpart Meir Ben-Shabbat and updated him on the situation and ongoing investigation into the bombing near the Israeli embassy, officials said here.

The update was conveyed to Prime Minister Netanyahu, they said.

Netanyahu asked to convey to his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi that Israel has "full confidence that the Indian authorities will do a thorough investigation of the incident

and ensure the safety of Israelis and Jews who are there", the officials said.

The two sides agreed to continue full cooperation through all channels, they said.

India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also spoke to his Israeli counterpart Gabi Ashkenazi and assured him of "fullest protection" to diplomats and the mission.

In a tweet, Jaishankar said India has taken the incident "very seriously".

"Spoke just now to Israeli

FM Gabi Ashkenazi about the explosion outside the Israeli Embassy. We take this very seriously. Assured him of the fullest protection for the Embassy and Israeli diplomats," he said.

The Minister further added that the matter was under investigation. "No effort will be spared to find the culprits," he said. Earlier, the Israeli foreign ministry said all its diplomats and embassy staff are "safe and sound" following the blast.

Maha security beefed up

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar said the security situation in Maharashtra was reviewed in view of the low intensity improvised device blast near the Israeli Embassy in New Delhi on Friday.

The blast did not cause injuries to anyone, though the

panes of three vehicles nearby were damaged, Delhi police said.

"Reviewed the situation in the state holding discussion with the state's home minister and director general of police against the backdrop of the blast outside Israeli Embassy. Issued instruction to strengthen the security apparatus in the state along with Mumbai and Pune," Pawar tweeted.

China says border issue with India should not be linked with bilateral relations

PTI ■ BEIJING

China on Friday said the border issue with India should not be linked with bilateral ties, even as it welcomed External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's remarks on the significance their ties and the importance New Delhi attached to relations with Beijing.

"I have noted his remarks," China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here while responding to a question on the online address by Jaishankar to the 13th All India Conference of China Studies on Thursday.

"External Affairs Minister Jaishankar's stress on the significance of China-India relations showcases the importance the Indian side attaches to its ties with China. We approve of that," Zhao said in comments posted on the Chinese Foreign Ministry website.

"Meanwhile, I need to stress that the border issue shall not be linked with bilateral relations. This is also an important

lesson learned through the two countries' efforts over the past decades to keep our ties moving forward," he said.

The foreign ministry spokesman also hoped the India will work with China to properly manage the differences, promote practical cooperation, and get the bilateral relations back on the right track.

In his address, Jaishankar outlined eight broad principles and three "mutuals" to mend strained ties between India and China, and said the two countries are truly at crossroads and their choices will have profound repercussions, not just for them but for the entire world.

Issues related to the border figured prominently in Jaishankar's eight point principles to develop bilateral ties.

The minister said the developments in eastern Ladakh last year brought the relationship under "exceptional stress" and India is yet to receive a credible explanation for the change in China's stance or reasons for amassing troops in the border areas.

Any India-Pak military confrontation would be disaster of unmitigated proportion: UN chief

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

United Nations: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has said it is "absolutely essential" for India and Pakistan to be able to come together and seriously discuss their problems, cautioning that any military confrontation would be a "disaster of unmitigated proportions" for both countries and the whole world.

"Well, what I said in the statement...is unfortunately the same that I can say today. I mean, I do believe that it is absolutely essential to have a de-escalation of the situation, namely in the Line of Control," the UN chief said.

Guterres was responding to a question by a Pakistani journalist on tensions between India and Pakistan over the situation in Kashmir. The statement also referred to the statement Guterres had issued in August 2019 on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir where he had appealed for maximum restraint.

Tensions between India and Pakistan spiked after New Delhi abrogated provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution to withdraw J&K's special status and bifurcated it into two Union Territories in 2019. PTI

UN chief lauds India's Covid vaccine assistance to other nations

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India's vaccine production capacity is one of the best assets the world has today, UN chief Antonio Guterres has said as he applauded India for supplying Covid-19 doses to nations around the world to combat the catastrophic global health crisis.

The UN Secretary-General also expressed hope that India will have all instruments necessary to play a major role in ensuring a global vaccination campaign becomes possible as the world fights the pandemic.

"I would like to say how much we count on India. I mean, India has one of the most advanced pharmaceutical industries. India played a very important role in the production of generics for use that was a very important element of democratisation of access to medicines all over the world," Guterres said. He was responding to a question by PTI during a press briefing on Thursday on India helping countries around the world in the fight against the global pandemic by supplying Covid-19 vaccines. PTI

Biden Admin to remain committed to a strong US-India bilateral relationship: Pentagon

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden administration is going to remain committed to a strong bilateral relationship with India, the Pentagon has said, a day after US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin spoke for the first time with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

"The Secretary made it very clear that we're going to remain committed to a strong US-India bilateral relationship," Pentagon Press Secretary John Kirby told reporters at a news conference here on Thursday.

"(They) had a good chat yesterday. They discussed a lot of issues, including our two nations' response to the coronavirus," Kirby said responding to a question on the maiden phone call between Austin and Singh. Retired general Austin became the first African-American to lead the Pentagon when the Senate confirmed him as US Defence Secretary on January 22.

During his conversation with Singh on Wednesday, Austin pledged to work collaboratively with India to sustain the progress in the bilateral defence relationship, the Pentagon said earlier. PTI

Crowd swells at Ghazipur protest site after...

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The farmers claimed that issuing the look-out notices and asking the farmers to vacate the site will not weaken the ongoing agitation against the Centre's new farm laws.

A number of farmers from Jind, Rohtak, Kaithal, Hisar, Bhiwani and Sonapat will be heading towards various protest sites at Tikri, Singhu and Ghazipur, farmer leaders from Haryana claimed.

Backing the protesting farmers, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Ajit Singh announced support to the BKU. The former Union Minister spoken to BKU president Naresh Tikait and spokesperson Rakesh Tikait, RLD vice president and his son Jayant Chaudhary said.

"It is a matter of life and death for farmers, but do not worry. All have to stay together, united in this -- this is

Chaudhary sahab's (Ajit Singh's) message," the RLD vice president said in a tweet in Hindi. Jayant Chaudhary also visited the protest site at Ghazipur.

The Kejriwal Government also extended its support to the farmers with Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia visiting the Ghazipur border protest site to check the arrangements made for them by the city Government.

Talking to reporters, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader said the farmers' protest has full support of the Delhi Government. Sisodia said farmer leader Rakesh Tikait had spoken to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and asked for basic amenities. "On the orders of the Chief Minister, the arrangements were made at night," he said.

Kejriwal said the AAP fully backs the ongoing protest of farmers, calling their demands valid and attempts to discredit them completely wrong.

The Ghaziabad administration late Thursday night

gave an ultimatum to agitating farmers to vacate the UP Gate protest site but Tikait remained adamant, saying he would commit suicide but won't end the stir.

Ghaziabad District Magistrate Ajay Shankar Pandey and Senior Superintendent of Police Kalanidhi Naithani visited the protest site post midnight to review the situation at the site where hundreds of security personnel in anti-riot gears were deployed on Thursday.

Many of these personnel, including those from the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) and the Rapid Action Force (RAF), left the protest site in the dead of the night following official instructions.

"Excess security force from the protest site has been withdrawn and only a minimal deployment of personnel remains there," a Ghaziabad police officer told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

"Tension was building at

the UP Gate due to an excessive deployment of security personnel since Thursday evening," he added.

According to the officer, some BKU protesters were served notices under section 133 (removal of public nuisance) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) on Thursday.

Ankit Sahrawat, a farmer from Muzaffarnagar, said he reached the UP Gate early on Friday along with 40-50 people.

"More farmers from western Uttar Pradesh districts will reach here. Everybody has condemned what happened in Delhi on Republic Day but now they have made Chaudhary sahab (Rakesh Tikait) cry. Unke aansu nikle hain, wo sahan nahi hoga (Farmers will not tolerate that Tikait had to shed tears)," Sahrawat told reporters.

The Ghaziabad administration made a "verbal" communication to the BKU on Thursday, giving it an "ultimatum" to leave the UP Gate

by midnight, a move that came close on the heels of three farmer unions calling off their protest against three farm laws of the Centre over the violence in Delhi on January 26.

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 the 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.

Farm laws give kisan new...

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The Government through the Presidential address sought to claim the three new agricultural laws did not cause "reduction in the rights and facilities which were under the old system. Rather, through these agricultural reforms, the Government has given new rights to farmers".

The President said the Government is also paying special attention to modern agricultural infrastructure. For this, one lakh crore rupees agricultural infrastructure fund has been started. Kisan Rail introduced across the country is writing a new chapter in providing new markets to the farmers of India. So far, more than 100 farmer trains have been run through which more than 38 thousand tons of grains and fruits and vegetables have been sent by farmers from one region to another, said the President.

The President detailed new strides and milestones in political and economic sphere and referred to abrogation of article 370 in J & K, construction of Ram temple, victory over coronavirus

pandemic, "largest vaccination drive in the world" and the spirit of 'atmanirbhar Bharat'.

The President said in this period of corona, the country has started recovering from the loss that the economy had suffered amidst efforts to save the life of every Indian. "Even in this difficult time, India has emerged as an attractive place for the investors of the world", he said.

"My Government has shown that if intentions are clear, intentions are high, then change can be brought. The number of lives my Government has touched over the years is unprecedented", said the President. He mentioned that for "every poor's house to be illuminated, more than 2.5 crore electricity connections were given free of cost" and said Jan Dhan accounts of more than 41 crore poor were opened for the benefit of the banking system to the poor. "More than half of these accounts are of our poor sisters and daughters", he said.

Stating that no one can now take away the ration of poor as "100 per cent ration cards have been digitalized, 90 per cent ration cards have been linked to Aadhaar."

On the political front, the Government said after the removal of the provisions of article 370, the people of Jammu and Kashmir have got new rights.

Making reference of Naxalite movement in parts of the country and militancy in the North-East, he said there is considerable reduction in these activities. On the foreign policy 'success', he said India has entered the Security Council as a provisional member for the eighth time this year, gaining historical global support. India has also assumed the position of President in BRICS for 2021. The President concluded his speech quoting the poem of Jyotirindranath Tagore, the elder brother of Rabindranath Tagore. "The motherland is calling for all the children of India to live together. With heroism, self-respect, masculinity and pride, all of you together wish for the welfare of the country".

The MPs and all other dignitaries were seated observing social distancing and wearing masks, following the Covid-19 protocol.




APPEAL TO ALL

Whereas on 26th January, 2021, the protesting farmers had taken out a tractor rally and had indulged in violence in Delhi. All members of the public including media persons who are witnesses to the incidents or have any information about the incident or have captured any activity on their mobile phones or camera, are hereby requested to come forward and give their statements/ footage/ picture in their possession at Room No. 215, 2nd Floor, Old Delhi Police Headquarters, ITO, IP Estate, New Delhi during office hours, on any working day or contact on mobile number:

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Identity of the witness will be kept secret.

Sh. B K Singh
Joint CP/Crime, Delhi Police

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Thousands...

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The GIC ground near Mahaveer Chowk was packed, a sea of people congregating to back the protesters at UP Gate in Ghazipur. Hundreds of tractors with the tricolour and flags of farm unions were parked along city roads, disrupting traffic movement.

The GIC ground was the centrestage and scores of regional farmer leaders took the mike to back the protesters at the UP Gate in Ghazipur as Muzaffarnagar became the meeting point for farmers from across the region, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Ajit Singh also announced support for the BKU and his son, party leader Jayant Chaudhary, participated in the mahapanchayat too.

Singh, RLD president and former Union minister, had spoken to BKU president Naresh Tikait and spokesper-

3 Hizbul ultras killed in 1st encounter of 2021 in Valley

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"In the ensuing encounter, three terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter. They have been identified as Waris Hassan resident of Naibugh, Arif Bashir resident of Monghama and Ahtishamul Haq resident of Check Noorpora area of Awantipora. All the killed terrorists were linked with proscribed terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen," he added.

As per police records the killed terrorists were part of groups involved in several terror crimes. On January 2 Arif Bashir lobbed a hand grenade on security forces near Bus Stand Tral resulting in splinter injuries to one jawan and eight civilians. Terrorist Waris Hassan, along with others, was involved in firing upon a patrolling party of Awantipora Police on 05/10/2020. In this regard vide FIR No. 140/2021 U/S 7/25 Arms Act 13 ULA(P) Act has been already registered in Police Station Awantipora.

Besides, the group was also involved in threatening posters of proscribed terror outfit HM to keep public away from elections and also pasting of threat posters at Dadsara area on 02/12/2020. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 182/2020 U/S 506 IPC 13 ULA (P) stands already registered at PS Awantipora.

IGP Kashmir also appealed to the parents of the local misguided youth to come forward and help police in bringing them back as they are always welcome to return to the mainstream. He also requested parents to take note of the activities of their wards as gullible youth are falling prey to the anti-national elements through social media.

India at 86 in handling...

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Death toll crossed the 154,000 mark as 163 fresh fatalities took the total number of deaths to 154,010.

The top-ranked powers remained the US, followed by China, although America has seen a halving of its 10-point overall lead over its rival in the past two years, said the think-tank.

"Japan, India and Russia were next in the rankings list, but those three countries also suffered falls in their scores," it said.

The report warned that of all countries in the Indo-Pacific, India's economy has lost the most growth potential as a result of pandemic-inflicted damage - meaning "its position as a future peer competitor to China has become less certain".

THANKSGIVING

Thank you Holy Spirit for the Blessings. Celine.

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Farmers' demands valid, attempts to discredit them wrong: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) fully backs the ongoing protest of farmers, calling their demands valid and attempts to discredit them completely wrong.

The chief minister was responding to a tweet from an unverified account of farmer leader Rakesh Tikait in which he had thanked him for mak-



ing arrangements at the border for farmers.

"Rakesh ji, we are fully with the farmers. Your demands are valid. It is completely wrong to discredit the

farmers' movement, calling the farmers as traitors and making false cases against the farmer leaders who have been agitating peacefully for so many days," Kejriwal tweeted in

Hindi.

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia also visited the Ghazipur border, where farmers are protesting against the agri laws, to check the arrangements made by the Delhi government.

The Ghaziabad administration late Thursday night gave an ultimatum to agitating farmers to vacate the UP Gate protest site but Tikait remained adamant, saying he would commit suicide but won't end the stir.

Hundreds of Bharatiya Kisan Union members stayed put on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway early on Friday, notwithstanding the Ghaziabad administration's ultimatum to vacate the UP Gate protest site.



Police trying to control the situation during clashes between people claiming to be local villagers and farmers at the Singhu Border in New Delhi on Friday
Ranjana Dimri | Pioneer

9 farmers held for attacking cops at Burari protest site

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested nine protesting farmers for attacking one of its personnel at the Burari protest site on Thursday evening. Several farmers have been camping at DDA ground in Burari on the outskirts of the national capital since November-end against the Centre's three agri laws.

According to police, at around 7.30 pm on Thursday, some protesters came out and tried to move towards Red Fort, however, they were stopped by assistant sub-inspector Harbans Lal deployed at the main entry gate.

"The farmers then assaulted the policeman and tore his uniform. A case was registered under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at the Mukherjee Nagar Police Station against nine people," said the police official.

"The accused were protesting under the leadership of Jaskaran Singh Kahan Singh Wala of Shiromani Akali Dal (Kisan wing, Amritsar). The accused were sent to judicial custody," the senior police official added.

Police ask people to share info about R-Day violence

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Friday issued an appeal and urged people to share any evidence or information about the Republic Day violence in the national Capital.

According to the appeal by the Delhi Police, all members of the public, including media persons, who are witnesses to the incidents or have any information about the incident or have captured any activity on their mobile phones or camera, are hereby requested to come forward and give their statements/footage/picture in their possession at room number

215, second floor, Old Delhi Police Headquarters, ITO during office hours, on any working day or contact on 8750871237 or 011-23490094 or send e-mail on kisanandolanriots.26jain2021@gmail.com.

The tractor parade on Tuesday that was to highlight the demand of the protesting farmer unions for repealing the three new agriculture laws turned violent as the protesters deviated from the pre-designated routes, attacked police personnel, overturned vehicles and hoisted a religious flag on the ramparts of the iconic Red Fort.

The police issued lookout notices against farmer leaders on Thursday and announced a probe into the "conspiracy" behind the Republic Day violence.

The police have so far registered 33 FIRs in connection with the violence and issued lookout notices against 44 people, including most of the farmer leaders.



Ajay Rathi held for snatching wireless set from constable during tractor march clash

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested Ajay Rathi who had allegedly snatched a wireless set from a constable during a tractor parade by farmers at Nangloi on Republic Day.

According to the police, the accused, a resident of Haryana was previously involved in three cases lodged in the national capital in 2019.

"Following the technical surveillance and inputs, police have arrested Ajay Rathi who snatched a wireless set from Constable Sonu at Nangloi on Republic Day. The wireless set has been recovered from his possession," said A Koan, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer district.

"During interrogation, he disclosed that he was told to not follow the route and go towards Red Fort before even the tractor parade started. He was involved in the rioting in the area," said the DCP.

Delhi's border points at Tikri and Singhu remained under heavy police deployment on Friday in the aftermath of the violence that broke out during the farmers' tractor parade in the national capital on January 26, officials said.

Personnel of the Delhi Police, along with those of the paramilitary forces, have been deployed at the borders. Several roads have been closed and the traffic police has asked the commuters to take other routes.

REPUBLIC DAY VIOLENCE IN DELHI

Tharoor, 7 scribes booked in G'gram for spreading 'canards'

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

The Gurugram Police on Thursday lodged an FIR against Congress MP Shashi Tharoor and several journalists, including India Today's Rajdeep Sardesai, National Herald's Mrinal Pandey, Zafar Agha of Qaumi Awaz, The Caravan's Paresh Nath Anant Nath and Vinod K Jose for allegedly spreading misinformation on the farmers' tractor parade on January 26 in the national capital, officials said on Friday.

The FIR has been lodged under several sections, including Section 124A (sedition), 153-A (promoting enmity between groups), 153-B (deliberate and malicious act intend-

ed to outrage religious feelings), Section 505 (2) and Section 120B (criminal conspiracy) and others of the IPC at the Cyber Crime police station in Gurugram. The complaint was filed by a resident of Jharsa village in Gurugram.

The complainant alleged in his complaint that these people had spread misinformation on social media and were responsible for violence during the farmer's tractor rally on Republic Day in Delhi.

The Gurugram police have begun an investigation into the matter. The complaint alleged that these people had spread misinformation about the Farmers' tractor parade on January 26," said Karan Goel, ACP (DLF).

On January 26, the farmers protesting against the three agriculture laws took out a tractor rally led by several farmers' leaders, including Rakesh Tikait and Gurnam Singh Chadani. Clashes broke out between the police and protesters during the tractor march, in which more than 350 police personnel were injured.

On January 26, agitating farmers' had clashed with the police during the tractor rally called by farmers' organizations to highlight their demand for rollback of the three contentious farm laws.

Man held for attacking SHO with sword

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A Station House Officer (SHO) of Alipur Police station deputated at Singhu border was attacked by a man with a sword when he intervened in the clashes between protesters at Singhu border and locals. Police said that the SHO has suffered grievous injuries on his hand.

The official said police arrested Ranveer Singh, a resident of Punjab, who attacked the station house officer.

On Friday, the Alipur SHO Pradeep Paliwal was intervening in the clash between farmers and a large group of men claiming to be local residents over vacating the Singhu border protest site -- one of the hotspots for the ongoing farmers' agitation against the agri laws.

The two sides also hurled stones at each other as police fired tear gas shells and resorted to baton charge to break up the clash, an official said. "SHO Alipur, Delhi intervenes between rioting protesters (MKSC faction) and local Singhu villagers, who had gone to register their protest against the happenings on Republic Day and continued loss of ordinary livelihoods for over two months," the Delhi Police said in a tweet.

In another tweet, police said, "This is how the SHO was assaulted; he has suffered grievous injuries on his hand. Peace has been restored. Legal action is being initiated." The group claiming to be locals demanded that farmers vacate the protest site at Singhu border alleging that they had "insulted" the national flag during their tractor parade on R-Day.

IED blast outside Israel embassy

PRAMOD KUMAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Security apparatus in the highly sensitive Lutyens' Bungalow Zone went into a spin, after an 'improvised explosive device' (IED) went off near the Israeli Embassy, situated at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Road in New Delhi on Friday evening.

Police said no one was injured in the incident while some cars were damaged in the blast. The low intensity blast took place at the pavement opposite Jindal House which is three bungalows away from the Israel embassy. Police Control Room received a call around 5 minutes past 5 pm on Friday, when dignitaries including the President, Vice President and Prime Minister were present at Vijay Chowk to witness Beating the Retreat.

