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Offer to put farm laws on hold intact: Modi

Budget Session may see heated discussions on farm laws, military face-off with China on LAC in Ladakh and economic situation post-Covid-19

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday affirmed that his Government's proposal to suspend implementation of the farm laws for 18 months still stands as negotiations with agitating farmers to resolve the deadlock continue.

In the all-party meet that he chaired before the presentation of the Union Finance Budget on Monday, the Prime Minister reiterated Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar's comment that "he is a phone call away for the talks."

Even as the Government has offered to put the new laws in abeyance for 18 months, a dominant section of protesting farmers and Opposition parties are adamant on their repeal.

The nine rounds of talks have failed to provide a breakthrough in the ongoing 56-days farmers' protest on the outskirts of Delhi.

The Budget Session may have heated discussion on farm laws, military face-off with China on the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh and economic situation post-Covid-19.

On the "unfortunate violence" in the national Capital on January 26, Modi was quoted by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi that "law will take its own course."

As the Government held out the offer, a number of Opposition parties demanded more discussion on the laws.

Joshi also said the Government is ready for discussions on a range of issues that the Opposition wants. He said discussion will be taken up in the second half of the Budget Session.

"During the all-party meet, PM Narendra Modi assured that GoI (Government of India) is approaching the farmers' issue with an open mind.



Farmers and their supporters during their protest at Ghazipur Border in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

The PM said GoI's stand is same as it was on January 22 - the proposal by the Agriculture Minister still stands," the Parliamentary Minister said after the meeting.

"He (the Prime Minister) reiterated what (Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh) Tomarji said — that he (the Agriculture Minister) is a phone call away for talks," Joshi added.

The meeting took place a day after 20 Opposition parties underlined their support of the protesting farmers — by boycotting the President's address to a joint sitting of Parliament — and included a discussion on the Republic Day violence and, in particular, the incident at the Red Fort.

Opposition parties condemned the violence but also demanded an investigation into how "outside elements" had

infiltrated the farmers' movement.

Joshi said the Prime Minister reaffirmed the importance of smooth functioning of Parliament and comprehensive debates on the floor of the House.

He added that "frequent disruptions mean smaller parties suffer as they can't express themselves adequately."

Modi said that it is for the bigger parties to ensure Parliament functions smoothly, there are no disruptions and thus, the smaller parties are able to voice their views in Parliament.

He highlighted the role India can play to further global good in a many sectors and referred to the skills and prowess of "our people, which can be a force multiplier to global prosperity," said Joshi.

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More join Tikait's protest, Sadbhavna Divas observed

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Farmers protesting at the three sites on Delhi borders held a day-long fast, between 9 am and 5 pm, as they observed "Sadbhavna Divas" to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Meanwhile, hundreds of farmers stayed put at the Ghazipur Border on Saturday morning, as more supporters poured in at the protest site on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway in Ghaziabad following which Delhi Police shut down NH-24 highway and all roads leading to Ghazipur border.

Union Home Ministry temporarily suspended internet

services in Singhu, Ghazipur, Tikri borders and their adjoining areas from 11 pm of 29 January to 11 pm of 31 January to "maintain public safety and averting public emergency" amid the farmers' protest.

Meanwhile, a second notice has been issued by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Crime Branch to nine farmer leaders, including Rakesh Tikait. Delhi Police carried out raids in Punjab's Jalandhar on Friday to arrest Jugraj Singh and Navpreet Singh who hoisted the Nishan Sahib flag at Red Fort on January 26.

Meanwhile, 38 cases were registered till now in farmer's

17 farmer bodies in 11 States talk with SC farm panel, next on Feb 3

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

While agitating farmers' unions boycotted talks with the Supreme Court-appointed committee, as many as 17 farmers' organisations from 11 States and Union Territories participated in the deliberations over the farm laws and the minimum support price. These groups are not the part of the ongoing protests by 41 unions at Delhi borders.

This was the second round of deliberations between farmers' organisations and the committee members.

The organisations from Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttarakhand and

These groups are not part of ongoing protests by 41 unions at Delhi borders

Uttar Pradesh gave their frank views and detailed suggestions on the farm laws.

According to the committee, the farmers' unions participated in the deliberations, given suggestions in details and expressed their viewpoints over the three laws. The third round of deliberations with farmers' organisations will be held on February 3. The committee has also invited comments, views and suggestions from the public and all stakeholders engaged in the agriculture activities including dairying and fisheries on the three laws by February 20.

The committee comprises

agricultural economists Ashok Gulati and Dr Pramod Joshi, and Shethkari Sangathana president Anil Ghanwat. Another member BS Mann had recused from the committee following the pressure of farmers unions in Punjab.

The Supreme Court had on January 12 set up the committee to give a report to the court on the farm laws following consultations with all stakeholders. The Supreme Court had also stayed the implementation of three farm laws.

The Sanyukt Kisan Morcha continues to protest at Delhi's borders — Tikri, Singhu, and Ghazipur.

BKU Lok Shakti re-launches protest, relocates to Ghazipur border stir site from Noida

PTI ■ NOIDA

Peeved over developments at the Ghazipur border site of

farmers' protest, the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Lok Shakti) on Friday re-launched its stir over the new farm laws, just a day after it had announced withdrawing its protest in Noida.

BKU (Lok Shakti) chief Thakur Sheoraj Singh Bhati called on the union's supporters, who were camping at the Dalit Prerna Sthal in Noida, to now reach Ghazipur border, where BKU members are staying put.

In a video message, Singh also appealed to BKU (Lok Shakti) supporters in western Uttar Pradesh to reach the farmers' mahapanchayat that was convened in Muzaffarnagar.

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Farmers observe fast on Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary during their ongoing protest, at Ghazipur Border, in New Delhi, on Saturday PTI

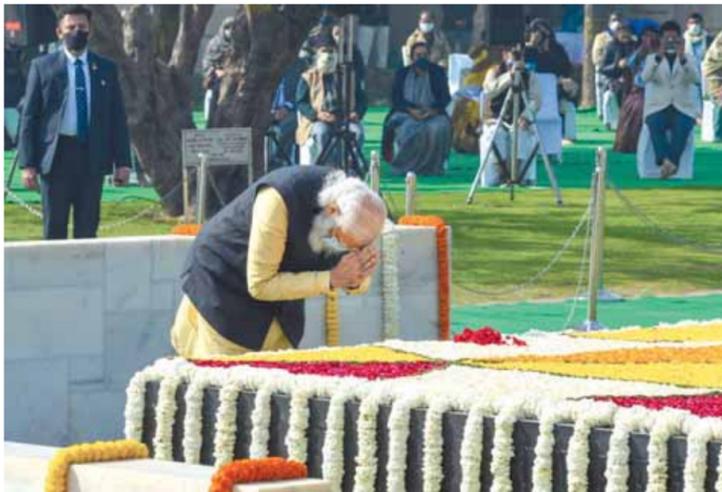
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NO QUARANTINE FOR -VE UK RETURNEE: GOVT

New Delhi: The Delhi Government has terminated the provision of one-week mandatory institutional quarantine for UK returnees who test negative for Covid-19, an official order has said. The decision was taken by the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) after it reviewed the situation.

MEDIA BODIES CONDEMN SEDITION CHARGES

New Delhi: Media bodies on Saturday condemned the filing of sedition charges against six senior journalists and editors for their reporting on the farmers' tractor parade and the ensuing violence here on Republic Day, alleging the situation in the country is akin to an "undeclared emergency".



Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat on the occasion of Martyrs' Day, observed to mark the death anniversary of the father of the nation, in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

NIA, NSG probe blast near Israel embassy

Agencies collect evidence; CCTV footage from spot being scanned

SHEKHAR SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

A team of Delhi Police Special Cell on Saturday visited the blast site near the Israel embassy to collect more evidence as part of its ongoing probe. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) too reached the IED blast spot and inspected the area. The National Security Guard (NSG) has been roped in by the Centre to examine characteristics of the explosives used in the explosion.

Investigators probing the blast near the Israel embassy have not come across anything concrete yet as most of the CCTV cameras near the site of the explosion were non-functional at the time of incident, said the official police sources.

A CCTV footage of the Israel embassy blast site obtained by the Special Cell team has revealed that a cab had dropped two persons who walked towards the spot near the embassy where the IED explosion took place on Friday evening. Cops have contacted the driver of the vehicle and sketches of the two people are being prepared.

"We have recovered some CCTV footage but have not obtained anything concrete yet



An NSG team inspects the blast site near Israel embassy in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

as most of the CCTV cameras near the embassy are non-functional. The footage showed a vehicle moving suspiciously near the embassy just before the explosion," said the source.

It was claimed that the cab driver himself had called police, he has been identified and is being questioned and verifying his statements.

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Ex-Min Rajib, other TMC leaders fly to Delhi, join BJP

DEEPAK UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI:

Former West Bengal Minister Rajib Banerjee, who recently joined the Trinamool Congress, quit the BJP in Delhi on Saturday along with a few other leaders of the State's ruling party after meeting senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. BJP president JP Nadda is away in Tamil Nadu.

The TMC leaders flew in here by a special plane.

Banerjee and MLAs Prabh Ghosal and Baishali Dalmiya, who was recently expelled from the TMC, and former Howrah Mayor Rathin Chakraborty met senior central BJP leaders before they were inducted into the party.

"They have joined the BJP" party general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya said following the meeting.

Former TMC MLA Parthasarathi Chattopadhyay and actor Rudranil Ghosh had also accompanied them on their visit to meet BJP leaders in the national Capital. BJP national vice-president Mukul Roy and Vijayvargiya arrived in Delhi with them.

The TMC, which has been facing exodus of a number of leaders ahead of the Assembly election due in April-May, said that those who are leaving do not have long political history.

Earlier in the day, Banerjee said he had a word with Union Home Minister Amit Shah who called him to Delhi.

"After I resigned from the TMC, I received a call from the BJP leadership.... Amit Shah ji told me to come over to Delhi.

He also requested me to pass on the information to five other important public figures who wanted to serve people in a better way to accompany me. "If I get an assurance on the State's development, if I get an assurance that I can work for the betterment of people, I will join the BJP," he told reporters at the Kolkata airport.

The TMC in West Bengal was on Friday rocked by a fresh bout of desertions as Banerjee quit the party and several other leaders rallied behind him, deepening the crisis in the party.

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SII to launch Covovax by June, applies for local trials in India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Almost a fortnight after its Avaccine Covishield along with the Bharat Biotech's Covaxin became part of India's mega vaccination drive against Covid-19, Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) on Saturday said that it was hopeful of launching Covovax — developed in partnership with American vaccine developer Novavax — by June this year.

The US-based pharma firm's Covid jab was found to be 89.3 per cent effective in a trial in the United Kingdom. Adar Poonawalla, CEO of the world's biggest vaccine maker, tweeted that they have



already applied for local trials for the vaccine candidate in India. "Our partnership for a Covid-19 vaccine with @Novavax has also published excellent efficacy results. We have also applied to start trials in India. Hope to launch #COVOVAX by June 2021!" Poonawalla tweeted.

Earlier this month, India began the world's largest inoculation drive after the drug regulator DCGI cleared Covishield and Covaxin.

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BJP, ADMK to fight Assembly polls together, confirms Nadda

PTI ■ MADURAI

BJP national president JP Nadda on Saturday said his party's alliance with the AIADMK would continue for the Assembly elections, due in Tamil Nadu in a few months.

Both parties would face the polls together, he said, addressing a public meeting, his first in the run up to the Assembly elections expected in April or early May. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi facilitated projects like the defence corridor for Tamil Nadu while the state was "ignored" during the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance regime.

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SC Collegium withdraws promotion nod for judge of skin-to-skin verdict

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Collegium is understood to have withdrawn its approval to a proposal for the appointment of an additional judge of the Bombay High Court, Justice P V Ganeswara, as a permanent judge of the court following her two controversial verdicts in sexual assault cases.

The decision was taken after the judge faced flak for her interpretation of sexual assault under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, a source said.

Justice Pushpa Ganeswara recently acquitted a man accused of groping a 12-year-old girl's breast because he did



not make skin-to-skin contact and days earlier, ruled that holding the hands of a five-year-old girl and unzipping the trousers do not amount to "sexual assault" under the POCSO Act.

On January 27, the Supreme Court stayed the Bombay HC order acquitting the man after Attorney General KK Venugopal said the order would set a dangerous precedent.

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HOME THEATRE

Visually stunning



THE DIG
Netflix
*ing: Ralph Fiennes, Carey Mulligan, Lily James, Ben Chaplin
Rated: 6/10

All movies that are based on real life are fascinating to watch. There is something about such films or for that matter books that pull you. The characters take you on their as it happened. *The Dig* directed by Simon Stone tells you the truth whether Anglo-Saxons were barbaric or civilised who were more than just about fighting and plundering.

Set in May 1939, as Europe lurched towards war, amateur excavator/archaeologist Basil Brown, hired to dig up the huge mounds on Edith Pretty's property in Suffolk, struck gold (literally). First, the movie tell you how he came across the skeleton of an 88-foot ship dating to the Anglo-Saxon period. The next phase was discovering the burial chamber within the ship, filled with a treasure trove of almost perfectly-preserved artifacts, made

from gold and garnet: a stunning helmet, shoulder clasps, a golden belt buckle. Pretty later, donated them to the British museum.

What makes this film brilliant is the performance by Ralph Fiennes. It is almost difficult to imagine that he is the same person who played Voldemort or for that matter Christopher Marshall. Playing a British excavator of 1930s, his transformation is amazing. He plays his role to perfection. He gives an impressive that he perfectly understated what was expected of him and delivers on it. It is his expressions of hat give your imagination wings into how history unfolded back then.

The other starcast do their bit. Another actor who is almost unrecognisable is Lily James. After playing the lead in *Cinderella*, as a fellow excavator on site, she is good. Though her role may not be something to rave about her contribution as an actor fits the film.

Over all, *The Dig* is well-played, is visually appealing with a treasure hunt at the centre of it all.

— Shalini Sakseena

Treasure hunt of different kind



FINDING OHANA
Netflix
Presenter: Alex Alono, Kelly Hu, Kea Peahu, Owen Vaccaro, Branscombe Richmond, Ryan Higa, Lindsay Watson, Ricky Garcia, Kyndra Sanchez, Marc Evan Jackson
Rated: 5.5/10

People in India will find it difficult to find a connection here if you don't know anything about Hawaiian way of life. Still *Finding Ohana* is interesting to watch since the locales are beautiful and it is about treasure hunt even though it is of a different kind — not about money but about what the Hawaiian culture, values, tradition and folklore is about. Those who love to know about different cultures, this one is right up alley even though it is told from the perspective of kids and teenagers.

Given that our world is shrinking, knowing and being aware of other folklore besides our own is good. The fact that they have used a quest for long lost and buried treasure keeps one interest once you start watching it.

For those wanting to know what Ohana means — it means family. There is plenty of fun with a mix of adventure, comedy, heartwarming family moments, and a bit of teen romance. It is a movie about how family sticks together whatever the odds even if it means to shift from one city to another.

— Shalini Sakseena

Plan Your Day

Ways of Seeing

Venue: DAG, The Claridges
When: February 5, 2021
Time: 12 noon to 8 pm

Bringing back into focus concepts such as scopophilia or the pleasure of looking at something or someone with reference to the gazer and the gazed, the show explores the subtle distinctions in the ways the artists of both sexes create and experience art.

Almost equally divided into parts — The first, featuring Women Artists, begins with the unheralded but important Sunayani Devi to Devyani Krishna and Amrita Sher-Gil, featuring 26 artists in all including Minalini Mukherjee, B Prabha, Madhvi Parekh, Anupam Sud, Gogi Saroj Pal, Navjot, Arpana Caur and Rekha Rodwittiya. Women as Muse, the second part, featuring MV Dhurandhar, Nandalal Bose, Jamini Roy, DP Roy Chowdhury, George Keyt, KH Ara, FN Souza, Krishen Khanna, MF Husain and Jogen Chowdhury among the 40 artists chosen, focuses only on these artists' studies of women as a subject.



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Presenting a story of hope, love, passion, and dreams will be Colors' new show *Udaariyan*. Tucked away in the heartland of Punjab, the story will trace the journey of the Sandhu family who fiercely dreams of moving to Canada but destiny always plays a spoilsport and foils their plans.

They now see the same dream through the eyes of their daughters Jasmine and Tejo who seem to be inching close to turning it into a reality.

Fateh, a boxer who loves Jasmine immensely, but fate keeps putting Tejo in his path.

Ankit Gupta who plays Fateh, says: "I am happy to be a part of *Udaariyan*. This is the first time I am playing a solo hero and I am absolutely filled with excitement. What I like most about the show is the fact that all the characters are extremely relatable. We have all come across such people which is the beauty of the show. I can't wait to begin this journey and I am sure the viewers would love to be a part of."

THE WAGLES VISIT KAPIL

Have you ever imagined the outcome, when one of India's most iconic television family meets a young and talented family that has captured the entire country's imagination with their sense of humour? Well, get ready for unlimited entertainment and laughter as Sony SAB's Wagle family pay a visit to the mad and ultimate entertaining *The Kapil Sharma Show* on Sony Entertainment Television.

While the countdown to *Wagle Ki Duniya* — *Nayi Peedhi Ke Naye Kissey* on Sony SAB has already begun, fans won't have to wait too long to catch Aanjan Srivastav and Bharati Achrekar along with Sumeet Raghavan and Pariva Pranati make the audience laugh as they enter Kapil

SHARMA KI DUNIYA.

Sharing his experience, Sumeet Raghavan said: "We thoroughly enjoyed our time on the sets of *The Kapil Sharma Show*. The entire cast and crew of *Wagle Ki Duniya* were present, and it made the entire experience even more surreal. The entire Wagle family is a fan of Kapil Sharma, Krishna, Kiku, and the show's entire team. I was also glad that I could meet Archana after a long time. Archana was the first actress I worked with for the show *Aasmaan Se Tapki* in the early 2000s. While *The Kapil Sharma Show* is supremely popular and I know fans don't miss this show, but I would still like to urge all our fans to watch *The Kapil Sharma Show* this weekend as the Wagle family along with the cast of *The Kapil Sharma Show* are coming to light-up your weekend!"

Aanjan Srivastav further added: "We all know that everyone visits *The Kapil Sharma Show* for their show's promotion, I have been there earlier for the promotions of *Firangi*. Kapil, through his different avatars has given importance to every character he plays. When we were shooting for *Firangi* in Punjab, he told me how much he loved watching *Wagle Ki Duniya* and he gave me so much of respect on the sets as well. When we went on sets of *The Kapil Sharma Show* with the whole Wagle Family and the makers, it felt awesome and the episode was excellent."

Watch *Wagle Ki Duniya: Nayi Peedhi Naye Kissey* from February 8 every Monday-Friday at 9 pm only Sony SAB.

A CENTURY OF CELEBRATIONS

Star Parivaar's most entertaining show *Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Mein* has successfully completed magnificent 100 episodes of its programming as they



continue to keep the viewers hooked with a gripping storyline. The show features Neil Bhatt (*Virat Chauhan*), Ayesha Singh (*Sai*) and Aishwarya Sharma (*Patralekha*) in lead roles and the fans have been showing their love for the trio since the first episode itself.

With an amazing star cast and a storyline, it has become very popular amongst the audience and also topped the

chart of TRP in the last 2 months. The cast and crew celebrated the milestone by cutting a cake on the sets of the show and congratulated every single member behind this success. The show also stars veteran Kishori Shahane, talented Mitali Nag & Yash Pandit, versatile Bharti Patil & Shailesh Datar and handsome Yogendra Vikram Singh in pivotal roles.

One should look forward to the new twist and turns in the show and we wish much more success to the team of *Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Mein* in the coming days.

DURGA MAA'S IDOL FOR INDIAN IDOL

90s was the time when everything was colorful, unique and entertaining in itself. Even the music was reaching new heights. The three names that were very prominent in



the music industry at that time were Alka Yagnik, Kumar Sanu and Udit Narayan. To relive the magic of 90s Sony Entertainment Television's popular singing reality show *Indian Idol 12* brings this weekend the theme of 90s and the stage will be graced by Alka Yagnik, Kumar Sanu and Udit Narayan.

The girl next door Arunitha, sang a beautiful song *Agar Tum Saath Ho*. Her soulful voice made everyone have goosebumps especially the special guests Alka Yagnik and Kumar sanu who couldn't stop praising her. Alka Yagnik was so impressed by her performance that she gifted her a Durga Maa's *murti* as a special gift for her melodious performance. She also mentioned this *Murti* would be like a blessing to her from my side. Not only that she also told her not to get affected if people call her bhenji as the gift she has, no one has it. She also stated people used to call her also bhenji but she never got affected by it. The judges were also spellbound by her performance.

Alka Yagnik said: "You have a very sweet and melodic voice and once someone starts listening to you, the person will automatically become your fan. You are very calm person be like that and let nothing effect you."

'I came to Mumbai to be a singer'

CHHAVI PANDEY, who plays Janki in Dangal TV's Prem Bandhan speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about how she came on board the show, best part of playing this character and working with Ekta Kapoor



How did you come on board for Prem Bandhan?

As it works for the others, I had to audition for the role. For me, to get this project was tough. It was not easy for me to get into Balaji Productions even though I have done so many shows before. One doesn't know where your audition will go. Will it get into the correct hands? But I am lucky that my creative reached the right place since during the lockdown, one had to give the audition from home and send it. I got short-listed and was called for a mock shoot. I came on board. It has been a dream come true.

How is it to work with Ekta Kapoor?

When I was finally offered this role, I was very excited to be part of the production house. I was looking forward to working with the team and Ekta (Kapoor) ma'am. At the same time, I was nervous. I had heard so much about this production house. There was pressure on me to give it my best. But once I joined, I found that the atmosphere is so relaxed. The team is so good. I just want people to know that there is nothing to be scared of if one wants to work with them. I am blessed to be part of the team.

What is the best part of playing Janki Singh?

The show is set in Darbhanga, Bihar. I too am from Patna. I can find a connection with the role. There are way too many similarities between Janki and Chhavi. Take for example, the way parents raise their kids in small towns — teaching relationships values, how to compromise and sacrifice for others. To be able to identify with Janki was not difficult and I could relate with her. I love playing her.

How did you get into acting?

I actually wanted to be a singer and came to Mumbai to pursue a career in this field.

I would like to be part of web shows. The OTT platforms are the future. As an actor one wants to grow. While I do get to play diverse roles, but if you get stuck here, it becomes tough to break the mould. I would love to do films as well

But as we know, fate had something else in store for me. It all started with a reality show that I was part of — *India's Got Talent Season 1* with my sister. At that time, Sonali Bendre told me that since I had a nice face, why didn't I try acting. This stuck with me. I thought to myself that if I managed to make a mark in acting, I could make a career as a singer later. But I kept getting back-to-back shows as a lead. Slowly, I took to acting and now love playing different characters.

Is there a role that you loved playing?

It was that of Tara in *Ek Boond Ishq* on Life OK. Here, I played a tom boy and I loved it. Then there was one more character, that of Prarthna Kashyap in *Ladies Special* that aired on Sony Entertainment Television. I loved doing this as well.

How did you get your first break?

My first break was for *Ek Boond Ishq*. It was co-produced by Saba Mumtaz. It was well-received and my lead character was appreciated.

What are your future plans?

I would like to be part of web shows. The OTT platforms are the future. As an actor one wants to grow. While I do get to play diverse roles, but if you get stuck here, it becomes tough to break the mould. I would love to do films as well. I am hoping that I get the right roles to play here. One doesn't know; maybe Balaji may give me an opportunity if they like my work. But let's see what the future holds.

REPUBLIC DAY VIOLENCE

Forensic experts visit Red Fort

Crime Branch of Delhi Police, which called vandalism at fort an 'anti-national act', is investigating incident

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A team of forensic experts on Saturday visited the Red Fort to collect evidence in connection with the violence that broke out at the iconic monument on Republic Day. The Crime Branch of Delhi Police is investigating the matter and several teams have been formed to identify the culprits.

The force has termed the vandalism at the fort as an 'anti-national act'. "A team of forensic experts visited Red Fort and it is collecting evidence," an official said.

The protesting farmers clashed with police during the tractor parade called by farmer unions to highlight their demand for repeal of the Centre's three farm laws. Around 50 police personnel were injured.

Many of the protesters, driving tractors, reached the Red Fort while some of them hoisted religious flags on its domes and the flagstaff at the ramparts, where the national flag is unfurled by the Prime Minister on Independence Day.

On Friday, the Delhi Police



had issued an appeal in leading newspapers asking people to share any evidence or information about the violence.

"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 information on their mobile phones or camera, are hereby request-

ed 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 appeal stated.

Sisodia gets award for raising edu excellence

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia was awarded the "Mahatma" award for promoting excellence in education.

Speaking on the occasion, Sisodia said that Mahatma Gandhi played a crucial role in the independence movement by involving the people with privilege in the service of disadvantaged people. "The role is being played today by the folks involved in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) following the Gandhian principles," he said.

Mahatma Award is instituted by Aditya Birla Group to celebrate the work of social impact leaders and change makers.

Rajashree Birla and Ratan Naval Tata have been some of the recipients of this award in the past. The other awardees this year included Azim Hashim Premji, Founder Chairman of Wipro and Shabana Azmi, Indian actress among others.

Deputy CM Sisodia acknowledged that quite a lot of work has happened in improving the education system since our independence. "It



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is unfortunate that the current education system caters to only five per cent of our students. These students have become

highly capable after passing out and earned accolades across the globe. However, we have still not been able to cater to the rest 95 per cent of our students," he said.

"We have not been able to set a minimum benchmark of quality education in our country because of which many of our students are deprived of quality education. Delhi Government is working towards setting up a minimum benchmark for quality education for our schools," he added.

3 landfills cause loss of ₹450 cr to environment

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior AAP leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak on Saturday said that a recent report by National Environment Tribunal, Central Pollution Board and IIT-Delhi depicts a loss of ₹450 crore to Delhi's environment owing to the three landfills in the national Capital.

The analysis report also states that the landfills have ruined the underground water reserve up to 10-15 kms of area around those mountains, he added.

Pathak said that, the people of Delhi have collectively decided to vote for the Kejriwal Government in the upcoming municipal elections as they have realised that the BJP has failed to effectively run the MCD in the last 15 years.

Dictating the figures, he said that there is 90 lakh MT of garbage in Bhalswa landfill, 50



lakh MT of garbage in Okhla landfill, and 140 lakh MT of garbage in Ghazipur landfill.

Pathak said, "In the last 15 years the biggest achievement of the BJP-ruled MCD has been building three Taj Mahals in Delhi, one in Bhalswa, one in Okhla and one in Ghazipur. These are the Taj Mahals of garbage that welcome you in Delhi from various routes whether you enter from Haryana or Uttar Pradesh. The biggest symbols of the corruption and inefficiency of the BJP in the MCD are these three garbage mountains standing in

Delhi."

Citing a report of National Environment Tribunal, Central Pollution Board and IIT-Delhi, he said in the report they have found out that these three garbage mountains have cost a loss of ₹450 crores to the environment of Delhi. If you study the report in detail, they have said that the garbage mountains have ruined the underground water reserve up to 10-15 kms around those mountains. This has also affected the environment around that area and made it difficult for the people residing in that area.

AAP holds 2,500 mohalla sabhas to expose corrupt practices of BJP in MCDs

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As part of its campaign to "expose" the "corrupt" practices of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) — ruled municipal Corporations, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has completed 2,500 "Mohalla Sabhas" on Saturday in which 90 per cent of those participated agreed that the corporations have failed to maintain civic amenities.

Senior AAP leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak said that the AAP has completed all 2,500 Mohalla Sabhas in which 2.5 lakh people participated.

"There was great enthusiasm among the people for AAP and around 90 per cent of the people agree that the BJP has failed in running the MCD. After an analysis of the discussions held, 99 per cent people agreed that BJP has failed in ensuring cleanliness and 100 per cent agreed that BJP does corruption," he added.

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turbed by the corporations and have agreed that the BJP has failed to run it and they have decided that they will vote for the Kejriwal government in the upcoming municipal election.

City's min temp rises to 5.4 degrees C

New Delhi: The minimum temperature in the national Capital rose slightly to 5.4 degrees Celsius on Saturday, but is likely to dip again on Sunday, the India Meteorological Department said.

Cold wave conditions had prevailed in Delhi on Friday with the minimum temperature settling at 4 degrees Celsius, five notches below normal. A cold wave is predicted on Sunday, too.

In the plains, the IMD declares a cold wave if the minimum temperature dips to 4 degrees Celsius. A severe cold wave is when the minimum is 2 degrees Celsius or less.

The minimum temperature on Tuesday and Thursday had settled at 2.1 degrees Celsius and 3.8 degrees Celsius, respectively, due to the cold and dry northwesterly winds barreling through the plains, the IMD said.

183 more Covid-19 cases, positivity rate slips to 0.27%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The total number of Covid-19 cases in Delhi reached 6,34,956 on Saturday with 183 more people testing positive for the disease in a day, while the city's positivity rate slipped to 0.27 per cent, authorities said. For the past seven days, Delhi's daily cases has remained below the 200-mark. The fresh cases came out of 68,967 tests conducted the previous day, according to the latest bulletin issued by the Delhi health department. The death toll mounted to 10,849 on Saturday as eight more people died, it said. The active cases tally dropped to 1,436 from 1,551 on Friday, it added.



No institutional quarantine for fliers from UK: DDMA

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) relaxed institutional quarantine norms for fliers from the United Kingdom, introduced in December, 2020 in the light of new strain of Covid-19, which had emerged there.

The order dated January 29, 2021 and signed by Chief Secretary Vijay Dev released on Saturday stated the fliers from UK who test negative for Covid-19 on Delhi arrival would no longer have to complete seven days institutional quarantine, which was compulsory, however, seven days home quarantine is compulsory.

The order said that the step was taken after a review meeting noted low positivity rate among UK returnees.

"Now, therefore, in exercise of power conferred under section 22 of Disaster Management Act-2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as chairperson, state executive committee, DDMA, GNCTD hereby directs that all authorities concerned shall ensure strict compliance of Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) issued by Ministry of Health and Family



Welfare, Government of India from time to time in this regard with immediate effect and shall adequately inform and sensitize the field functionaries about these instructions for strict compliance in letter and spirit. Further, strict surveillance to be kept on persons who are tested negative at the airport and kept in home quarantine," the order stated.

Under the old rule, people who arrived in Delhi from the UK had to complete seven days of institutional quarantine followed by another seven days of home quarantine even if they tested negative for Covid -19 on arrival. Earlier, who tested positive were moved to special wards in Covid dedicated hospitals — Lol Nayak. "The situation has now been reviewed and considering the low positivity rate of UK returnees, it has been decided that the additional measure of compulsory institutional quarantine of travellers who test negative may not be required furthermore. strict surveillance to be kept on persons who tested positive at the airport and kept in home quarantine," said the order.

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No Bitcoin but Govt may float digital ₹

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre is going to table a Bill in the Budget Session of Parliament banning all private cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin in India and to deal with the creation of a legislative framework for an official digital currency. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is exploring the option of issuing a digital version of the rupee, which could serve as the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

The Bill, 'The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021' is to be tabled in the Lok Sabha Session as per the papers placed before the Parliament bulletins.

"To create a facilitative framework for creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India. The Bill also seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India, however, it allows for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses, said the purpose of the Bill in the papers placed before the bulletins.

For the past six-seven years, including India many countries were looking for the introduction of the digital currencies, when Bitcoin like cryptocurrencies started flooding in the World and their trades became proffered in many sec-



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The proposed bill will provide the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with the necessary legal powers to develop a central bank-backed digital currency (CBDC), according to Parliament Bulletin on the new Bills to be placed before Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

The Government wants to promote the use of blockchain across various use-cases, this bill is expected India's entry into the global race of digital currencies or CBDCs while at the same time banning "private" cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum among others. Recently China also banned private operators in this field by regularising the government operation on digital or crypto

currency.

The Government's decision to introduce the Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021 comes a week after the RBI said it had begun exploring the possibility of issuing and developing a digital currency or digital Rupee.

This is a reversal of the RBI's position. Back in December 2019, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said that it was very early to speak on CBDCs. "Some discussions are going on. Technology has yet not fully evolved. It is still in very incipient stage of discussions and the RBI we have examined it internally," Das said. Indian crypto founders are taken aback by this news, but still hope that the Government will work with the industry to ensure that there is some legality to their operations going forward.

Congress launches 'Naukri Do Ya Degree Wapas Lo' campaign

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress on Saturday launched a campaign titled the 'Naukri Do Ya Degree Wapas Lo' (Give employment or take back degrees) to sensitise the Central Government over the rising unemployment across the country.

The campaign will be taken across the country by the grand old party's students' wing National Students Union of India (NSUI).

Congress has been raking up the unemployment issue continuously and has claimed as per government statistics the unemployment rate in the country is at the highest in 45 years.

NSUI national President Neeraj Kundan said that the main motive behind this campaign is to point out the reality to a government that has no interest in giving jobs to the youth.

"We would be collecting five lakh degrees of unemployed students. By this, abundant evidence will be provided to the Government which will bring out the reality of the Central Government for hiding the actual data of unemployed people from the youth of this country," Kundan said addressing the media at Congress

headquarters. NSUI General Secretary Nagesh Kariyappa also said that youth empowerment and employment-generation should be the foremost duty of government.

"Considering the facts, a big challenge in India is the absence of decent work in the organised sector for the generation of youth. As whatever the Government is presenting in front of the public is not the truth, there is an indispensable need to look into the fallen characteristics of youth employment," he said.

At the launch, NSUI also highlighted that in 2014, the BJP had promised to generate more than two crore employment opportunities every year and now, this sums up to 12 crores and failed to provide the same.

"They betrayed the youth of the nation. According to the report of the National Sample Survey Office, the rate of unemployment rose to 6.1 per cent in 2017-18, which was 2.2 per cent in 2011-12," the NSUI chief added.

Congress said that the party, besides raising the ongoing farmers' protest and falling economy in the Parliament, will also raise the growing resentment within youths due to no jobs in the country.

Weaving dreams on looms for better future

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

A group of women weavers from Tharu tribe in the northern buffer of Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in the Terai region of Uttar Pradesh are weaving their dreams on looms to churn out magnificent colourful carpets (cotton durries) and an array of grass-woven products.

Under the banner of Tharu Hath Karga Gharelu Udyog - a Self Help Group (SHG) of these tribal women from Lakhimpur Khiri district in Uttar Pradesh have recorded a significant increase in revenues from sale of cotton carpets and handmade wares made of locally available Munj grass such as baskets for chapati, planters, fruit baskets, jewellery containers, table mat, paper weight, coasters, etc.

In 2019-20, they recorded a sale of Rs 2.08 lakhs with a net profit of 80,000. However, this was not possible till a few years ago when these women were struggling with the traditional looms which due to excess moisture caused by flooding of the area during monsoons affected their output and quality. Timely technological intervention and funding support from the Science for Equity, Empowerment and Development (SEED) Division of the Central Department of Science & Technology (DST) under the Union Science and Technology Ministry has come as a boon for the SHG, scaling up the production and ensure



Women members of Tharu Hath Karga Gharelu Udyog at work in Lakhimpur Khiri in UP. Pioneer photo



Aarti Rana, President of the SHG

lighter and more efficient.

Two pulley based designs - Garrari system and Rope roller system were designed to avoid disruption of work continuity while adjusting the thread roller and durrie roller of the loom for getting a blank thread panel to weave, said an official from the Ministry. Arti Rana, President of the Tharu Hath Karga Gharelu Udyog at Gabroula village, said "We used to work in a makeshift structure earlier and were never able to work during the rains.

Now with the production centre in place, the number of working days and our productivity has increased." As earnings had been good, strength of the group has swollen from a meagre ten to present 2,600 women, majority of them hailing from nearby villages such as Goubrola, Mangalpurva, Chandanchowki, Balera, Bendari and Dhusia in the Lakhimpur Khiri district in UP among 42 villages inside the tiger reserve.

They had been traditionally engaged in these handicraft work which has now been channelised commercially, augmenting their livelihood.

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ESIC dy director in CBI net for ₹50K bribery

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Saturday arrested a Deputy Director of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) for demanding and accepting a bribe of ₹50,000 from the complainant.

The arrest came after the CBI laid a trap against Darbara Singh, Deputy Director (In-charge Regional Director), ESIC Regional Office, Jammu for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000 from the complainant in the matter.

A case was registered on a complaint against the arrested Deputy Director.

The complainant, an

employee of a private firm has alleged that his firm provides security services to different private institutions. It was further alleged that the complainant came to know in the month of December 2020 that a Notice has been issued to the firm by ESIC, Regional Office, Shastrri Nagar, Jammu. Knowing this, the complainant and the owner, both visited the office of ESIC to meet the said Deputy Director. During the meeting, the accused official of the ESIC allegedly told the complainant that their papers were not proper and ESIC would impose a penalty of ₹23,90,850 on them if they would pay him a bribe of ₹2 lakh, he can reduce the

penalty amount. After negotiation, it was told to pay the bribe in four instalments of ₹50,000 each.

"The CBI laid a trap and caught the accused red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of ₹50,000 (as part of total bribe of ₹2 lakh). Searches were conducted at the premises of accused in Chandigarh, Mohali and Jammu which led to recovery of cash of about ₹7 lakh and documents related to properties," the CBI said in a statement.

The accused is being produced before the Court of Special Judge for CBI Cases, Jammu for further action, it added.

Offer to put ...

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According to sources, most of the floor leaders agreed that Parliament must be allowed to function and the issues related to the farm agitation can be taken up during the discussions on the President's address and during the discussion on the Budget. BJP's Pinaki Misra who was present for the meeting said, Odisha Chief Minister and BJP president, Naveen Patnaik, has specifically requested the Union Government to have the women's reservation Bill passed in this Budget Session. The YSR Congress and the TRS, too, backed Odisha CM's demand for the passage of women's reservation Bill in the forthcoming session. The Bill was earlier passed in Rajya Sabha in 2010.

BJP, ADMK to fight Assembly polls ...

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Praising Tamil as the world's oldest language, Nadda, who is here on a one day visit, said when the right person assumed the right place, it led to right decisions.

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed the top office, a 'safe destiny' was assured for the nation and Tamil Nadu as well, he said. Be it projects like the defence corridor or allocation of funds for Tamil Nadu, the situation changed only after the BJP came to power at the Centre, he said.

Nadda recalled that Modi had quoted a couplet from 'Tirukkural' to soldiers at Ladakh and also cited the Prime Minister's 'Yaadum Oreer' reference of Tamil poet Kaniyan Poondranar in his speech at the United Nations General Assembly in 2019. Dwelling on Tamil, he said the Tamil people had a unique combination of entrepreneurship, economic and cultural ethos.

The BJP top leader's Tamil pitch assumes significance Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had some days back alleged that the saffron party had no respect for Tamil language and culture. Nadda praised Madurai as a 'pious land; home of Goddess Meenakshi and recalled the link the temple city has with Mahatma Gandhi, who decided to use only dhoti during his visit here. BJP Tamil Nadu unit chief L Murugan said it was his party's 'Vetri Vel' yatra that prompted DMK president M K Stalin to 'hold a Vel' days ago.

'Vel' is the spear-like weapon of Lord Muruga and the saffron party had last year held a 'Vel yatra' in Tamil Nadu. Accusing the DMK of double standards, Murugan alleged that the then Chief Minister M Karunanidhi was a mute spectator when Tamils killed in 2009 in the civil war in Sri Lanka. The party gave a standing ovation to Nadda for the AIIMS Hospital project for Madurai by the Centre. Earlier, when the BJP national chief arrived at the venue of the public meeting, he was greeted with slogans of 'Vetri Vel, Veera Vel.' An ancient war cry, it denotes victory and valour with Lord Muruga's 'Vel.' Nadda, who arrived here last night, was accorded a warm welcome by party cadres. He visited the famous Meenakshi temple, garlanded a statue of freedom fighter Pasumpun Muthuramalinga Thevar and chaired a core committee meeting of the party.

NIA, NSG probe blast near Israel embassy

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The sources have found that the conspiracy of this blast was hatched abroad and they wanted to take help of locals to execute this plan.

The day was well chosen as on that day agencies were busy tackling other events such as beating retreat, and the focus of Delhi Police was on State borders. The intention was to show their presence on an international level. Another source said that forensic experts have also collected some samples from the crime scene that will ascertain the chemical composition used in the low-intensity improvised explosive device (IED).

Official sources said ball bearings seized from the spot were found scattered on the ground and the impact of the explosion was felt within a radius of 20-25 metres. A half-burnt cloth and polythene bag recovered from the explosion site near the Israel Embassy is being examined by the authorized agencies.

Further cops are questioning a few Iranians living in the national Capital. The foreign nationals being questioned include those whose visas has expired.

Meanwhile, probe agencies are investigating the Telegram account from which the viral screenshot was sent that claimed Jaish-ul-Hind has taken responsibility for the explosion. Jaish ul Hind, an unknown organization, has claimed responsibility after a screenshot claiming to be from messaging service Telegram has gone viral on social media in which 'Jaish-ul-Hind' claimed it was behind the blast.

However cops reiterate that until any concrete evidence is found it is

difficult to say. Jaish-ul-Hind claims, "By the grace and help of Almighty Allah, soldiers of Jaish-ul-Hind were able to infiltrate a high security area in Delhi and carried out an IED attack. This Allah willingly began a series of attacks which would target major Indian cities and pay back in kind to the atrocities committed by the Indian state. Wait and we are waiting too."

The minor blast took place on Friday evening in a high-security zone of the national Capital. No one was injured. An envelope addressed to the Israeli Embassy and containing a note was found at the site of the blast.

Initial investigations revealed that the IED was planted in a flower pot on the median near Jindal House on A P J Abdul Kalam road outside the Israeli embassy, sources said on Friday. Delhi police has already registered a case while the NIA is also likely to register a case.

A 10-member team from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) had on Friday visited the blast site and collected residues which include metallic swab and ball bearings.

Delhi Police Commissioner S N Shrivastava too had visited the site in the evening and took stock of the situation. The blast took place when President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi were present a couple of kilometres away at the Beating Retreat ceremony at the culmination of the Republic Day celebrations.

The explosion took place on a day when India and Israel marked the completion of the 29th anniversary of establishment of their diplomatic relations.

Vacancy, inadequate infrastructure in consumer fora deprive citizens of grievance redressal: SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Consumer rights are "important rights" and non-manning of posts and inadequate infrastructure in district and state consumer commissions across the country would deprive the citizens of redressal of their grievances, the Supreme Court has said.

The apex court said this while hearing a plea that has raised the issue of alleged inaction by governments in appointing the president, members and staff in the district and state consumer disputes redressal commissions and the lack of adequate infrastructure to run these

fora. A bench of justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Hrishikesh Roy said the issue raised in the plea is important but the petitioner, a law student, has filed a "very sketchy petition" and it does not show proper ground work.

"We have given a thought to the matter and consider it too important an issue to be thrown out because of the laxity in collection of material and placing the same before us and thus, consider it appropriate that the same should be converted into a suo motu proceeding to enquire into the issue placed before us," the bench said.

BKU Lok...

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"Yesterday, an MLA of Ghaziabad had reached Ghazipur protest site along with his armed supporters. This act has distressed the soul of (BKU leader) Rakesh Tikait. An announcement was made regarding his arrest and ending of the protest there, but the MLA vitiated the atmosphere there and Tikait broke down," Bhati said. "BKU (Lok Shakti) will not tolerate any policy of suppression. The government or administration can take any action but no MLA or public representative can act cruelly with the farmers and BKU (Lok Shakti) will not tolerate this," he added.

Bhati said his faction will stand shoulder to shoulder with Tikait's BKU in the fight against the new contentious farm laws.

BKU (Lok Shakti) had been camping at the Dalit Prerna Sthal in Noida since December 2, demanding the rollback of the three new farm laws, legalization of the minimum support price for crops and implementation of recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee report.

Bhati, the faction's national president, had Thursday announced ending the protest in view of the violence during farmers' tractor parade in Delhi on Republic Day.

He and some other of his union members later Thursday also met with Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. On the union chief's call, office bearers of BKU (Lok Shakti) attended the mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar, while scores of supporters reached Ghazipur border to join the stir there on Friday evening. PTI

More join Tikait's protest, Sadbhavna Divas observed

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Security personnel, including from anti-riot police and paramilitary forces, were deployed in strength. Multiple layers of barricades including concrete blocks were being put at the protest sites. The internet services were temporarily suspended at the Singhu, Ghazipur and Tikri borders of the national Capital, as well as the adjoining areas. Haryana has already suspended the internet in 14 districts.

The farmers' leaders on Saturday morning, wearing garlands, observed 'Sadbhavna Divas' after the immense outrage over violence by protesters during their Republic Day tractor rally. The farmers' leaders sat on the dais during the fast, as crowds of supporters swelled, especially in Ghazipur where the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) is leading the protest.

"The farmers have fought this battle for over two months now, and they won't relent or retreat," said Rakesh Tikait, the BKU spokesperson.

A multitude of green-and-white caps, symbolic of the unions spearheading the battle, union flags and the tricolour, planted on tractors, dotted the highway. On various tractors and camps, photos of legendary farmer leaders such as Chaudhary Charan Singh and Mahendra Singh Tikait had been put up.