It was redux of February 13, 2012 when a woman diplomat of Israeli Embassy in New

Delhi was attacked by terrorists owing allegiance to an Iranian outfit. As the information pertaining to the low intensity blast was relayed on the police network, senior officials rushed to the spot and the area was cordoned off. Special Cell, the Anti terrorist unit of Delhi Police has been pressed into service to investigate the incident while National Investigation Agency (NIA) too has joined the probe. Explosive experts of National Bomb Data Center have lifted the debris from the spot for the forensic examination.

According to the preliminary investigation, a very low intensity improvised device went off on Friday at around 5 PM at Abdul Klam Road near Jindal house.

"No injury to any person was reported and nor was there any damage to property except the glass panes of three vehicles parked nearby. Initial impres-

sions suggest it could be a mischievous attempt to create a sensation," said Anil Mittal, the Additional PRO of Delhi Police. Atul Garg, Director of Delhi Fire Services (DFS) said that a call regarding the blast was received on Friday following which three fire tenders were rushed to the spot. There were no injuries and situation was brought under control.

Anti-terrorism specialists have been roped into to assist Delhi Police in carrying out a detailed investigation and unmask conspirators behind this attack, said a senior police official involved in the investigation.

Sources maintained that it could be the handiwork of Inter Services Intelligence (ISI), the rogue external spy agency of Pakistan which wants to exploit the ongoing farmers protest to revive the moribund militancy in Punjab. Security agencies are scanning the call

data records of cellphones and satellite phones that were active in the vicinity. Agencies are also sifting through the registers of the hotels, guest houses and lodges across the National Capital region to identify any suspected check in, sources added.

Later in the day, Delhi Police Commissioner SN Srivastava and Director Intelligence Bureau Arvind Kumar briefed the Union Home Minister Amit Shah about the incident. Home Minister is believed to have ordered the explosive experts of the National Security Guards (NSG) to help the Delhi Police in the ongoing investigation. Security agencies have also issued a security alert at airports and vital security and governmental establishments in the aftermath of the blast near Israel Embassy here and security has already been augmented, they said.

UP Govt's step to stop drinking water is condemnable: Sisodia

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia said the Uttar Pradesh Government's oppressive measure to stop drinking water and electricity facilities for the farmers at the Ghazipur Border is highly condemnable.

Sisodia along with Water Minister Satyendar Jain and MLA and Delhi Jal Board Vice Chairman Raghav Chadha visited the Ghazipur Border on Friday to take a stock of the water, toilet and other arrangements.

"It is for the first time in history that nation loving Sikh community is branded as traitors by the people in the central government under the pressure from their 'capitalist friends'.

The BJP government at the Centre is ignoring the

plight of the millions of farmers to accommodate few capitalists of the country. That is the reason it has resorted to repressive techniques to crush the farmers' protest," he said.

Sisodia said that instead of blaming farmers for the violence, the central government should pay heed to farmers' interest and roll back all the three unjust farm laws.

The deputy chief minister mentioned that on the request of farmer leader Rakesh Tikait, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal directed authorities to set up drinking water and toilet facilities for the farmers at the protest site.

On the other hand, Jain said that the BJP is stopping the basic facilities like water, food, toilet and others.

Adding to this, Chadha said that the farmers of our country are not terrorists or

traitors so BJP must stop such dirty politics. Chadha said that the BJP has also stopped langar service of Kejriwal government and deliberately suspended internet so that the Wi-Fi service provided by us does not work.

Hundreds of Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) members stayed put on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway on Friday, notwithstanding the Ghaziabad administration's ultimatum to vacate the UP Gate protest site.

More farmers are joining in from western Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, following an emotional appeal made by Tikait, who has defiantly held his ground.

Tension prevailed at the protest site throughout Thursday as police and paramilitary forces in anti-riot gear conducted flag marches on either side of it.

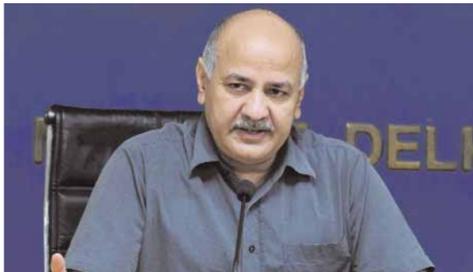
Schools to reopen for Classes 9 & 11 from Feb 5

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Schools will be reopened in the national capital for Class 9th and 11th students from February 5, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Friday.

Sisodia also announced reopening of degree colleges, polytechnics and ITIs. The deputy chief minister directed the officials to ensure safety for the students and proper sanitization of the entire school premises.

The deputy CM said that schools and colleges are being reopened so that students can prepare better for their practicals and internal assessments. He said that masks and sanitizers should be available in the school premises and social dis-



tancing norms should be followed.

"It is important to provide support and guidance to the students for them to prepare well for the exams. That is why the decision to reopen the schools was taken so that the students can attend the school with their parental consent

and get gradually involved in the learning process," he said.

Sisodia said that it will not be possible to compensate for the learning loss due to the pandemic but it is important to utilize the remaining time in this academic year.

Directorate of Education (DOE) has also issued exami-

nation instructions for Class 9th and 11th. For Class 11th, practicals, projects and internal assessments etc will be conducted at the school level from 1st March 2021.

"It is advised to the schools that they may conduct these assessments before the commencement of annual examinations. Midterm examinations may be conducted from 20th March to 15th April 2021, tentatively from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm in all the schools," he said.

Assessment of internal grades should also be done prior to the commencement of annual examinations, he said, adding that question papers for annual examinations will be set up covering all the reduced syllabus which is uploaded on DOE's website.

Committees for bye-elections to the 5 MCD wards, slated for 28 February.

Meanwhile, Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar on Friday appointed the Scrutiny Committees for bye-elections to the five wards of the Municipal Corporations

Gurugram Police arrests 42 proclaimed offenders, 22 criminals in 3 months

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

Following a crackdown on proclaimed offenders/bail jumpers and wanted criminals, the Gurugram Police's Proclaimed Offender (PO) staff and Crime Branch units claimed to have arrested 42 proclaimed offender/bail jumpers and 22 wanted criminals over the last three months from November 2020 to January 2021.

According to the police, the Haryana government had also fixed a bounty from Rs 5,000 to 1 lakh on these wanted criminals.

"Among the apprehended proclaimed offenders/bail jumpers, many of them were evading their arrest 25 to 30 years. These offenders were arrested by the Gurugram police PO staff led by Sub-Inspector Janaluddin Khan," said Deepak Saharan, DCP (west).

He said that a special drive was initiated against these criminals on the direction of Gurugram Police commissioner K K Rao.

"We identified such offenders by collecting data from courts, informers and other inputs to

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keep an eye on the movements and activities of the criminals and anti-social elements. We believe such elements can be a threat for the city and disrupt law and order situation or execute any crime," said Janaluddin Khan, Incharge PO staff west zone.

Khan informed the PO staff gathering information about other absconding culprits.

He said that such operations against the POs, bail jumpers and as well as other dreaded culprits will be continued in future to further ensure a sense of security and safety among the people.

AAP kickstarts preparation for MCD bypoll

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak on Friday said that the AAP has kickstarted the preparation for the MCD by-elections and its cadres are

already in the field. Durgesh Pathak held a review meeting to assign various responsibilities to different office bearers.

He said that the AAP is fully prepared to defeat the corrupt BJP in these elections and committed to providing

relief to the citizens of Delhi.

The AAP leader said that the BJP has looted the citizens of Delhi through the MCDs for the last 15 years and now the people of Delhi have decided to throw BJP out of MCD.

DPCC president Ch. Anil Kumar appoints Scrutiny

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of Delhi.

"These committees will interact with the prospective candidates for the bye-elections from these five wards and shortlist the names from each ward after scrutiny, to be submitted to the Delhi Congress by 1 February, 2021," he said.

CIABC welcomes Govt step to overhaul sales of alcohol in State

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC), the apex body of Indian alcoholic beverage industry on Friday welcomed the initiative by the Delhi Government to overhaul the sales & distribution of alcohol in the State.

It also welcomed progressive suggestions such as lowering of age bar for drinking, reduction in dry days, and opening up of more retail shops. "We applaud this bold initiative, and the methodical consultative manner that it is being

conducted in. We totally agree with the objectives and overall direction. At the same time, we have requested the Government to make some changes so as to ensure smooth transition, minimize disruption and prevent negative fall outs," says Vinod Giri, the Director General of CIABC.



Three farm laws remedy for farmers: Survey



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Amid farmers' protests, which entered the 64th day on Friday, the Economic Survey 2020-21 termed the three agricultural reform laws as a "remedy", building a case for its acceptance among the farm community that has strongly opposed it.

According to the survey, the agricultural reforms would enable farmers to sell where they get the "best deal" and thereby, allow competition, an essential condition for the welfare of the small farmer. The Economic Survey said that the Centre's recent reforms in the agricultural markets will enable the creation of "One India, One market" and offer more opportunities to farmers.

"The newly introduced farm laws herald a new era of market freedom which can go a long way in the improvement of farmer welfare in India," the Economic Survey said in the chapter on agriculture and food management titled 'recent agricultural reforms: a remedy, not a malady'. The government had earlier proposed to the agitating farmers unions to defer the implementation of the new laws by one-and-a-half years. The talks between the Government and farmers

broke down as both the sides were adamant on their previous stands.

"The three agricultural reform legislations are designed and intended primarily for the benefit of small and marginal farmers which constitute around 85 per cent of the total number of farmers and are the biggest sufferer of the regressive APMC regulated market regime," the Survey said.

Farmers have been camping on the outskirts of the national capital demanding a repeal of the three laws—Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, and Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020 and Farm Services and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020. The survey highlights the benefits of the farm reforms through three bills.

In the section of benefit of farm reforms, the survey said that the new farm laws will empower farmers in their engagement with processors, wholesalers, aggregators, large retailers and provide a level-playing field. Defending the three farm laws, the survey said that the farmers in India have suffered from various

Indian aviation sector to reach pre-Covid level soon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Economic Survey 2020-21 predicted that air passenger travel and aircraft movements are predicted to reach pre-Covid-19 levels in early 2021 as a result of swift and decisive interventions and effective measures put in place by the Government. The Economic Survey 2020-21, which was tabled in Parliament on Friday said that Indian aviation market was among the biggest in the world and domestic airlines had begun to see a recovery in passenger traffic.

"Despite the severe challenges posed by COVID-19, the Indian aviation industry has persevered through the crisis and demonstrated long-term resilience and full commitment to serve," the survey said. The survey made a special mention of the Vande Bharat Mission, the repatriation exercise that was launched on May 7 to evacuate stranded Indians from



across the world. "It has thus reported over 30 lakhs passenger arrivals by 13 December 2020, with over 27 lakhs facilitated through chartered flights and Air India Group, making it the largest evacuation mission in human history," the survey said.

According to the Survey, the turnaround can be attributed to a number of steps put in place including ensuring 24x7 operations of cargo terminal facilities, with suitable health safety measures, incentivising early clearance of air cargo warehouses at airports to leave clear passage for essential shipments and international medical and person-

al protection equipment essentials being made available. The Survey adds that despite the severe challenges posed by COVID-19, the aviation industry persevered through the crisis and demonstrated long-term resilience.

Domestic passenger flights remained suspended between March 25 and May 24 last year due to the pandemic. When domestic flying started on May 25, airlines were allowed to operate only 33 per cent of their pre-COVID flights. Currently, domestic airlines are allowed to operate up to 80 per cent of their pre-COVID flights.

restrictions in marketing their produce. There were restrictions for farmers in selling agri-produce outside the notified APMC market yards. The farmers were also restricted to sell the produce only to registered licensees of the State Governments

The survey noted that long queues of farmers waiting, most often, in the hot sun to sell their produce with limited ability to take their produce elsewhere even if the

price is higher in an other mandi is a characteristic feature of APMC mandis. "The delays result in large post-harvest losses to the tune of 4-6 per cent in cereals and pulses, 7-12 per cent in vegetables and 6-18 per cent in fruits. Total post-harvest losses were estimated at Rs 44,000 crores at 2009 wholesale prices," it said.

Several Economic Surveys have expressed concern at functioning of the APMCs

and the fact that they sponsor monopolies. Specifically, Economic Surveys for the years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2016-17, 2019-20 focused on the reforms required in this context," the survey said.

On the MSP, the survey said that "The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced that MSPs would be kept at the level of 1.5 times of the cost of production.

On the basis of the above-

Modi weakening India by attacking farmers: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday hit out at the Centre over the farmers' protest against the new farm laws, with former party president Rahul Gandhi alleging that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was "weakening" India by "attacking" them.

At a Press conference, Rahul said the only solution to the farmers' issue was throwing the new agri laws in the "waste paper basket" and warned that if not resolved, the agitation will spread to other parts of the country. In a no-holds-barred attack at the Centre, Rahul accused the government of trying to intimidate and discredit the farmers, using the National Investigation Agency. Earlier in the day Congress 16 Opposition parties also boycotted the customary joint session of Presidential address ahead of the Budget session of the Parliament.

"It is very obvious that the farmers are very agitated because the Government is destroying their livelihood. It is destroying the livelihood of our labourers and it is going to give the middle class a shock in the coming times because the



prices of food are going to skyrocket," said Rahul who has been everyday attacking the Modi government in support of the protesting farmers.

"What is being done to the farmers is absolutely criminal. You (Government) are beating them, you are threatening them, you are bullying them, you are trying to discredit them," he said. The Government needs to talk to the farmers and provide a solution to them, he said. Rahul asserted that the only solution is repealing these laws and "putting the laws into the waste paper basket".

"The Government must not think that the farmers are going back home. They are not going home and my concern is that this situation is going to spread. We do not need this situation to spread, we need a conversation with farmers and we need a solution," he said further.

Responding to a question, he said the farmers' movement

is going to spread to other states and cannot be suppressed. The whole issue is not just about farmers and this will go from farmers to workers to urban areas and slums, he added.

Asked about the Republic Day violence, he said, "Who allowed the farmers to enter the Red Fort; is it not the home ministry's job to stop them from doing so?"

As the farmers' protest at Ghazipur border in Ghaziabad got a new lease of life, Congress alongwith Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) rallied support for the movement and slammed the BJP over the contentious farm laws. While SP president Akhilesh Yadav threw his party's weight behind the farmers' movement and hit out at the BJP for "torturing" the peasants and levelling "false accusations" against them, BSP supremo Mayawati demanded immediate repeal of the new agri laws and its "dilly-dallying" approach on matters of public interest.

Congress Uttar Pradesh unit chief Ajay Kumar Lallu reached the Ghazipur border to express solidarity with the farmers' movement.

Rahul instigating violence: Irani

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday condemned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for what it described as a "call for violence" by him.

Addressing a Press conference here, Union Minister and



BJP leader Smriti Irani alleged that Rahul has "declared war on the people of the country".

"His call of violence will be met with sustained peace", announced Irani.

She said injury to 300 Delhi policemen or journalists did not evoke sympathy of Rahul.

The BJP leader said Rahul instigated violence and challenged administration. "This has exposed his face", she said

On taking action against Rahul, Irani said "he wants action against himself so he becomes a martyr."

CBI files case against Custom officials, 5 for gold smuggling

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case on a complaint from Principal Commissioner of Customs, Ahmedabad against five private persons and two Superintendents of Customs, Air Intelligence Unit, SVP International Airport, Ahmedabad on the allegations that some unscrupulous persons were indulging in smuggling of gold in the form of paste and also 24 carat pure gold jewellery from abroad through the airport by engaging carriers.

It was further alleged that the private persons in connivance with two then Superintendents of Customs, had indulged in smuggling of gold chains, gold bars and other goods in commercial quantities running into crores of rupees through the airport, the CBI said.

Searches were conducted at the residential and official premises of the accused and investigation is continuing, the CBI said.

Those named in the FIR are Superintendents of Customs Somnath Chaudhary and Sajeet Kumar and private persons Sajahan Jahangir, Shahidul Jahangir, Mohammad Sarfaraj Mohammad Sharif Mansuri, Shamim and Mohammad Azam.

Defence Budget fully utilised, confirms Economic Survey

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With tension persisting at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) for the last nine months and the armed forces on full alert, the Economic Survey on Friday said the allocated capital Budget for defence was fully utilised. In fact, the entire allocation was consumed. In fact, this was the trend since 2016-17, reversing the previous trends of surrendering of unutilised funds, it said.

The capital allocation for 2020-21 was ₹ 1,18,555 crores and the overall budget allocation for defence was ₹ 4,71,378 crores including civil estimates and pension. The allocated budget for the last fiscal was ₹ 40,367.71 crore over the budget estimates of 2019-20.

The capital funds prior to 2016-17 used to be returned to the Government due to under-utilisation. The reasons for this were long procurement process and delays in finalising deals in time during the financial year.

The nearly complete utilization in 2020-21 was due to the armed forces opting for emergency procurements to shore up their operational readiness due to the situation at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh. At present, the entire 4,000km LAC is under the watch of the armed forces.

Army Chief General M M Naravane had said on June 12 that last year 38 deals inked through emergency and fast



track route worth about ₹ 5,000 crore and in addition, capital procurements worth over ₹ 13,000 crores were concluded.

The Economic Survey said the focus now was on giving a push to indigenisation and the Defence Public Sector Undertaking's (DPSU) and Ordnance Factories (OF) were increasing the indigenous content in the equipment's and products manufactured by them.

"The indigenous content (Degree of Indigenisation) as on March 31, 2020 was 74.56%", it stated.

On efforts to boost private sector participation in domestic defence manufacturing, it said as a policy, DPSUs and OFs have been outsourcing many of their

requirements and "the value of outsourcing in terms of value of production for the FY 2019-20 stands at 41.70%".

Also, during the past few years a wide vendor base has been developed that includes a large number of medium and small-scale enterprises and large scale industries, the Survey noted. Exports from Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), DPSUs and the private sector (based on authorization issued by Department of Defence Production (DDP) have increased from ₹ 4,682 crore in 2017-18 to ₹ 9,116 crore in 2019-20, the survey said.

The report said since opening of defence sector for private sector participation in 2001, so far 44 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals and Joint Ventures have been approved for manufacture of various defence equipment, both in public and private sectors.

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Dy. CSTE/M, Metro Railway Kolkata for & on behalf of The President of India invites e-Tenders against Open Tender due to open on 02.03.2021 at 15.30 hrs. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Name of work : Shifting, Relocation, Laying of Signalling and Telecommunication cable for Heavy Repair and Rehabilitation of Metro Railway tunnel in Section KRSN-KMDI (from 10.2 Km to 11.2 Km). Tender Value : Rs. 54,54,040/- . Completion Period : 12 (Twelve) months. The tender can be viewed at Website <https://www.ireps.gov.in> The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-Tender.
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION
General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 21.01.2021 at Red Light Nanak Piyao Gurudwara near CC Colony Park, Delhi Footpath in the area of P.S. Model Town, Delhi.** Dead Body has been preserved in BJRM, Hospital mortuary for identification. In this regard DD No. 18A dated 21.01.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Model Town, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:
Name: Unknown, Age: About 40-45 Years, Height: 5'2", Face: Long, Built: Thin, Complexion: Black, Wearing: Sky Blue Shirt, orange Lower, Red, White and black lining sweater and brown colour cap.
If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.
SHO
Police Station Model Town, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27456072, 8750870230
DP/637/NW/2021

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr. PC)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Suraj S/o Sh. Kishor Kumar R/o D-510, Astha Vihar, Prem Nagar, Rohini, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 73/19 u/s 376/363 IPC & 06 POC SO Act PS: Prem Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Suraj** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Suraj** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Suraj of FIR No. 73/19 u/s 376/363 IPC & 06 POC SO Act PS: Prem Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.03.2021.
By order
Ms. Raj Rani,
Additional Session Judge-04,
Special Judge: POC SO Act
Room No 203, Rohini Courts,
New Delhi
DP/644/RD/2021

Virtual varsities to come up soon in India: Nishank

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday said that the Education Ministry is working towards conceptualising virtual universities. Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank said that the Government will soon take necessary steps to establish virtual universities in the country as these universities will help in achieving the desired gross enrollment ratio (GER) in higher education as envisaged in National Education Policy.

While chairing a review meeting of the implementation of NEP, Nishank directed all the concerned Ministries and agencies to speed up the works to ensure seamless implementation of the NEP

and sought suggestions from the stakeholders on establishment of the virtual universities.