Several Opposition parties including the Congress, TMC, AAP, RLD and the Left have openly supported the stir. Abhimanyu Kohar, a senior member of Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) said the ongoing agitation will gain strength as farmers in large numbers will join them in the coming days.

Farmer leader Balbir Singh Rajewal, president of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Rajewal), said in Chandigarh that he expects a record gathering of February 2 at the border points of Delhi.

"People in large numbers from Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand are reaching the protest sites. Possibly by February 2, there will again be a record gathering of people at

the protest sites," he said, adding that the agitation would remain peaceful.

Rajewal also criticised the Haryana Government for suspending internet services. He accused the Centre of instilling a sense of fear among people by showing pictures of the "unfortunate incidents", apparently referring to the January 26 violence in the national Capital.

Rajewal appealed to those joining the agitation at Delhi's borders to keep the protest peaceful. "It is our responsibility to keep the agitation peaceful," he stressed.

The farmer leader appealed to the Centre to shun its "stubborn attitude" and withdraw the three farm laws. Asked about the next meeting between the protesting farmers and the Government, he said, "When they call us, we will certainly go".

To a question on joining the investigation following notices issued by the Delhi Police to farmer leaders in connection with the Republic Day violence, Rajewal said, "We will send them a reply". The Delhi Police has issued

the notices to around 20 farmer leaders, including Rajewal, over the violence during the farmers' tractor parade, asking why legal action should not be taken against them.

A team of forensic experts on Saturday visited the Red Fort, where the protesters had indulged in vandalism, hoisted a religious flag and attacked the police personnel, to collect evidence.

Heavy security deployment, including personnel of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC), Rapid Action Force (RAF) in anti-riot gears and civil police, continued at the protest site.

Police had on Friday used tear gas and baton charge to break up a clash between farmers and a large group of men who claimed to be local residents at Singhu Border.

The Delhi Traffic Police said movement on the National Highway 24 (Delhi-Meerut Expressway) has been stopped.

Apart from the three borders of Delhi, internet services will remain suspended in their adjoining areas too effective from 11 pm of January 29 to 11 pm of January 31, a Union

Home Ministry official said.

The decision has been taken to "maintain public safety and averting public emergency" under 'Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules 2017, the official said.

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

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

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

Ex-Min...

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The desertions took place just hours before the now cancelled two-day tour of Union Home Minister to the State.

When asked what role he expects to play in the BJP, Banerjee said it is for the party to decide.

"I want to work for the people. So whatever role is assigned to me, I will accept," he said. The TMC in West Bengal was on Friday rocked by a fresh bout of desertions as Banerjee quit the party and several other leaders rallied behind him, deepening the crisis in the party. The desertions took place just hours before the now cancelled two-day tour of Union Home Minister to the state.

SC Collegium...

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The collegium headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde, at a meeting held on January 20, had okayed the proposal for making Justice Ganediwala a permanent judge. In two other judgments this month, Justice Ganediwala acquitted two men accused of raping minor girls after noting that the testimonies of the victims did not inspire confidence to fix criminal liability on the accused. "No doubt the testimony of the prosecutrix (victim) is sufficient for conviction of the accused. However, the same ought to inspire confidence of this court. It ought to be of sterling quality," she said in one of the judgments. Justice Pushpa

Virendra Ganediwala was born on March 3, 1969 at Paratwada in Maharashtra's Amravati district. She was a panel advocate for various banks and insurance companies and was also an honorary lecturer in various colleges of Amravati and gave lectures to the MBA and LL.M students of the Amravati University. She was directly appointed as a district judge in 2007 and was elevated as an additional judge of the Bombay High Court on February 13, 2019. Besides the CJI, justices N V Ramana and R F Nariman are part of the three-member collegium, which takes decisions with regard to high court judges. PTI

SII to launch...

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Covishield has been developed in partnership with the Oxford University and British-Swedish firm AstraZeneca.

On the 15th day of launch of the country-wide vaccination, the number of healthcare workers vaccinated against the pathogen has crossed the 37 lakh mark. On Saturday alone, 2,06,130 beneficiaries have been given jab till 7

pm.

Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh have reported more than 1 lakh vaccination with Uttar Pradesh topping the list at over 4 lakh vaccination. To push the vaccination pace, the Government has asked the States to give job to the frontline workers as well from February 1.

At least 71 AEFI's have been reported since January 16 when the vaccination drive was kicked off.

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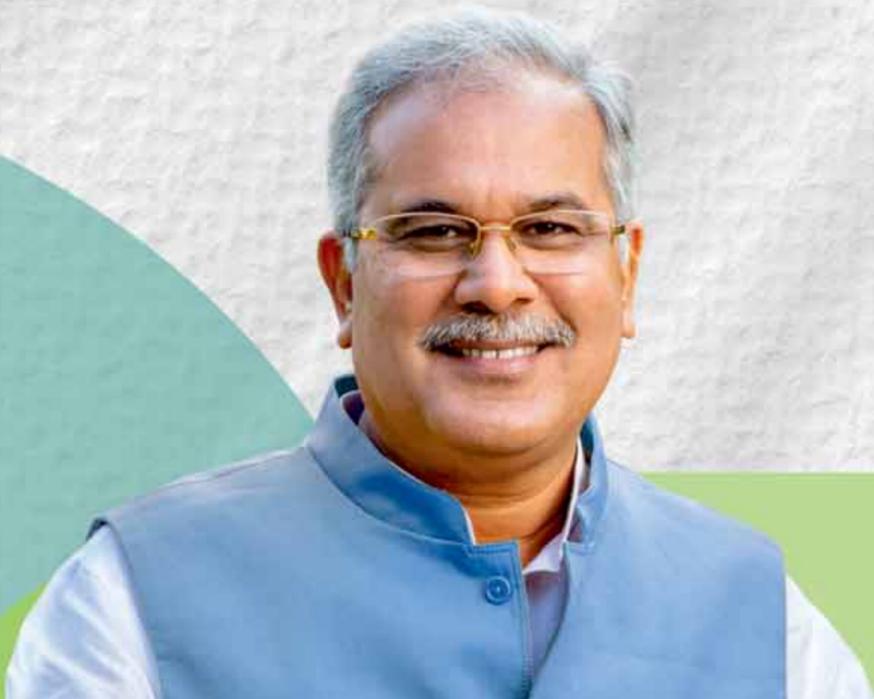


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MORADABAD-AGRA HIGHWAY ACCIDENT

10 killed, 13 hurt in truck-bus collision

Moradabad: Ten persons were killed and 13 grievously injured in a collision between a truck and a mini-bus on the Moradabad-Agra highway in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday. The injured have been admitted to the government hospital and district hospital in Kundarki, the police said.



The accident occurred near Nanpur village on the Moradabad-Agra highway. Of the 13 injured persons, some are said to be critical. Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Ashok Singh said, "A private bus on the Moradabad-Agra highway was carrying passengers from Kundarki to Moradabad. As soon as the bus approached the Nanpur culvert, a canter which came from the front hit the bus. As a result, the canter overturned while the front side of the bus was damaged. At this time, a third vehicle also hit the bus."

reached the site. The bodies of the victims were extricated from the damaged vehicles and sent to the Moradabad mortuary. Following the accident, long traffic jams were witnessed on the highway. The deceased have been identified as Rafiuddin's son Kamruddin (36), resident of Dhakia Jamma village, Kundarki; Babban's son Feroz (35), resident of Kali Masjid, Kundarki; Mehendi

Hasan's son Ghulam Mohammad (30); Ashak Hussain's son Rizwan (35), a resident of Mohalla Kayasthan, Kundarki; Mahesh's son Jitendra, a resident of Govind Nagar, Katghar Police Station; Sadan's son Rizwan (20), resident of Kundarki; Budhasen's son Karan Singh (40), resident of Safilpur village; Ramcharan's son Ashok (30), Pipli resident; Umesh's son Vishal (24), resident of Supani and Lakhan Singh's son Rajveer Singh (42), Kundarki. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has mourned the deaths of the ten people. He expressed his condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for peace to the departed souls. The Chief Minister announced financial assistance of Rs two lakh each to the kin of the deceased and treatment to the injured persons. Yogi Adityanath also announced Rs 50,000 to each of the injured in the accident. IANS

Mumbai Press club demands withdrawal of FIRs against journalists covering farmers' stir

Mumbai: The Mumbai Press Club on Saturday demanded immediate withdrawal of multiple FIRs against six journalists and publishers, including Rajdeep Sardesai and Mrinal Pande, for "their coverage and comments" made in connection with farmers' protest rally in the national capital on January 26. Apart from Rajdeep Sardesai and Mrinal Pande, the other journalists and publishers against whom multiple FIRs were filed were: Vinod Jose, Zafar Agha, Paresh Nath and Anant Nath. Condemning the filing of multiple FIRs against six journalists and publishers, the Mumbai Press Club rooted for the immediate withdrawal of these FIRs against the 6 journalists, and called upon the

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Union government to stop using coercive and threatening practices, like filing of cases under the UAPA Act, pressing charges of sedition, etc against newspapers and journalists. "The events that took place around the farmers rally on Republic Day were chaotic and information was not easily available...In these circumstances, to pin blame on the journalists for being responsible for the violence and disruption, is reprehensible," Mumbai Press Club President

Gurbir Singh said. "Worse still is the attempt of the Police to stick sedition charges on the journalists using archaic laws. It shows the growing intolerance of the Union government against those who do not toe the line of the ruling establishment," Singh said. "The Mumbai Press Club sees the filing of these FIRs as part of a dangerous trend in the country against the Fourth Estate which seeks to demonize, and then neutralize, those who cover events and issues that are not in sync with the government's policies," he said, citing the instance of Kerala Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) office bearer Siddique Kappan's arrest by the UP Police under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). PNS

TN industries seek tax relief from Finance Min

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The small and tiny industries in Tamil Nadu, reeling under heavy crisis due to a host of issues, have come out with an action plan to revive the sector through a series of measures to revive and reenergise the units. Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association (TANSTIA), an umbrella organisation representing six lakh units that employ more than a crore workers, has asked the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman to offer some relief which the former hopes would not only save the workers but create more jobs. "Policies like demonetisation, GST and natural disasters like Chennai floods, landslides and Covid-19 have broken the backbone of these small and tiny units. If the Government is willing to offer the sector some relief measures, it is going to be a win-win situation for all," said S Vasudevan, gen-

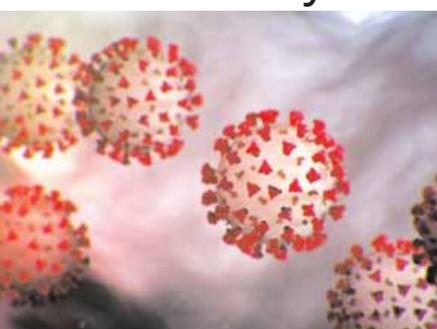
eral secretary, TANSTIA. The representation submitted by TANSTIA to the Finance Minister requests certain concessions in taxes and offering some additional tax benefits to the small and tiny industries sector which S Anburajan, president, TANSTIA describes as inborn issues. "We give special consideration to infants in the families which face health issues. This special consideration is offered to bring such children back to normalcy," said Anburajan. The list of demands by TANSTIA include a separate income tax slab for the micro and small enterprises. As on date all industries are charged 25 per cent tax. But we would like the government to bring down the tax rate for micro units to 15 per cent and the small sector to 20 per cent, said the 23 point charter of demands submitted by the sector to the Finance Minister. It has pleaded that the maximum interest rates on loans

availed by the MSME units from Banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies should be capped at eight per cent. The women entrepreneurs who come forward to set up units should be given tax incentives so that more women would come forward which in turn would lead to generation of more jobs, said the memorandum. The TANSTIA and other organisations representing medium and small industries have been pleading with the Centre for reasonable concessions for the revival of the sector. The TANSTIA has submitted a memorandum that has listed 22 other demands also include the setting up of a separate MSME Board which would offer solutions to the grievances faced by the sector on a day-to-day basis, low premium insurance exclusively to the sector, legislation of a policy which makes it mandatory for all Multi National Corporations (MNCs) to procure 50 per cent of the com-

ponents needed for their manufacturing from them MSMEs. The association's demand list include framing of rules that offer an easy exit policy to the entrepreneurs who find it difficult to sustain the units set up by them. "A promoter who finds the unit unviable and unsustainable should have the freedom to wind it up without any delay," said Anburajan. This has been a long standing demand by the MSME units but opposed by the militant trade unions and politicians in the country. The entrepreneurs have also demanded that all units whose annual turnover is less than Rs two crore be liberated from the shackles of GST. "We offer a vibrant and profitable MSME sector, if the union government expresses its readiness to implement the demands. We reiterate that it is going to be a win-win situation for all stakeholders if these demands find positive response," said Vasudevan.

Kerala: 6,282 test Covid positive on Saturday

Thiruvananthapuram: With 6,282 new Covid cases on Saturday, it seems there is no respite from the pandemic in Kerala which had once flattened the curve during its initial stages, winning accolades across the globe with international media also praising the Kerala government and Health Minister K.K. Shailaja. Exactly one year after the first Covid positive case in the country was identified in Kerala's Thrissur, the state government is groping in the dark over the increase in cases even though the health minister has been putting up a brave



face. The number of recoveries has touched 7,032 giving a glimmer of hope for health workers. The state has tested 59,759 samples on Saturday, a far cry from the 1,00,000 daily samples which the state has been testing since long. Test positivity rate on Saturday was 10.51 per cent. 71,469 people are under treatment at var-

J&K Police recovers banned wild animal skin; one arrested

Srinagar: On a specific information provided by New Delhi-based Wild Life Crime Control Bureau, a team of J&K Police, CRPF and officials of the forest department raided the Shirpora area in south Kashmir's Anantnag district and recovered a large quantity of contraband wildlife products, including eight leopard skin, four musk deer pods and 38 bear gall bladders, officials said on Saturday. One person identified as Gul Mohammad Ganai, a resident of Shirpora Anantnag, has been arrested in connection with the case. The police have filed a case and seized all the recovered banned items. Further investigations are on. The police said that a large quantity of contraband wildlife items have also been recovered from Jammu as part of the same operation. IANS

BJP leader shot dead in Tripura

Agartala: In a shocking incident, a leader of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Tripura, Kripa Ranjan Chakma, was gunned down on Saturday by unidentified gunmen, the police said, adding that a combing operation has been launched to nab the assailants. The police said that two to three assailants with arms attacked the house of the 35-year-old BJP leader in Manikpur

in Dhalai district in the wee hours of Saturday and shot the tribal leader who died on the spot. A large contingent of security forces led by senior officers has launched a search operation in the tribal dominated area to nab the attackers. A local suspect has been detained in connection with the incident. The BJP has termed the incident as a "political conspir-

acy" ahead of the elections to the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council, a politically important constitutional body. "It is very shocking that Kripa Ranjan Chakma has been killed. He was a very pro-active and dedicated person who worked for the welfare and development of the tribals," BJP spokesman Nabendu Bhattacharjee said. IANS

J&K Police among country's best: L-G

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday said the Jammu and Kashmir Police is among the best in the country and stressed the need for the union territory's security forces to adopt the latest technologies for discharging their duties. He said the entire nation has acknowledged the courage of personnel of Jammu and Kashmir's forces. Sinha was speaking at a luncheon organised by the Special

Security Forces (SSF) at Raj Bhavan here. "The Jammu and Kashmir Police is among the best police organisations in the country. The force being awarded one of the highest numbers of gallantry medals in the last few years itself speaks about the courage and bravery of our personnel," he said. He laid special emphasis on the need for adoption of the latest technologies by security personnel for discharging their duties. PTI

7-year-old girl abducted, raped and left bleeding in field: Police

Gorakhpur: A seven-year-old girl was allegedly abducted from outside her house, raped and left bleeding in a field of her village under Nibua Naurangiya police station area of Kushinagar district. The incident occurred on late Friday evening when the girl was sitting along with her family members who went inside for the dinner as the girl stayed outside, Kushinagar's Additional Superintendent of Police A P Singh said on Saturday. After having their dinner, the girl's family

realised that she had gone missing and launched a search for her when they found her lying bleeding in a field some distance away from their home, the ASP said. The girl was taken to a nearby hospital from where she was referred to the Gorakhpur Medical College after the first aid, the ASP said. On the complaint of girl's father, the police lodged a case of rape and abduction against unidentified persons on Saturday, he said, adding the culprits will soon be identified and nabbed. PTI

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Anil Kumar S/o Madan Lal R/o B-125, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar Delhi-17, Allotment letters, possession letters etc. of my Unit No. D-34, Sector-7 Noida have been lost/missing. If found, please bother sending to our address. -Anil Kumar

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My Client Sh. Jaspal Singh Sethi S/o Late Kirat Singh R/o J-857 FF Rajouri Garden N. Delhi-27 is the joint owner of the property bearing no. J-857 GF Rajouri Garden N. Delhi-27 by way of Gift Deed dated 28/06/2010 registered with the office of Sub-Registrar-II, Delhi & thereafter my client & his brother namely Sh. Amarjeet Singh Sethi partitioned the said property & a partition deed dated 03/07/2010 was duly registered before the office of Sub-Registrar-II, Delhi & after which my client gave the said portion/property to his mother for use and enjoy of the said property without any consideration. Anybody deal with the said property in any manner, kindly contact my client or to the undersigned otherwise the said deed declared null and void. Mitian Tyagi (Advocate) Ch.No K-98-B Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54 M: 952808610

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AP Ministers complain Speaker about 'breach of privilege' by State Election Commissioner

Amaravati: Two senior Ministers on Saturday approached the Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker T Sitaram, alleging "breach of privilege" by State Election Commissioner N Ramesh Kumar for naming them in a letter written to the Governor, saying that they have crossed the "Lakshman Rekha". Ramesh Kumar in his December 28 letter to Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan, passed comments against Ministers Botcha Satyanarayana and P Ramachandra Reddy, alleging that they verbally attacked him, which, according to the SEC, amounted to violation of the Model Code of Conduct. Nominations for the first phase of Panchayat polls began on Friday and the polls will be held on February 9. "I am therefore appealing to your good self to take necessary action into the contents of the letter allegedly written by Dr Nimmagadda Ramesh Kumar, the State Election Commissioner, which contain casting reflections, libellous remarks and intimidating words made with an ulterior motive of defaming me in the public eye. I once again appeal to you to protect my privileges, honour and respect by taking appropriate action in this regard," Reddy said in his letter to the Speaker. Botcha also sent a similar letter to the Speaker. Ramesh Kumar is under sharp criticism from the ruling YSR Congress Party, which was against conducting panchayat polls when the mass vaccination programme for frontline COVID-19 warriors is being taken up across the country, including AP. PTI

Maha flu scare: 119 birds found dead, samples sent for tests

Mumbai: Amid the avian influenza scare, Maharashtra Animal Husbandry department officials on Saturday said 119 birds have been found dead across the state, taking the total number of such deaths since January 8 to 19,558. The 119 deaths, including of 59 poultry birds, were reported on Friday and samples have been sent for influenza tests to National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases in Bhopal and Pune's Disease Investigation Section, they said. As per outbreak protocols, poultry birds, feed, eggs, droppings etc are being destroyed scientifically in a one-kilometre radius from infected zones, the officials added. PTI

UP Govt to build over 1,000 new Ganga aarti sites

Lucknow: Aiming to turn Uttar Pradesh into a major religious tourism destination, the State Government is going to build 1,038 new Ganga aarti platforms along the river in Bijnor and Ballia districts. Ganga Aarti has been one of the most mesmerising attractions for people coming to the state for religious purposes. An official spokesman said on Saturday that the government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is going to build 1,038 new aarti platforms from Bijnor to Ballia districts, turning them into major spots of religious tourism. The Chief Minister has decided to take Ganga aarti to a whole new level in the state, the spokesman said. According to the plan, which is being executed in cooperation with the Tourism department, the new aarti sites will be constructed in the villages falling in a radius of 5 kilometres of the Ganga river from Bijnor to Ballia. The Ganga aarti will take place on the basis of public participation and will be performed at a fixed time every day, he said. Earlier in December, during a meeting of the Union Jal Shakti Ministry, instructions were given to develop ancient and historical religious places and temples in these villages as tourist spots. Starting with Bijnor, this series of aarti will continue till the last village of UP, situated on the banks of the river Ganga in Ballia, he said. PTI

247 new corona cases take UP's tally to 6,00,079

Lucknow: The COVID-19 death toll in Uttar Pradesh rose to 8,650 on Saturday with four more fatalities, while 247 new cases pushed the infection tally to 6,00,079, an official said. Briefing reporters here, Additional Chief Secretary (Medical and Health) Amit Mohan Prasad said so far 5,85,747 COVID-19 patients have recovered from the disease, and have been discharged, taking the recovery rate in the state to 97.61 per cent. PTI

Covid: Night curfew in 4 Guj cities to continue till Feb 15

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat Government on Saturday extended till February 15 the night curfew in four major cities of the State - Ahmedabad, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot to prevent the spread of coronavirus, a senior official said. However, the duration of the night curfew has been curtailed by an hour, from 10 pm-6 am to 11 pm-6 am, he said. The government had imposed the night curfew in these four cities following a spike in COVID-19 cases after

Diwali in November. It had later announced that the night curfew would continue till January 31, but reduced the curfew timing by one hour to 10 pm and 6 am. "Starting February, Gujarat will strictly follow till February 28 the COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs on January 27," Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Pankaj Kumar said. "The night curfew would continue to be in force in four metros of the state -

Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Rajkot and Surat. But it would now be between 11 pm to 6 am till February 15," he said. Kumar said the state has succeeded in improving the COVID-19 recovery rate to 96.94 per cent. "But there is a need to remain cautious, vigilant and adhere to the prescribed containment strategy to prevent and completely eradicate the COVID-19 transmission," he said. According to him, all the activities outside of the con-

tainment zones will continue as per the SOPs issued by the various departments of the central and state governments. Activities related to marriage functions, large gatherings, places of worship, malls, restaurants, hotels, cinema halls, swimming pools, gymnasiums, exhibition, passenger movement by train, air travel, metro train, schools, institutions of higher learning, yoga centers, gymnasiums, etc will have to be conducted in strict adherence to the SOPs, he said. PTI

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Andhra reports 129 Covid cases, 1 death

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh reported 129 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the tally to over 8,87,720 while one fatality pushed the toll to 71,531 in 24 hours ending 9 am on Saturday. The state also reported 147 more recoveries, a health department bulletin said. With 41,003 tests, the total number conducted stood

at nearly 1.31 crores far in the state. The total confirmed positive COVID-19 cases were at 8,87,720 while the recoveries stood at 8, 79,278, it said. The state has 1289 active cases. In 24 hours, Krishna district accounted for the most number of cases with 26, followed by Visakhapatnam and Guntur with 17 each. PTI

Appeals court allows US to expel kids alone at border

Houston: A federal appeals court on Friday ruled that the US Government could resume expelling immigrant children who cross the southern border unaccompanied by a parent.

The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit's stay of a lower court ruling allows President Joe Biden's administration to resume expulsions begun by former President Donald Trump under a public health policy citing the Covid-19 pandemic.

The appeals court issued a stay that had been requested by the Trump administration in November shortly after a federal judge barred the practice. All three judges on the panel that issued Friday's order were nominated by Trump, who enacted newly restrictive measures on immigration throughout his presidency. The judges are Gregory Katsas, Neomi Rao and Justin Walker.

Trump's Republican administration instituted expulsions early in the pandemic, saying it had to restrict border crossings to prevent the spread of the virus, though public health officials later said they were told to issue an order allowing the expulsions by former Vice President Mike Pence. Border agents conduct-



ed more than 180,000 expulsions in just the last three months of 2020.

Immigration agencies have continued expelling most border crossers — adults as well as parents and children together — in Biden's first days. The Democrat has signaled he will roll back other Trump administration policies restricting immigration, but his advisers have also said they are concerned about allowing all migrants to cross the border immediately. It's unclear whether Biden will implement expulsions of unaccompanied children now.

At least 8,800 children were known to have been expelled prior to the federal court order. They included children as young as 9 who were denied the chance to request asylum or other protections under US Law. Many children, including

some babies with their parents, were detained in hotels in border states before being placed on deportation flights before another judge barred that practice.

The US Department of Homeland Security did not immediately comment, nor did the US Department of Justice.

American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Lee Gelernt called the appeals court's ruling a "temporary setback." "We will continue to litigate this case on behalf of these vulnerable unaccompanied children, who are in need of protection and legally entitled to apply for asylum," Gelernt said in a statement.

"But we hope the Biden administration will not make ongoing litigation necessary by rescinding this illegal policy created by the Trump administration." AP

US seeks accountability from Pakistan in Daniel Pearl's murder case

AFP ■ WASHINGTON/ISLAMABAD

US Secretary of State Tony Blinken has spoken over phone with Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and discussed the accountability of convicted terrorists responsible for the brutal murder of American journalist Daniel Pearl, according to the State Department.

Pearl, the 38-year-old South Asia bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal, was abducted and beheaded while he was in Pakistan investigating a story in 2002 on the links between the country's powerful spy agency ISI and al-Qaeda.

State Department Spokesperson Ned Price said on Friday that Blinken reinforced America's concern over Pakistan Supreme Court's ruling acquitting Pearl's killers.

"Blinken and Qureshi discussed how to ensure accountability for convicted terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and others responsible for the kidnapping and murder of American journalist Daniel Pearl," Price said in a readout of the call.

In addition, Blinken and

Qureshi discussed the importance of continued US-Pakistan cooperation on the Afghan peace process, support for regional stability, and the potential to expand our trade and commercial ties, Price said.

The Pakistan Foreign Office said in a statement that the two leaders discussed "recent developments in the Daniel Pearl case" and Qureshi "underscored that it was important and in the mutual interest that justice is served through legal means."

Qureshi congratulated Secretary Blinken on assuming his office, underscoring Pakistan's commitment to forging a comprehensive partnership with the United States based on the convergence of interests on a whole range of issues, it said.

Qureshi told Blinken that peace in Afghanistan through a negotiated political settlement was one of the fundamental convergences between the two countries.

He said it was essential to have a reduction in violence leading to the ceasefire and to work towards securing an inclusive political solution in Afghanistan.

UN urges countries to repatriate 27,000 children from Syria

United Nations: The UN counterterrorism chief is urging countries to repatriate the 27,000 children stranded in a massive camp in northeastern Syria, many of them sons and daughters of Islamic State extremists who once controlled large swathes of Iraq and Syria.

Vladimir Voronkov told an informal meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Friday that "the horrific situation of the children in Al Hol (camp) is one of the most pressing issues in the world today." The 27,000 children "remain stranded, abandoned to their fate," vulnerable to be preyed on by Islamic State enforcers, "and at risk of radicalisation within the camp,"

he said. Al Hol, the largest camp for refugees and displaced Syrians in the country, is currently home to almost 62,000 residents, according to U.N. Humanitarian officials.

More than 80 per cent are women and children, many who fled there after Islamic State militants lost their last Syrian stronghold in 2019. There are a number of other camps in the northeast as well.

Voronkov said there are children from 60 countries in the camps who are the responsibility of their member states, not of Syria or the groups that control the camps. Kurdish fighters are guarding Al-Hol and other camps as well as thou-

sands of Islamic State fighters and boys in prisons.

He said a number of countries — including Russia and Kazakhstan that convened the virtual meeting — "have collectively repatriated nearly 1,000 children and their family members."

Voronkov said the experiences of the returnees are being compiled "and what we see thus far is that fears of security risks have been unfounded." The executive director of the U.N. Counterterrorism Center stressed that children "must be treated primarily as victims" and youngsters under the age of 14 should not be detained or prosecuted. PTI

Russia warn Navalny supporters not to attend Sunday protests

Moscow: Russian police have issued a strong warning against participating in protests planned for Sunday to call for the release of jailed opposition leader Alexei Navalny, the Kremlin's most prominent foe.

The warning comes amid detentions of Navalny associates and opposition journalists and a police plan to restrict movement in the center of Moscow on Sunday. Navalny was arrested on January 17 after flying back to Russia from Germany, where he had spent five months recovering from nerve-agent poisoning.

His detention sparked nationwide protests one week ago in about 100 cities; nearly 4,000 people were reported arrested.

The next demonstration in Moscow is planned for Lubyanka Square. The Federal Security Service, which Navalny claims arrange to have him poisoned with a Soviet-era nerve agent on behalf of the Kremlin, is headquartered in the square.

The Russian government has denied a role in the 44-year-old's poisoning.

The city police department said much of central Moscow from Red Square to Lubyanka would have pedestrian restrictions and that seven subway stations in the vicinity would be closed on Sunday.

Restaurants in the area also are to be closed, and the iconic GUM department store on Red Square said it would open only in the evening. AP

Germany expects 5M vaccine doses in next 3 weeks

Berlin: Germany says drug-makers will deliver at least 5 million doses of coronavirus vaccines to the country in the next three weeks.

The Health Ministry says on Twitter that Germany has already received 3.5 million doses in the past five weeks and administered 2.2 million shots.

Health Minister Jens Spahn says the new figures for deliveries from Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca were "good news after a difficult start." Germany has given the first shot to about 2.2% of its 83 million population. Nearly half a million people had received both shots by Saturday. It's recommended the second shot be given 21 to 28 days after the first. AP

Biden faces calls to secure release of US man in Afghanistan

Washington: As the Biden administration considers whether it should pull remaining US Troops out of Afghanistan in the coming months, some fear for the fate of an American who could be left behind: an abducted contractor believed held by a Taliban-linked militant group.

On the one-year anniversary of Mark Frerichs' abduction, family members and other supporters are urging the Biden administration not to withdraw additional troops without the Navy veteran being released from captivity. Frerichs was abducted one year ago Sunday while working in the country on engineering projects. U.S. Officials believe he is in the custody of the Haqqani network, though the Taliban have not publicly acknowledged holding him.

"We are confident that he's still alive and well," his sister, Charlene Cakora, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We don't have any thinking that he's dead or that

he's injured." For U.S. Diplomats, Frerichs' captivity is a piece of a much larger geopolitical puzzle that aims to balance bringing troops home, after a two-decade conflict, with ensuring regional peace and stability.

Biden administration officials have made clear that they are reviewing a February 2020 peace deal between the United States and the Taliban, concerned by whether the Taliban are meeting its commitment to reduce violence in Afghanistan.

The Trump administration, which had made the release of hostages and detainees a priority, ended without having brought home Frerichs, who is from Lombard, Illinois. He is one of several Americans the Biden administration is inheriting responsibility for, including journalist Austin Tice, who went missing in Syria in 2012, as well as US Marine Trevor Reed and Michigan corporate executive Paul Whelan, both of whom are imprisoned in Russia. AP

Mahatma Gandhi statue vandalised in US; India demands appropriate action against perpetrators

Washington/New Delhi: Unknown miscreants have vandalised, broken and ripped from the base a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in a park in the US state of California, evoking a strong response from India which sought a thorough investigation and appropriate action against those responsible for the "despicable act."

The 6-ft tall, 650-pound (294 kg) bronze statue of Gandhi, in the Central Park of the City of Davis in Northern California, appeared to have been sawed off at the ankles and half its face was severed and missing, local Davis Enterprise daily reported.

The vandalised statue of Mahatma Gandhi was found by a park employee in the

hours of morning of January 27, the police said.

The statue is being removed and will be stored in a safe place until it can be evaluated, said Davis City councilman Lucas Frerichs.

Investigators are still unsure of when exactly the statue was torn down or what the motive may have been, The Sacramento Bee reported. PTI

B'DESH SENDS MORE ROHINGYA TO ISLAND DESPITE CONCERNS

AP ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh's Government sent a fourth group of Rohingya Muslim refugees to an island in the Bay of Bengal on Saturday, ignoring calls from human rights groups for a halt to the move.

The 1,466 Rohingya who had been living in the sprawling refugee camps of Cox's Bazar were sent Saturday to Bhasan Char, an island specifically developed to accommodate 100,000 of the 1 million Rohingya who have fled from neighbouring Myanmar. That follows 1,776 refugees who made the trip on Friday.

The relocations began in December and have been criticised by human rights groups, who say many of the refugees are being forced to move against their will.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her government

have denied that and said the relocations will continue.

Bangladesh has said that ultimately it is up to Myanmar to take the refugees back and has called on the international community to put pressure on Myanmar's Government to ensure their safe return.

More than 1 million Rohingya have fled waves of violent persecution in their native Myanmar and are currently living in overcrowded, squalid refugee camps in Cox's Bazar district.

"My people and relatives came here earlier. They said it is better here. So, we came," Aman Ullah, a Rohingya refugee, said Saturday after his arrival on Bhasan Char.

Another said he came voluntarily. "We were asked to come. And we came here at our own will," said Mohammed Nuruddin.

WESTERN RAILWAY			
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/04/2021 Date 27.01.2021			
S.N.	Short Description of Item	Quantity	T.O.D.
61	Brake Block (NG)	384 Nos.	04.02.2021
62	Cover of Brake Block Adjuster	900 Nos.	05.02.2021
63	Cast Steel Bolster Complete of BCNHL Wagon	5 Nos.	05.02.2021
64	Toothed Segment	1333 Nos.	08.02.2021
65	Bearing for Long Shaft for Centre Brake	442 Nos.	10.02.2021
66	Pin for Pull Rod Roller	3200 Nos.	10.02.2021
67	Pin with Washer and Bulb Cotter	1400 Nos.	11.02.2021
68	CVTS Instruments	51 Items	11.02.2021
69	POH Kit	192 Set	12.02.2021
70	SMPS Based Integrated Power Supply System	49 Set	15.02.2021
71	Lithium Chloride Battery	66 Nos.	15.02.2021
72	Bogie Frame Arrangement	2 Set	16.02.2021
73	Filter Panel Assy.	2185 Nos.	18.02.2021
74	Fire Detection Unit Sensor Filler	219 Nos.	19.02.2021
75	Set of Labyrinth and Bearing Cap and Clamp Plate (NDE)	140 Set	19.02.2021
76	FRP L Shape Angle Size	2777 Nos.	23.02.2021
77	Anti Wear Hydraulic Oil VG 68	51870 Ltrs.	23.02.2021
78	Packing Ring for Wheel Tread Wear	12355 Nos.	24.02.2021
79	Rear Cover for Axle Box	2091 Nos.	24.02.2021
80	Push Type Flushing Valve	6083 Nos.	24.02.2021
81	Complete Brake Gear Arrangement for WAG 7 Loco	34 Set	24.02.2021
82	Gear Box Case	9 Nos.	25.02.2021
83	Copper Contact Wire Jointless 107 Sq.mm	103750 Mtr.	26.02.2021

CORRECTION: Please visit www.irps.gov.in for corrigendum issued to following tender S.No.16 of Tender Notice No. S/01/2021 Dt.08.01.2021 (Liquid Oxygen for Medical use)

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.irps.gov.in and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in.

For Principal Chief Materials Manager D-0621

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IN THE COURT OF SH. AASHISH GUPTA, ACJ/CC/JARC-(South-East) Room No.203, Second Floor Saket Courts, New Delhi. SS- 96/2020

AMITA KUKREJA VS. ...Petitioner JA. ...Respondent

STATE ...Respondent

Memo of Parties:- Amrita Kukreja W/o Sh. Ashok Kukreja D/o Late Krishan Lal Dhal (K.L.Dhal) R/o A-96, First Floor, Amar Colony, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi. ...Petitioner

VERSUS The State (Govt. of NCT of Delhi) S.D.M Office (Amar Colony New Delhi) ...Respondent

Whereas, on application U/s 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 has been made by Amrita Kukreja successor of Late. Krishan Lal Dhal (K. L. Dhal) for grant of Succession Certificate in respect of debts/secureties of deceased. And whereas the said applicant shall come for hearing on 23.02.2021 at 10.00 A.M. Therefore, the public at large is hereby given notice if any person has objection to the grant of succession certificate in favour of the said applicant, he may appear and file objections in writing, in person or through duly appointed pleader, on the said date and time.

Given under my hand and seal on 29.01.2021.

(AASHISH GUPTA) ACJ/CC/JARC-(South East) Room No. 203, 2nd Floor Saket Court, New Delhi

PHYSICAL 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 Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Bhushan Grover/ Ruhin Electric Auto Private Limited/ Archana Grover LBGH200002049569	Apartment No. 344 On 3rd Floor, Type Shig- 2 Block Majestic Mahajun Mascot, Phase 3, Plot No. 5, Sector 11, Dhundahera Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201010/ January 28, 2021	August 31, 2015 Rs. 99,53,467/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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

Date : January 30, 2021 Place: Delhi NCR Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

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	DIRECTOR GENERAL, SUPPLIES & DISPOSALS, HARYANA	RATE CONTRACT OF ISI MARKED ERW M.S. PIPES OF SIZES 200MM*6.4MM & 250MM*8.00MM	30.01.2021 03.03.2021	NIL	https://etenders.hry.nic.in/dsndharyana.gov.in	0172-2570121-124,2584125,2585125 supplies@hry.nic.in
2	DIRECTOR GENERAL, SUPPLIES & DISPOSALS, HARYANA	PURCHASE OF ISI MARKED POLY ALUMINIUM CHLORIDE IN POWDER FORM.	30.01.2021 03.03.2021	NIL	https://etenders.hry.nic.in/dsndharyana.gov.in	0172-2570121-124,2584125,2585125 supplies@hry.nic.in
3	DIRECTOR GENERAL, SUPPLIES & DISPOSALS, HARYANA	PURCHASE OF ISI MARKED BLEACHING POWDER.	30.01.2021 03.03.2021	NIL	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570121-124,2584125,2585125 supplies@hry.nic.in
4	ESI HEALTH CARE HARYANA	APPLICATION FOR TIE-UP OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS FOR SECONDARY HEALTH CARE OF INSURED PERSONS UNDER ESI SCHEME AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IN AMBALA DISTRICT (HARYANA).	02.02.2021 23.02.2021	EMD 2 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7009221470 esi@hry.nic.in
5	DISTRICT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY BHIWANI	EE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND PRINTERS	30.01.2021 15.02.2021	20 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-241341 ditsbhw@gmail.com
6	MOTILAL NEHRU SCHOOL OF SPORTS, RAJ, SONEPAT	PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND STATIONARY (TENDER ID- 2021_HRY_157899_1) + 1 OTHER WORK	29.01.2021 11.02.2021	1.27 Crore	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	88708859410 mssrai@rediffmail.com

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Major economic legislations to be considered during Budget Session

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has lined up an intensive legislative agenda with over 20 bills for the Budget Session of Parliament which began on January 29.

A major portion of the legislative agenda would include introduction and passage of several economic bills that aim at carrying the reform agenda of the government.

Among the bills lined up for consideration during the Budget session of Parliament include legislation's covering delicensing of country's electricity distribution sector, amendments to Competition Commission of India and PFRDA legislations, creation of new development financial institution, ban on private cryptocurrencies.

These would be besides the Finance Bill 2021-22 that would form part of bulk of budget proposals made by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1. Among the economic legislations is the CCI Amendment

Bill that aims to carry out certain essential structural changes in the governing structure of the CCI including expansion of CCI activities across India by opening Regional Offices.

The other bill to be introduced during Budget Session will be the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2021 that proposes to amend PFRDA Act allowing for separation of NPS Trust from PFRDA while also strengthening the institution.

The government will also introduce the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) Bill, 2021 to set up a new Development Financial Institution (DFI) as a provider, enabler and catalyst for infrastructure financing and as the principal financial institution and development bank for building and sustaining a supportive ecosystem across the life-cycle of infrastructure projects.

Another bill would be Cryptocurrency and

Revival of animal spirits with 11% growth rate next fiscal year: CEA Subramanian

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Adviser K V Subramanian on Saturday said the country would witness revival of 'animal spirits' of private enterprises with the economy staging a 'V-shaped' 11 per cent growth in the next fiscal year beginning April.

The Economic Survey 2020-21 presented in Parliament on Friday expects the growth rate to rebound sharply from an estimated record contraction of 7.7 per cent in the current financial year on account of the impact

of the COVID-19 pandemic. "I think next year with an 11 per cent growth rate, that is anticipated. Private sector moves in when they see opportunities," Subramanian said when asked about the revival of 'animal spirits' in private investment.

The expression 'animal spirits' was coined by celebrated economist John Maynard Keynes to refer to investors' confidence in taking action in terms of investment.

Subramanian, the lead author of the Economic Survey, also made a case for strong counter-cyclical mea-

asures to encourage private investment. Observing that there are business cycles in the economy and there are peaks and troughs, he said, when the economy is doing really well, private sector is also doing very well and it's time for the government to step back and consolidate its fiscal position. "But when the economy is not doing well, it's in a trough, the private sector therefore is not doing very well, the void that is left on consumption, investment etc, the government moves in and fills that void," he told PTI in an interview.

Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021 that will create a facilitative framework for creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The Bill also seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India, however, it allows for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its

uses. The government will also introduce the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2021 that would carry forward

Looking forward to budgetary support for demand generation: PHD Chamber

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Industry body PHD Chamber on Saturday said it looks forward to a growth-oriented budget for FY22 which ensures demand generation. According to Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, "Going ahead we look forward to a vibrant growth-oriented budget which ensures a great support to demand creation in the economy with lower interest rates for consumers and business-

Besides, Aggarwal said the industry body expects the budget to reduce compliances for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) vis-a-vis ease of doing business at the ground level.

He also cited the need for the budget to lower the tax regime to increase personal disposable income which would be instrumental in rejuvenating the economic growth trajectory in the coming times.

Earlier, on last Friday, the Economic Survey 2020-21 suggested that economic

recovery would be supported by a supply-side push from reforms and easing of regulations, push to infrastructural investments, boost to the manufacturing sector through 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.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman would present Budget 2021-22 in Parliament on Monday.

reforms in the sector allowing for better regulations that attract investment and removed cumbersome processes and clearances. Yet another economic leg-

islation would be introduction of the much delayed Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021 that proposes to de-license the distribution business and bring in competition, appointment of

member from law background in every Commission, strengthening of APTEL, penalty for non compliance of RPO, prescribing Rights and Duties of Consumers.

GOLD MINI CONTRACTS

BSE becomes first Exchange to execute deliveries

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

The BSE has become the country's first exchange to complete deliveries of Gold mini contracts under BSE-BIS India Good Delivery Standard on its commodity derivatives platform on January 29, 2021.

Even though the BSE had launched India's first 'options in Goods' contracts on gold mini and silver kg based on spot prices in June 2020, these contracts were delivered using serial-numbered gold bars approved by the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA). The Gold mini 'options in goods' contracts delivered on Saturday were delivered based on BSE-BIS India Good Delivery Standards in alignment with "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives.

Commenting on this milestone, Sameer Patil, Chief Business Officer, BSE, said, "The deliveries and acceptance

of Indian refined gold in all BSE gold contracts will encourage greater involvement by domestic market players and widen the array of acceptable gold for delivery of Bullion."

The exchange executed delivery of Gold mini to the tune of more than Rs 49 lakhs in the Gold mini 'Options in Goods' framework at the exchange designated vault in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The refined gold delivered on the exchange platform was produced by Parker Precious Metals LLP.

In addition to these refiners, M D Overseas Pvt. Ltd., Augmont Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. and Sovereign Metals Ltd. are also empanelled by BSE to deliver serial-numbered gold bars on the exchange platform. The BSE's 'options in goods' contracts have proved extremely beneficial and cost efficient for jewellers, bullion dealers and other physical market participants.

ICICI Bank Q3 net jumps 17 pc on core income, retail NPAs rise

pti n Mumbai

ICICI Bank on Saturday reported a 17.73 per cent jump in its December quarter consolidated net profit to Rs 5,498.15 crore, helped by a jump in core income but experienced a surge in bad assets from its retail loans.

On a standalone basis, the second largest private sector lender by assets showed a 19.12 per cent rise in the post-tax profit to Rs 4,939.59 crore for the reporting quarter, up from Rs 4,146.46 crore in the October-December 2019 period.

Its core net interest income grew 16 per cent to Rs 9,912 crore, on the back of a

13 per cent growth in domestic advances, while the net interest margin came at 3.67 per cent as against 3.57 per cent in the preceding September quarter and 3.77 per cent in the year-ago period.

The non-interest income excluding the treasury income came at Rs 3,921 crore as against 4,043 crore.

The reported gross non-performing assets ratio was at 4.38 per cent.

But would have been 5.42 per cent if not for the Supreme Court order asking banks not to classify non-paying loan accounts as NPAs after the end of the loan repayment moratorium.

Hike in fuel prices hit pause for 3rd day

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Pause on price hike of petrol and diesel continued on Saturday for the third day in a row after rising consecutively on Tuesday and Wednesday increasing pump prices for both auto fuels by 60 paise per litre in Delhi.

With price on hold, petrol continued to be available at new record high of Rs 86.30 a litre in Delhi while diesel was at Rs 76.48 per litre.

Across the country as well the fuel prices remained at Wednesday's level. In Mumbai, petrol is priced at Rs 92.86 a litre while in Chennai its is at Rs 88.82/l and in Kolkata Rs 87.69/l. Diesel on the other hand is at Rs 83.30 a litre in Mumbai, Rs 81.71 in Chennai and Rs 80.08 in Kolkata.