The Education Minister also suggested that the National Education Technology Forum should be seeded in UGC India and All India Council For Technical Education (AICTE) and it should start work immediately in this ambitious project of virtual universities necessitated at the backdrop of pandemic circumstances. "The Online and virtual education in the last session conducted by all institutions to regularise the education system even during Covid times made the Government to expedite formation of virtual universities," said a senior Education Ministry official.

MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LTD.
Praskashgad, 1st Floor, Plot No.9, Station Road, Bandra (E), Mumbai- 400 051.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/13- 2020-21
Tender under Two Bid System in prescribed format on MSETCL's e-Tendering System <https://srmctender.mahatransco.in> is invited for supply of following:
Tender No. / Tender Title Estimated Amount in Rs. Lakhs Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SPT/0501/0121 [RFx:5000000901] Procurement of 400kV, 125MVAR 3-φ Bus Shunt Reactors (2 Nos.) and 400kV, 50MVAR, 3-φ Line Shunt Reactors (3 Nos.) alongwith New Uninhibited Naphthenic Based High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil for Schemes under EHV PC O&M Zone, Amravati, Aurangabad and Nagpur. Tender Fee in Rs. Rs. 3051.24 25.02.2021 upto 15:00 Hrs. 25,000.00 25.02.2021 at 16:00 Hrs.
Item Code Description Qty. in No.
500015083 400kV, 125MVAR, 3-φ Bus Shunt Reactor alongwith Surge Arrestor and New Uninhibited Naphthenic Based High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil. 2
500006852 400kV, 50MVAR, 3-φ Bus Shunt Reactor alongwith Surge Arrestor and New Uninhibited Naphthenic Based High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil. 3
Contact Person : Executive Engineer (St.V) Tel, No. 022-26474211 Extn. 3668 /3669 e-Mail:- edtrans@mahatransco.in adeegrp@mahatransco.in
Kindly note the Item(s) indicated above and arrange to get registered for the same well in advance, if not registered already before due date of submission of the Bid.
NOTE:- MSETCL SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NON-SUBMISSION OF THE BID DUE TO EXPIRED / INVALID DIGITAL SIGNATURE. BIDDERS HAVE TO GET THEIR DIGITAL SIGNATURE RENEWED BEFORE ITS DUE DATE WELL IN ADVANCE TO AVOID NON-SUBMISSION OF BID ON PORTAL.
Tender Fee (Non Refundable) of Rs. 25,000/- excluding Service Charges and GST is to be paid online through MSETCL's e-Tendering System <https://srmctender.mahatransco.in> for purchasing the Tender.
Mumbai - 400 051 DGIPR/2020/2021/2099 Sd/- Executive Director (Trans.)

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is in continuation of this office Tender notice/Public Notice published in the newspaper dated 16.01.2021. No contractor present.
It is brought to the kind notice that sanction for engagement of one personnel for courier services through outsourcing policy, in the office of the Jt. Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Gurugram (Range), has been accorded by the Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Haryana, Panchkula As per Haryana Govt Instruction, tender for engagement of one personnel through outsourcing policy is hereby invited to call for dated 11.02.2021. All the outsourcing contractors who fulfill the terms and conditions as prescribed by the Haryana Govt will submit their quotations/tenders till dated 11.02.2021 at 2.00 PM in the office of the undersigned situated at "C-1, Tower-1, Infocity-I, Sector 34, Gurugram OR through email i.e. jetcrg@gmail.com". The tender will be opened on the same day i.e. 11.02.2021.
Jt. Excise & Taxation Commissioner Gurugram (Range)
RO NO. 1587

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Sachin, S/o: Ram Gopal, R/o: Jhuggi No. 9, EE Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Aged: 17 years**, has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of PS Jahangir Puri, Delhi since 11.08.2020. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 371/2020 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 14.08.2020, has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:
Sachin
Height: 5' Feet, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Clothing: White and Black Colour Checkdar Shirt, Blue Colour Capry and Hawaii Chappal in feet.
Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/ kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Jahangir Puri, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
S.H.O
P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27631600
DP/623/NW/2021.

Ex-Bengal Min quits TMC, may join BJP

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Hours before Union Home Minister Amit Shah was to embark on his two-day pre-electoral visit of Bengal former State Minister Rajib Banerjee on Friday quit as a primary member of the ruling Trinamool Congress stoking speculations that he was joining the BJP during Shah's rally in Howrah.

Banerjee who also quit as a TMC MLA on Friday carried along with him a photograph of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who he described as a "mother figure to me who gave me so much of opportunity to serve the people of Bengal."

Banerjee, like his former ministerial colleague Suwendu Adhikari had been speaking in a rebellious tone criticizing the way the Government and the party had been functioning all these years and the way the "corrupt sidekicks of the top party brass" always got the front bench in the hierarchy.

"I do hereby tender my resignation as a member of the All

India Trinamool Congress as well as from all other positions held by me in the party and its associates with immediate effect," Banerjee, who had stepped down from the state cabinet last week, wrote in his resignation letter to the Chief Minister.

"I have resigned as MLA of the State Assembly and submitted my resignation letter to the Speaker," he said thanking "party president Mamata Banerjee for providing me with an opportunity to serve the masses."

Dropping hints about his future plans Banerjee who has strong possibilities of joining the BJP in presence of Shah said "I want to remain in the politics in order to serve the people and in parliamentary democracy you cannot do so as an independent candidate... so I will have to find a political platform for myself under which I can work for the people of my constituency and the State."

On whether he was joining the BJP he said "I gave myself some time after quitting the

Cabinet... now I have decided something and that decision I will make known in a couple of days," adding however that he had yet to speak to the BJP leadership. Banerjee is the third minister after Adhikari and Laxmi Ratan Shukla to quit the Government and the party.

Banerjee is among a bevy of TMC MLAs from North and South Bengal and an MP have left the party in the past couple of months or so. Apart from him two other MLAs including Baishali Dalmiya --- the daughter of former BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya --- who was last week expelled from the TMC and Hooghly MLA Prabir Ghoshal are also likely to join the BJP in Shah's presence sources said.

A third leader Rathin Chakrabarty the former Howrah Mayor too is likely to join the saffron outfit along with his other party colleagues though the BJP sources remained tightlipped about the new joining in that party.

When asked about the

TMC leaders joining the saffron outfit in presence of Shah a senior State BJP leader said "there are a number of them who will join us" in the Home Minister's presence.

The Home Minister who has visited poll-bound Bengal on several occasions in the recent months is likely to begin his two-day tour from Mayapur Chandrodaya Temple of International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) on Saturday before addressing the Matua community at a public rally at Thakurnagar in North 24 Parganas district.

Erstwhile refugees from Bangladesh the Matua community has more than one million members and it can influence the voting pattern of North and South 24 Parganas as also Nadia and parts of Burdwam. During the visit, Shah is expected to clear his party's stand on the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) as local BJP MP from Matua community Shantanu Thakur had repeatedly been raising the issue.

Later on Saturday Shah will address the social media volunteers at Science City Auditorium in Kolkata.

On Sunday he is likely to visit Sri Aurobindo Bhawan in Kolkata and then to Bharat Sevashram Sangha on Rash Behari Avenue in South Kolkata. Shah was earlier scheduled to visit Ishwar Chandra Vidya Sagar's residence but the programme was later dropped following reports that the TMC supporters were planning to show black flags there, sources said. On Sunday he will also address a public rally at Dumurjola in Howrah before paying a visit to Ramakrishna Mission headquarters, Belur Math.

Meanwhile, with an apparent view to gauge the party legislators' minds the Chief Minister on Friday called a closed-door meeting of the TMC MPs and MLAs at her Kalighat residence where she reportedly disclosed the party's poll strategy asking them to hit the streets from February.

Ram Temple funds may be 'swindled', claims Maha Cong

Mumbai: Questioning the manner in which funds are being collected door-to-door for the Ram Temple construction in Ayodhya, the Maharashtra Congress on Friday warned that it may be "swindled" off by the unscrupulous elements.

"Given the background of the Bharatiya Janata Party and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the money collected in the name of Lord Ram may be siphoned off by its activists for their personal use instead of the Ayodhya Temple," said Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant.

Addressing a media conference, Sawant said that earlier the BJP and its affiliates have already raised huge amounts for the Ram Temple, but no accounts have been given about it yet.

Besides, urging the masses to take adequate precautions before donating money out of devotion for Lord Ram, he also called upon the Maharashtra government to enquire and verify if the funds collected from the state go for the intended purpose.

"The Nirmohi Akhada, which fought the Ram Temple case for many years, had accused the Vishwa Hindu Parishad of looting Rs 1,400 crore. In 2015, the All India Hindu Mahasabha (AIHM) had charged VHP with embezzling Rs 1,400 crore plus several quintals of gold and a complaint was lodged with the Prime Minister's Office on August 4, 2017," said Sawant.

CBI raids PC Sorcar Junior's residence

Kolkata: In a new twist to the chit fund case the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday carried out raids at the Kolkata residences of renowned magician PC Sorcar Junior. The Central agency is reportedly investigating Sorcar's connection with the Tower Group ponzi group.

The CBI team raided four premises including the magician's Mukundapur and Ballygunge houses sources said adding the Agency had found transaction links between the two sides whereby funds had been transferred to his bank account from the chit fund company.

"The magician allegedly signed a business deal with the company years ago, and today's search operation was carried out to examine the deal as well as the transaction between him and the chit fund company," a CBI official said adding some documents had also been seized in this connection.

Sources said the fund traced to his bank account could be the fees for the works he did for the chit fund group as a brand ambassador. The family members however remained tightlipped about the Friday raids.

The star magician had been a BJP member and fought parliamentary elections from Barasat constituency on saffron ticket. **PNS**

Health Ministry issues guidelines to States, UTs to ensure no wastage of Covid vaccines

New Delhi: To ensure that there is no wastage of Covid-19 vaccines, the Union Health Ministry on Friday asked the States to cover frontline workers from next month also besides health-care personnel who were already getting the jab in the first phase of the national vaccination drive which was kicked off from January 16.

The Ministry has issued detailed guidelines to the States and Union Territories to ensure that there is no wastage of Covid-19 vaccines and for that purpose, the vaccinators at the session sites have been allowed to add additional beneficiaries, apart from the 100 scheduled for the day, in case they do not turn

up. A total of 33,68,734 beneficiaries (till 7 pm on Friday) were vaccinated through 62,939 sessions, as per the provisional report. At least 4,40,681 beneficiaries were vaccinated, the fourteenth day of nationwide COVID-19 vaccination.

The government has been urging healthcare workers, including doctors and nurses, not to hesitate to get vaccinated against COVID-19, stressing that it is their social responsibility to get inoculated.

The database of frontline workers is being updated by states and UTs in collaboration with the respective line ministries. As on date, the database of more than 61 lakh frontline

workers has been uploaded on Co-WIN portal. In a letter to the States and Union Territories, Health Ministry Additional Secretary Manohar Agnani said the database of frontline workers is being updated by states and UTs in collaboration with the respective line ministries.

Meanwhile, India's latest daily count of cases of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) witnessed a sharp spike as 18,855 new infections took the country's tally to 10,720,048, the Union Health Ministry data revealed on Friday. This was 7,200 higher infections reported a previous day when the country had reported 11,666 cases. **PNS**

Local train services in Mumbai to resume for all from Feb 1

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

More than ten months after it suspended the suburban train services in the metropolis and its suburbs, the Maharashtra Government on Friday allowed the resumption of suburban locals for all categories of people in Mumbai and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), from February 1.

In identical letters written to the Chief General Managers of Central and Western Railways, the State chief Secretary Sanjay Kumar requested both the Railways to resume local trains with effect from February 1, to all categories of the public - from the start of services for the day to 7 am and then again from 12 pm to 4 pm, and from 9 pm to the closure of local train services for the day with effect from February 1, 2021.

"The local train services will be restricted to the essential services staff only as is being permitted currently from 7 am to 12 noon and from 4 pm to 9 pm," Kumar stated in his letters to the chief GMs of the Central and Western Railway. It may be recalled that the Central and Western Railways,

which had suspended all their suburban train services in the third week of March last year following the announcement of lockdown, resumed operations for those working in essential services from June 15 last year.

The services were gradually increased for the convenience of passengers and to avoid crowding and to maintain social distancing. From October 17, it allowed all ladies to travel by suburban trains for a specified number of hours during a day in Mumbai and Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR)

During normal times before the lockdown, the Central Railway (CR) used to operate 1,774 services daily, while the Western Railway (WR) would run 1,367 services on the suburban network. Currently, the railway authorities are operating 2,985 services, about 95 per cent of the total 3141 services, on Mumbai's suburban network. Of these, 204 special suburban services were added on Friday morning.

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Continuing its crackdown on the drug peddlers operating in the metropolis and surrounding areas, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Mumbai carried out a series of raids in Navi Mumbai and recovered huge quantities of different kinds of banned narcotics and arrested three peddlers.

During its various raids, the NCB also unearthed a novel modus operandi of the peddlers procuring LSD - a powerful hallucinogenic drug - through the Dark Net for their customers. During the raids during a period over 48 hours, the NCB sleuths seized 336 Blots of LSD (commercial quantity), 6 grams Cocaine and 430 gms Marijuana at Nerul in Navi Mumbai.

The NCB identified the three arrested alleged drug peddlers as Arbaaz Shaikh, Vineet Chandran and Suraj Singh. While Shaikh and Chandran were intercepted in a Chevrolet Beat car and arrested late on Wednesday. Based on the inputs given by Vineet and Chandran, the NCB arrested Singh late on

NCB seizes 336 blots of LSD, other drugs, arrests 3 peddlers

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Thursday. Singh's arrest followed seizure of drugs. Three drug peddlers who are said to be running a thriving network in Navi Mumbai since long have been arrested. They are: Arbaaz Shaikh, Vineet Chandran and Suraj Singh, said NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede.

Shaikh and Chandran were intercepted in a Chevrolet Beat car late on Wednesday and after their interrogation, Singh was nabbed late on Thursday, with the total quantities recovered from them. Since the NCB entered into the Bollywood-narcotics mafia probe in a big way as a fallout of the death probe of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput in June 2020, it has gone hammer-and-tongs after drug suppliers, financiers, agents and street peddlers besides customers, in Mumbai, Thane, Palghar and Navi Mumbai. The NCB registered two drugs cases in the wake of the investigations launched by the CBI into the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput in June last year upon the directive issued by the Supreme Court.

Raj will become hub of petrochemicals industries: Minister

Jaipur: Industries Minister Parasadi Lal Meena said that Rajasthan Government is working with a multi-pronged approach to provide a favourable environment to the investors in the State.

With our efforts, Rajasthan will grow into a major hub for petrochemicals products, he said. Through extensive policy reforms and simplification of rules, we have made the path of investment easier.

There are unprecedented possibilities of investment and employment opportunities in the state through the Petroleum Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR) being developed in the area adjoining the Rajasthan Refinery.

BJP has soft corner toward CPM: Rahul

KOCHI: Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi who represents Wayanad in the Lok Sabha refuted the charges made by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan that Central probe agencies were harassing honest officers in the State by questioning and arresting them on flimsy grounds.

Addressing leaders and workers of the Congress-led United Democratic Front at Kalpetta late Thursday evening, the Nehru-Gandhi family scion said the Central agencies (Enforcement Directorate, CBI, DRI and Customs) were having a relaxed time in Kerala. "This is because the BJP at the Centre has a soft corner towards the CPI(M). The Central probe agencies are having a relaxed time in Kerala while they were tormenting and harassing leaders in States where the opposition was in power," charged Rahul Gandhi addressing the UDF delegates in what was being seen as the launching of his election campaign in Kerala. "BJP used central probe agencies like the CBI and the ED to harass leaders in States where the Opposition was in power. **PNS**

Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender
No. SSA/Spl.Trang/Procurement/04/333/2020/4133 Date: 27.01.2021
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites re-tender through e-Tendering process from reputed manufacturer/authorised dealer of manufacturer of water purifier for supply of Supply and installation of water purifier. To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves. The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

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

Janasanyog/CF/4255/20

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI.
4th Floor Jeevan Tara Building Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001.
OA NO 1081/19
DATE: 19.01.2021
AXIS BANK LTD. ...APPLICANT
VERSUS
MR. RAJESH LAMBA & ORS. ...RESPONDENT

TO, DEFENDANT
3, DSD HOMES PVT. LTD. G-4 Sachdeva Corporate Tower 17 D.D.A. Community Center Karkardooma Delhi-92
Also At: CP, GH-05B Tech Zone-IV Greater Noida West Gautam Budh Nagar UP

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has / have instituted a case for recovery of of Rs 29,60,799/- (RUPEE TWENTY NINE LAKH SIXTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY NINE ONLY) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 18.05.2021 At 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of the Tribunal

For Registrar DRT-II, Delhi

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OFFICE OF Principal Chief Materials Manager
Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001
Mail ID : salenr365@gmail.com

No. 117/S/Auction Programme/Sale/2020-21 Date: 29.01.2021

Corrigendum in Auction Program of Northern Railway

Following extra/amended dates and time of the auction program for the month of February & March 2021 will be as under:

SNo.	Depots	Existing Date	Amended/Extra date for e-auction
1.	DY.CMM/JUDW 01732-252388	27.02.2021	26.02.2021
2.	DY.CMM/JUDW 01732-252388	11.03.2021	12.03.2021
3.	DY.CMM/AMV 0522-2154257	11.03.2021	10.03.2021

Sno.	Division	Existing Time	Amended time for e-auction
1.	Sr.DMM/MB 0591-2413141	11:00 AM	12:00 AM
2.	Sr.DMM/FZR 01632-244154	11:00 AM	12:00 AM
3.	Sr.DMM/LKO 0522-2234756	11:00 AM	10:00 AM
4.	Sr.DMM/DLI 011-23365311	11:00 AM	14:00 PM
5.	Sr.DMM/UMB 0171-2611203	11:00 AM	10:00 AM

All other auction dates advised earlier will remain same. For further details regarding e-auction please visit Railway website 'www.ireps.gov.in.'

(Perhad Singh)
Dy. CMM/S&P
221/2021

For Principal Chief Materials Manager
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001
O.A. No.900/2019
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA..... Applicant
Versus
BRAHM PAL SINGH & ANR..... Defendant

To, (Defendant No.01) MR. BRAHM PAL SINGH, S/o. Sh. Samai Singh, Sole Proprietor of M/s. Harsh Ceremic BG-2/8B, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063. Also at: BG-5, 26-C, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063. (Defendant No.02) MS. BALA SINGH, W/o. Mr. Brahm Pal Singh, BG-2/8B, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 Also at: BG-5, 26-C, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063.

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs.77,29,363/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three 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 Hon'ble Tribunal on 10.03.2021 at 10:30 A.M. (for further details kindly visit DRT Website: www.drttribunal.gov.in Phone Number 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 "Cisico 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.23748473.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 15th January of 2021. Respondent may contact under mention Phone number for further enquiry. Mr. Amit K. Dar, Ld. Registrar, DRT-I, New Delhi. Phone No.: 011-23748473, E-mail : drt1delhi-dfs@nic.in.

By Order of this Tribunal,
For Registrar

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Shilpa D/o Vishwa Nath Khemka R/o A-4/35, Sec-15, Rohini, Delhi has been missing since 10.01.2021 from the jurisdiction of P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi. In this regard a case vide GD No. 51A dated 11.01.2021 has been lodged at Police Station K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

SHILPA
Age: 35 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Build: Normal, Identification: Mentally disturb
Wearing: Multicolour Sweater and leggings.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi at E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

SHO : P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi
Rohini Distt., Delhi
Ph. No. 011-27571162, 27571171

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Namely:** Sonu, Age: about 30 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Hair: Short Black, Identification: A Cut Mark under left eye, Wearing: Red colour Hoody and Grey colour payjama has been found dead in the jurisdiction of P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi on 18.01.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 53A dated 18.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO : P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi
Rohini Distt., Delhi
Tel. No. 011-27061294, 27061295

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Surajpal, S/o: Sh. Chandu, R/o: H.No. Y-1251, Street No. 1, Adarsh Enclave, Prem Nagar II, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 17.12.2020 at 01:00 pm. from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 53A, dated 20.12.2020 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped person is as under:

Age: 65 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'4", Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, ID Mark: Mentally weak, Wearing: Light brown colour checked shirt, brown colour half sleeve jacket, brown colour pant and black colour slipper in his feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639

SHO : P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi
Mob.: 8750870322

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Manoj, S/o Ram Kumar, R/o: B-457, K Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 308/2020 U/s 380/411/34 IPC dated 20.08.2020, registered at P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued (unexecuted), stating that the said **Manoj** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Manoj** has absconded (or is concealing him self to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in this case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Manoj** accused of FIR No. 308/2020 U/s 380/411/34 IPC dated 20.08.2020, P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer said complaint on or before 23.03.2021.