Though firm global crude

and product price is the reason for the increase in retail price of petrol and diesel.

It is interesting to note that even though crude has been hovering just over \$55 a barrel for some time now, OMCs have gone in for both a pause in price of auto fuels as well increase in its retail prices on consecutive days.

Informed sources said that oil companies may be building buffer on retail price of petrol and diesel to prevent any sharp price increase of government decided to further raise excise duty on the two products to mobilise additional revenue.

Crude price have remained firm for last few weeks in wake of unilateral production cuts announced by Saudi Arabia and a pick up in consumption in all major economies globally.

SJVNL gets another mega hydropower project in Nepal

IAN S ■ SHIMLA

Public sector Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd (SJVNL) on Saturday said it was awarded another mega hydropower project in Nepal through international bidding, including Chinese companies.

SJVNL Chairman and Managing Director Nand Lal Sharma said that the Nepalese government has allotted 679 MW Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project located in the Sankhuwasabha and Bhojpur districts.

It will generate 3,561 million units per annum.

The Investment Board of Nepal at its meeting on January 29, chaired by Prime Minister K.P.Oli, awarded the project to the SJVNL.

Expressing deepest gratitude to the Prime Minister, Sharma said the project would

be completed in a time-bound manner.

He said the projects being developed by SJVNL in Nepal would result in overall development and boost mutual economic growth in India and Nepal.

Earlier, SJVNL was awarded the construction of 900 MW Arun III hydroelectric project and 217 km long 400 kV associated transmission system.

With addition of the Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project, SJVNL's portfolio now stands at 8,960.5 MW.

SJVNL's present installed capacity is 2,016.51 MW and aims to be 5,000 MW company by 2030, a company's statement said.

The company also has a presence in the field of energy transmission.

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General Manager (S/P)
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Homebuyers' dream comes true on R-Day eve

New Delhi: At a time when realty sector is feeling the pinch of Covid-induced economic slowdown, Saya Gold Avenue handed over the keys to over 101 flat owners of the project in

Indrapuram on the eve of Republic Day Jan 2021. "Saya Homes is committed to bring joy and add luxury to its customer's life and in the coming days, we are looking forward to offering possession to more buyers," said Saya Homes MD Vikas Bhasin.

3 day global meet 'Kerala Looks Ahead' to begin

Thiruvananthapuram: CM Pinarayi Vijayan will inaugurate on February 1 a three-day virtual global conclave that seeks to lay down the roadmap for Kerala's long-term development by factoring in perspectives from top economists, industry leaders, administrators and planners amid a changed world order due to COVID-19.

SpiceJet to launch 20 new domestic flights

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

SpiceJet on Saturday said it will start 20 new domestic flights, including 16 services that will be connecting Jaipur to various cities of the country.

The remaining four flights would be on the Kolkata-Pakyong route and Delhi-Dehradun route, said the airline's press release.

All 20 new flights would be started in February, it stated.

Jaipur would be connected through 16 new flights to various cities such as Dehradun and Surat, it said.

Shilpa Bhatia, Chief Commercial Officer, SpiceJet said, "There can't be a better time to launch multiple flights to connect this picturesque and historical city with other major cities owing to the perfect weather conditions for travel and tourism."

Govt may review export duty on iron ore

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

The Government may put further checks on export of iron ore to allow greater availability of this critical input for the domestic steel industry at competitive prices.

In the wake of a pick up in global steel demand, and Indian iron ore getting exported to countries such as China, the domestic ore prices have also shot up, almost doubling to over Rs 4,000 per tonne from levels of Rs 2,000 per tonne between June to December, 2020.

Sources said that a proposal to increase export duty on iron ore is being actively considered by the finance ministry that may consider announcing the changed levy in Budget 2021-22.

A 30 per cent export duty is levied currently on iron ore having Fe (iron) content above 58 per cent. Sources said this may be increased 5-10 per cent or more to prevent its export to markets that are willing to pay more to hoard the ore for future use and maximise

their gains. Though the proposal is to increase the levy, sources said the government may also look to bring all categories of ore under the export duty structure as was available earlier. A higher levy is expected to prevent the export of iron ore, tame prices and improve availability of this raw material to the domestic steel industry that can supply the material at competitive prices for the growing requirement from the infrastructure sector.

Along with a surge in ore pricing, steel prices have also increased by almost 50 per cent in the last few months. Benchmark Hot-rolled coil prices have increased by 46 per cent to Rs 52,000 per tonne in November as compared to Rs 37,400 per tonne in July this year. Rebar TMT, which is used in the housing and construction sectors, had touched Rs 50,000 a tonne.

With demand for steel picking up as infrastructure activity picks up pace in the country, higher prices have become a big deterrent to investments.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Neeraj Malik/ Savita/ LBFDB00001983283/ LBFDB00002441237	409 C, Sector- 91, Surya Nagar, Phase-I, Faridabad / January 25, 2021	August 21, 2020 Rs. 17,45,911/-	Del/ NCR
2.	Preeti Jasra/ Gagan Singh/ LBDEL00001998272	Flat No- 804, 8th Floor, Block-A, Metro Suites, Sector 4, Vaishali Schemeten Storey, Kosi Tower, Vaishali, Ghaziabad/ January 25, 2021	August 18, 2020 Rs. 30,50,015/-	Del/ NCR
3.	Priyanka Tutoo/ Amit Tutoo/ LBGHZ00001329531	Flat No B- 4, 2nd Floor, Plot No 7/1, Sector- 2, Rajendra Nagar, Sahibabad Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh / January 25, 2021	September 30, 2020 Rs. 9,41,734.06/-	Del/ NCR
4.	Rajinder Singh/ Ravinder Singh/ LBFDB00001308375/ LBNOD00001033531	House No- 62, Sector- 21 C, Nr Market Of Sec- 21c., Faridabad, Haryana/ January 25, 2021	September 30, 2020 Rs. 10,75,825/-	Del/ NCR
5.	Santhosh A/ LBDEL00001980501/ LBDEL00001980505	Flat No-193, DDA LIG Flats, 3rd Floor, PKT- D, Loknaya Puram, Delhi/ January 28, 2021	August 18, 2020 Rs. 15,63,867.6/-	Del/ NCR
6.	Sushila Devi/ Rohtash Singh/ LBFDB00002517372	Flat No 1404, 14th Floor, Tower- A2, SRS Royal Hills, Village Basel, Wa, Sector- 87, Faridabad./ January 25, 2021	January 31, 2020 Rs. 26,32,708/-	Del/ NCR
7.	Nyadar Singh & Bala/ LBFDB00002877905	Flat No- 504, 5th Floor, Tower 2, Type A3, Aurio City Homes, Vill Bathola Sector 82, Faridabad/ January 25, 2021	August 20, 2020 Rs. 14,88,754/-	Del/ NCR
8.	Payal Saxena/ Sachin Saxena/ LBGUR00003254030/ LBGUR00003254112	Flat No D 264, 26th Floor Tower- D DLF, Belaire DLF Phase- V Golf, Course Road, Gurgaon-122001 Haryana/ January 25, 2021	October 21, 2020 Rs. 3,94,92,405/-	Del/ NCR
9.	Neeraj Pathania/ Rama Pathania/ LBDEL00001915892	Flat No- K- 145, Kangra Niketan Vikas Puri, Delhi, Delhi./ January 28, 2021	September 25, 2020 Rs. 1,91,648/-	Del/ NCR
10.	Harendra Singh Rana & Richa Rana/ LBDEL00002067655	EFF- 25- 0401, Emerald Floors, Premier Emerald Estate, Sector 65, Gurgaon/ Jan 25, 2021	August 27, 2020 Rs. 44,85,535/-	Del/ NCR
11.	Manoj Kumar & Suma Manoj/ LBDEL00002098845	691, 3rd Floor, LIG Flats, Pocket A, Block C, Loknaya Puram, Delhi/ Jan 28, 2021	August 18, 2020 Rs. 18,98,249/-	Del/ NCR
12.	Manoj Kumar/ Sadhna/ LBNOD00000967022/ LBNOD00001135507/ LBNOD00001755543	Flat No- A- 1650, 2nd Floor, Green Field Colony, Faridabad, Haryana/ Jan 25, 2021	August 29, 2020 Rs. 8,48,024/-	Del/ NCR

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

Date : January 30, 2021
Place: Delhi NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

e-Notice for Request for Proposal

RFP No: RMSA/STEM20/1304/2020/55 Dated: 30-01-2021

Samagra Shiksha (RMSA & SSA), Assam invites proposal affixing court fee stamp of minimum value Rs 8.25/- containing (a) Qualification expression, (b) Technical Proposal, (c) Commercial Proposal in separate file/folder from reputed Organizations for the supply of equipment and gadget and training on STEM to implement STEM in Government/ Provincialised High and Higher Secondary Schools in Assam.

Detailed RFP may be seen at "https://assamtenders.gov.in/" for eligibility, scope of work, terms and conditions etc. The tender document can be downloaded from "https://assamtenders.gov.in/" up to 30/01/2021 and making payment of non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand) only.

RFP are to be uploaded on the prescribed tender form along with (a) bid security or earnest money deposit (EMD) for an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakhs) only, valid for a period of 90 days from the date of submission, in the form of Demand Draft in favor of Mission Director, RMSA, Assam, Guwahati payable at Guwahati. The RFP will be received upto 1:30 pm on 12/02/2021 and will be opened on same day at 2:30 pm at the Office of the Mission Director, SS (RMSA & SSA), Kahlipara, Guwahati-19, Assam.

Samagra Shiksha (RMSA), Assam reserves the right to amend or cancel the RFP without assigning any notice or reason thereof. Moreover, in case of non-availability of sufficient bidder (or less than three bidder), authority has to right to take decision without prior notice.

Sd/- Executive Director,
Janasanyog /CF/4316/20 Samagra Shiksha (RMSA&SSA), Assam

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Martyrs' Day was observed by Kolkata Metro Railway to pay tribute to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, on Saturday



Lamb Agnolotti



The Pug

HITTING BULL'S EYE FOR DECADES

Delhi is known as an eater's delight for no mean reason. It has dishes and restaurants that are signatures and institutions, loved and respected by the good old Delhiites. SUNDAY PIONEER revisits one such undying institution in its newest avatar

It was in 1991 that I landed a job in Delhi and shifted from Lucknow. Eating out in Lucknow was a limited affair, with even birthdays and anniversaries being organised at home much through *chholey bhaturey samose* parties. Yes, they had their own charm and warmth as opposed to doing a cosmetic hotel thingie which now has become a norm.

But those were good old days through the 60s and 70s, when Lucknow did not have signature hotels or restaurants with pedigree or exclusivity. So when I walked into Machan in Delhi's Taj Mansingh hotel, or should I say, was taken to Machan as a rookie in Delhi's dining scene, I was struck by two things — the warmth of the place and its lived-inness, if I may say so.

That, and of course, Bull's Eye which introduced me to chocolate as no other dessert ever could. That was 1991. And now in 2021, three decades later, Machan still means Bull's Eye for me and nothing less for dessert. With Kona coffee, of course and if it's not lunch time the other signature snack that has for over four decades of its inception stood tall on the plate — the Periyar Club Sandwich.

Over the years, restaurants, hotels, bakers and others have copied or tried to replicate Bull's Eye in different *avatars* and names, but there is nothing to compare this super soft chocolate and ice cream delight that Machan offers. If at all, the taste, the texture, the softness of its being has only matured. Really, like always and yet like never before!

Time was when the Bull's Eye used to be the highlight of a special meal-out in Delhi. The delicious warm, gooey, rich chocolate ending to a wonderful meal was to die for. Cut to 2021, and the 'new' Machan. We were in for a delightful surprise: Bull's Eye better than ever! (Didn't imagine that was possible).

The reasons one is talking about Bull's Eye are two — one, that I can't ever stop talking about it, and two, is to tell you how a signature dish and a signature restaurant glides over time and change to remain the same yet different, old and yet new.

The pandemic came in handy for Taj Mansingh to take time out to re-orient the iconic Machan without tinkering with its basic structure but carefully enhancing it. To call Machan a coffee shop of a five-star hotel would be nibbling away the sheen of a legend. It has been more of a Delhi icon, an culinary institution, dabbling in game stories and eats.

The redone Machan looks spic. It also looks more airy and spacious, with the buffet and its trappings gone for good. Ala carte is good for comfort, table indulgence



Bull's Eye

and also for conversations with the food coming in unintrusively.

The wall paper, or should one call it wall paint, sets the theme, that of jungles and royal tigers. Of course, searching for these awesome big cats hiding behind delicately painted shrubs by an artist who knows his job, and then suddenly finding them staring you down from an arm's length, gives you a sense of alarm and joy in equal measure. Add to that the sustainable jungle furniture with cane being the core of tables and chairs, Machan is here to tell you grandmother stories in cozy and cushy environs.

The menu, too, is not overcrowded with *dhaba* kind of quickies but it does dote on carefully constructed local and global cuisine inspired by forests of the world.

For me, Machan has been the go-to place for celebrations, chit-chats or just a friends' getaway from office. The staff

has been as sweet as Bull's Eye and as attentive as its current executive chef Arun Sundararaj. Arun takes pain to explain how hard the team has worked in cooking up a menu that can match the Machan's fabled international dining expectations.

It just not defines the game cuisine of India as a defining part of the city's culinary landscape but also gives it a splash of worldwide gastronomy while being careful enough to weave itself into the fabric of Delhi's daily life.

For those with that extra sweet tooth, don't miss the special Creme Brulee with an indulgent Bailey's Irish Cream infusion. It's the creamiest, melt-in-the-mouth brulee I have ever eaten.

It is, of course, politically incorrect to start with dessert but that's what Bull's Eye does to you, takes you away from from the mains.

I am not much of a salad and soup

person but the chicken soup that Chef Sundararaj served up was fabulously flavourful and super comforting for the winter day we were dining at Machan.

Talking about flavours, the vegetable east Asian clear soup with deep green specks of broccoli rubbing cheeks with a blushing red bell pepper, is amazingly aromatic of oils I couldn't spot and lemon grass I could barely catch. The chilies and galagal that hit the throat in absentia made the day for me.

The salad looked way too green for my liking but was surprisingly delicious. The avocado tucked into the artistically plated green, added texture and taste. The gentle scent of carefully used herbs completed the plating.

The sea bass was piquant — must for both for fish-lovers catch. The those who like to experiment. The beautiful, delicately cooked flaky white fish was accompanied by veggies and sauce and an unex-

pected bit of warm *ghee* on the side! I was hesitant — clarified butter on a Continental dish? But tried it and, hey, it tasted absolutely divine! Its name, too, drew me into the menu heads — The Ocean Turns Purple, it said, giving pride of place on the side to the purple potato sitting on a warm salad of wild mushrooms.

The cornfed side of chicken came in the most natural chickeny flavours I have ever dived into but it was the Maori's Love for Lamb that, well, took my goat away! This lamb chop with root vegetable puree, tomato and leek confit may be a tad heavy but only on the pocket.

The Pug, a mushroom and cheese chipotle, artistry maximum and taste divine. It melted on the tongue with a burst of gentle flavours as one marveled at the powdered pub mark that brought the eye back to the emerging tiger on the wall paper peering at me, almost seeking

a pat on the tongue so to say for this innovatively designed dish.

One must admit that the re-imagined Machan is destination that will grow back into popular mindset once the pandemic recedes but even now the kitty parties are back and the ladies don't mind the ala carte restriction.

Not that the officials manning this table topper of Delhi have ignored the pandemic time hygiene or, for that matter, the axe that should always be on carbon footprints.

Everything single-plastic is gone for good and sustainability brings to the table organic tissue wrappers for the cutlery and soaked napkins instead of cloth ones which used to add to the décor and colour of the table.

Not just the stunning cane tree canopies and the terracotta animal masks created by local artists, but sustainability peeps through contemporary lanterns, raised platform and banquette seating for a relaxed dining experience.

Tables have a terrarium plant that beats indoor and outdoor pollution. The chef proudly tells you that a significant majority of the materials used have been sourced locally and created by artisans and craftsmen from neighbouring States.

To keep the bug at a safe distance as you bite into the chicken legs, a Swedish air purification system is in place to control pandemic anxiety and PM10, PM2.5 and PM1 levels as per WHO guidelines.

The heightened safety and hygiene protocol combined with the magic of Tajness will definitely strike you as comfort food as you can sit back and enjoy the warmth of service which a balance of attentiveness with unobtrusiveness in a heady mix that matches the lemon drop cocktail that they bring for you on special request in remembrance of their other signature facility, Rick's the bar — if, that is, if you can emerge from Between the Sheets to enjoy the Forest Martini and the Guava Mary along with Jungle Pirate.

All these cocktails, let me insist, are unique, gently and yet heady with a flavour and texture that makes them sit pretty with pretty much that you are eating.

By the way, all doors lead to Machan Mahua Story wherein blended whisky kind of gets muddled in the strong company of gin and lemonade.

And as you head home, with a sobering but flavourful blend of Coorgi coffee, you wonder how Machan will be 30 years from now — same and equally relevant as it was on that sunny day in 1978 when it opened doors to a different kind of hospitality that has grown like Jack's beanstalk.

THEY ARE HERE TOO



KARIM'S

A fine dining eatery, Karim's is one of the historic restaurant of Delhi and also one of the most famous culinary destination of the Capital.

For those who crave for some good Mughlai food, they can make a visit to the place without any second thoughts.

Cost for two: ₹800 approx



MOTI MAHAL DELUX

The place is a heaven for both vegetarian and non-vegetarian people. Known for its authentic taste and flavours that melt in your mouth, this eatery should be on your go to list if *tandoori* chicken and *dal makhani* is what you crave for, among other things.

Cost for two: ₹1,100 approx



YELLOW BRICK ROAD

If good food with a vintage theme and a splash of colours is your type of place, then you should visit Yellow Brick Road at the drop of a hat. A staff that is as caring for you and your kids as they are for the quality of their food gives you plenty of reasons to experience this eatery in Khan Market.

Cost for two: ₹3,500 approx



BUKHARA

A multi-award winning restaurant that brings to life rustic flavours from the delectable cuisine of the North West Frontier, Bukhara at ITC Maurya promises a luxury experience. Indulge in the highly authentic flavours and go on a ride of taste with a pinch of luxury.

Cost for two: ₹6,500 approx

NO RANJI FOR 2021

India's domestic tourney cancelled for first time in 87 years; BCCI to hold Hazare as per state units wish



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The BCCI will not be conducting its premier first-class domestic tournament Ranji Trophy for the first time in 87 years as the parent body opted for the Vijay Hazare Trophy as per the wishes of majority of the state units.

The BCCI will also host the U-19 National One Day tournament for the Vinoo Mankad Trophy and the Women's national 50-over tournament as per a letter sent by BCCI secretary Jay Shah to the state units.

While BCCI president

Sourav Ganguly and secretary Shah were keen to have the blue riband tournament that pays the maximum match fee (Rs 1.5 lakh per game approx) for the players, it is understood that a two-month long bio-bubble even for a truncated two-phased Ranji Trophy in times of the COVID-19 pandemic wasn't feasible.

"I am extremely happy to inform you that we are going to conduct the Senior Women's One Day tournament simultaneously with the Vijay Hazare Trophy and follow it up with Vinoo Mankad Trophy Under-19. This has been decided after having received your

feedback on the domestic season 2020-21," Shah wrote a letter to state units, which is in possession of PTI.

It is understood that BCCI will probably follow the same groupings and bio-bubble for the Hazare Trophy that will start next month.

The BCCI during its AGM had decided that players will be compensated in case there is a truncated season and with players missing out on Ranji Trophy match fees, treasurer Arun Dhumal clarified that the premier domestic cricketers of the country will be taken care of financially.

Agreeing with his secre-

tary's view, Dhumal said that the decision to cancel Ranji Trophy this season was taken after taking every stakeholder into confidence.

"We took feedback from the players, selection committee, state associations. It was felt that 2020 is already gone and rather than having two Ranji events in the same calendar year, it is better to go for white-ball cricket," Dhumal said.

"That way we could have something for junior cricket and women considering the importance of Women's World Cup and U-19 World Cup next year.

"Rather than having one tournament, we thought to have events in different categories," said Dhumal, adding that players will be duly compensated for not playing Ranji Trophy this season.

Shah in his letter also spoke about how difficult it was to plan out the domestic calendar for the season in the post COVID world.

"As you are aware, we have lost a lot of time and consequently, it has been difficult to plan the cricket calendar on account of the precautions that are necessary for the safe conduct of the games," Shah wrote.

TN, Baroda battle for SMA title

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

A formidable Tamil Nadu team with oodles of experience in its rank and file will have a head-start over an unheralded Baroda which shrugged off the off-field controversies to set up a promising grand finale of the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament on Sunday.

The Tamil Nadu side with right blend of youth and experience under Dinesh Karthik, has hardly looked in any sort of trouble since their group stage encounters with dominating victories while chasing.

Baroda, under their battle-hardened stand-in captain Kedar Devdhar, had won some one-sided matches but also a cliff-hanger against Haryana in the quarter-final where Vishnu Solanki hit a last-ball helicopter shot to win the match.

Baroda's performance is more praiseworthy after their premier batsman Deepak Hooda stormed out after his differences with skipper Krunal Pandya, who also had to leave after his father's death.

Tamil Nadu was also in a spot of bother in the quarter-final against Himachal Pradesh but some big-hitting by Shahrukh Khan and a composed knock by Baba Aparajith saw them through.

Veteran K B Arun Karthik then played a beautiful knock of 89 against Rajasthan to take his state to the final.

Opener N Jagadeesan (350 runs) tops the run-scorers list while his opening partner C Hari Nishaanth's form has tapered off after a bright start.

Skipper Karthik hasn't played a big knock but has been a stabilising influence in the middle-order during tricky run-chases.



Shahrukh will be eager to impress talent scouts in what will effectively be his last chance before the IPL auctions next month.

Lanky left-arm spinner R Sai Kishore (8 wks so far) will have to play a big role on Sunday along with leggie M Ashwin and Aparajith, who has been more than useful with his off-breaks.

Medium-pacers Mohammed Mohammed and R Sonu Yadav have played their parts but Tamil Nadu think-tank might be tempted to drop a misfiring Aswin Crist, who came in for Sandeep Warrier and bring G Periyasamy into the playing XI.

For Baroda, a title triumph will mean their third national trophy in shortest format.

And for that to happen, burly opener Devdhar, the highest run-getter for the team with 333 runs. Will have to score big again.

Apart from Devdhar, Baroda will rely on one-down Solanki, who pulled off a last over heist against Haryana in the quarter final. He, however, failed to make an impact on the

semi-final and will be keen to add to his tally.

The Baroda team management will be more than happy that Kartik Kakade has roared back to form and that gives the middle order a strong look. They can continue to open with Ninad Rathva, so that he can put pressure on Tamil Nadu bowlers, with Smit Patel coming down the order.

Also, Babashafi Pathan, will be another important cog in their wheel, with both the bat and ball.

Baroda's impressive pace duo of Atit Sheth and Lukman Meriwala, will try to make early inroads. Meriwala picked up three wickets in the semi-final but conceded some runs towards the end, something he would be keen to change.

However, the duo would be up against a formidable TN batting line up, and hence the challenge would be much more.

The role of the spin trio of left-arm spinners Bhargav Bhatt, Ninad Rathva and offie Kartik Kakade, will also be vital in the middle overs and in deciding the match's fate.



Stokes, Archer, Burns hit training ground

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Premier all-rounder Ben Stokes, pacer Jofra Archer and reserve opener Rory Burns on Saturday had their first training session at the Chepauk after successfully completing six days of hard quarantine, while other members of the squad cleared their second COVID-19 test.

The trio were not a part of the Sri Lanka Test series with Stokes and Archer being rested for workload management purpose while Burns skipped the previous tour due to the birth of his first child.

The trio had reached India earlier than their colleagues and having already cleared their three RT-PCR tests could hit the nets on Saturday.

"The first group of players - Archer, Burns and Stokes - will practice each morning for the next three days. They are limited to a two-hour session," England's media manager Danny Reuben informed.

"The entire England touring party received their second PCR COVID-19 test yesterday. All results returned negative results," he added.

The full England squad is scheduled to start its training from February 2 ahead of the series opener against India, starting February 5 here.

Archer, Stokes Eng X-factor: Buttler

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Jofra Archer and Ben Stokes are England's X-factor players in the forthcoming four-Test series against India, says wicketkeeper-batsman Jos Buttler.

Archer, Stokes and opening batsman Rory Burns were rested for England's tour of Sri Lanka and reached India early, before the rest of the squad. They began practice on Saturday even as the rest of the team is in quarantine and will begin its practice from February 2.

"He [Archer] is certainly an X-factor player. Fantastic to have Jofra back in the side. He will be excited for the big series in India," said Buttler during a virtual interaction with the media on Saturday.

"I think we have a few guys who can do quite amazing things with the ball obviously. James Anderson and Stuart Broad are two of the best seam bowlers to have ever played the game. Jofra obviously is a huge X-factor. Ben Stokes is truly a pretty good X-factor player," he said.

Buttler backed the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) policy of rotating players for the India series, saying that England have a hectic schedule and living in the bubble can be hard.

"We are very fortunate to play cricket and do the job we love. Having said that we find it challenging to be spending time away from our family. Being in quarantine and locked up in hotels can be tough.

Thought ECB has been forward-looking for us as an England group, so to rotate players," added Buttler.

"At times there is frustration because you want to see your best players on show all the time. (But) it is just not possible with the amount of cricket and amount of time spent in bubbles to keep people healthy doing that. It is important to look after yourselves. With so much uncertainty, I find it tough," he said.

Buttler, who is vice-captain of the England white-ball team, will return home after the first Test and will later come back to India to join Eoin Morgan's side for the five-match T20I and three-match ODI series. That will be followed by the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Asked if it will be taxing to be playing too much of white-ball cricket, Buttler said the series against India is important as it will bring together players and prepare the team for the 2021 T20 World Cup, which is scheduled to be played in India in October.

"I think for us and the T20 team looking ahead to the T20 World Cup, we are going with our blueprint of the 50-over World Cup (which England won), where we had a very settled

team going into that tournament. Guys were playing together for a long period of time and I think that was a huge plus for us going into that tournament," he said.

"The T20 side, we haven't had that time together, so it is important for us to play together as a group and get familiar with roles. To play together as a side against a brilliant team like India in the conditions we face in the world cup is the perfect preparation for that tournament," added Buttler.

'You won't see all your best players in every series from now on'

PTI ■ CHENNAI

England's dashing wicketkeeper Jos Buttler on Saturday said the top players of world cricket won't feature in every series going ahead as they focus on their mental well-being in a world scarred by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Playing the game while living in a bio-bubble has forced Buttler to only focus on his "short-term goals" at the moment.

"You want your strongest team out every time, but unfortunately, that doesn't seem possible at the moment," Buttler said during a virtual media conference.

His comments made it clear where the team stands on Jonny Bairstow being rested for the first two Tests of the upcoming four-match series against India.

Buttler supported the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) rotation policy during their twin tours of Sri Lanka and India.

While his complete focus is on upcoming series, he may not feature in the last two matches and may come back for the white ball leg, as Bairstow is set to join the team before the third Test.

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"Having said that you do find it challenging having to stay away from your families, being in quarantine and locked up in hotels. ECB has been forward thinking in rotating players for this series.

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Aussies unhappy with Langer's coaching style

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Australia head coach Justin Langer's intense "micro-management" coaching style has apparently not gone down well with a lot of players even as the former opener termed the insinuations as something that "couldn't be further from truth".

The fissures in the Australian camp have come out in the open after an under-strength India came back from behind to hammer Australia 2-1 in their own den.

According to a report in the 'Sydney Morning Herald' quoting multiple sources close to the Australian set-up, some players are apparently not happy with Langer's management style because of his intensity and mood swings.

The report suggested that Langer is no longer able to cope up with demands of being a three-format coach.

"Dressing-room sources say that over a gruelling summer, Langer's management style wore thin with some players, who on top of having to live in a bubble for months on end say they have become drained by his

intensity and mood swings," the SMH reported.

"...Some senior players are frustrated at the atmosphere in the team being brought down by the coach's shifting emotions and what they see as too much micro-management. They say that has extended to bowlers being bombarded with statistics and instructions about where to bowl at lunch breaks including during the fourth and final Test against India at the Gabba," the report further read.

Langer, however, refuted the claims that his relationship with players had soured.

"Couldn't be further from the truth," adding that "leadership isn't a popularity contest."

"If players just want someone to tickle their stomachs all the time then I'm not doing my job.

"It's actually the opposite of what happens. I never talk about statistics to the bowlers,

ever. I don't go to any of the bowlers' meetings. That's what the bowlers' coach is meant to be doing," he said.

"I don't do any of that. I never, ever, ever speak to any of the bowlers about any of that sort of stuff. And the learnings of the last few months are I should start looking at that more."

Langer still has 18 months left in his contract and the 50-year-old former left-handed opening partner of Matthew Hayden said he has no problems with his workload.

"There are stresses to the job. It's a big job," he said.

The report further states many Australian current team players now have developed an affinity for assistant coach Andrew McDonald, who they feel is more approachable.

Players believe Langer means well and respect his legacy in the sport

but some have turned more and more to assistant coach Andrew McDonald for support because they increasingly don't know where they stand with the boss," it read.

"During the Brisbane Test Langer ordered a player not to persist with a habit of jamming a toasted sandwich in his pocket to eat on the field."

"...The coach's headmaster-like manner and difficulty coping with pressure was in the summer increasingly incompatible with a team consisting largely of experienced players in their late 20s or 30s."

But Langer defended the decision, saying such a habit was unacceptable from a national cricketer as the team was in pursuit of a Test match victory over a side like India.

"You're walking on against India, we're trying to win a Test match and one of our players walks on with a toasted sandwich in his hand," Langer said.

"I spoke to (the player) about it at length yesterday. I said, 'How do you reckon it looks, mate?' Is that not something I should say?' he said without divulging the name of the player.

Pujara rises in Test rankings



PTI ■ DUBAI

Virat Kohli remained the highest-placed Indian batsman at fourth position even as Cheteshwar Pujara rose a rung to sixth in the latest ICC Test rankings issued on Saturday.

Apart from Kohli (862) and Pujara (760), Test vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane (748) is the

other Indian batsman in the top-10, hanging on to the eighth spot.

Pujara moved up one place to sixth, while wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant and star opener Rohit Sharma remained static on the 13th and 18th spots respectively.

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson (919) continued to lead the batting charts, with the Australian duo of Steve Smith (891) and Marnus Labuschagne (878) rounding up the top three while England skipper Joe Root (823) retained the fifth spot.

Among the bowlers, veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (760) and pace ace Jasprit Bumrah (757) retained their eighth and ninth spots respectively.

Pat Cummins (908) continues to lead the chart followed by England pacer Stuart Broad (839) and New Zealand's Neil Wagner (835).

BCCI not looking at backup for IPL

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The BCCI doesn't even feel the need to currently look at a back-up overseas venue for hosting the next IPL with the COVID-19 situation improving in India, its treasurer Arun Singh Dhumal said on Saturday.

Dhumal, who is also on the IPL Governing Council, told PTI that the board is confident that it would be able to host the 2021 edition of the lucrative league at home unlike the previous edition, which was held in the UAE due to the pandemic.

He also spoke on getting the crowds back to stadiums partially, the BCCI's move to not go ahead with Ranji Trophy this season, India's triumph in Australia, COVID-19 vaccination for players and women's cricket.

"We are working on having the IPL in India and we are hopeful that we would be able to organise it. We are not even thinking of a back up also at this point in time, we are wanting to do it here.

"India is probably safer than UAE at this point. Hopefully, the situation remains stable and keep improving and we will have it here," said Dhumal.

The UAE is experiencing a spike in COVID-19 cases while there has been a sharp decline in India.

The seven-day average caseload in the UAE has gone up to 3743, up from 770 when the IPL 2020 began on September 19. India, much bigger in size and population, were recording 90000 cases a day in September, but the numbers have now come down to below 15000.

After the boards of both countries signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during last year's IPL, the Arab nation was seen as a back-up option to host the world's premier T20 event this season too.

Jay Shah takes over as ACC President

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

BCCI secretary Jay Shah was unanimously elected as the President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on Saturday.

The 32-year-old replaces Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) chief Najmul Hasan Papon.

BCCI treasurer Arun Singh Dhumal shared the news on Twitter.

"Congratulations @JayShah on taking over as President of Asian Cricket Council. I'm sure ACC will achieve greater heights under your leadership and the cricketers of the entire Asian region will benefit. My best wishes for a successful tenure," Dhumal wrote.

ACC is responsible for organising the Asia Cup tournaments.

The 2020 edition of the Asia Cup was postponed to June this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pakistan was to originally host the tournament but the tournament is now expected to be held in either Sri Lanka or Bangladesh.



MADRID SUFFER SHOCK HOME DEFEAT

AP ■ BARCELONA
Real Madrid stumbled again in the Spanish league title race after losing 2-1 at home to Levante on Saturday with the defending champions reduced to 10 men shortly after kickoff.
The loss left second-place Madrid seven points behind leader Atlético Madrid, which has played two fewer games.
Éder Militão, starting in place of the injured Sergio Ramos, was sent off eight minutes into the match with a direct red card for fouling Sergio Leon with only the goalkeeper to beat.



Despite losing a player, Marco Asensio put Madrid ahead in the 13th when he was launched on a counterattack with Toni Kroos' excellent pass.
But Levante imposed its numerical advantage the rest of the way and enjoyed all the clear scoring chances.
Levante forward José Morales equalized in the 33rd with an exquisite volley to blast a pass from Jorge Miramón inside the far post.
Goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois saved Madrid from falling behind in the 64th when he stretched to parry Roger Martí's penalty kick after

substitute Vinicius Júnior fouled Charles Leclerc near the edge of the box.
Martí made up for his wasted spot kick in the 78th when he rifled in a shot following a smart move by Levante after a corner.
Assistant coach David Bettoni was in the dugout for a second straight match for Madrid as Zinedine Zidane continued his self-isolation after testing positive for COVID-19.
SEVILLA THIRD
Sevilla eased to a 2-0 win at Eibar to move ahead of Barcelona and into third place - one

point behind Madrid.
Lucas Ocampos opened for the visitors in the 28th from the penalty spot after Pedro Bigas fouled Youssef En-Nesyri.
After Joan Jordán tapped in Sevilla's second goal in the 55th, Eibar goalkeeper Marko Dmitrovic asked to be substituted and spent the rest of the match in the stands with his left leg propped up.
Barcelona trails Sevilla by two points before it hosts Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.
Eibar was left in 15th place after just one win in 11 league games at its Ipurúa Stadium.

Gabriel Jesus does it for Manchester City

AP ■ MANCHESTER
Gabriel Jesus scored his first Premier League goal since early November to lead Manchester City to a 1-0 win over last-place Sheffield United, keeping Pep Guardiola's team atop the standings on Saturday.
It was an eighth straight win in the league - and 12th in a row in all competitions - for City, which is showing the consistency its title rivals cannot match.

One failing of City's this season has been the lack of goals from its strikers, with Jesus and Sergio Agüero only managing two between them in the league ahead of Sheffield United's visit.
Jesus had both of them but his last came in the 1-1 draw with Liverpool on Nov. 8, so it would have been easy to snatch at the chance offered to him by Ferran Torres in the ninth minute after the Spain winger battled through two challenges



near the byline.
Instead, Jesus controlled the ball, got it out of his feet, and slammed home his finish from close range.
Guardiola predicted it would be an uncomfortable game for his players, with the visitors coming off a 2-1 win at Manchester United on Wednesday, but City was always in control despite Sheffield United defending stoutly and a fifth straight clean sheet in the league was hardly in doubt.

SPECIAL TRAINS

In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Railways have decided to run the following fully reserved Special Trains as per details given below:-

02444/02443 Jodhpur Jn. - Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Jodhpur Jn. Superfast Special Train (Daily)					
Train No. 02444		STATIONS		Train No. 02443	
Arr.	Dep.			Arr.	Dep.
--	10:55	Jodhpur Jn.		18:00	--
22:10	--	Delhi Sarai Rohilla		--	07:05

Days of Run: 02444 Ex Jodhpur Jn. and 02443 Ex Delhi Sarai Rohilla from 05.02.2021 (Daily) to till further advise.
Accommodation: First AC, AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper and Reserved Second Seating.

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09709/09710 Udaipur City - Kamakhya - Udaipur City Special Train (Weekly)					
Train No. 09709		STATIONS		Train No. 09710	
Arr.	Dep.			Arr.	Dep.
--	16:00	Udaipur City		00:35	--
13:50	14:00	Lucknow		02:25	02:35
00:35	--	Kamakhya		--	18:30

Days of Run: 09709 Ex Udaipur City from 08.02.2021 on every (Monday) to till further advise and 09710 Ex Kamakhya from 11.02.2021 on every (Thursday) to till further advise.

Accommodation: AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper and Reserved Second Seating.

Stoppages: Ranapratnagar, Mavli Jn., Chanderiya, Bhiwara, Ajmer Jn., Jaipur, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Bandikui Jn., Bharatpur Jn., Achhnera Jn., Mathura Jn., Hathras City, Kasganj, Farrukhabad Jn., Kanpur Anwarganj, Kanpur Central Jn., Lucknow, Faizabad Jn., Ayodhya, Mankapur Jn., Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Bhatni Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn., Samastipur Jn., Barauni Jn., Begusarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar Jn., Barsoi Jn., Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, Dalgaoon, Alipur Duar Jn., Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon and Goalpara Town stations.

02847/02848 Ranchi Jn. - New Delhi - Ranchi Jn. Special Express Train (Tri-Weekly)					
Train No. 02847		STATIONS		Train No. 02848	
Arr.	Dep.			Arr.	Dep.
--	16:25	Ranchi Jn.		11:20	--
11:10	--	New Delhi		--	16:10

Days of Run: 02847 Ex Ranchi Jn. from 05.02.2021 every (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) to till further advise. and 02848 Ex New Delhi from 07.02.2021 every (Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday) to till further advise.

Accommodation: AC 3 Tier.

Stoppages: Muri, Barkakana Jn., Tori, Latehar, Daltonganj, Garwa Road Jn., Japla, Nabinagar Road, Dehri On Sone, Sasaram Jn., Bhabua Road, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Prayagraj Jn. and Kanpur Central Jn. stations.

Note: All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

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Milan beat Bologna 2-1

AP ■ MILAN
Zlatan Ibrahimovic missed a penalty but AC Milan won 2-1 at Bologna on Saturday to bounce back from a disappointing week and remain top of Serie A.
Ante Rebic fired home the rebound after Ibrahimovic's penalty kick was saved and Franck Kessié doubled Milan's lead early in the second half. Former Milan midfielder Andrea Poli reduced the deficit nine minutes from time.
Milan moved five points clear of second-place Inter Milan, which hosts Benevento later. Juventus is also playing later, at Sampdoria.
Bologna remained six points off the relegation zone.
Milan had lost its last two matches, including a mid-week defeat to Inter in the Italian Cup quarterfinals which saw Ibrahimovic sent off.
Milan almost took an early lead in Bologna but Lukasz Skorupski did well to tip Theo Hernandez's effort onto the crossbar.
The Bologna goalkeeper then pulled off a sensational double save against Ibrahimovic and managed to parry the Milan forwards' spot



kick but Rebic netted the follow-up to give his side the lead in the 26th minute.
Bologna defender Mitchell Dijks had conceded the penalty by blatantly hauling over Rafael Leão.
Bologna came close to the equalizer but then gave away another careless penalty when defender Adama Soumaoro touched the ball with both his

hands This time Kessié stepped up and hit it straight down the middle.
Poli set up a nervy finale when he fired Andreas Skov Olsen's cross into the top right corner, two minutes after coming off the bench. Bologna almost leveled shortly after but Gianluigi Donnarumma kept out Roberto Soriano with a brilliant flying save.

MADHYA PRADESH HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB No. 2021_MPHID.126359 Date : 01.02.2021
Request for Proposal for Selection of Developer for "REDEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT LAND AT GANDHI CHOWK SHADOL UNDER RE-DENSIFICATION SCHEME OF GOMP"

Government of Madhya Pradesh through MP Housing & Infrastructure Development Board, Circle-Rewa (MPHIDB) intends to carry out "Re-Densification Of Government Land At Gandhi Chowk Shadol and construction of Government facilities at Kudari, Shadol (MP)" under Re-densification Scheme of GOMP ("the Project/Government Facilities"). MPHIDB intends to appoint a Developer for Construction and Development of these Government Facilities.
The selected Developer will be provided "Land-Ownership Rights" on Compensatory Land Parcel (CLP) admeasuring 8623.00 Sqm (2.13Acre) (Khasara No 141 & 142 at Gandhi Chowk, TehsilSohagpur, District Shahdol), as per RFP Documents. The prospective bidders have to quote for the Premium for "Land-Ownership Rights" on the CLP. The Bidder quoting Highest Premium will be selected as Developer for the Project. The selected Developer has to pay the quoted Premium party in monetary terms and partly in kind in the form of cost of construction, development, handing over and transfer of the Government Facilities as per provisions of the RFP Document. The Deputy Housing Commissioner, MPHIDB, Circle - Rewa invites bids from reputed & experienced entities for Selection of a Developer for the Project, through transparent online bidding process. RFP documents can be downloaded and purchased from GoMP online e-tender portal <https://mptenders.gov.in>
RFP Document Cost Rs. 0.50 Lakh+GST
Online sale of RFP Document 05.02.2021 to 05.03.2021
Bid Security Rs 15.50 Lakhs
Estimated Cost of Government Facilities Rs. 2132.88 Lakhs+GST
Reserve Price of CLP Rs. 3100.00 Lakhs
Complete bids can be submitted online by 05.03.2021 up to 17.30 Hrs. through the online e-tender portal <https://mptenders.gov.in>
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PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Rakesh Solanki and his wife Renu Solanki R/o H.No.665, Jheel Khurana, Delhi-110031 have disowned and debarred their son Mohit Solanki from their moveable and immovable properties due to his misconduct and misbehaviour and severed all relations from him. Anybody dealing with him shall be responsible themselves.
Chandni Gupta (Advocate)
Ch.No. 536, Saket Court Complex Delhi

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION RAJOURI

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
NIT No. 53 of 2020-21 Dated 25-0-2021 (E-tendering)
For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on item rate/ %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works :-
S.No.1. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Manjakote to Hayalpura in patches/stretches in Km 1st RD 0-to Km 3rd RD 1000. Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 66.00, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 1000, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 1.32,000/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, S.No.2. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Bathuni to Pullilian (Mehari) in patches/stretches in Km 6th RD 200, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 57.75, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 1000, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 1.15,500/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, S.No.3. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on Approaches of Saleri Bridge in patches/stretches in Km 1st RD 0 to Km 3rd RD 100, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 19.80, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :-600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :-39,600/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, B&C, S.No.4. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Kerli to Roti Mitti in Patches/stretches in Km 1st RD 0-Km 3rd RD 800, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 19.80, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 39,600/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, B&C, S.No.5. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Abdullah Bridge to Nagesh Bridge in Patches/stretches in Km 1st RD 0-Km 3rd, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 19.80, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 39,600/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, B&C, S.No.6. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Army Gate to Gurdhan Bala in Patches/stretches in Km 1st RD 0-Km 3rd RD 1000, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 16.50, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 33,000/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, B&C, S.No.7. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, BM, OGP and Clearance of drain on road from Kalah to Bhattian in Patches/stretches in Km 1st RD 0-Km 6th RD 500, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 16.50, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 33,000/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, B&C, S.No.8. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Chingus Bagla Nadayala in Patches/stretches in Km 7th to 13th RD 500, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 11.55, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :-600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 23,100/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, B&C, S.No.9. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Hayalpura to Mangarain in Patches/stretches in Km 4th RD 0 to Km 7th RD 1000, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 9.90, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 19,800/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, B&C, S.No.10. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Tariq Bridge to court complex in Patches/stretches in Km 1st RD 0-700, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 4.95, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 9,900/-, Time of completion :- 01 Month, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, B&C, S.No.11. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Kaller Sawani in Patches/stretches in Km 1st RD 0- Km 3rd RD 325, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 3.30, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 6,600/-, Time of completion :- 15 days, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- A, S.No.12. Name of Work :- Improvement of riding surface (pot holes) by way of Providing and laying of WMM, SDBC and Clearance of drain on road from Dassal to Dassal Saeran in Patches/stretches in Km 1st RD 500, Est. Cost (Rs in lacs) :- 1.64, Cost of T/Doc (In Rs) :- 600, Earnest Money/Bid Security (In Rs) :- 3,280/-, Time of completion :- 15 days, Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- on or after 09-02-2021 (1000 hours) in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri, Class of Contractor :- D
1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice : 26.01.2021, 2. Period of downloading of bidding documents: From 27.01.2021, 11.00 A.M to 08.02.2021 up to 4.00 P.M., 3. Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting : 05.02.2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD R&B Division Rajouri, 4. Bid submission Start Date : 27.01.2021 from 11.00 A.M, 5. Bid Submission End Date : 08.02.2021 up to 4.00 P.M, 6. Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (online) : 09.02.2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD R&B Division Rajouri, 7. Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) :- To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed
Note: Cost of Bidding Document to be the tender inviting authority. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule:
No. DIP/J-10823/20
Dated: 30.01.2021
Sd/- (Er. Mohd Zubair) Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division Rajouri

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001
Branch Office : 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.
POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8 (1)
WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.
The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.
Under section 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

SI No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION
A	B	C	D	E	F
	(Loan No. X0HEDHE00001239641 & X0HEDHE00001091630) 1. RAJESH KUMAR YADAV, S/o HARPAL SINGH H.No-164-P, Sector-15-2, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122 002. 1a. RAJESH KUMAR YADAV, S/o HARPAL SINGH 11, Akshneem Marg DLF, Phase-II, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122 002. 2. REWATI YADAV, D/o PRABHU DAYAL H.No-164-P, Sector-15-2, Gurgaon - 122 002. 3. NEETU YADAV, W/O RAJESH KUMAR YADAV H.No-164-P Sector-15-2, Haryana, Gurgaon - 122 002. 3a. NEETU YADAV, W/O RAJESH KUMAR YADAV Plot No 6, Road No N 12, DLF City Phase II, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122 022. 4. RAJESH KUMAR YADAV/ REWATI YADAV/ NEETU YADAV J-3/32/DFL II, Second Floor Gurgaon, Haryana - 122 022.	24-10-2020	Rs. 1,74,96,680.11 as on 19.09.2016	PROPERTY 2 : J-3/32/DFL II, Second Floor, Gurgaon, Haryana-122022 admeasuring 215 Sq yards.	28-01-2021

Date : 28.01.2021
Place: Delhi
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited
AUTHORISED OFFICER

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Extract of Reviewed Ind AS Financial Results for the Quarter ended 31st December, 2020.
(Standalone Financial Results under Regulation 47(1)(B) Of Listing Regulations) (₹ in Lakh)

SI No	Particulars	Standalone					
		Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended		Year Ended	
		31.12.20	30.09.20	31.12.19	31.12.20	31.12.19	31.03.20
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	
1	Total Income from Operations.	4449.16	2645.23	3262.12	8583.05	9859.36	13077.64
2	Profit before Interest, Depreciation & Taxes (EBITDA)	642.62	331.08	371.13	1155.10	817.18	1154.72
3	Net Profit for the Period (before Tax and Exceptional Items)	561.14	245.53	234.94	892.04	407.07	620.02
4	Net Profit for the Period before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	559.61	245.53	234.94	890.51	407.07	620.02
5	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	394.22	183.73	180.27	641.83	304.07	453.72
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	394.22	183.73	180.27	641.83	304.07	453.72
7	Equity Share Capital	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00	1133.00
8	Reserves	5298.40	4904.18	4506.92	5298.40	4506.92	4656.57
9	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) Basic & Diluted:	3.48	1.62	1.59	5.66	2.68	4.00

Notes :
1. The above is an extract of the detailed 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 Financial Results is available at the website of Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com and also at Company's website at www.jaschindustries.com.
2. The Company has prepared these results in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.
3. Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.
sd/- (J. K. GARG)
MANAGING DIRECTOR
Sonipat, 30th January 2021



'I don't believe in asking for my due'

■ Jeet Ki Zid on Zee 5 is a hit. How does it feel?