By Order
Sh. Anuj Kumar Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate(North West)-2,
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PAPER WITH PASSION

Vaccine diplomacy

India's signal that it is ready to play a leadership role in the region is earning it the world's goodwill

India always prides itself as a country that has been the voice of sanity in the comity of nations. Now, it is emerging as a country that is playing a leading role in the democratisation of access to Coronavirus medicines and vaccines in the midst of the worst pandemic in living memory. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi has often called India the "pharmacy of the world", the nation's role as one of the largest producers of vaccines globally came in for high praise from US President Joe Biden and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres who termed our vaccine production capacity as the "best asset" that the world has today. This statement comes on the back of the fact that under its "Vaccine Maitri" initiative, India has played the role of the first responder in the neighbourhood. It has not only assisted more than 150 countries through urgent health and medical supplies, New Delhi has also pledged \$15 million and 10 lakh vaccine doses to UN health workers under the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI), the Vaccine Alliance, and plans to supply one crore doses to Africa. It has also operationalised the COVID-19 Emergency Fund for its neighbours with an initial contribution of \$10 million. Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and the Maldives have received our COVID-19 vaccines under grant assistance in sync with India's "Neighbourhood First" policy. Further expanding its "vaccine diplomacy", India plans to gift the shots to Oman, 15 Caribbean Community countries, Nicaragua and the Pacific Island states. However, as it needs to look after its economic interests too, particularly as our own economy has been hit by the pandemic, India has begun commercial exports of COVID-19 vaccines and sent two million doses each to Brazil and Morocco. Contractual supplies are also being undertaken in a phased manner and New Delhi has said it will gradually supply to the COVAX facility of the WHO, a global initiative to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines for all countries, regardless of their income level.

This status as a mature and stable country that is capable of taking on a leadership role in the middle of a global health crisis comes at a time when two other nations in the neighbourhood have riled the world community. While China has been held responsible for the global Coronavirus outbreak and has also raised hackles because of its expansionist policies under Xi Jinping, Pakistan under Imran Khan is being increasingly seen as a failed State which crushes minorities, harbours terror groups and has turned the region into a powder keg. So, in playing a leading role in supplying the coveted Corona shots to the world for free and also commercially, India is not only showcasing its production capacity to the world and ensuring that the international community turns to it in the unfortunate event of a pandemic in future, New Delhi is signalling to the world that it is ready to play a leadership role in the region and, in the process, earning the goodwill of the international community that is just priceless.

PICTALK



A man walks along the Noland Trail at The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport, Virginia.

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Going places

Will the AAP's gamble of entering the poll fray in six States pay off, or will the voters reject it?

Poised to take a leap of faith, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is preparing to increase its footprint in electoral politics across at least six States — Uttar Pradesh (UP), Uttarakhand, Goa, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat. The ambitious plan was divulged recently at the party's ninth national council meeting by national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Having experienced a few false starts, dissension, bickering and even public ridicule to some extent, the party has come a long way and is hoping to keep the trajectory of its electoral fortunes high. As early as in December, Kejriwal had let it be known that the party would contest the UP Assembly elections. Even for the upcoming gram panchayat elections, the party fielded 40 candidates in Moradabad alone to contest from 39 wards. This came after the AAP emerged victorious on 70 seats across 13 districts in the Maharashtra gram panchayat polls earlier this month. Set up in 2012 and now into its third term in the Capital, the party has made small gains in the Goa and Kashmir local elections as AAP candidate Hanzel Fernandes won a panchayat seat in Goa. Its leader Mehraj Malik won the District Development Council polls from the Kahara constituency in Doda though he contested as an Independent.

The AAP has already started the process of handing out State-wise responsibilities to its senior leaders. Rajendra Nagar Assembly constituency MLA and spokesperson Raghav Chadha has been given the charge of Punjab, Kalkaji legislator Atishi will take care of the party's expansion in Gujarat and Sangam Vihar MLA Dinesh Mohaniya is in charge of Uttarakhand. All these States are scheduled to go to elections in 2022. Kejriwal claims that people were supporting the party because they had realised that both the BJP and the Congress had ruled for years but done nothing worthwhile to change the lives of the common man; "They keep talking about the past while we are the only party with a vision for the 21st and 22nd century," he pointed out. Of course, the party's Government has done some good work in the past six years, especially in the health and education sectors, but it remains to be established conclusively that the nation's voters have changed their viewpoint towards the party and no longer consider it Delhi-centric.

Nepal needs to be wary of China

Though Beijing has failed to facilitate a truce between the warring factions of the Nepal Communist Party, China would like Oli to remain in power



RISHI GUPTA

The dissolution of the Lower House of the Nepalese Parliament has caused looming political instability in the Himalayan nation. Prime Minister KP Oli continues to assert his position in the Nepal Communist Party as the "legitimate" chairperson after the Election Commission ruled in his favour and revoked his suspension by the Prachanda and Madhav Kumar Nepal-led faction last week. The onus now rests on the Supreme Court to decide on the legitimacy of the House's dissolution and holding of fresh elections in March or April. Meanwhile, it is unlikely that the court will rule against Oli, considering his record with the court and the favours given in judicial appointments.

At stake for China: While the lingering uncertainty has led to political upheaval, Nepal is being closely monitored by India and China. India has officially communicated it as an "internal matter" of Nepal, but China has rushed to control the damage. The arrival of Guo Yezhou, a Vice-Minister of the International Department of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), in Nepal was a clear indication of the Chinese holding their breath. But Beijing failed to facilitate a truce despite the fact that the delegation made headlines in the political and strategic sphere of Nepal. With an unsuccessful attempt to unite the warring factions of the Nepal Communist Party (NCP), China has the following issues at stake.

Political leverage: Politically, the CCP has established ties with the NCP. The CCP recommends to the Chinese Government the degree of economic and defence assistance to Nepal, making it the primary connection between the two Governments. The CCP and the NCP had formalised political ties during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Kathmandu in October 2019. The party allegedly provides political funding to the NCP through "humanitarian channels" like the Madan Bhandari Foundation. With the NCP now divided, the CCP will have to re-establish ground for political leverage in Nepal.



Economic calculations: China accounts for more than 60 per cent of the total FDI in Nepal. Until 2014, India had the largest FDI share in Nepal but following the then friendly Communist Government in Nepal, China managed to surpass India. In the past three years, China has tripled its investment in the hospitality, tourism, cement manufacturing and construction sectors. Popular tourist destinations like Thamel in Kathmandu are primarily leased by Chinese businessmen, who have been accused of sheltering Chinese nationals involved in scams, trafficking and bank fraud in Nepal. With the CCP-NCP nexus in place, diplomatic immunity has become the synonym of Chinese interests in Nepal. **Strategic Beijing:** China's immediate strategic stakes rest with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), military ties and an extradition treaty. Beijing has more than 10 BRI projects running in Nepal, and a non-Oli Government may cost big dimes to Beijing. Also, the People's Liberation Army was planning the third edition of the Sagarmatha Military Exercise by 2020 end with Nepal Army, which began in 2017. Beijing projects the joint military exercise

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as a counter to India's traditional security ties with Nepal. However, the House dissolution leaves little space for China to get the Nepal Army along for the exercise.

Beijing also expects an early conclusion of its extradition treaty with Nepal. During Jinping's October 2019 visit, the treaty was almost signed but human rights advocates vehemently opposed the move. Amid the protests, the treaty was replaced by the Mutual Legal Assistance on Criminal Matters Treaty, similar to extradition. An extradition treaty will enable China to prosecute anti-China and free-Tibet voices in Nepal as it is home to 20,000 Tibetan refugees.

Lost traditional space: Traditionally, the United States (US) has followed India's course of action concerning peace and security in Nepal. The two hold a similar position on protecting the rights of Tibetan refugees in Nepal, which irks Beijing. To appease the Chinese, Oli has stepped back from earlier commitments to join the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) — an innovative and independent US foreign assistance agency to help fight global poverty. The US Government began working with Nepal in 2012 toward developing an MCC compact.

With China alleging that the MCC was a US-led military initiative, it has been in political lurch for a decade now. However, soon after Joe Biden took over, the US Ambassador has held meetings with Prachanda and the Opposition leaders, indicating a renewed effort to pursue Nepal for joining the MCC.

Conclusion: Many in India believe that our recent efforts to hold talks and the ongoing medical diplomacy will help ease ties with Nepal. Contrary to this understanding, Oli has a clear agenda on the border issue with India, and he is ready to advance Nepal's ties with China. Considering the upcoming polls, Oli will re-use his anti-India centric ultra-nationalism to appease voters. Therefore, India needs to be cautious of every friendly move it makes. As Oli's anti-India manoeuvres help Beijing to assert its position in Nepal, China would like him to remain in power. Meanwhile, it is the Opposition's responsibility to make the Nepalese public aware of Chinese debt traps and strategic moves that have already been proved in Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GO FOR GRADED 'UN-LOCKDOWN'

Sir — The rich countries are running out of Coronavirus vaccines and witnessing new cases, strains and deaths, while the poor countries are having to go without access to the vaccination.

In India, meanwhile, the number of active cases is declining. With the worst behind us, there is the possibility of relaxations for public activity from the month of February, including higher occupancy in cinema theatres and holding exhibitions. This will come as a relief to some of the outlying sectors that could not fully unlock so far, although most other activities have been permitted.

The Maharashtra Government has, meanwhile, extended the COVID-19 lockdown till February 28. The Maharashtra Government had earlier extended the ongoing lockdown imposed in view of the COVID-19 pandemic till January 31. The State has been witnessing fewer than 5,000 COVID-19 cases for 26 successive days. That said, extending the lockdown in the containment zones is perfectly justifiable.

In an economy struggling with a demand contraction for goods and services, a graded opening is the prudent course with strict enforcement of public health measures like use of face masks, safe distancing, staggering of working hours, workplace sanitisation and firm action against spitting in public places.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

WHY TAKE SELECTIVE ACTION?

Sir — Though it's a "rarest of rare" incident, a television channel has taken a seasoned anchor-journalist off air for two weeks and docked his salary for one month for misreporting that the man who had died during the farmers' tractor rally in Delhi on January 26 had been "shot" by the police.

Though the scribe had deleted his tweet and mentioned on air that the farmer had been killed in an accident after his tractor toppled, the channel's administration has taken the right step. Whether it was done to please the Union Government or under pressure from the powers that be, is another matter.

The Govt must show restraint



The Opposition is fully justified in boycotting the President's address to the joint session of Parliament in a display of solidarity with the protesting farmers and disapproval of the Government's hostility towards them. After all, the President's address was just a script written by the Government in its defence. The Opposition's earlier appeal to the President to intervene and counsel the Government to be considerate towards the farmers had no effect on him.

There is a lot of support on the ground for the farmers' protest, contrary to the Government's propaganda. More farmers have swelled the protesters' ranks in the face of deployment of forces for possible crackdown on them. For all the brave face the Government is putting on, it is running up against considerable opposition to its farm laws and its stubbornness to retain them.

The Government is handling the protest on the principle of "might is right". It is using strong-arm tactics against the protesting farmers to force them to call off their protests. We are troubled by the sight of forces being stationed in front of the farmers. Halting the water and power supply to farmers is not worthy of a farmer-friendly Government. The attempt to forcibly evict farmers, the way it was tried vainly at Ghazipur, is not justifiable. Pro-Government TV anchors denigrate farmers as "public nuisance" and denounce their protests as a "danger to public safety"; they must spare a thought for the food on their plates.

G David Milton | Tamil Nadu

The decision was taken apparently to send out the message that there is no place for fake news in the media house. If that's the case, one must recall that in the past few years no action was taken by the same group against several other high-profile journalists over various false news items, even when they never issued any clarification on the fake news items. Not only have they pushed falsehoods but also tweaked the truth, targeted the weak and fed hate to millions of viewers.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

LET'S STOP THE AGRI-CIVIL WAR

Sir — Since September 27, 2020, when the three agriculture Bills became Acts following the consent of President Ram Nath Kovind, it's been a contentious topic across the country.

If analysed technically, the laws have the potential of boosting profit and productivity, both of the farmers as well as of the nation, but the demand of the farmers was also to keep the Minimum

SOUNDBITE

All the Members of Parliament present here today embody the conviction held by every Indian that the toughest of challenges will deter neither us nor India.



President
—Ram Nath Kovind

Our good offices are always available (for India and Pakistan), and we will insist within it of finding peaceful solutions for problems that have no military solution.

UN Secretary-General
—Antonio Guterres

I have always been a wildlife enthusiast and I have cherished opportunities to go on safaris. I went to Kaziranga National Park and I had an amazing time spotting rhinos, deer and elephants.

Actor
—Ayushmann Khurrana

I've played lots of Indian Premier League matches here but nothing in terms of first-class cricket, so the challenges of bowling with a red ball will become clearer.

England bowler
—Jofra Archer

If a business is built on misleading users, on data exploitation, on choices that are no choices at all, then it does not deserve our praise. It deserves reform.

Apple CEO
—Tim Cook

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NEED TO POWER UP GREEN ENERGY

The full impact of the outbreak is difficult to predict and underpins the importance of sustainable solutions



RAJEEV MATHUR

Transitioning to a sustainable energy regime will be one of the major challenges for mankind as this shift can only be enabled by behavioural change, technological innovation and promotion of clean and green energy. Power is a vital commodity that goes through a wide range of flows and transformations that are pivotal for the existence of human life. Increasingly extensive and efficient utilisation of energy has played a critical role in the evolution of societies, especially in the post-Industrial Revolution era. Consequently, world demand for energy is experiencing a rapid growth and is projected to increase by 50 per cent by 2050. However, the global energy scenario also faces challenges like depletion of fossil fuel reserves, lack of access to refined energy resources, volatile prices, increasing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and energy insecurity. Use of energy has evolved through the course of history and there have been two major transitions. The first one was a shift from wood and biomass to coal during the 18th century and the second one was the 20th-century transition from coal to oil and gas. The current shift is, however, much more vibrant and is manifested as sustainable energy transition. This shift has four vital dimensions: Decarbonisation, decreased use, decentralisation and digitisation.

Decarbonisation is led by solutions like renewable and low-carbon technologies, electric mobility, carbon capture and storage, and hydrogen and fuel cells. Decreased use through energy conservation and management (ECM) is critical to sustainability. ECM is a widely established and techno-economically viable strategy across all major power consuming sectors. Decentralised energy systems are becoming popular around the world to help cost-effective and efficient supplies of power. Digitisation is also an important aspect of future energy systems as it helps improve productivity, accessibility, cost-effectiveness, and overall sustainability.



ECM is one of the most promising dimensions of sustainable energy transition. In terms of application and benefits, ECM measures have a huge scope and offer a wide range of benefits not only at the individual and societal levels but also at global scales. By reducing energy consumption, ECM results in economic gain and offers a competitive edge to industrial and commercial activities. It is regarded as a better solution to address energy deficit than developing new energy projects, and thus helps in achieving greater national energy security.

Further, considering at every step of the energy chain — which encompasses stages of production, transformation, transmission and distribution, and end use — each unit of power saved is found to be more cost effective and beneficial than the produced one. Another important global contribution of ECM is reduction in environmental emissions as a result of curtailed energy use.

In the global context, studies show that besides industries and the transport sector, buildings account for 36 per cent of the world's total energy use and around 40 per cent of the GHG emissions. Hence, compared to other sectors such as transport, industry and agriculture, the building sector has the greatest potential for reducing energy consumption and GHG emissions. With the commercially available and viable solutions, energy demand in existing as well as new buildings can be cut by 30 per cent to 80 per cent. The ongoing pandemic has added another critical dimension and the energy sector is also experiencing supply cuts, disrupted trade flows, mounting debts and bankruptcies. The full and long-term impact of the outbreak is difficult to predict and underpins the importance of sustainable energy solutions.

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NADEEM PARACHA

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Paratroop reforms on the ground

Of crucial importance is the need to actually execute reforms and make them work on ground zero. Unfortunately, this is not happening



UTTAM GUPTA

Unlike the Economic Survey for 2019-20, which was prepared keeping in mind the ambitious target of achieving a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25, this time around, the overarching theme revolves around demonstrating how brilliantly the Government has managed the Coronavirus pandemic. Through lucid elaboration on the details and modeling with facts and figures — using international as well as inter-State comparison within India, Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) Krishnamurthy Subramanian has given ample justification for the “early” and “stringent” lockdown from March and thereafter calibrated lifting of restrictions from June onward. Tacitly, he has also admitted that this led to compression in demand (discretionary spending during this period was almost completely exterminated) on one hand, along with supply side disruption on the other hand.

The precipitous decline in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth by 24 per cent during the first quarter of the current Financial Year (FY) ending June 30, 2020, and continuing deceleration but at a moderate 7.5 per cent during the second quarter ending on September 30, 2020 is the inevitable outcome of the above strategy that was focused predominantly on saving human lives and keeping other health-related damage to the bare minimum.

However, there was sharp rebound during the second half when the decline was expected to be marginal at 0.1 per cent. This has to do primarily with fast normalisation of business activities, a calibrated exit from the lockdown and release of pent up demand (with festive demand acting as the icing on the cake). For the whole year, growth is estimated to be minus 7.7 per cent (against a much sharper decline in double digits forecast earlier by many agencies). For 2021-22, the survey projects the growth to be 11 per cent which is also in sync with the projection by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at 11.5 per cent.

This much-trumpeted V-shaped recovery (also described as the best among all emerging market economies) has been correlated by the CEA with synchronised policy action — on the demand side by way of reducing interest rate, pumping liquidity, tax cuts and so on — and on the supply side through agricultural and labour reforms. This may be bit of an exaggeration. The recovery has to do overwhelmingly with the exemplary success in implementing measures on containing the virus and avoidance of a second wave of infection.

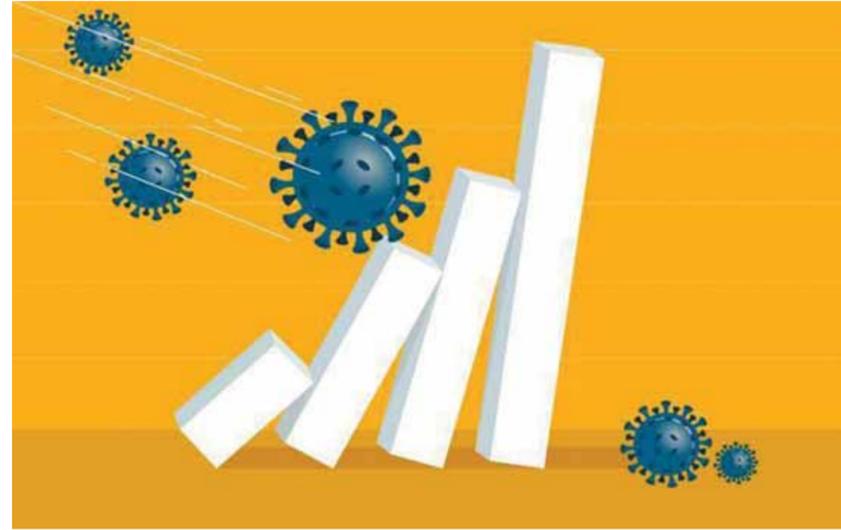
Pertinently, the survey itself notes: “Contrary to expectations of a faster growth in FY22 helping to shave off the sharp GDP contractions this year, the Indian economy will take at least two more years to return to the growth levels achieved in the pre-pandemic period.” This is also in line with the IMF's projections, according to which after touching 11.5 per cent in 2021-22, GDP growth will slide to 6.8 per cent during 2022-23.

At the time of taking charge for his second stint in May 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had set the GDP target for 2024-25 at \$5 trillion. This by itself was highly unrealistic as it would have required an annual growth of 20 per cent (never seen in the past). Now, with the steep decline of 7.7 per cent during the current FY, even if 11 per cent growth is achieved during 2021-22, the GDP would have merely recuperated to the 2019-20 level or about \$2.1 trillion. Starting from here, to reach \$5



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trillion in just about three years by 2024-25 is next to impossible. No wonder, even the CEA (unlike last year) is only talking of actions in the short term. Accordingly, the Economic Survey for 2020-21 has suggested that “the Government should come up with more fiscal measures for short-term support to the economy and businesses.”

In other words, he wants the Government to go for a more loose fiscal policy notwithstanding the fact that already the fiscal deficit (FD) for the current year is expected to be about 7.5 per cent. This does not include off-Budget liabilities and extra-budgetary resources (EBRs). Once these are included, the deficit will increase further and will be more than double the Budget estimate of 3.5 per cent.