The response is amazing and it does feel great. But, I feel the happiest when the whole team is appreciated for the success of a project and their efforts. And in this one particular-

Talktime
AMIT SADH
If one knows him from 2018, one would understand what a change, for the better, he has undergone in these couple of years. The now more confident actor Sadh speaks with Musba Hashmi about the response Zee 5's Jeet Ki Zid has received, did he anticipate it and whether he has become more careful while choosing projects

ly, Amrita, Sushant bhai (Singh) and Aly are getting the much deserved praise. I can't be happier. The other thing to rejoice is that the reason behind making this was to tell the story of a soldier and it has been successfully told and understood.

■ How optimistic were you about the success of the series?

I will begin by saying that this is an inspiring story which is the need of the hour. Without defaming or blaming anyone, most of the stories that are coming up these days are not inspiring in any way. Is entertainment all we need? Now, when people are struggling during the Covid era, they will probably get that ray of hope through this series. Hence, of course I knew that it was a powerful story which will touch many lives.

■ How did you come on board for the role?

We were busy with the promotions of Shakuntala Devi, Avroddh and a few other projects back then. One day, Talib told me that Boney Kapoor is calling me. I took

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away my mobile from him and disconnected that call. I thought it to be a prank. But then after a few seconds we both realised that may be it was Boney sir only. I called back on the number and Truecaller validated my belief. I was told about this project and someone started narrating the script, so I asked him to send the script to me the next morning. This was it.

■ Were there any apprehensions about taking up the project?

Yes, I was apprehensive about whether people will like my work and my co-actors' work as well. Even on the night of the release, I was constantly calling up my team members to check whether people are watching it. They told me that everything will be fine, people will like my work and that I should sleep peacefully. But now I am happy that people are watching it and I am thankful to the media and everyone who made this series a success.

■ Now that you have made your mark in the industry, have you become more careful while choosing projects?

Back then, I worked to pay my rent, to feed my dogs and to take care of my family and staff. So I did whatever I was offered. I didn't demand any money, they gave me whatever they think was okay. It was then I realised *ki agar aap taqleef mein hain to log aap ko aur taqleef dete hain. Agar aap key paas paisey kam hain to aur kam dete hain*. Now with God's grace, I don't have to work to pay my rent any more. I have reached a certain stage in life, but with this comes responsibility. If I will be associat-

ed with a project, the audience will be attached to it too. Hence, I have to look for whether the film has a social message, whether it spreads happiness and whether the whole family can sit and watch it with a smile. I do choose my projects carefully now and I can't live with that selfishness that I have to show my acting skills. I do think a lot and aim to improve our society and my craft.

■ Do you think you have got your due in the industry? Or do you have any regrets?

I am not the kind of person who live with regrets. I am always satisfied with what I have. When I was a child, I asked everyone for my due, but now that I have grown up I have stopped asking. I believe in working hard, praying to God and going forward in life to achieve what we want. One should have that *zid* in them and things will eventually start going their way. But yes, I ask people to clear the dues for my work. (laughs)

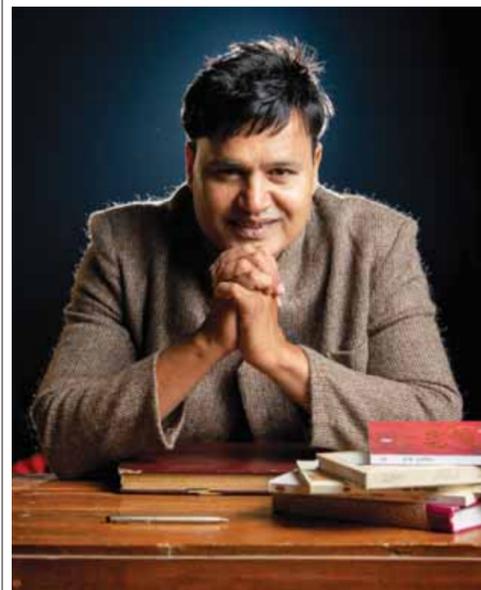
■ What else is keeping you busy?

It is and will be *Jeet Ki Zid* for at least the next one month. I want to fully experience this and not get over it any time soon.



'Raise standard of masses by introducing them to good shayari'

Lyricist TANVEER GHAZI, who has published *Ishq Musaafir*, a book on shayari, speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA on how he ended up writing lyrics for Bollywood and why he pursued Urdu



■ What is *Ishq Musaafir* about?

The book has romantic poetry; it has *ghazal* and *nazms*. One will only find love in the pages here. I am primarily a *shayar* who loves to write on love. Let me read a few lines of what has been written in the book; it will give you a gist of why I chose this subject — *Kehte hain ishq jisko, khala hai dimaag ka; lekin mera apna khyaal yeh hai ke us aadmi ko bawla zaroor banata hai, lekin kameena nahin hone deta*. It is important in this world where there is so much hatred that there are some schools that spread the message of love. My book is for all those who have forgotten to love and life has made them a robot.

■ From MA & PhD in Urdu to lyricist. What made you venture into Bollywood?

I was always interested in *shayari*. And since I write on romance, I thought my work should find its way into the entertainment industry as well. But I didn't have the means to pursue a career here. But I do a lot of live shows in India and abroad. It was during one of the shows in Mumbai, where a few music directors were there and had taken my number. They wanted me to work with them. This was back in 2005. They told me that they wanted me to write one song; the rest were being written by Ravindra Jain. It was an item number. They loved and I ended up writing all the songs. Slowly, I kept getting work.

■ How did you get into writing?

I was always interested in *shayari*. I had always studied in English medium schools. I pursued Urdu because I wanted to know about this language and wanted to be a poet. Pursuing the language came much later in my life.

■ You have been selective with your work in Bollywood. What is the reason?

There is a *nazm* by Faiz Ahmed Faiz — *Kuchh isq kiya kuchh kaam kiya*. I have spent a major part of my life with romance. Of course, I have spent time working but when it comes to Bollywood, I didn't want to be part of the race. I want to set my own pace and do my kind of work. I don't want to do the kind of songs that are being done today. I don't want to do what others are doing. What is the point? I want my work to have my stamp. I get two-three projects and am happy with it.

■ What kind of work would you like to do in the industry?

Today, there are two kinds of work being done in Bollywood. One is fast numbers. Second, romantic numbers. Love can never die. I just feel the way romantic numbers are being presented is where I wanted to see a change and try to write lyrics that appeal to the masses and masses. The song should have *shayari* as well. People put in a lot of money making the songs. I feel lyrics should also play its role. Writers should write songs that have a certain standard.

■ Is it tough to do *shayari* in today's times?

Actually, the *mehfils* of yesteryears have only gone up. The change has been the fall in the kind of *shayari* that is being done. Earlier, *shayari* was limited to the king's court; now it is for the general public. The only problem is that many *shayars*, in order to earn more money, have lowered the standard of poetry. Poets should not fall at the level of the masses; they must raise the standard of the masses by introducing them to good *shayari*.

■ What next?

There are a few things in hand. I have a few movies. I am working on a book as well. Once the COVID-19 reduces, I have live shows as well.

FOR THE LOVE OF INK

Tattoo has finally come of age in the country. From cricketers to actors, everybody today is looking to get inked. But there are certain dos and don'ts that one must follow, tattoo artist MAX in the Capital tells SHALINI SAKSENA

Getting inked is not uncommon in India. Remember how some of the women who used to come home to work for us, had some kind of inscription on their hand; in most cases, it was the name of their husband that would be engraved on their arm. The men on the other hand would get their name inked. Back then, it was one colour — a blue-green. And it is not just in India where tattoos were popular. Both men and women in ancient Egyptian societies had tattoos.

However, the art form has undergone a sea change, says Max, founder and lead tattoo artist at Inkinn Tattoo Studio in the Capital. He tells you that when he began tattooing more than a decade back, he had to struggle a lot in order to find out what the industry is all about. "There is a reason why I started Inkinn. I find that there are many people who want to become a tattoo artist. There are people who profess that they can teach a person to become a tattoo artist in a month. But it is not true.

Unfortunately, they don't understand that this art form is not just about art; there is science behind this art since one is dealing with the body. One has to understand how each body is different from the other and reacts differently. There is technology involved as well. New things are coming out all the time; one has to be up to date with what is happening globally," Max says.

The tattoo can't be taught in 15 days, he tells you. One can not even teach a beginner how to use the needle, let alone the art, he says. "Our aim is to teach people to be good artists. Tattoo, is not done properly can look like an ugly scar. It is permanent ink on your skin. You can't throw it away if one doesn't like it. Tattoo is an expensive art. Just to set up a table, the cost is huge. So even if someone wanted a dot tattooed, it would cost money. But there are some people who use a stencil and will charge ₹500 even for a big tattoo. Their aim is to make money. They would really not bother much with how the ink would react or how it would

look 10 years down the line. My academy focuses on making people who want to learn this art to approach this profession in the right manner and make this sector, which has till now remained unorganised, more organised. Tattoo is a lucrative career. It can take you all over the world. There is job satisfaction as well when someone says 'what a beautiful tattoo,'" Max says.

The reason why some people will offer the same tattoo at a lower cost than others is due to several reasons. First, the product itself. What kind of needles are being used. Surgical grid needles are expensive and need to be imported. Second, hygiene level. Third, there is a risk factor. One is using skin as a canvas. A wrong line can ruin a tattoo. Higher the risk, more the money charged. Fourth, tattooing as an art form is a very precise job. It takes time to get a tattoo.

"If a person comes to me that requires 10-hour work, I have to first spend 24 hours preparing for the same. I have to charge for the time that

I spent. Hence the charges are on hour basis or inch basis. What one is being charged is the skill and know-how of the artist and not the material that goes into making a tattoo. The more skilled an artist, more the charges. I use my experience to tell the person how the tattoo will look five years down the line," Max says.

He tells you that the growing popularity of this art has picked up from the time tattoo started getting recognised as art. Two decades back, one would find a person doing tattoos in a *mela*. But slowly, artists realised that this art can be done on skin as well. With new-age artists, tattoos started gaining prominence and one could make good money. Also, before tattoos were associated with criminals and gangsters. But things have changed today. Tattoo is an art that is to be appreciated since it is art," Max tells you whose journey as an artist began after he had got a tattoo done. Before he became a tattoo artist, Max completed his MBA in finance and was a branch manager with a stock

broking company.

He became a tattoo artist by choice and not because he had no work. His father was in the Army and when he quit his well-paying job, people had thought he had gone crazy. He lost his friends. He had to struggle a lot and he was judged for quitting. It took him more than a year to set himself up. He used to love to draw. When he got his own tattoo, he had a calling. He decided to do where he was happy.

"Being a tattoo artist is what makes me happy. I travel and have clients all over and love to see my creation come alive. I am passionate about this art form. I hate it when I see a bad tattoo. I want to change people's perception about this art. Having a tattoo doesn't mean that the person doesn't have the necessary skills to do a job. Just because I eat a certain kind of food, doesn't mean that the person will be bad at this job. There are doctors abroad who are full sleeves; there are soldiers who have tattoos. This doesn't stop them from doing their job well," Max says.

WEEKLY NATTER

ISHAAN KHATTER LEARNS TAMIL FOR HIS NEXT

After winning us all with his notable performance in the Maqbool Khan directorial *Khaali Peeli* and Mira Nair's *A Suitable Boy*, Ishaan Khatter is now keeping busy with his highly anticipated next *Phone Bhoot*. Promising to be a hilarious entertainer, the horror-comedy is directed by Gurmmeet Singh and produced by Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani. Starring in his first ever horror comedy, Ishaan is leaving no stones unturned to get into the skin of his character.

Coming in as an exciting update, we now hear that the talented actor has been learning Tamil and taking diction lessons to pick up the right accent of the language. A natural on-screen, Ishaan makes sure to take out time for two to three hours everyday to prep and do justice to his character in the film.

Confirming the same, Ishaan Khatter said in a statement, "I've been taking diction lessons and it's really exciting for me to learn a new language (Tamil). I'm enjoying the process and want to give it my best shot."

Phone Bhoot has been written by Ravi Shankaran and Jasvinder Singh Bath. Apart from this, Ishaan Khatter will also be seen in Raja Krishna Menon's war film — *Pippa*. The actor starts shooting for the film soon after he wraps up *Phone Bhoot*.



DARSHAN KUMAR IN A SUSPENSE THRILLER

Actor Darshan Kumar has been part of several big Hindi films like *NWH10*, *Mary Kom*, *Sarbjit* and *Baaghi 2*, among others. While last year was slow in terms of work for the entire industry, including the actor, he is excited about 2021, for the right reasons. Darshan has bagged a suspense thriller, backed by T-Series.

Talking about it, the actor says, "The new year has begun on a good note for me. T-Series and Bhushan Kumar sir are working on an amazing suspense thriller and I'm super excited to be part of it. I started shooting for the project today."

Apart from Kumar, the film features several talented actors, including R Madhavan, Aparshakti Khurana and more. "It's always great when you get to work on a good script. But what makes the experience even more enriching is when you have great co-stars, too. Madhavan is one of the best actors in our industry, who always delivers out-of-the-box performances. I'm really excited to share the same frame with such a passionate actor. I'm also looking forward to working with Aparshakti Khurana, who is a wonderful actor. I shot a scene with debutante Khushali Kumar. She is a wonderful actor and is passionate about her work," says Kumar.



FANTASTIC START TO THE YEAR FOR VARUN

Varun Dhawan delighted fans across the country with picturesque snapshots from his intimate wedding. The recently married star seems to have struck gold as he just won his very first award post marriage! He has lady luck Natasha Dalal to thank as despite facing tough competition from some of the biggest names in the industry, including Ranveer Singh and Salman Khan, Varun Dhawan emerged as an absolute fan favourite among kids as he earned the Nickelodeon blimp for Best Movie Actor!

The talented actor has always been honest about his love for spending time with kids, finding them to be the ultimate symbol of hope. Giving his young fans the ultimate treat, the energetic actor has consistently brought his childlike enthusiasm to the Kids Choice Awards for four years consecutively, making him immensely popular among teen loving kids.

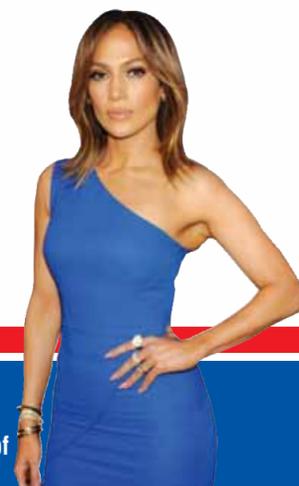
From his stylish outfits to his infectious energy while performing dance sequences, Varun is well known for entertaining and empowering kids at the glittering award ceremony. He won the award for his electric performance in *Street Dancer 3*, the third instalment in the blockbuster dance series.



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You've got to love yourself first. You've got to be okay on your own before you can be okay with somebody else
— Jennifer Lopez



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Character, content, and intent of the thought and feeling define the quality of our efforts and thereby fruits of actions



KEEPING FIT

SIX 2020 LESSONS TO HOLD ON TO IN 2021

2020 was not an easy year. The Covid-19 pandemic was devastating, and very frustrating for all of us. We were all mostly stuck at home and while that was inconvenient, there is no doubt that it was absolutely necessary at that point. The year is behind us now. That said things are not really in the clear still, as the scare and the threat are both strong. So going forward we must hold on to some valuable lessons that 2020 has taught us and learn to navigate life keeping those close.

LESSON ONE: CONTINUE EATING MORE HOME-COOKED FOOD

Instead of relying on highly processed foods that are stripped of nutrients, traditional diets celebrate eating home cooked food. With home cooked food we rarely go wrong as everything right from the ingredients to the seasonings to the method of cooking are under our control — so we can make sure to put just nutrients rich food on our plates and in our body. Lockdown proved to be the perfect opportunity for us to begin emulating the way our ancestors ate — home cooked food — and also take a good look at our grandparents' cookbooks and begin making and eating those recipes that have been handed down to us over the years. Lack of nutrients is often a big reason for people feeling hollow and unhappy. Our forced captivity made us realise that we felt happier and healthier eating this way and this actually proved to be a blessing in disguise. We got used to, eating like this. This must continue.

LESSON TWO: KEEP CONCENTRATED, UNRELENTING FOCUS ON IMMUNITY

One thing is clear: good immunity is a lifesaver. Even though we can't feel or see our immunity, we can't take its pulse or its temperature. But we all know that it is working 24/7 to keep us safe and prevent sickness. The aim for all of us all though the pandemic was to get an immunity system as tough as nails — a real fighting machine! And we kept on its case all the time. Going forward too, we must boost it on a daily basis taking help from both tried and tested modern as well as Ayurvedic principles. Continued chasing of immunity should now become a part of our DNA and lifestyle. And that's just how we must live and eat. (See box 1)

LESSON THREE: STICK TO AGE OLD, TRADITIONAL REMEDIES

I am a big fan of the cliché: 'Old is gold' and during the pandemic we all realised that a lot of solutions lie in our past, in our age old traditions, and that focussing on the old, traditional rules of eating can actually save not just our body but our soul too. In the absence of conventional remedies we all depended on alternate, time tested and proven methods to keep us safe and healthy. And they stood us in good stead. Be it turmeric for busting the inflammation, amla for scoring immunity boosting vitamin C, lemon water to keep the body alkaline and free from disease, *giloy* for detoxification, or *ashwagandha* to stay sane and happy... This was specially good for our children, as captive at home, this turned out the right time for them to get them used to our old habits and way of living and make



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them a part of their habit system. Going forward too, I hope this way of living is hopefully here to stay and we will continue our faith in it. (See box 2)

LESSON FOUR: ADOPT FOOD MINIMALISM

2020 quickly spiralled into multiple entwined crises — public health, economic, food crises — worldwide. It also brought forth with even more emergency the fact that we are worldwide, in the midst of a climate emergency too. In anything this pandemic (where most of us faced shortages for the first time in our life) reminded us that we need to take sustainability seriously, do more conscious eating for the good of the planet, and waste less food and other resources.

Also for a good part of last year we all managed with less — less food, less variety, less options, and learnt, even if the hard way that we 'can' manage with less. Our reliance on highly processed, packaged foods came down substantially too. Most importantly we learnt that eating this way is actually good for us. So a lot many of us will hopefully will not go back to the 'eat max' (read more and more junk) way of living we followed earlier and continue to eat in a way that is good not just for us but also for the planet.

LESSON FIVE: KEEP FAMILY TIME IN VOGUE

This lesson is actually in tandem with the greatest gift of the pandemic: the gift of realising the benefits of slowing down. With literally nowhere to go, for either work or fun, home became the centre (in fact the only) point of our being and this delivered lots of fabulous paybacks.

Instead of succumbing to mindless eating of heat-and-eat foods, or munching takeaways in front of the television, a lot many families embraced the community aspect of traditional diets where people used to eat with each other and really enjoyed their food. This one step alone can help us lead a healthier, happier, disease free life. And hopefully we will continue with it.