While, talking of measures to boost growth, the official think tank needs to introspect as to why despite a number of fiscal measures (complemented by monetary measures) taken during 2020 — branded by the Centre as several mini-Budgets — both consumption and investment demand continue to remain weak. For instance, look at the steep cut in the corporate tax rate to 15 per cent on new investment granted in September 2019. Yet it failed to spur investment. This has been the position since the third quarter of 2018-19 (that was much before the pandemic) leading to a decline in growth quarter after quarter. Spending a few

thousand crore more or leaving more money in the hands of the people (through tax concessions or direct cash transfer to the poor/vulnerable) won't be of much help in spurring demand or even enthusing entrepreneurs to invest. Of crucial importance is the need to actually execute reforms and make them work on ground zero. Unfortunately, this is not happening. Here are some examples.

Under a stimulus package announced last year, ₹3,00,000 crore were to be given to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) or identified stressed sectors under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS).

Under this scheme, as against a target of eight million MSMEs beneficiaries, only four million got loan aggregating to ₹1,50,000 crore. Likewise, the ₹65,000 crore additional amount given for fertiliser subsidy under the last tranche of the stimulus package was meant for clearing pending subsidy dues to fertiliser manufacturers. It is not an additional support to farmers.

As regards the reforms in the field of marketing agricultural products, we have seen the fate of the three Central laws which have the potential of substantially increasing price realisation by the farmers and could have played a vital role in doubling farmers' income.

As things stand today (right now the Supreme Court has put hold on their implementation), it is

not clear whether these will see the light of the day.

The Modi Government is betting big on investment in infrastructure; it is reiterated in the Economic Survey, too. That will need massive resource mobilisation to the tune of ₹100 lakh crore over the next five years. A whopping 39 per cent has to come from the Centre and States each and the balance 22 per cent from the private sector. Till date, we don't have a strategic plan of action on how to do it even as State agencies such as the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and so on, continue to be saddled with the responsibility to fund the investment mostly out of borrowings, pushing them into unsustainable debt.

Look at the steep cut in corporate tax that makes India one of the most attractive investment destinations: At par with even Singapore. Yet, if one looks at the fine print and in particular, several riders for availing the benefit, this could end up discouraging investors, including foreign companies, to go for it.

To conclude, it may be worth recalling what the CEA had expected the Government to do in the survey for 2019-20. The CEA wanted to expedite reforms in banking, food and fertiliser subsidy, land acquisition, enforcement of contracts, elimination of bureaucratic red tape, removal of bottlenecks in transportation and clearances at the ports. This is a sustainable solution to the problem of low demand and slow growth syndrome. Will Team Modi bite the bullet?

POINT COUNTERPOINT

A BIG THANK YOU TO DELHI CHIEF MINISTER ARVIND KEJRIWAL FOR PROVIDING WATER FOR US AT THE GHAZIPUR BORDER.

—FARMER LEADER RAKESH TIKAIT



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—DELHI CHIEF MINISTER ARVIND KEJRIWAL

Real power cannot be exercised from the shadows

The ‘establishment’ is sometimes taken to be a term used by outlandish conspiracy theorists. But it exists and is often hiding in plain sight

The “establishment” has increasingly become one of the most frequently used words in political commentaries and debates across the world. Simply put, it describes a tightly-organised matrix of shadowy elite, whose invisible actions and secret decisions engineer the economic, political and social fates of the polity. During the 2016 presidential poll campaigning in the US, the populist Republican Party candidate Donald Trump and the Left-leaning Democrat Party contender Bernie Sanders were often described as “anti-establishment”, whereas another contender, the Democrat Party's Hillary Clinton, was understood as the candidate of the “establishment.”

The term “establishment”, in the context that it is generally understood today, was not part of any political lexicon till 1955, when the British journalist Henry Fairlie used it in an

article for *The Spectator*. Fairlie had used the term while writing about the disappearance of two UK foreign officers. By “establishment” he had meant to describe the influential people who were defending the officers' families from the Press.

Yet, within a few years, the word had been picked up by scores of political commentators, journalists and activists to mean something a lot wider than what Fairlie had originally intended it to mean. The term gained more mention and momentum in the US than in the UK. For example, during the primaries for the 1964 US presidential elections, the conservative author Phyllis Schlafly lamented in her 1964 book *A Choice Not an Echo* that the Republican Party was being manipulated by the Republican establishment to keep out those who threatened its interests. She also claimed that this establishment was made up of kingmakers who

use “hidden persuaders and psychological warfare techniques” for this purpose.

However, ironically, the kingmakers did not hesitate to nominate the far-Right firebrand and populist Barry Goldwater as their candidate for the 1964 polls. He was someone Schlafly was more than happy to see contesting the liberal incumbent, Lyndon Johnson. Johnson swept the elections. Even though the term was being used in the UK and the US, articles in Pakistan and in India did not use the term between January 1960 and January 1970.

However, some Indian newspapers did use the word “syndicate” in 1969 to describe the “kingmakers of the Congress Party.” The syndicate was described as a group of party elders who were against Indira Gandhi's anti-business ideas. In the Pakistani Press (from 1967 onwards) there was mention of a powerful matrix



of the military, the bureaucracy and “22 families” running Pakistan as a dictatorship.

The political scholar Simon Reid-Henry says that the seeds of the existential crisis that democracy is facing today were initially sown during the economic and political upheavals of the 1970s, which saw politicians and established political parties lose their ability to control the outcome of events. Rising inequality, growing domestic and international tensions between races, ethnic groups and nations and the

startling exposition of political scandals, unleashed a powerful sentiment of mistrust towards mainstream political players.

The consensus that was achieved after the World War-II, between the mainstream Left and Right groups in democratic countries, had begun to crumble. This created an opening for groups who were seen to be sidelined for being anti-establishment. These were adherents of “negative liberty” coming in to eradicate the “excesses of positive liberty.”

In 1958, the political philosopher Isaiah Berlin defined two concepts of liberty. To Berlin, “positive liberty” involved pursuit of liberty that was driven by reason and not restricted by inner constraints such as irrational passions and desires. “Negative liberty” is when the pursuit of liberty is not restricted by external constraints, such as State and Government interference in the lives of people. The emer-

gence of “neo-conservatism” in the 1980s is a case in point. The “neocons” emerged to announce that they would be rolling back Government interference in people's lives. They saw themselves as the anti-establishment. But there were inherent contradictions in what they did. Take, for example, Ronald Reagan's America and Zia-ul-Haq's Pakistan. Both greatly lessened State interference in matters of economics so that the people could achieve individual growth by acting upon their desires of acquiring material wealth. Yet, even though this freed the State from trying to aid society through welfare programmes, it coupled economic freedom with external constraints, such as abstract ideas of morality, tradition and faith.

After the economic crash of 1987 and rising incidents of contradictory behaviour that peddled amoral materialism with religious piety, this set of

self-appointed anti-establishmentarians, the “neocons”, also began to be seen as being part of the establishment.

There is no tangibility in the image of a group of powerful men sitting in a secret smoke-filled room, deciding the fates of the polity. But this is not to suggest that segments influencing a nation's politics and economics do not exist. As the veteran US congressional aide Mike Lofgren once stated, such groups, call them establishment or “Deep State, “hide in plain sight.” Take Pakistan's so-called military establishment. It doesn't really conceal its political influence. That's because power cannot be fully exercised from the shadows. Those wielding power need to be seen if they are to be obeyed (or feared).

The establishment is therefore not a shadowy conspiracy but a position of visible power that many want to become a part of. Many do.



CHINA LAUNCHES SECOND NAVAL FRIGATE FOR PAK
Beijing: China on Friday launched the second naval missile frigate equipped with an improved radar system and long-range missiles for its all-weather ally Pakistan to help it bolster maritime defence and deterrence capabilities, according to a media report.

BIDEN TO VISIT WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT WALTER REED
Washington: President Joe Biden is making his first major foray outside the White House, to visit wounded soldiers at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

PAK OPENS 126-YR-OLD TEMPLE FOR WORSHIPPERS
Lahore: A 126-year-old Shiv temple in Pakistan's Sindh province has been opened for worshippers after it was renovated and its administrative control was handed over to a local Hindu organisation, an official said.

Allow US to prosecute Omar: White House to Pak

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Voicing outrage over the acquittal of those involved in the brutal murder of Daniel Pearl in 2002, the White House has asked Pakistan to expeditiously review its legal options, including allowing the US to prosecute al-Qaeda terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and other suspects to secure justice for the American journalist's family.

Pearl, the 38-year-old South Asia bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal, was visiting Pakistan to report on Islamist militant networks in the country and on the links between the country's powerful spy agency ISI and al-Qaeda following the September 11, 2001 terror strikes. He was kidnapped in Karachi, the capital of Sindh, and beheaded days later.



Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed appeals against the acquittal of British-born al-Qaeda terrorist Sheikh in the kidnapping and murder case of Pearl and ordered his release, a judgement denounced by the American journalist's family as "a complete travesty of justice."

The apex court cleared

Sheikh and his three Pakistani accomplices in the case of all the charges, ordering that Sheikh and others be immediately freed from jail.

Hours after the ruling, White House press secretary Jen Psaki underlined the new Biden administration's commitment to secure justice for Pearl's family.

Psaki, during her daily news conference on Thursday, said: "The United States is outraged by the Pakistani Supreme Court's decision to affirm the acquittals of those responsible for Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl's kidnapping and brutal murder which shocked the world's conscience in 2002."

"This decision to exonerate and release Sheikh and the other suspects is an affront to terrorism victims everywhere, including in Pakistan. We recognise past Pakistani actions

to try to hold Mr Pearl's murderers accountable, and we do note that as of right now, Omar Sheikh remains in detention in Pakistan under national security authorities.

"But we call on the Pakistani government to expeditiously review its legal options, including allowing the United States to prosecute for the brutal murder of an American citizen and journalist," Psaki said in response to a question on Pakistan's apex court's decision.

Sheikh and his three aides - Fahad Naseem, Sheikh Adil and Salman Saqib - were convicted and sentenced in the abduction and murder case of Pearl in Karachi in 2002.

The United States, she said, is committed to securing justice for Pearl's family and holding terrorists anywhere accountable for their heinous crimes.

Pak authorities file review petition against acquittal of accused in Daniel Pearl murder

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan authorities on Friday filed a review petition in the Supreme Court against the acquittal of British-born al-Qaeda terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and his three accomplices in the 2002 kidnapping and murder case of American journalist Daniel Pearl, hours after the US expressed outrage over the decision terming it as an "affront" to victims of terrorism.

The review was filed by the Sindh Government in the Supreme Court after its appeal against the acquittal verdict of Sindh High Court (SHC) was

dismissed by the top court on Thursday. Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed appeals against the acquittal of Sheikh in the kidnapping and murder case of Pearl and ordered his release, a judgement denounced by the American journalist's family as "a complete travesty of justice."

The apex court cleared Sheikh and his three Pakistani accomplices in the case of all the charges, ordering that Sheikh and others be immediately freed from jail if not wanted in any other case.

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ing Pakistan to report on Islamist militant networks in the country and on the links between the country's powerful spy agency ISI and al-Qaeda following the September 11, 2001 terror strikes. He was kidnapped in Karachi, the capital of Sindh, and beheaded days later.

Sindh Prosecutor General Fiaz Shah, while talking to the media, confirmed that a petition was lodged to "seek a review and request the court to recall the order of acquittal."

The Sindh government, in the petition, pleaded the court to review its verdict and reinstate their sentences as there were certain loopholes in the

Bangladesh sends 3rd group of Rohingya refugees to island

AP ■ DHAKA

Authorities in Bangladesh sent a third group of Rohingya refugees to a newly developed island in the Bay of Bengal on Friday despite calls by human rights groups for a halt to the process.

The Government insists the relocation plan is meant to offer better living conditions while attempts to repatriate more than 1 million refugees to Myanmar would continue.

On Friday morning, 1,778 refugees started their journey to the island of Bhasan Char in four navy vessels from the southeastern port city of Chattogram, after they were brought from cramped camps in Cox's Bazar district, said M. Mozammel Haque, a commander of the Bangladesh navy. He said a fourth batch would be sent to the island Saturday.

"Around 4,000 refugees have already been sent to the

island since December, but we have the capacity of accommodating 1,00,000. The process will continue until we fulfill it," he told reporters.

Haque said the refugees were being treated well on the island and they would have the option of generating income by rearing cattle or poultry and could also engage in making handicrafts. He said they wanted them to contribute to the economy, but their repatriation to Myanmar is the ultimate goal.

"They will be checked by our doctors when they arrive today. They will be given food and accommodation properly," he said. While human rights groups criticised the move, the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina repeatedly said the refugees were moving to the island voluntarily under government management.

Authorities say the refugees were selected for relocation based on their willingness, and that no pressure was applied.

Turkey hopes US will rejoin Iran nuclear deal

AP ■ ANKARA

Turkey hopes the United States will return to the nuclear deal with Iran under US President Joe Biden's administration, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Friday.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Iranian counterpart Javad Zarif in Istanbul, Cavusoglu said Turkey would also like to see sanctions imposed on Iran lifted.

"I hope that with the Biden administration, the United States return to this agreement and cooperation on the (nuclear) issue is restored," Cavusoglu said. "In this way, God willing, the sanctions and embargoes imposed on brotherly Iran are lifted."

Former US President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from Iran's nuclear deal in 2018. Under the deal, Tehran had agreed to limit its uranium enrichment in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

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After the US then ramped up sanctions, Iran gradually and publicly abandoned the deal's limits on its nuclear development. Iranian state TV reported Thursday that Iran has exceeded 17 kilograms of 20 per cent enriched uranium within a month, moving its nuclear program closer to weapons-grade enrichment levels.

Biden, who was vice president when the deal was signed during the Obama administration, has said he hopes to return the U.S. to the deal.

"The United States unilaterally withdrew from this comprehensive course of action," Zarif told journalists, speaking through an interpreter. "It is the duty of the United States to return to this agreement and to fulfill its obligations."

For some Muslims, hope, uncertainty after travel ban lifted

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Mohammed Al Zabidi celebrated in 2017 when he learned he had been selected in the US green card lottery, which picks people at random from a large pool of applicants. It was a chance to escape his war-torn homeland of Yemen and pursue his dreams in the United States.

"I won! I won!" Al Zabidi cheered. He borrowed money to finance his trip, bought clothes for his new life in America and packed souvenirs for friends there. With no US Embassy in Yemen, he made a gruelling journey to Djibouti for his visa interview.

But there, after he had been initially approved, his luck ran out: "CANCELLED WITHOUT PREJUDICE," read the bold, black, all-caps stamp on the unused visa in his passport with a Trump administration travel ban on several Muslim-majority nations, including his, in place.

No decision yet on future force posture in Af says Pentagon

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

No decision has been made about the future presence of the US troops in Afghanistan, the Pentagon has said, asserting that the Biden administration is committed to responsibly end the war in the strife-torn country with the diplomatic process.

The previous Trump administration had signed the peace deal with Taliban in February last in Doha. The accord drew up plans for withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan in exchange for security guarantees from the insurgent group.

As part of the deal, the US committed to withdraw its 12,000 troops from Afghanistan within 14 months. There are currently only 2,500 American troops left in the war-torn country.

Taliban visit Moscow, voice hope US will honour peace deal

Moscow: After a round of talks in Moscow, the Taliban said Friday they expect the United States to fulfill its pledge to withdraw all its troops from Afghanistan by May.

Sher Mohammed Abbas Stanikzai, who led the Taliban delegation that met with senior Russian diplomats during two days of talks, insisted that the movement has honored its end of the deal signed last year on Qatar, where the Taliban maintain a political office.

White House and US State Department officials have said that Biden's administration plans to take a new look at the peace agreement signed last February with Donald Trump's White House.

The Pentagon said on Thursday that the Taliban's refusal to meet commitments to reduce violence in Afghanistan is raising questions about whether all U.S. Troops will be able to leave by May as required under the peace deal. AP

Dutch court to rule in Nigerian farmers' case against Shell

AP ■ THE HAGUE

A Dutch appeals court is delivering its judgment Friday in a long-running civil case in which four Nigerian farmers are seeking compensation and a cleanup from energy giant Shell for pollution caused by leaking oil pipelines in the Niger Delta.

The decision, which can be appealed to the Dutch Supreme Court, is the latest stage in a case that is breaking new legal ground in how far multinationals in the Netherlands can be held responsible for actions of their overseas subsidiaries.

Royal Dutch Shell argues that saboteurs are responsible for leaks in underground oil pipes that have polluted the delta.

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PRESS NOTICE INVITED TENDER NO. 14 (2020-21)

S. No.	Subject	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Date & ID of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date of submission of tender
1.	Renovation of under drainage system for filter bed no. 21 to 24 in Jessop Filter House at Chandrawal WW. I (Re-Invite)	Item Rate	Exempted. Contractor give the declaration form	500/-	28.01.2021 2021_DJIS_199260_1	10.02.2021 at 02.15 PM.

The tender is available at the E-Portal website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 354 (2020-21)

Sd/-
(T.P.Singh)
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank 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 (Rs.)		Name of Branch
			31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19	
1.	Saurabh Kumar Pandey/ Mamta Pandey/ LBLUC0002099367	Flat No-A-401, 4th Floor, Rohtas Presidential Towers, TCG-4/4, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh/ January 25, 2021	September 30, 2020/ Rs. 45,59,199/-		Ghaziabad

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 : January 30, 2021
Place : Ghaziabad

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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Regd. Office : 503, Rohit House, 3 Tolstoy Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER/NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020 (Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter Ended			Nine Month Ended		
	31-Dec-20 (Unaudited)	30-Sep-20 (Unaudited)	31-Dec-19 (Unaudited)	31-Dec-20 (Unaudited)	31-Dec-19 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31-Mar-20 (Audited)
1. Total Income from operations	8.64	6.83	9.45	30.70	24.78	56.73
2. Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	0.59	-1.10	1.71	8.76	2.64	26.21
3. Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	0.59	-1.10	1.71	8.76	2.64	26.21
4. Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	0.49	-0.92	-0.53	7.39	-3.72	20.78
5. Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	86.74	99.55	40.04	328.22	34.88	-171.30
6. Equity Share Capital	338.04	338.04	338.04	338.04	338.04	338.04
7. Earnings Per Share (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinuing operations)						
- Basic	0.01	-0.03	-0.02	0.22	-0.11	0.61
- Diluted	0.01	-0.03	-0.02	0.22	-0.11	0.61

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter/Nine Months ended December 31, 2020 which has been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors and filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter/ Nine Months ended December 31st, 2020 is available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.bbinvestments.in).
2. The above financial results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 29.01.2021.
3. The figures of the previous period have been regrouped/reclassified, wherever considered necessary.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sd/-
Vijay Bhushan
Director
DIN: 00002421

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that this person namely Sukhchain S/o Baljeet Singh R/o A-356, Balbir Vihar, Kirari, Delhi Age : 56 years, Height : 5'8", Complexion : Wheatish, wearing yellow colour shirt and brown colour pant, has been missing since 20.01.2021 from his house.

In this regard DD No. 73-A dated 20.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Fax: 24368639,
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO : P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi
Ph. : 011-27581223, 27581559

APPENDIX IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

Sale Notice for sale of immovable property(ies)

E-Auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/ charged to CFM Asset Reconstruction Private Ltd. [CIN: U67100GJ2015PTC083994] ("Secured Creditor"), the Constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "without any recourse" basis on 16.02.2021 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M. (with unlimited automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document), for recovery of Rs.35,62,492/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two only) towards Loan Account No. HHLRH00332947 by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 21.01.2021 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 22.01.2021 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from Naveen Kumar and Daya Singh

The Said Loan Account along with its underlying security(ies), including the immovable property(ies), had been assigned to and in favour of the Secured Creditor, acting in its capacity as Trustee of CFMARC TRUST-I IHFL, vide Assignment Agreement dated 30.06.2020

The Reserve Price of the immovable Property will be Rs. 26,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,60,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price. The EMD shall be paid by DD/ RTGS/ NEFT or through any other proper banking channels in favour of and to the credit of CFMARC TRUST-I IHFL, Account No. 00511100013302 with Andhra Bank (IFSC: ANDB0000051), having its branch at Fort Mumbai, (Maharashtra) before submitting the tender in order to participate in the online public auction. The successful bidder shall pay 25% amount of the sale price (less 10% of the Reserve Price paid before submitting the tender) immediately i.e. either on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining balance of the Sale Price shall be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY(IES)

ALL THAT INDEPENDENT FLOOR BEARING NO. 2731 ON FIRST FLOOR, HAVING SUPER AREA MEASURING 139.35 SQ.MTRS. (1500 SQ.FTS.) (HAVING COVERED AREA OF 110.93 SQ.MTRS. (1194 SQ.FTS.)) CONSTRUCTED ON DESIGNATED PLOT ADMEASURING APPROX. 225 SQ.MTRS. (269.10 SQ.YRDS.) BEARING PLOT NO. 2731 IN "OMAXE CITY, SONIPAT" SITUATED IN THE REVENUE ESTATE OF VILLAGE REWLI, KUMASPUR, SHAHPUR TURK AND RAIPUR, TEHSIL & DISTT. SONIPAT-131001, HARYANA

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.cfmrc.in and www.auctionfocus.in.

Date : 27.01.2021
Place : SONIPAT

Sd/
Authorized Officer
CFM ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LTD.
TRUSTEE CFMARC TRUST-I IHFL

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Sanjeev S/o Kishan R/o House of Dinesh, Village Karala, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case FIR No.123/2011 U/s 324 IPC has been registered at P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Sanjeev S/o Kishan cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Sanjeev S/o Kishan has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sanjeev S/o Kishan FIR No. 123/2011 U/s 324 IPC required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.03.2021.

By Order,
Sh. Anuj Kumar Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate (North West)-2
Room No. 113, 1st Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that one person namely Pawan Kumar S/o Raj Kumar R/o H.No. 166, VPO Rashul Pur, Rani Kheda, Delhi. Age 39 years, Height 5'8", Complexion fair, Face round, wearing Yellow colour T-shirt, Black sweater, Blue colour Jeans and Brown shoes in feet has been missing since 04.01.2021. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this person, but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a DD No. 52-A dated 05.01.2021 has been lodged at PS Kanjhawala, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218

SHO
PS Kanjhawala, Delhi
Ph. 011-25951486, 2951634

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Unknown S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown was found dead on Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant Canal Jali, Sector 15, Rohini, Delhi on 07.01.2021. The body has been preserved in Baba Shahab Ambedkar Hospital Mortuary, Delhi. In this regard a case has been lodged vide DD No. 84A U/s 174A Cr.P.C dated 07.01.2021 at P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age:** About 20-25 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'7", **Built:** Highly Decomposed, **Wearing:** Without clothes. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
PS. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27571162, 8750870327

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I Poornima Bhamhani W/o AK Bhamhani R/o A-49 Plot 28 Dwarka Sector4 New Delhi purchaser of DDA LIG Flat No 82A/142 Janakpuri New Delhi have applied for the conversion of the aforesaid property from Leasehold to Freehold in DDA the original possession letter, NOC for Water and Electric connection have been lost An online FIR to this effect has been lodged on 28-01-2021 vide LR No. 81244/2021. Any person(s) claiming any right interest having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write / contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of Publication of this notice and can personally contact Deputy Director (LAB) housing or Director (H) B Block 3rd Floor Vikas Sadan INA New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Please take notice that DD Properties Pvt. Ltd. (hereinafter referred as "My Client") has entered into negotiations and Agreement to Sell with Mr. Dinesh Dewan, Mr. Yogesh Dewan and Mr. Rakesh Dewan all three through their Lawful Attorney, (hereinafter referred to as the "Other Party") for the purchase of immovable property, the details here to, to my Client vide Agreement dated 03rd December 2018. All persons claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise however are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his office at B-20, Nizamuddin East, New Delhi-110013 within 15 days from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived. SCHEDULE. All that piece and parcel of measuring 12 bighas 9 Biswas, Bearing Mustali No.79, Killa No.17/2 Min (1-18), 18 Min (4-13), 19/2 (8-27), 23/1 Min (3-13), bearing Mustali No.95, Killa No.2 Min (0-6), 3 Min (1-4), Situated in the Revenue Estate of Villate Mehrauli, Tehsil-Mehrauli, New Delhi.

SIDDHARTH BAMBHA (Advocate)
Office: B-20, GZ, Nizamuddin East,
New Delhi-110013 Phone: 011-41403138

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my client NAVEEN TOURS P LTD. is in process to avail the credit facility/ loan from HDFC Bank against The Property bearing No. 3/8 measuring 88.1 sq. yds. situated in Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi.

Whereas as per them they have lost all the following documents pertaining to the said property :- Original Allotment and Possession Letter issued by L & DO in favour of Mr. Murlidhar.

1. Original Lease Deed dated 31.01.1967 executed by POI in favour of Mr. Murlidhar.

2. Original Will dated 01.10.1963 executed by Mr. Murlidhar in favour of Mr. Bharat Bhushan.

3. Original Mutation Letter dated 5/7/82 and Conveyance Deed dated 6/2/02 in favour of Mr. Bharat Bhushan.

4. Original GPA, ATS and Will dated 11.07.2003 executed by Mr. Bharat Bhushan in favour of Mr. Prem Kumar.

5. Original Sale Deed dated 07.08.2003 executed by Mr. Bharat Bhushan through his GPA Mr. Prem Kumar in favour of Mr. Arun Bal Kishan Goyal.

In lieu of that they have also lodged an online FIR on dated 12/11/20.

All persons 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, request, partnership, possession, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise however, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 15 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.

SHO
Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
Shop No. 5 & 6, Pkt-E, CSC, Mayur Vihar-II,
Delhi-91, 9810633551

ECONOMIC SURVEY

India reaping 'lockdown dividend' by saving lives and livelihood

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is reaping the "lockdown dividend" from the preventive measures it adopted at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic indicating its willingness to take short-term pain for long-term gain, said the Economic Survey tabled in Parliament on Friday.

The document also said despite the hard-hitting economic shock created by the global pandemic, India is witnessing a V-shaped recovery with a stable macroeconomic situation aided by a stable currency, comfortable current account, burgeoning forex reserves, and encouraging signs in the manufacturing sector output.

"India is reaping the 'lockdown dividend' from the brave, preventive measures adopted at the onset of the pandemic..." it said in the opening chapter titled 'Saving Lives and Livelihoods Amidst a Once-in-a-Century Crisis'.

Unlike Oscar Wilde's cynic, 'who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing,' India's policy response to the pandemic stemmed fundamentally from the humane principle advocated eloquently in the Mahabharata that 'Saving a life that is in jeopardy is the origin of dharma.'

India only country among emerging markets to receive equity FPI inflows in 2020

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India was the only country among emerging markets to receive equity inflows from FPIs in 2020, as the country attracted USD 30 billion in the first nine months of the year, according to the Economic Survey.

Also, net inflows from foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) recorded an all-time monthly high of USD 9.8 billion in November 2020, as investors' risk appetite returned.

"During April-December 2020, equities witnessed an inflow of at USD 30 billion, five times its previous year value - India was the only country among emerging markets to receive equity FII

"Therefore, the 'price' paid for temporary economic restrictions in the form of temporary GDP decline is dwarfed by the 'value' placed on human life," said the survey.

The document further said India recognised that while GDP growth will recover from

inflows in 2020," according to the Survey tabled in Parliament on Friday.

As a result of strong inflows, buoyant Sensex and Nifty resulted in India's market-capitalisation to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio crossing 100 per cent for the first time since October 2010.

"While stock markets value the potential future growth, these elevated levels still raise concerns on the disconnect between the financial markets and real sector," the Survey noted. However, other emerging markets like Indonesia, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Brazil, Thailand and South Africa witnessed outflows from FPIs last year.

the temporary shock caused by the pandemic, human lives that are lost cannot be brought back.

The response drew on epidemiological and economic research, especially those pertaining to the Spanish Flu, which highlight-

Eco Survey exhorts rating agencies to be more transparent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's sovereign credit ratings do not reflect the economy's fundamentals, the Economic Survey said on Friday and nudged the global agencies to become more transparent and less subjective in their ratings. The Economic Survey 2020-21, tabled in Parliament, said that sovereign credit ratings methodology must be amended to reflect economies' ability and willingness to pay their debt obligations, and suggested that developing economies must come together to address this bias and subjectivity inherent in sovereign credit ratings methodology.

ed that an early, intense lockdown provided a win-win strategy to save lives, and preserve livelihoods via economic recovery in the medium to long-term. "To implement its strategy, India imposed the most stringent lockdown at the very onset of the pandem-

Exports may dip 5.8%, imports by 11.3% in second half of 2020-21

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The country's exports are expected to contract by 5.8% and imports by 11.3% during the second half of the current financial year, though implementation of several measures by the Govt would help support exports going forward, according to the Economic Survey 2021. With gradual recovery of economic activities, the survey said that imports and exports have picked up. During the first half of 2020-21 (April-September), exports dipped by 21.31 per cent to USD 125.25 billion while imports declined by 40% to USD 148.69 billion.

ic. This enabled flattening of the pandemic curve and, thereby, provided the necessary time to ramp up the health and testing infrastructure," it said.

Faced with enormous uncertainty, India adopted a strategy of Bayesian updating to continually calibrate its

Eco survey suggests change in weighage of food items to gauge true picture of inflations

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The economic survey for 2020-21 has suggested revision in the weightage of food items to gauge the true picture of inflation in the country, and said new sources of price data also need to be incorporated in the wake of increasing retail e-commerce transactions. As per the survey, the current spike in consumer price-based retail inflation of food prices is mainly a supply-side phenomenon.

The survey noted that the weights of all items in retail inflation are based on the NSO household consumption expenditure survey of 2011-12.

response while gradually unlocking and easing economic activity. As per the survey, India has transformed the short-term trade-off between lives and livelihoods into a win-win in the medium to long-term that saves both lives and livelihoods.

INBRIEF

RAJASTHAN HOUSING BOARD WEBINAR

PHDCCI-Rajasthan State Chapter organised a Webinar on Prospering Businesses through Building Biology with Renowned Building Biologist Architect Mayank Barjatya on 29th January 2021.

Speaking as Chief Guest Shri Pawan Arora, IAS, Commissioner, Rajasthan Housing Board appreciated the importance and relevance of the science of Building Biology which will create positivity and healthy environment in industries, houses, public properties, housing complexes which will result in prosperity of industries and wellness of people living in the building designed of the principle of Building Biology. Arora announced that Rajasthan Housing Board will get its existing properties and upcoming housing schemes for IAS officers & MLAs audited from Building Biologists and incorporate the concepts of Building Biology in the designs, for creating a positive and healthy environment in the housing schemes. A separate orientation program would be organised for the officers the Board, Mr. Arora announced.



RATTAN LAL KATARIA TERMS POLICIES OF MODI GOVT AS 'GAME CHANGER'

Speaking to the journalists after the President's address to the joint sitting of the parliament, Mr Kataria - a prominent Dalit leader in the Modi Government, lauded the Government's policies towards the empowerment of weaker most and backward sections of society. He termed them as a "Game Changer". He credited the Government for effectively tackling the Coronavirus pandemic while safeguarding the weaker most and vulnerable section during the volatile circumstances that followed the lockdown. He informed that 80 Crore people were provided additional 5 kg free food grains per month for 8 months under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana. Government also provided facility of One Nation One Ration Card to benefit migrant labour force and started Shramik Special Trains for them. Government also launched the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan in 6 states to secure employment to the returnee migrant labourers in their villages, during the Pandemic.



PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Mukesh Kumar, S/o Sh. Zile Singh, R/o: E-85, Ranjeet Nagar, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 379/19 U/s 363/376/323/342/373/420/468/471 IPC POSCO Act, registered at P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued (unexecuted), stating that the said Mukesh Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mukesh Kumar has absconded (or is concealing him self to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in this case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mukesh Kumar accused of FIR No. 199/16 U/s 392/34 IPC, P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer said complaint on or before 23.03.2021.

By Order
Sh. Manish Khurana
Additional Sessions Judge 01 (POSCO),
North District, Room No. 6,
DP/636/RD/2021 III-Floor, District Rohini Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one male namely Banty, S/o Kishan Chand, R/o C-157, Anandpur Dham, Karala, Delhi, Age: 23 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Hair, Black small, wearing Pant & Shirt, has been missing from his house since 16.01.2021. In this regards a DD No. 31A, dated 18.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi.

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

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail : cbc@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/638/RD/2021 Tel.: 011-25951485, 25952485

8 core industries' output contracts 1.3 % in Dec 2020

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The output of eight core infrastructure sectors contracted by 1.3 per cent in December 2020 dragged down by poor show by crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel and cement sectors.

The production of eight core sectors had expanded by 3.1 per cent in December 2019, according to the data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry on Friday.

Barring coal and electricity, all sectors recorded negative growth in December 2020.

During April-December



2020-21, the sectors' output dropped by 10.1 per cent against a growth rate of 0.6 per cent in the same period of the previous year.

The output of crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel and cement declined by 3.6 per cent, 7.2 per cent, 2.8 per cent, 2.9 per cent, 2.7 per cent, and 9.7 per cent, respectively.

Market sell-off extends to 6th day; all eyes on Budget

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure for the sixth session on the trot on Friday as the pre-Budget Economic Survey failed to cheer investors amid continued selling by foreign funds and a bearish trend overseas.

Both the benchmark indices fluctuated between gains and losses in a highly volatile session.

The 30-share BSE Sensex crashed 588.59 points or 1.26 per cent to finish at 46,285.77 - taking the six-session aggregate loss to 3,506.35 points or 7.04 per cent. Intra-day, the index swung 1,263.20 points.

Likewise, the NSE Nifty furthered its loss by 182.95 points or 1.32 per cent to settle at 13,634.60. Over the last six days, the NSE barometer has shed 1,010.10 points or 6.89 per cent.

On the Sensex chart, 26 shares closed in the red. Dr Reddy's, Maruti, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Auto, Infosys, TCS, NTPC and Bajaj FinServ were the major losers, slumping as much as 5.69 per cent.

₹ gains 9 paise to finish at 72.96 against US \$

Mumbai: The rupee gained 9 paise to settle at 72.96 against the US dollar on Friday even as the domestic equity markets closed with significant losses.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 73.01, and hit an intra-day high of 72.93 and a low of 73.01. It finally finished at 72.96, higher by 9 paise over its last close.

Accord 'strategic sector' tag to pharma: Par panel

New Delhi: Highlighting the need for strong indigenous pharma companies, a Parliamentary panel has recommended that the pharma industry should be categorised as a "strategic sector" and called for a necessary follow-up action in this regard.

In its report, tabled in Parliament on Friday, on the review of loss-making central public sector enterprises, the Committee on Public Undertakings chaired by Meenakshi Lekhi observed that the indigenous awareness of healthcare facilities is of paramount importance of any nation. The Committee said it was of the strong opinion that pharma sector plays a very important role to keep the nation healthy and strong, and this has been quite apparent during the current pandemic when the need for strong indigenous pharma companies has been realised with more intensity. PTI

बिहार सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
पश्चिमी तटबंध प्रमंडल, निर्मली, सुपौल
अल्पकालीन पुनर्विनिर्माण आगमन सूचना संख्या-15/2020-2021
(केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
पत्रांक:- 171 निर्मली, सुपौल

1. कार्य का विवरण :-

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3	प्री बिड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि			दिनांक-06.02.2021 के 10:30 बजे पूर्वान्वेष्ट से दिनांक-06.02.2021 के 1:00 अपराह्न मुख्य अभियन्ता, बाढ़ निरोधक एवं जल निस्सर्जन जल संसंधन विभाग, वैशंपुर के कार्यालय।		
4	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय			दिनांक 10.02.2021 समय 3:30 PM (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)		
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9	ई-टेंडरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु संवेदकों को एंकीकृत होना होगा, जिसके लिए उन्हें उपयोगकर्ता का नाम (User ID) पासवर्ड (Password) अंकीय हस्ताक्षर (Digital Signature) आवश्यक होगा। यह उन्हें वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in से डाउनलोड करने/ई-टेंडरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने की योग्यता प्रदान करेगा।					
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कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
पश्चिमी तटबंध प्रमंडल, निर्मली, सुपौल
मो-7463889455

PR. No. 011962 (WRD) 2020-21

नोबल कोरोना के संघर्ष में विस्तृत जानकारी एवं सहयोग हेतु टोल फ्री नं. 104 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं।
खाद्य सामग्री-संबंधी किसी तरह की जानकारी अथवा सुझाव हेतु दूरभाष संख्या 0612-2217636 पर सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

KOVALAM INVESTMENT AND TRADING COMPANY LIMITED
Regd. Office : Premises Oswal Woollen Mills Ltd. G.T. Road, Sherpur, Ludhiana-141003
CIN No. : L65910PB1981PLC023058
NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 47 read with Regulation 29 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday, the 11th Day of February, 2021 at 03.00 P.M. at the Registered Office of the Company inter alia, to consider and approve the Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2020 and to take up allied and other matters.
The said notice may be accessed on the Company's website at www.covmtrading.com and may also on the Stock Exchange website at www.bseindia.com For Kovalam Investment and Trading Co. Limited (Sd/-) Jyoti Sud, (Company Secretary and Compliance Officer) A27162
Date : 29.01.2021

ATLAS JEWELLERY INDIA LIMITED
CIN : L7140DL1989PLC131289
Reg. Off.: DT-710, 7th Floor, DLF Tower A, Plot No. 11, Jassola District, New Delhi-110025
Phone : 011-40541077/41041149, Telefax : 011-40541077, Email: info@atlasjewelleryindia.com
Web: www.atlasjewelleryindia.com
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 under SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 (LODR), the meeting of the Board of Directors of the company will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2021 inter alia to consider and approve the un-audited financial results for the 03rd quarter ended 31.12.2020 with Limited Review Report of the statutory auditors for the corresponding period.
A copy of said Notice and Un-Audited Financial Results shall also be available on the company's website at www.atlasjewelleryindia.com and may also be available on the website of the Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com.
Pursuant to this, the Company has decided that the close period (i.e. closure of trading window) under the 'ATLAS Code of conduct for prevention of insider Trading' would commence from Friday, January 29, 2021 and ends on 48 hours after the results are made public (both days inclusive).
By the Order of the Board
FOR ATLAS JEWELLERY INDIA LIMITED
Sd/-
Chandan Mahapatra
(Company Secretary & CFO)
Date : 29.01.2021
Place : New Delhi

APPENDIX IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Sale Notice for sale of immovable property(ies)
E-Auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/ charged to CFM Asset Reconstruction Private Ltd. [CIN: U67100GJ015PTC083994] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "without any recourse" basis on 03.03.2021 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M. (with unlimited automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document), for recovery of Rs.28,82,250/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty only) towards Loan Account No. HHLDCP00351850 by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 20.01.2021 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 21.01.2021 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from MRS.BABITA, MR.ROHIT and MRS.NISHA
The Said Loan Account along with its underlying security(ies), including the immovable property(ies), had been assigned to and in favour of the Secured Creditor, acting in its capacity as Trustee of CFMARC Trust-I IHFL, vide Assignment Agreement dated 30.06.2020
The Reserve Price of the immovable Property will be Rs. 22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Thousand only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price. The EMD shall be paid by DD/ RTGS/ NEFT or through any other proper banking channels in favour of and to the credit CFMARC TRUST-I IHFL, Account No. 00511100013302 with Andhra Bank (IFSC: ANDB0000051), having its branch at Fort Mumbai, (Maharashtra) before submitting the tender in order to participate in the online public auction. The successful bidder shall pay 25% amount of the sale price (less 10% of the Reserve Price paid before submitting the tender) immediately i.e. either on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining balance of the Sale Price shall be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale.
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY(IES)
FLAT NO-SF-1, HAVING TOTAL COVERED AREA 74.32 SQ. MTR. i.e. 800 SQ.FT. ON SECOND FLOOR, FRONT RIGHT HAND SIDE, HIG, ON PLOT M.M.-74, WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, DLF ANKUR VIHAR, VILLAGE SADDULLABAD PARGANA-LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201102.
BOUNDARIES OF PLOT NO. M.M.-74 ARE AS UNDER:-
EAST: PLOT NO. M.M.-73 WEST: PLOT NO. M.M.-75
NORTH: 18 MTR. WIDE ROAD SOUTH: PLOT NO.C-1/44
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.cfmarc.in and www.auctionfocus.in.
Sd/
Date : 27.01.2021 Authorized Officer
Place : GHAZIABAD CFM ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LTD.
TRUSTEE CFMARC TRUST-I IHFL

"STOP CORONA - WEAR MASK, FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE"
DELHI JAL BOARD; GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SDW) VII
NSTP CORONATION PILLAR DELHI-110009
E-MAIL ID:- nstp.djb@gmail.com, Phone No. 011-27602302
PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. 10 (2020-21)
S. No. Name of work Estimated cost Cost of work (In Rs.) Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution Last date/for receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1. SITC of Automated PAC Dosing System with complete automation at 20 MGD STP Coranation Pillar. Item Rate Rs. 3997950/- Or Undertaking as per office memorandum No. F-9/14/2020 PPD 28.01.2021 Tender ID No. is 2021_DJB_199277_1 11.02.2021 at 1.30 PM
NIT along with all terms & conditions is available on web site https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
ISSUED BY P.R.O (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 351 (2020-21) Sd/ (Er. O.P. Yadav) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SDW) VII

Aro granite industries Ltd.
(100% Export Oriented Unit)
CIN : L74899DL1988PLC031510
Regd. Office : 1001, 10th Floor, DLF Tower A, Jassola, New Delhi - 110025
Ph. : 011-41686169, Fax : 011-26941984, Email : investor@arogranite.com, Website : www.arogranite.com
EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE-MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020 (Rs. in lacs)
SL. No. Particulars Quarter ended 31.12.2020 Year ended 31.03.2020 Quarter ended 31.12.2019
1 Total Income from operations 4,843.39 18,086.46 4,359.35
2 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) 100.39 517.35 50.61
3 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) 100.39 517.35 50.61
4 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) 104.78 360.62 65.95
5 Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)] 108.77 327.35 51.19
6 Paid up Equity Share Capital 1,530.00 1,530.00 1,530.00
7 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year 16618.68
8 Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-
1. Basic: 0.71 2.14 0.33
2. Diluted: 0.71 2.14 0.33
Note : The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s), www.bseindia.com, and www.nseindia.com and the Company's website www.arogranite.com.
For and on behalf of the Board
Sd/-
Sunil Kumar Arora
Managing Director
Place : HOSUR
Date : 29.01.2021

REGENT ENTERPRISES LTD
Registered Office : E-205 (LGF), Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi-110 048
Phone:011-29213191
Email:legal@regententerprises.in
CIN:L15500DL1994PLC153183
www.regententerprises.in
NOTICE
Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held at 14/17, Naya Garj, Ghaziabad-201001 on Thursday, 11th day of February, 2021 at 4.00 pm inter alia, to consider, approve and take on record the Un-audited Financial Results of the Company for third quarter and nine months ended on 31st December, 2020.
Pursuant to this the trading window for the insiders shall remain closed upto 48 hours of declaration of the results for all designated persons, their immediate relatives and all connected persons as amended. The same Financial Result of the company will be made available at : www.regententerprises.in.
FOR REGENT ENTERPRISES LTD
Place:New Delhi Sd/-
Date:29.01.2021 Vikas Kumar
Whole Time Director
DIN:05308192

MODI RUBBER LIMITED
CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392
Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204; Dist. Ghaziabad, (U.P.)
Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025; Website: www.modirubberlimited.com
Email: investors@modigroup.net; Phone: +91-11-47107398
NOTICE
Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 292nd Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, 12th February, 2021 at 12.00 PM at Corporate Office : 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi- 110 025 to inter-alia approve the following:
(1) Unaudited Financial Results (Standalone and Consolidated) of the Company for the quarter ended December, 2020 and review limited review report of the Statutory Auditors for the publication as per SEBI LODR requirements.
For Modi Rubber Limited
Sd/-
Place : New Delhi (S K Bajpai)
Date : January 28, 2021 Head - Legal & Co. Secretary



SHORTCIRCUITS



SHALMALI
 What ticked me off was the consistent judging and that needs to stop, not just for celebrities, for everyone. We need to stop confining ourselves within stereotypical norms. Its about time that hair colour, length, skin colour, weight should not become parameter for peoples judgement.



KUMAR SANU
 A music labels brand name can take you to a certain point of success, but to maintain that stability you need talent. If any singer has that kind of stability, then it doesnt matter if you have a label or not. Many YouTubers are superhit and no label is supporting them. In the end talent is what works.



ARMAAN MALIK
 Is it normal to not know what normal is anymore? Even though things have somewhat come back to normalcy, the vibe is weird and different. Is everyone else as confused as me as to where the world is headed 2021 and beyond?



NICOLE KIDMAN
 Im hoping I havent done my best work. Im hoping I get to experience more extraordinary creative alliances and times with people. Im willing to go and work on something thats got a low budget, and just get in there and do it. Its why I do things like *Destroyer*.

MILLA JOVOVICH
 There has been a huge improvement since I started making action films. Now, there are so many films with female leads that are action driven. There are loads of scripts that are written for men. I think those scripts need to be written in the same way for women, to make it appealing to an audience.



VOGUE

CLASS ACT

Actor **MANOJ BAJPAYEE** shares tips for emerging artistes to elevate their craft. By **SAKSHI SHARMA**

Ye Wasseypur hai...yahan kabutar bhi doosre ke pankh se apna izzat bachata hai... Seldom does it happen that when you read a dialogue (*Gangs of Wasseypur, 2012*), visuals of the film and the actor delivering it start forming in your head. But then, this is just one in the list of many performances where actor Manoj Bajpayee left an impact with hard-hitting dialogues.



OFTEN YOUR EXPERIENCES MAKE YOU DELIVER YOUR BEST PERFORMANCES. THE EXPERIENCES OF MY INITIAL DAYS IN MUMBAI HELPED ME A LOT IN PERFORMING THE CHARACTER OF BHOSLE IN THE FILM



Bajpayee, last seen in *Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari*, decided to teach the tricks of his craft with Unluclass which has been launched by the learning and entertainment platform, Unlu. Says Bajpayee, "Over the years, you gain some skill sets which can help others upskill their talent. From cracking the audition and character biographies, to method acting and voice training, we have covered a lot in the class. Its been a mix of fun and learning."

The actor further shares 10 tips for the emerging artists to take their craft to greater heights.

PRACTICE: The first and the most important thing for an artist is *riyaz*. One must do it constantly and regularly to sharpen the skills. And make sure that it comes out naturally because you cannot fake emotions in acting.

GET INTO THE SKIN: The other thing to keep in mind is that you have to live in the skin of the character for a long time which means make the role your own, as this will create celluloid magic. You must take mental and physical notes about the character only then will you be able to get under that skin.

KNOW WHAT YOUR AUDIENCE WANTS: Know the emotions and conflicts of your audience and then work passionately and sensitively towards the desired approach.

ENROLL YOURSELF INTO AN INSTITUTE: Study in a stellar institute like National School of Drama and you will come out as a changed human being and definitely a better actor. When I came to Mumbai, I was awe struck by the performances of NSD actors which inspired me to join it and try my luck in Bollywood.

NO EXPERIENCE IS A WASTE: Often your experiences make you deliver your best performances. The experiences of my initial days in Mumbai helped me a lot in performing the character of Bhosle in the film.

BE OVER-PREPARED: Always be over-prepared because in acting, this is a blessing and is an alternative word for being rehearsed. But sometimes you have to keep something unknown as an actor to maintain that authenticity and remain organic.

KNOW YOUR POTENTIAL: You must have the knowledge about your capabilities and should work on them to uncover them.

ENJOY WHAT YOU DO: You have to be happy and enjoy what you do, and then only you can deliver your best performance. This is not only applicable for actors but for any artist or profession.

TRUST YOUR UNIQUENESS: Every individual is different and offers something unique which others dont possess. Trust your uniqueness and put that in your performance because that is what will make you stand out from the crowd.

FOCUS ON YOUR PERFORMANCE: My last advice is, if the performance is good, it will get the recognition it deserves. So, just focus on that, trust your hard work and leave the rest to the audience.

JUKEBOX



Badshah, KRSNA unleash *Roll Up*

Rap stars Badshah and KRSNA have united for the first time to drop a single titled *Roll up*. The track comes with rap verses along with a blend of hip-hop.

The track delivers rap verses embracing the duos signature style coupled with a free-flowing hook whilst throwing some shade on the hip-hop-influenced lifestyle of the millennial generation, supported by a video that embraces the familiar hip-hop staples.

"I put together the track with a very easy-going vibe in mind, something that you can listen to while driving or chilling with your friends, but I made it a point to keep my rap verse potent in terms of lyrics. Young people today are very influenced by the hip hop lifestyle

and thats reflective in this track," KRSNA said.

Badshah said, "Its an extremely exciting collaboration because KRSNA is one of the most prolific writers we have right now and hes established himself as one of the best rappers in the scene. Its really exciting for both his fans and my fans, also I think itll take the Delhi hip hop scene to greater heights! I feel like its coming at the right time and the hip hop scene has never looked better. There might be many more KRSNA, Badshah collaborations."

Recently, Delhi-based rapper KRSNA collaborated with American rapper Hi-Rez and hip hop legend Royce Da 59 for a song titled *Crossroads*.

CAUSE

For a green future

Actor **BHUMI PEDNEKAR** commends her industrys role in constantly coming forward to raise awareness about climate conservation and zero-waste

Actor Bhumi Pednekar has always been an environmentally conscious citizen who has taken up climate conservation as a cause to raise awareness among fellow Indians. Bhumi has launched an online and offline initiative called Climate Warrior through which she is mobilising citizens of India to contribute towards protecting the environment. Bhumi is thanking her industrys role in constantly coming forward to raise awareness about climate conservation and zero-waste.

On World Environment Day last year, celebrities like Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar, Anushka Sharma came forward for *Bhumis One Wish For The Earth* initiative and urged everyone to plant more trees and do their bit to take care of their environment. Last Diwali, Bhumi wished her industry by sending her colleagues saplings that they could plant in their homes.

"The support that my fraternity gave that campaign was immense. And its just not that campaign. There is a certain change in the mindset that we have seen like within the fraternity as well, you know. My last three films, the sets were plastic-free. There was no use of single-use plastic. The crew used steel water bottles. These are very productive steps, because the kind of garbage that is like - that comes out of a film set is large. And this is a conversation that I have with most of my film teams," says she.

"Another thing that I talk to the team with is about wastage of food and the industry is doing whatever it can to ensure this doesnt happen on sets. Like, for example, on *Durgamati*, because that was my last project that I shot for before the pandemic, all the excess food was distributed in a very hygienic way to people who are less fortunate. There were extra meals cooked on set that we could distribute to people. It was a completely pet bottle-free set. So, these are the productive changes that we have to bring about," Bhumi adds.



The earliest Indians

Travel to the Bhimbhetka Rock Shelters, one of Indias most unique archaeological sites. By **KUSHAN MITRA**

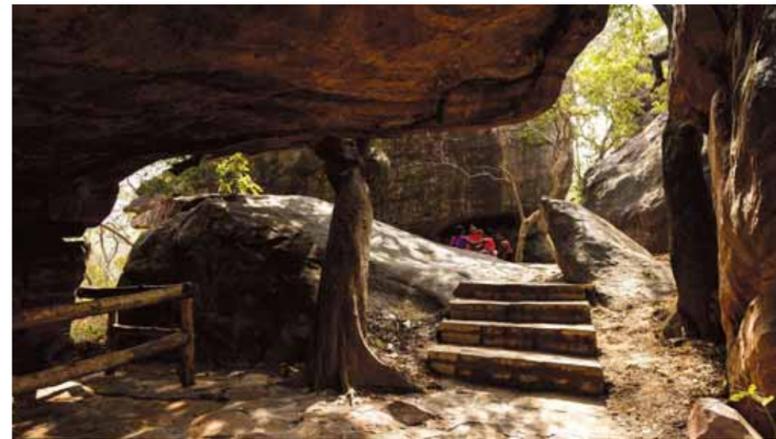


Where should one start with the story of Bhimbhetka, because it is a fascinating one. An hours drive south of Bhopal, the earliest evidence of human civilisation in the country is accessed through a narrow road that crosses the main north-south rail line across a lovely little railway crossing. The hill where the rock shelters are located is a lovely drive up in Indias most popular new premium hatchback, the Hyundai i20 which makes it a pleasure to steer up this winding, narrow, twisty road after dealing with the brilliant new highway connecting the capital of Madhya Pradesh to this site. You can see the unique structure of the rock shelters as you approach it, lying on top of a hill that rises 100 meters from the surrounding countryside.

This is what allowed renowned archaeologist Vishnu Shridhar Wakankar to notice the hills from a passing train which seemed very similar to other rock shelters he had noticed in Europe while visiting sites there. Not one to wait around, he promptly got off at the next station and went straight to the site. What he found was remarkable. Wakankar had discovered evidence of the largest pre-historic human settlement in India and over the years he worked

painstakingly, along with colleagues and students from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), and what you can see today is his life's work.

And what you see inside the Bhimbhetka rock shelters, would make any inquisitive Indian ask some very pertinent questions. About who the earliest Indians were, where did they come from, and what were the flora and fauna of the time. In fact, some of the oldest skeletal remains of early humans were found in the town of Hoshangabad, which is a few kilometres away, dating back some 50,000 years. When Wakankar excavated the site he found a burial site of a male, who might have been a chieftain of sorts, but he was found with ostrich eggshells.



While inside many rock shelters the ochre and white paintings on the wall have faded into history, they are remarkably well preserved in others, even though at some you do have to strain your eyes to notice the finer details. The ochre colour is a result of the iron rich soil of the local area whereas in others like Shelter number five, you have intricate paintings in white.

Some of the paintings are believed to be as old as 10,000 years ago while others depict scenes from wars with cavalry and infantry with spears and swords, such as in Shelter number five, which is evidence that these natural shelters provided a place of rest until at least 500 AD. The earliest ones though, such as at the famous 'Boar' shelter, clear-

ly are older, because not only are the paintings more rudimentary but they are also very similar to paintings found in similar shelters and caves in Europe and elsewhere.

One can continue writing about Bhimbhetka, but genuinely seeing a site like this in India is a tremendous privilege and an eye-opener as well as a lovely drive. Seeing the rock shelters brings history alive and if you are a naturally inquisitive person, it is a place that you must visit and you must drive there, because India is indeed a great country with amazing sites to see and discover. At the end, I must also thank the Bhimbhetka and Bhojpur travel guide from Madhya Pradesh Tourism, produced by GoodEarth Publications which is, in my opinion, essential reading.

IMMERSIVE 45 MINUTES

WARP AND WEFT OF HOPE

A manufacturer of hand-knotted carpets has launched a special collection — *Manchaha-Freedom Edition* — in collaboration with jail inmates to provide them with sustainable livelihood to support their families. By SAKSHI SHARMA

A contemplative man, Wahid Khan, weaved in snippets of jail — the square cell, books, a banyan tree in the yard, a bucket, utensils used by prisoners to make food and tea, the wide grey metallic rods of gate and birds eating left-over meals — in his rug *Zindagi ki seekh*. An avid believer, he also wove symbols of Gandhi such as *dhoti* and *charkha*. To the people that see his rug, he said, "For life to be enjoyed to the fullest, you must learn to take it seriously. Even in laughter, enjoy it for what it is, do not lose yourself in it as that may have consequences." During his stay in prison, he has learned to connect with himself more, appreciate the simple things in life and experience every emotion vividly which, in turn, has helped him to prepare the rug more intricately.

One would wonder how prisoners waiting to escape the darkened enclosure with scratched walls have become the warp and weft of carpet weaving. Under an initiative that began in September 2018, Jaipur Rugs collaborated with jail inmates to launch a special collection — *Manchaha-Freedom Edition* — of handmade rugs. The brand has worked with authorities in Jaipur Central and Bikaner Jail to provide its inmates meaningful work by teaching them the art of carpet weaving. It has opened bank accounts for inmates to help them receive the payment directly and provide for their families while being lodged in jail.

Brand director, Yogesh Choudhary, shared, "We believe in being an inclusive development practitioner to promote creativity. Under this initiative, we are working with over 100 inmates across Jaipur, Bikaner and Dausa Central jails to provide them meaningful and fulfilling work. The capacity to imagine motives which, if nurtured appropriately, adds to the prestige and prosperity of individuals.



One of the biggest tragedies to befall a family is the incarceration of the breadwinner. Their lives are upended irreversibly. Most of the prisoners come from economically weak backgrounds and are rarely literate. Their lives are marred by poverty and crime and the only way to bring about a change is to empower them economically. Under the initiative, we teach carpet weaving to inmates who are serving long sentences with the aim of creating sustainable livelihood for them so that they can support their families

through it." An inmate, Amar Chand, is 44 years old and hails from Diggi, Rajasthan. Amar, an experienced weaver, was surprised to see weaving as an activity for prisoners in Jaipur and didn't hesitate to participate in it. Choudhary shared, "He was constantly reminded of traditions that he feels are slowly fading in today's world. He filled the one he wove with intricate designs along with simpler symbols like an elephant, horse, duck and bees. It seemingly comes out as a carnival

embraced by nature. For a quiet person, his thoughts come out boldly and in clear detail on the rug." When asked about the message expressed in his design, Amar said, "Happiness and sadness come and go but peace can truly stay. That's what my carpet and design 'Old is gold' stands for."

Next in line was Ghanshyam, an inmate in Central Jail, Jaipur. He learned weaving as a part of the prisoners' rehabilitation programme. Yogesh described him as intelligent yet playful, who enjoys working hard



is a sustainable development initiative where weavers get to design their own rug for the first time in the State. It taps into the untamed fashion in rural India by nurturing their creative potential and empowers a community. Each rug, hand-made with more than 200,000 knots, is the story of its creator," said Choudhary. India has millions of craftsmen who are engaged in traditional crafts that symbolise the cultural identity of the civilisation. However, there is a growing concern that our ancient crafts are dying and skilled artisans are an endangered species. "This is because a number of these crafts do not provide sustainable livelihood which has deterred the next generations from taking them up. Hence, we tried to make weaving into a sustainable livelihood that generations can practice from the comfort of their home," says Choudhary.

On the consumer front, lack of awareness among the end-users about India's traditional art forms poses a tough challenge for ancient Indian art forms. "To make the customers see the tremendous value of these ancestral art forms and make them realise their uniqueness are the true tests of all brands in this space," he added.

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that this person namely Yogesh Sharma S/o Prakash Chand Sharma R/o H.No. 406, Gali No. 3, B-Block, Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi Age: 33 years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Build: Medium, wearing blue colour shirt, blue colour jeans pant and sports shoes in feet, has been missing since 18.08.2020 from his house. In this regard DD No. 70-A Dated 20.08.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Burari, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following.
 E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
 Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
 Fax: 24368639
 Tel.: 24368638/24368641
 SHO : P.S. Burari, Delhi
 Tel. No. 011-27616844

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male (depicted in the photo) name: unknown, Family & residence is unknown about 55 years of age was found in unconscious condition near Kalewa Chowk, Mandir Marg. He got admitted to LHMC Hospital. During treatment he was died on 21.01.2021. In this regard a DD No. 50-A, dated 20.01.2021 has been registered at Police Station Mandir Marg, New Delhi. Dead Body of the Unknown has been preserved in LHMC Hospital Mortuary for 72 Hrs for Identification. His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 55 years, **Height:** 5'3" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Bald & Long, **Wearing:** Brown Jacket and Brown and White Pajama.
 Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.
 SHO
 P.S. Mandir Marg, Delhi
 Ph. No.: 011-23366730, 23364100
 Mob. No.: 8750870522
 DP/207/NDD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Bhumika D/o Satish R/o CN-85, Village-Rajapur, Sec-09, Rohini, Delhi Aged-Approx. 15 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 18.01.2021 at 12:00 PM from her residence vide FIR No.25/21, Dated 25.01.2021 u/s 363 IPC registered at Police Station Prashant Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 4'10", **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Clothing:** Blue coloured jacket, blue jeans and white coloured shoes in feet.
 Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Prashant Vihar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
 Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
 FAX No. : 011-24368639
 SHO, Prashant Vihar, Delhi
 Tel.: 011-27571784
 DP/649/RD/2021

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead in Yamuna River near Surghat, Wazirabad, Delhi dated 21.01.2021. In this regard a DD No. 25A, dated 21.01.2021 has been registered at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under



Name: Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 24 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Sallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Black Colour Sweat Shirt and Black Colour Pant & Black Colour Shoes, Copper Kada in right hand. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.
 SHO
 P.S. Timarpur, Delhi
 Ph.: 011-23812734, 23814421,
 8750870130
 DP/908/N/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Neha D/o Sh. Lal Bahadur R/o H. No. U-1/264, Dharam Enclave, Prem Nagar-II, Kirari, Delhi Aged-17 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 27.12.2020 at 3:00 PM from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi vide FIR No. 560/2020 U/S 363 IPC Dated 31.12.2020 registered at Police Station Prem Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'0", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black, **Eyes:** Black, **Wearing:** Red coloured sliet & salwar and red-blue coloured sweater.
 Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Prem Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
 Tele No. : 011-23014046(Direct), Sd/-
 011-3015229 & 23015218 extn. 210 SHO, Prem Nagar, Delhi
 FAX No. : 011-230111334 Tel.: 011-25489080, 9315164042
 DP/606/RD/2021 Mob.: 8750870332

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl, Named: Aarti, D/o: Sh. Shankar Lal, R/o: H.No. 82-83, Sector 22, Rohini, Delhi. Aged: 16 years has been missing/ kidnapped from her home since 16.01.2021 at around 03:30 PM. In this regard, a Case Vides FIR No. 30/21 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 17.01.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi. Her description is as under:



Height: 5'3" feet, **Complexion:** fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Black Colour Jacket, Blue Colour Jeans and Black Colour Shoes in her feet.
 If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnaped girl, then please inform P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi at email: cic@cbi.nic.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Fax: No.011-23011133, Ph.: 011-23014046 (Direct), 23015229, 23015218 Extn. 210.
 S.H.O
 P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi
 Ph. No. 011-23014046, 23015218
 DP/641/RD/2021.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Sahib Singh Bedi S/o Lt. Sh. Inderpal R/o B-6/52, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi Aged-34 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 25.11.2020 at about 08.15 PM from his residence vide DD No.73A, Dated 14.01.2021 registered at Police Station K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-



Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'9", **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **Hair:** Black, **ID:** mentally disturbed, Stays also in little tension & A tattoo name of Sahib Singh marked on hand, **Clothing:** Black coloured jacket, Blue coloured jeans and Slipper in feet.
 Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped male, may inform SHO, K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
 Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
 FAX No. : 011-24368639
 SHO, K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi
 Tel.: 011-27571162, 27571171
 DP/639/RD/2021

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) Namely: Sachin, S/o: Jitender Jha, R/o: H.No. F-397, Agar Nagar, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi. Aged: 21 years, has been missing since 15.07.2019 from his residence. In this regard, a Case vide DD No. 80A, Dated 05.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. His description is as under:



Height: 5'2" feet, **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** White Colour T-Shirt and Grey Colour Pant.
 If anyone has any information about the missing boy, then please inform P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi at email: cic@cbi.nic.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Fax: No.011-23011133, Ph.: 011-23014046 (Direct), 23015229, 23015218 Extn. 210.
 S.H.O
 P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.
 Ph.: 011-25489080
 DP/608/RD/2021.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), Namely : Yashoda W/o Hari Ram R/o C-5, Madanpur T Point, Village Madanpur, Delhi has been missing with her son (depicted in the photo) Namely : Badal, Age : 9 year, since 08.01.2021 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 74A dated 18.01.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Kanjhawala, Delhi. Her physical description is as under :-



Age: 38 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Hair:** Black, **Wearing:** Cream & Pink colour suit and salwar and Silver colour jutti in feet.
 Any person having any information/Clue about this missing female & her son, may inform SHO, Kanjhawala, Delhi at E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
 SHO
 P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi
 Rohini Distt., Delhi
 Ph. No. 011-25952485, 25951486
 DP/637/RD/2021

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Guddu Kumar, S/o Ram Jatan Mahto, R/o: V.P.O. Keshavpur, P.S. Sakra, Distt. Mujaffarpur, Bihar has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 229/20 U/s 328/376 IPC & 4 POCSO Act has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Guddu Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Guddu Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
 Proclamation is hereby made that the said Guddu Kumar accused of FIR No. 229/20 U/s 328/376 IPC & 4 POCSO Act has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.03.2021.
 By Order
 Ms Raj Rani,
 ASJ-04, (POCSO) North-West,
 DP/643/RD/2021 Room No. 203, District Court, Rohini, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely Ashu S/o Lt. Sh. Ramfal R/o Attar Singh Ka Makan near MCD School, Begumpur Extn., Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under case FIR No. 278/20 U/s 376/354/363/120B/406/506/34 IPC & 6 POCSO Act, has been registered at P.S. Begumpur, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Ashu S/o Lt. Sh. Ramfal cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, Ashu S/o Lt. Sh. Ramfal has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
 Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Ashu S/o Lt. Sh. Ramfal FIR No. 278/20 U/s 376/354/363/120B/406/506/34 IPC & 6 POCSO Act, required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 25.02.2021.
 By Order,
 Ms. Raj Rani,
 Additional Sessions Judge-04,
 Special Judge POCSO Act,
 DP/613/RD/2020-
 Court Matter Room No. 203, Rohini Courts, New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Anjali D/o Dhanesh Sah R/o H. No. D-86A, Rajeev Nagar, Near Pal Hospital, Begumpur, Delhi Aged-17 Years has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 10.12.2020 at about 3.30 PM from her residence vide FIR No.09/21 u/s 363 IPC Dated 08.01.2021 registered at Police Station Begumpur, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black & Long, **Clothing:** Blue coloured Top, Blue coloured jeans and Slipper in feet.
 Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Begumpur, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
 Sd/-
 SHO, Begumpur, Delhi
 Tel.: 011-27579030-31
 DP/617/RD/2021 Mob.: 8750870323

PAK TRAP SA IN SPIN WEB

Nauman, Yasir combine to guide Babar's men to seven-wicket win in 1st Test

AFP ■ KARACHI

Debutant Nauman Ali took five wickets and fellow spinner Yasir Shah grabbed four to give Pakistan a seven-wicket victory in the first Test against South Africa in Karachi on Friday.

Nauman finished with 5/35 and Yasir took 4/79 as South Africa slumped to 245 all out in their second innings on the fourth day on a wearing National Stadium pitch that favoured spin bowlers.

Pakistan, needing 88 for victory, lost openers Abid Ali, Imran Butt and Babar Azam for a total of 52 runs before achieving the target in 22.5 overs to take a 1-0 lead in the two-match series.

Azhar Ali was 31 not out while Fawad Alam — who hit a fighting hundred in the first innings — hit the winning boundary.

Anrich Nortje bowled Abid in the first over after lunch and then had Butt caught behind to finish with figures of 2/24. Azam, on his Test captaincy debut, was dismissed leg before by Keshav Maharaj.

It was a spinners' battle on a brownish wicket, allowing Nauman to record figures of 7/73 and Yasir 7/133. In contrast, South Africa's spinners managed just four wickets.

Pakistan had taken a crucial 158-run first innings lead, thanks to a fighting century from Fawad and half centuries from Faheem Ashraf and Azhar.

The writing was on the wall as South Africa lost nightwatchman Maharaj on the first ball of the day, bowled for two by pacer Hasan Ali.

South African skipper Quinton de Kock had a miserable 50th Test as he followed his 15 in the first innings with just two runs as he was caught off a lazy push off Yasir.

Temba Bavuma, who scored 40, added 42 for the seventh wicket with George Linde before being the last man out as Nauman took the last four wickets in a rapid 22 balls.

He dismissed Linde for 11, Kagiso Rabada for a single run, and Anrich Nortje for a duck, before removing Bavuma.



Pakistan's spinner Yasir Shah, second from right, and teammates celebrate after the dismissal of South Africa's captain Quinton de Kock (12)

Soft dismissals cost us match: De Kock

PTI ■ KARACHI

South Africa's captain Quinton de Kock on Friday put down his team's defeat in the first Test against Pakistan to soft dismissals, saying his players had enough time to adjust to the slow nature of the pitch here.

"Obviously our first innings batting performance let us down, there were a couple of soft dismissals and it led to our losing the game," de Kock said after the match.

De Kock said his team had not taken too long to

adjust to conditions in Pakistan despite the Covid-19 situation.

"We let ourselves down in the first innings. Obviously, when you bat first you need more than 220 and then we had them something like 40 for four, but we allowed them to come back into the game."

Talking about recent batting collapses by South Africa in Test cricket, he said the team was trying to work out why they were happening.

"Trust me if we knew it would not be happening."

He said when the bats-

men got bogged down they tried to play shots, but on this pitch, playing patiently was the requirement.

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam said it is his ambition to see his team start winning overseas.

"I think, at home, you are expected to do well because conditions suit you, but we need to start winning overseas as well."

"I think we need to show more trust in our players and our top performers. We can't discard players after just one or two bad performances, we

need to have belief in them."

Babar said scoring runs abroad gave him more confidence than amassing big numbers at home.

He termed the win over South Africa as "very necessary for the team."

"I think this victory came through because all the 11 players contributed and especially the way Nouman Ali bowled in this match. It was his debut and there was pressure on him against a good team, but he delivered. We need to trust our players."

Sindhu ends campaign with win

PTI ■ BANGKOK

Already out of contention for the knockouts, World champion P V Sindhu ended her campaign with a consolation win at the BWF World Tour Finals but Kidambi Srikanth had a disappointing finish after yet another close defeat, here on Friday.

Sindhu, the Olympic Silver medallist, notched up a 21-18, 21-15 win over world No 13 Pornpawee Chochuwong in her third and final match after suffering defeats in first two days.

"Well I think it was a good finish. Actually until yesterday I



still had a chance. Unfortunately the match with Tai went the other way, so I didn't have a chance. Otherwise, it was a good game," Sindhu said.

"For any athlete, losing two games is going to be hard to come back stronger to, but I think it's very important from these wins to come back stronger and believe in yourself. I just played my game after yesterday's upset," she said.

Srikanth, however, went down 21-12, 18-21, 19-21 to Hong Kong's NG Ka Long Angus in what was yet another narrow defeat in a three-game thriller.



TN vs Baroda in SMA final

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

KB Arun Karthik led Tamil Nadu into their second successive Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy final with an unbeaten 89-run knock that shaped their seven-wicket victory over Rajasthan in the first semifinal, while Baroda beat Punjab by 25 runs in the second game, here on Friday.

Arun Karthik's 89-run partnership with skipper Dinesh Karthik (26 not out) meant that Tamil Nadu overhauled the 155-run target with eight balls to spare.

TN had lost the summit clash by just one run to Karnataka, last year.

Rajasthan's decision to bat first at the Sardar Patel stadium seem to be working well but Tamil Nadu restricted them to a sub-par 154 for nine despite skipper Ashok Menaria's 51 off 32 balls.

The left-handed Menaria, whose knock was laced with five fours and two sixes, took on the Tamil Nadu bowlers as he and Arjit Gupta (45 off 35 balls) raised a 83-run third wicket

stand. Chasing 155, TN lost C Hari Nishanth (4) early when he was trapped in front of the wicket by Tanveer-Ul-Haq (1/22). Tamil Nadu were in spot of bother at 17/2 after Aparajith (2) was caught in the slip cordon.

But a determined Narayan Jagadeesan (28) and Arun Karthik came to the rescue as they put together 52 runs for the third wicket and took the game away from Rajasthan.

Young leggie Ravi Bishnoi (1/32) tried to bring Rajasthan back into the game by removing Jagadeesan, but then Tamil Nadu cruised as skipper Dinesh Karthik joined Arun and the duo tore apart the Rajasthan attack.

Arun Karthik hammered nine boundaries and three sixes, in his match-winning knock and fittingly finished the game with a boundary.

In the second game, put into bat first, Baroda rode on skipper Kedar Devdhar's fighting 64 to post a competitive 160 for 3 and then bowlers' impressive show restricted Punjab to 135 for 8.

Liverpool revive title hopes

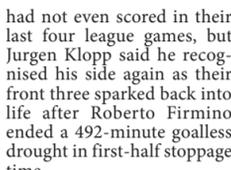
AFP ■ LONDON



Liverpool ended a five-game

winless run in the Premier League to move back into the top four with a 3-1 win at Tottenham Hotspur on Thursday as Spurs also lost Harry Kane to an ankle injury.

The English champions



had not even scored in their last four league games, but Jurgen Klopp said he recognised his side again as their front three sparked back into life after Roberto Firmino ended a 492-minute goalless drought in first-half stoppage time.

Sadio Mane got in behind and squared for Firmino to bundle in at the back post for his first goal in eight games.

Trent Alexander-Arnold's drop off in form has been another major part of Liverpool's regression from the side that romped to the title last season with 99 points.

However, the England right-back connected sweetly to drill in his side's second after Lloris could only parry

Mane's initial effort into his path.

Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg's brilliant strike from outside the box halved the deficit just two minutes later.

Liverpool, though, rarely looked troubled after Kane departed and could have won far more convincingly.

Mohamed Salah's powerful strike was ruled out after a VAR review for a handball by Firmino earlier in the move.

But Mane restored the two-goal cushion when he pounced on an error from Joe Rodon to fire high past Lloris.

Victory takes Liverpool back above West Ham, who they face on Sunday, into fourth.

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020
(₹ in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Current Quarter ended	Corresponding Quarter ended	Nine Months ended	Corresponding Nine Months ended	Previous Year ended
		31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2019 (Unaudited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2019 (Unaudited)	31.03.2020 (Audited)
1.	Total income from operations (net)	7.67	26.87	459.82	92.03	182.50
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	(10.55)	9.68	340.89	38.32	18.88
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	(10.55)	9.68	340.89	38.32	18.88
4.	Equity Share Capital	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
5.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2116.14
6.	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of ₹10/- each)	(0.18)	0.16	5.68	0.64	0.31
	Diluted:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹10/- each)	(0.18)	0.16	5.68	0.64	0.31
	Diluted:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Notes: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites of BSE and also on company's website at www.keycorppltd.com. 2. Above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the board of directors of the company at its meeting held on 29.01.2021. The Statutory Auditor of the company have carried out a limited review of accounts of the company for the 3rd quarter ended 31st December, 2020.

By Order of the Board
(G.D. Maheshwari)
Director
Place: Kanpur
Date: 29.01.2021
DIN 00235209



"KAVYAM"-AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Advertisement is invited to inform general public at large regarding cancellation of units of already allotted customers through the 1st draw of lots dated 24.06.2019 and 2nd draw of lots dated 01.08.2020 due to non-payment despite several reminders, in the Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project Kavyam is being developed by Agrante Realty Ltd Sector-108, Gurugram, Haryana, as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (details available at the Department website i.e. www.tcp.haryana.gov.in).

S. No.	Allotted Unit No	Application No.	Name	Co-Applicant
1	TA4-1001	3489	Pardeep Bhardwaj	N/A
2	TA2-204	3198	Usha devi	N/A
3	TD-912	3945	Krishan Kumar	N/A
4	TA3-1003	3237	Rajwant kaur	N/A
5	TA2-101	3282	Kratika	N/A
6	TC-602	2064	Satbir	N/A
7	TA5-802	2846	Ravi	N/A
8	TA5-204	3502	Sonia Grover	N/A
9	TD-1311	10342	Akansha Sharma	Kavita Sharma
10	TD-1309	9594	Pooja Yadav	Manoj Kumar
11	TD-1709	9444	Jyoti	N/A
12	TD-1305	10174	Anant Jain	N/A
13	TD-203	2438	Ram Ratan Sharma	N/A
14	TD-510	9447	Anushka Bindra	N/A
15	TD-1816	9800	Risal Kaur	N/A
16	TD-803	9440	Kapil Tyagi	N/A
17	TD-801	9631	Meenakshi	N/A
18	TD-816	10389	Oinam Romesh Singh	N/A
19	TD-1312	10340	Aishwarya Sharma	Akansha Sharma
20	TD-815	10167	Arushi Jain	N/A
21	TD-1812	9986	Kiran Devi	Birender Kumar Pandit
22	TD-1505	10122	DarakhshanBano	N/A
23	TD-713	9455	Sandeep Kumar	N/A
24	TD-202	9780	Priyanka	N/A
25	TD-210	10096	Renu Devi	N/A
26	TD-1301	9798	Sonia	N/A
27	TD-710	9005	Saumitra Pant	N/A
28	TD-2009	10216	Javid Zaman Buch	N/A
29	TD-1007	9441	Alka Srivastava	N/A
30	TD-1707	9465	Raj Pal Singh	Meetra Sen
31	TD-1314	9781	Prabha Devi	N/A
32	TD-1716	10403	Kapil Panchal	N/A
33	TD-514	9442	Vikas Kumar Garg	N/A
34	TD-509	4250	Brijesh Singh	N/A
35	TD-1504	9799	Jyoti Rani	Azad Singh
36	TD-1811	10125	Sunita Garg	N/A
37	TD-2114	9036	Rohit Ranjan Bhat	N/A
38	TD-408	10203	Ramesh Kumar	N/A
39	TD-1207	9030	Begraj	N/A
40	TD-2207	9632	Veenu Khanna	N/A
41	TD-913	2439	Ravi Kant Ajmera	N/A
42	TD-512	9898	Vikram Jeet Bhaskar	N/A
43	TD-1810	9769	Ganga Sharan	N/A
44	TD-2013	10344	Anil Kumar Chugh	Chander Kala
45	TA5-903	9120	Manisha Sikka	N/A
46	TA2-1004	9643	Nidhi	Paramjit Kumar
47	TC-801	9987	Pinkie Upadhyay	Sonu Upadhyay
48	TB-302	10095	Rachna Nathaniel	N/A
49	TB-701	9428	Anita	N/A
50	TA4-1202	9261	Reeta Sikka	N/A
51	TA1-104	9430	Adesh Pal	N/A
52	TA4-201	3140	Himanshu Upadhyaya	N/A
53	TA3-1104	3441	Chetan Parashar	N/A

It is to inform to all above allottees that it is last & final opportunity to restore the cancellation after making the all dues till date within seven working days, otherwise it shall be considered as cancelled and the same shall be allotted to the aspiring applicants under the applicable provisions of policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof.

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, KARNAL	RENOVATION AND BEAUTIFICATION OF KUKRITYNASHAN TIRTH, KAKOT IN KATHAL DISTT. (PDG. STREET LIGHT ONLY) + 3 OTHER WORKS	28.01.2021 11.02.2021	87.35 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01842265696 pwd-eeed-karnal@hry.nic.in
2	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF UPGRADATION OF PHC TO CHC AT VILLAGE BHUTHAN KALAN IN FATEHABAD DISTT. (RE-INVITED)	27.01.2021 17.02.2021	140.79 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01667220120 pwr-eeep-fatehabad@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R, YAMUNA NAGAR	CONSTRUCTION OF B&C ON GHACHHRAULI KOT ROAD (ID 687) BETWEEN VILLAGE KHANPURA AND SHAHPUR KM 3-40, 4-00, 4-60, 5-20) IN YAMUNA NAGAR DISTRICT + 1 OTHER WORK	03.02.2021 18.02.2021	351.79 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	pwd-eeep-yamunaganar@hry.nic.in 01732-237834
4	PWD B&R, AMBALA	RESTORATION OF ROAD DAMAGES BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DUE TO LAYING OF SEWER LINE ON LINK ROAD FROM JAGADHARI AMBALA ROAD TO BRAHMAN MAJRA IN AMBALA DISTRICT (KM. 0.00 TO KM. 2.300) (ROAD ID 177) (REINVITED)	27.01.2021 09.02.2021	117.57 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8221827829 pwr-eeep1-ambala@hry.nic.in
5	FOREST DEPARTMENT, GURUGRAM	EXTENTION OF PROTECTION CENTER AT WLS NAHAR, REWARI + 2 OTHER WORKS	28.01.2021 06.02.2021	33.57 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in Tender no 2021_HRY_157837_1 + 2 OTHER	0124-2300881 DWLOGGN@GMAIL.COM
6	FOREST DEPARTMENT, JIND	DIOGGING / RESTORATION OF POND/WATER BODY AASHRAM WALA JOHARIN BIR BARA BAN JIND	28.01.2021 04.02.2021	8.03 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681255458 dfjind2009@rediffmail.com
7	FOREST DEPARTMENT, JIND	GATAULI NURSERY IN JULANA BLOCK JIND RANGE	28.01.2021 04.02.2021	20.30 LACS	http://haryanaeprocurement.gov.in TENDER NO 2020-HRY-157854-1	01681255458 dfjind2009@rediffmail.com
8	WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT YAMUNA NAGAR	FOR PROCURING FOOD ITEMS REQUIRED UNDER ICDS IN YAMUNANAGAR DISTRICT	23.01.2021 08.02.2021	41.16 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8168823480 dpoynr.wcd@gmail.com
9	BLOCK LEVEL E-TENDERING COMMITTEE, BLOCK, PIPLI DISTT KURUKSHETRA	SUPPLY OF RAW & BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES (AS PER ANNEXURE 1 IN THE DNT) + 12 OTHER WORKS	29.01.2021 04.02.2021	EMD 26 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8930002020 bdpo.pipli@yahoo.com
10	PANCHAYATI RAJ, JHAJJAR	CONST. OF 13 NOS. ANGANWARI CENTRE, DISTRICT JHAJJAR	27.01.2021 04.02.2021	116.09 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01251-254118 prexeeng.jjr@hry.nic.in

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