LESSON SIX: LETS ALL SLOW DOWN PLEASE

Imagine this scenario: you are sitting in the sun on a lazy Sunday afternoon, chomping guavas smeared with rock salt leisurely, letting your mind wander, minus any agenda, minus any pressing next pending job weighing, stressing you down. And while you are eating this vitamin C packed, immunity boosting fruit, and feeling good about life generally, unknown to you, all this time your subconscious mind is at work too — it is keying in signals to your mind that life's good and that you are eating healthy and taking care of your health. So basically there is an autonomous autosuggestion (all good, all good) happening here, which is releasing good hormones, and strengthening you from inside, both physiologically as well as mentally. We all were privileged to experience many such beautiful days and moments during the pandemic when we were stuck at home. (See box 3)

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7 SIMPLE STEPS TO BOOST OUR IMMUNITY

1. Our immune system cannot function without vitamin C. Get it via *amla* or oranges, bell-peppers, pineapple, guava
2. Stay close to your optimum weight. Antibodies that fight such viruses are also not produced effectively if the person is obese.
3. Sit in the sun for minimum 30 minutes every day. Vitamin D
4. Avoid excess sugar — it lowers the immunity by disabling your natural disease-fighting cells, allowing viruses to take hold.
5. Stay hydrated. Drink a lot of liquids. About 2-3 litres per day. Include coconut water, buttermilk, turmeric water, lemon water, green tea and mineral water in your diet
6. Eat more quercetin rich foods — platelet booster. More platelets = better immunity. Eat cocoa, onions, cranberry juice, lemon juice, spinach, apple, prunes, peppers, red grapes, broccoli, sprouts and citrus fruits.
7. Probiotics help keep the gut healthy, thus help boost the immunity immensely. Have: fermented foods, probiotic milk, ice creams, home made *dahi*, *kimchi*, miso soup, buttermilk, *idli*, *dosa*, *appam*, *dhokla*, *uttapam*, *kanji*, homemade pickles and chutneys.

SIMPLE TIPS THAT HELP

Mix one part powdered turmeric to three parts raw honey. When you feel a cold coming on, eat a teaspoon of the mixture every two hours to boost immunity and lower inflammation. Have 1 tsp pure cow ghee, with a pinch of pepper and a pinch of turmeric empty stomach every morning.

LEARN TO SLOW DOWN

Three steps to focus on to learn to continue to live mindfully and slowly

Eat slowly! Eat mindfully!

I have forgotten the number of times while growing up I was asked to stop gulping and eat slowly. The instructions were clear: slow down. Please eat mindfully. Take time to chew and enjoy your vegetables.

Now the new age science has also mandated chewing each bite 20 times as the right way. So if you did not listen to your dad or *dadaji*, maybe it's time to listen to what the researchers are saying and slow down a bit... Because, now we know that the more you chew, the more you will break down the food in the mouth itself, resulting in better absorption of nutrients in the gut.

Re-learning this habit can help us big time as it helps ease up the digestion process immensely. After all this (in the mouth) is where chemical and mechanical digestion begins. Plus chewing properly also alkalises the food thanks to the bicarbonate ions present in saliva, besides activating another enzyme cellulase, which begins the breakdown of the fiber present in food. There! A perfect way to max what we can derive out of our food.

Ponder on how you exercise

Now translate this same scenario to our exercise regimen and ponder a bit. Agreed vigorous exercise is needed for burning calories and losing weight and taking care of our heart and all that. We can't escape that. But have you ever tasted the fruits of a lazy, relaxed stroll, where you put every step mindfully after

the one before it, observing each step and each breath. A walk where the point is not to burn calories alone, but to actually enjoy the process. This way you enjoy the walking, unconcerned about reaching somewhere, arriving someplace and meeting a fitness goal.

Try it, because when you walk like this — unhurriedly, peacefully, and with great ease, it quiets the mind and unleashes the bust stress hormones in the body. And this one benefit I place at a higher premium than meeting any number of calorie busting goals your aggressive exercise can deliver. So every now and then, slow down your exercise too. Think mind specifically, and not just body all the time.

Quit being busy

Basically I feel we need to cut down our busyness... because trust me when I say that much of our busyness is self-created. We put so many unnecessary things on our to do lists and they overwhelm us so much that there is no time left to do things that really matter. Don't we wonder how simple the lives of our grandparents and that generation was, no unnecessary tasks — and how they always had the time to sit in the sun on Sunday afternoons and simply bask in the benefits of not having to do anything else... Why can't we too simplify our lives a bit, cut the self inflicted unnecessary busyness, change our priorities and put the critical stuff (like our health) at the top. Half our troubles, will get sorted just by doing this

(Excerpted from Ultimate Grandmother Hacks)



KNOWING IS NOT ENOUGH; WE MUST APPLY. WILLING IS NOT ENOUGH; WE MUST DO
— JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

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MINIYA CHATTERJI

WHEN ALL THE CROWDS ARE GONE

It has not been easy on families to stay shut for a year. While decisions for offices and schools to re-open (or not) have gained plenty of attention, there is precious little information if and how should the family – the single most important societal unit – open up

We moved with baby, bedding and all our bags from the balmy beaches of Goa to Dubai this week. The plan for the movers was meticulously chalked out to avoid any human contact. Our family of three drove to the airport to avoid a taxi. Even our toddler sported his navy blue PPE kit until the moment we reached our destination, which for the next few months was deliberately chosen to be located in a socially distanced far flung suburb of Dubai. Our relocation — clearly adapted to the present times — had been pushed by a year because of the pandemic too, and it was one that we finally executed when circumstances could not wait any longer.

With the pandemic stretching into its second year, many families will need to take similar tough decisions about mobility. These would likely be plans that were put on hold since March 2020 — family relocations, a member of the family traveling out station for work, family outings. It has not been easy on families to stay shut for a year. While decisions for offices and schools to re-open (or not) have gained plenty of attention, there is precious little information if and how should the family — the single most important societal unit — open up.

In the first year of the pandemic, much of the discussions were around rules to stay away from the Covid-19 virus by socially distancing and shutting down institutions. As we gradually gathered more scientific information about the virus, rules for keeping safe also kept changing to which families needed to adapt. In the meantime the virus killed millions, pulled



down the global economy, particularly affecting the poor.

Even if 2021 will be the year of the vaccine, it will take a while for humanity to be vaccinated. At least until the end of 2021 we still have to continue to keep safe, even if fatigued by the sameness of the situation. However, given that we have some more information about the virus, in 2021 families can also adapt better to living with the virus

for the next lap of the marathon. Below are some changes that we are likely to see this year as families are 'opening up' cautiously.

Shorter quarantine period of at-risk family members: 'At-risk' individuals are those who were or think they were exposed to the Covid-19 virus even if they have no symptoms. All of last year in most parts of the world, it was recommended that 'at-risk' individuals

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need to quarantine themselves for a minimum of 14 days. Millions of families stood up to the challenge to separate and give care to a family member quarantined within a separate room of their homes. My team at Sustain Labs built a 22 floor public quarantine facility in July 2020 for at-risk individuals living in crowded homes, so many in number that they came in even before we had completed the pro-

ject. However some of the major consequences of the 14-day rule were family separation and income loss, which also led to at-risk family members choosing to not quarantine at all. For such reasons recently, in countries such as France quarantine for at-risk individuals has been reduced to 7 days and in Germany for 10 days, rather than the 14 day period. Increasingly an at-risk family member quarantines for 5 days, then does the RT-PCR test on the 6th day, self isolates for another 2 days, does a second RT-PCR test on the 9th day. If both RT-PCR tests are found to be negative when results are out on the 10th day then the family member ends the quarantine period.

Distance from people not spaces: A few governments have started to give their citizens more autonomy about socialising, with a shift from closing down shops, bars, public benches to encouraging citizens to meet fewer people no matter where. For example Canada already advises to think "fewer faces, smaller groups, shorter time together and bigger spaces". Japan too advocates to avoid "the three Cs": Crowding, Close-contact settings and Confined spaces. Increasingly family outings will take place in public spaces that are vacant or with scant people. Parks, gardens, beaches are safe when vacant while when crowded they are fraught with danger of catching the virus. Increasingly families are getting the hang of it. Instead of convoluted rules about who can see whom, and where and how, families are following simple principles of 'family only' outings.

Increased focus on ventilation: Last year when my team at Sustain Labs transformed several vacant buildings in to hospitals and

quarantine facilities for Covid-19 patients, we ensured that every building be vetted for proper ventilation. As Covid-19 is a respiratory disease the importance of good ventilation was paramount.

In fact, good ventilation is also crucial to stop the spread of the virus. By the end of 2020, it was found that the virus could remain airborne for longer times and travel further distances than originally thought. It was found that the spread of Covid-19 may therefore occur via airborne particles in indoor environments even beyond the 2m range encouraged by initial social distancing recommendations. As the science of this continues to evolve and we can not be sure how long and far the virus can be airborne, it has been advised to prefer the outdoors to indoors. Many families have resorted to enjoy outings in the outdoors.

Indeed for families in 2021, the basics are likely to remain the same — avoiding meeting with non-family members, wearing masks before stepping out of home, avid hand-washing and sanitising any items being brought in. However, there is likely to be more mobility given shorter quarantine periods and increased focus on staying within the family even in public spaces and choosing well ventilated places for outings. As for relocating countries, I can say from experience that let that plan wait a year more if possible!

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Building trust: Effective motivation

Reinforcing positive behaviours highlights achievements more than failures by avoiding premature blaming and criticism, writes **RISHI KAPAL** in his book, *Managing large teams: Overcoming Skip-Level Frictions & Executive Isolation*. An edited excerpt

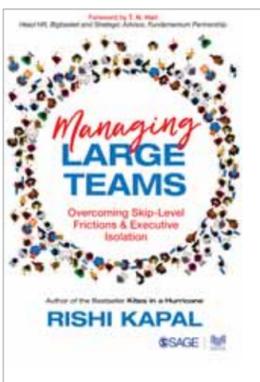
Psychological safety in the workplace is felt when managers and peers do not penalize a person or think they are not good enough, just because of a mistake made by them. In an environment that is considered psychologically safe, people don't mock others or appear as show-stoppers, creating hurdles for the ones asking for help, feedback or information, to slow them down. In a safe culture, asking questions without a fear of retribution is acceptable and welcomed, which leads to confident teams that can take risks for a better future of the company.

In today's world, driven by technology and uncertainty, a major part of organizations' success depends on a psychologically safe atmosphere, ensured by the managerial personnel. It is important for managers to create a culture of psychological safety for their teams.

When beginning to develop and manage large teams, the leaders must be able to foster open communication and conversations that can promote mutual engagement and enhance levels of cognitive safety in the organization at large.

In the absence of the culture of questioning and cognitive resilience, employees tend to consider peer and managerial pressure to be more than a transactional issue at work. They start viewing these situations as a threat to their position at the company. In turn the team starts to focus on the negative consequences of not obeying their managers. This results in lack of creative thought, as the employees are fearful of developing and bringing new ideas on the table.

As the team starts to grow in number, it is important to develop a culture that looks beyond competence of the team members. The managers need to buckle up and put robust practices in



place including regular feedback, development of effective relations, setting a proper incentive structure and development of a supportive work environment. Without these elements, the teams tend to lack the attitude for high performance and collaboration. A positive mental and emotional state psyche is conducive to developing trust and a sense of belonging in the organization. The role of managers at this juncture is to inspire the teams to be resilient and motivated.

While CXOs and venture founders develop the strategy and direction of the company, the groundwork has to be done by the skip and subordinate managers. Team members look up to their immediate and skip managers rather than the CXOs for psychological and cognitive security. When the teams feel that their managers have made the workplace psychologically safe, it leads to better collaboration and performance. Such a culture is not just good for business but also good for the employee's health and morale.

EMBRACING VULNERABILITIES

Managers must be open minded to acknowledge there are some tasks or situations that may



not make the team members feel engaged or comfortable. In such conditions, the team members may not voice out concerns and/or share new thoughts. By understanding the way to build

trust withing teams, managers can proactively address the issues that trigger fear in the employees and can pave the way for a more trust-oriented and collaborative work environment. Managers

must establish forums where teams can feel comfortable to talk about difficult situations, without worrying about any consequences.

Managers must put technolo-

gy to use for anonymous and genuine employee feedback. It is a good strategy that can help managers understand where the team stands in level of engagement and passion for their work and workplace. The data collected from the employee feedback can be quickly analysed to get valuable insights. However, most team members believe that employee feedback is only an annual formality, which will not lead to any action taken by the company. Hence, managers should take the initiative to organize regular pulse checks that can reveal the reasons, if any, for cracks in engagement for the employees. It can help the managers pinpoint pain-issues and develop an action plan for improvement.

Establishing a culture of trust between the teams and various managerial levels stems from the ability to practice mutual respect by not always blaming others for things going wrong but also introspecting about one's own actions. It is a common understanding that people working with each other have a need for social acceptance and inclusion as much as respect for their competence and validation of their abilities. The managers and subordinates should be able to ask and give open feedback in a non-defensive manner, enabling positive reinforcement to reaffirm what is going well and take preventive measures to avoid any future negative impact, which can be overcome by transparent feedback. A model of openness is important across all tiers of the organization in order to build trustworthy relationships at the workplace.

The next element to demonstrate authenticity, vulnerability and credibility at the workplace is to embrace conflict. Every difference of opinion does not have to carry a negative undertone. Any conflict between teams and managers must be accepted as a part

of the way things are conducted between peers. By embracing conflict, the leaders and managers get a chance to deepen their understanding of people, express empathy and figure out necessary interventions by actively listening to them. This approach leads to an acceptable and executable win-win outcome.

Reinforcing positive behaviours highlights achievements more than failures by avoiding premature blaming and criticism. Often managers are not able to view problematic behaviours objectively. They tend to focus more on the drama in the situation rather than the facts and issues that need solutions. Not too long ago, managers used to ask employees to leave their personal problems at home. However, today in the age of the millennials, the managers encourage the teams to share personal challenges and also help them figure out ways to combat them. Today, managers are quite receptive and want their executives to share aspects of their personal lives, if that can make them more effective at work. Imagine a situation where a manager is having a team meeting and the details of the data to be discussed have been shared beforehand. If the data shows the business of the manager's division is declining, he and the team are quite vulnerable. So rather than defending the reasons for the business to have declined and pulling away a motivated team, it's better for the managers to accept being vulnerable, expose their weakness and share the challenge to recover the business and in-turn the team's reputation. Being vulnerable in the workplace can lead to more trust, transparency and respect.

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Covid: Concern for children's education & nutrition

The present Covid-19 pandemic is a global and unprecedented human catastrophe affecting every sphere of life, including economic, social, political, and most importantly education. The rapid transmission has upended the daily life very quickly and in a way never seen before. In India, with the announcement of lockdown, educational institutions have been closed. This sudden and unprecedented lockdown has posed many parallel challenges to the students and their parents.

Educational institutions across the world are adopting the online teaching mode to bridge the gap and to compensate the huge deficit in instruction hours. According to an estimate of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO 2020), 320 million learners enrolled in primary, secondary or tertiary education are affected owing to disruption of unplanned lockdown.

As per estimates using the most recently released National Sample Survey (NSS, 2017-18, 75th round) data on social consumption on education, about 72 per cent students are living in rural area and only 60 per cent are attending Government schools. However, a greater degree of "digital divide" in terms of availability, accessibility and usability among the households is prevalent in India. Only 9 per cent of the households have access to both computer (i.e. devices, such as laptop, desktop computer, notebook, tablet, palm-top or a similar handheld device) and internet.

Further, this is acute in the disaggregated level such as across the Indian States, between rural-urban population, among different socio-religious and economic classes. This is 4 per cent in Bihar, 3.8 per cent in Odisha, 3 per cent in Jharkhand, and 4 per cent in Madhya Pradesh. They are at the bottom while Delhi (35%), Goa (25%), Kerala, Nagaland and Mizoram (21% each) are the best performer in terms of household's access to computer and internet. Only 4 per cent rural households have access to digital infrastructure compared

to 20 per cent in urban areas.

Students from socio-economically marginalised communities such as STs, SCs and poorer sections of the society suffered the most due to the present crisis because they have disproportionately low access and ability to use the digital devices. Hence, these already deprived sections have been eventually lagging behind and adding themselves to the existing socio-economic divide in India. We find that only 3.7 per cent, 4.2 per cent and 1.6 per cent of STs, SCs and lowest income group households respectively have access to digital devices and internet. The girls bear the brunt of the pandemic due to their additional burden of households' chores given the existing problems of higher son preference in Indian society and their higher school's dropout rate. This has connection with increased child labour, child marriage, early pregnancies and a plethora of other developmental issues. These have adverse life-long and intergenerational impacts on educational attainment, health and nutritional outcome.

Apart from other environmental and contextual factors like access to improved water and sanitation, regular and nutritious food in adequate quantity is prerequisites for harmonious development of children. Children with better nutritional outcome perform better in educational achievement and other non-cognitive activities. According to most recently released (on December 12, 2020) National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), 2019-20 factsheet for 22 States and UTs, the under-five child malnutrition has increased in majority of the States during the period 2015-16 to 2019-20. The Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS, 2016-18) provides information exclusively on nutritional status of school-age children. Using CNNS-2020 we estimated that 23 per cent and 22 per cent school-age (5-10 years) children are thin and stunted, respectively.

Covid-19 has disrupted the food availability and social protection system and has



given rise to food insecurity across the globe. The World Food Programme (WFP, 2020) projected that the number of people facing food insecurity will be doubled globally due to Covid-19 by the end of 2020. Unfortunately, Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2020 ranked India 94 out of 107 countries which come under serious hunger situation. India's position is below Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

The unplanned lockdown and the closure of schools have led to non-continuation of regular feeding to the school-children through the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme. This scheme is the largest school feeding and supplementary nutrition programme in the

world, feeding approximately 100 million children and most of them are from marginalised communities attending Government schools up to Class VIII. Thus, school closure poses additional shocks to the families and their children having already affected with food insufficiency and nutritional deficiency. Apart from eliminating hunger, the MDM scheme also addresses other health related issues of micronutrient deficiency and deworming which has significant positive effect on school enrolment, attendance, learning outcome, retention, and gender and social equity.

The lockdown has also hit the umbrella Integrated Child Development Services scheme

that has affected the children as well as the pregnant and lactating mothers.

The current Covid-19 crisis is a major setback in India's progress toward the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), i.e. universal and equitable education, good health and well-being; and zero-hunger. We can find a more precarious future disparity in child health and nutrition and knowledge-gap among haves and have-nots. Children from disadvantaged sections are left in limbo in multiple ways due to their resource constrained capabilities.

It was expected but unfortunately no special attention has been given to address these disruptions from the Central

Government's \$250 billion "Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package". Some States implement home delivery of meals/dry ration to students but there remains much more scope for such initiatives. Strengthening the digital infrastructure via provisioning of digital devices (mobile, tablet, computer, etc.) for the needy-learners and making internet and broadband or Wi-Fi services as universal public goods while synergising panchayats and harnessing the capabilities of the community could be other options to narrow down the socio-economic and digital divide in India. Any negligence in this regard would have serious consequences on children's education and health

outcome in future. In the time of present crisis, direct interventions, social protection, and universalisation of food safety programmes, i.e. PDS in India are urgently needed. For a long-term sustainable solution to malnutrition problem, apart from other contextual factors we need to recognise the agriculture and nutrition linkages and should promote diversified local food and nutrition sensitive agriculture production with proper procurement and distribution policy.

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PERSPECTIVE

Tapping the potential of India-Saudi relations

The period between the two world wars witnessed the emergence of new nation states in Europe and Asia. The main concern of these countries was to get political independence. India after Independence re-established its strong social, economic, religious and emotional connections with Saudi Arabia.

India-Saudi bilateral relations became stronger and cordial when King Saud visited India in 1955 and agreed to shape their relationship based on the mutual coexistence and cooperation. Since then, there have been several visits by higher authorities and officials over the period of years that continue to boost bilateral relations to a greater height. Economic policy of liberalisation and privatisation in India and quest of Saudi for the crude oil market are the prime reasons that bind them together for catering their mutual requirements. The Indian Government is keenly interested to attract foreign investments in India as its intention reflects in the policies of the Indian Government in relaxation of doing "ease of business" and in FDI policies in India. However, the gulf countries, particularly Saudi Arabia, could be an attractive strategic partner in developing Indian economy by investing in different economic sectors.

On the other hand, for Saudi point of view, India has been and would be the future market for oil, etc. As per the trend and views of economists, the Indian economy would rise over the next couple of decades which will generate the demands for oil and according to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, it is expected to rise by 130 per cent by 2040. Saudi Arabia, on the other hand, has been transforming its oil-based economy to knowledge-based economy which requires high-

ly skilled professionals.

Besides, India has been producing a large number of educated professionals and skilled workers who have been substantially contributing to the development of Saudi Arabia. To pursue the Vision 2030 — to develop a diverse economic area to facilitate more investment and business — Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit in 2016 reiterated India's intentions to work together with Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia is expected to be an important market for Indian goods, particularly precious stones, agricultural and pharmaceutical products, etc.

India-Saudi economic ties show tremendous growth over the period of time. According to Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, bilateral trade during 2019-20 was worth of \$33.07 billion. India's imports from Saudi Arabia reached \$26.84 billion and exports to Saudi Arabia were worth \$ 6.24 billion which accounted an increase of 12.18 per cent over last fiscal year. According to Ministry of Investment of Saudi Arabia, there are 476 registered Indian companies. It clearly indicates the perpetuity of India-Saudi bilateral relations. Both countries have strengthened not only its economic ties but culturally also they have come closer. The Indian Muslims have cultural and emotional ties with Saudi Arabia. Islamic relics and monuments that Indian Muslims aspire to visit are boosting its tourism sector. Presence of more than 2.5 million Indians in Saudi Arabia which is considered the largest expatriate community in the Kingdom is the living ambassadors for cultural exchange.

Mostly Indians learn Arabic language within a short period of time to communicate with local people. As



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in New Delhi on February 20, 2019

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per the study, Indians are relatively the most preferred community among the expatriates not only for their expertise in their respective fields but also for a sense of discipline, law abiding behaviour and peace-loving nature.

The contributions made by Indian communities for the development of Saudi Arabia have always

been appreciated by the Saudi Government. Keeping in view the contribution of expat Indians, irrespective of their religions, the Saudi Government treats every Indian expats equally like its own citizen. Even during pandemic the Saudi Government did not discriminate anyone on the basis of their nationality and religion etc despite know-

ing the fact that the bulk of initial affected Covid patients were Indian expat workers.

India-Saudi mutual respect can be gauged from the fact that King Abdullah was invited as Chief Guest on India's Republic Day and Sushma Swaraj attended as the Guest of Honour in "Janaderiyah the National Festival of Heritage and Culture" of

Saudi Arabia. Prime Minister Modi has become the first Indian who has been conferred with Saudi Arabia's highest civilian honour. On the other hand, as strong friends of Saudi Arabia, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, along with the Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, were present at the Saudi National Day Celebration in Delhi in another example of manifestation of the strong India-Saudi ties and shows the growing closeness between India and Saudi Arabia.

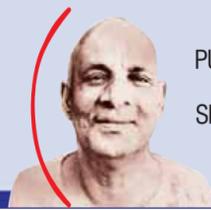
Both Saudi Arabia and India are undergoing unprecedented transformations internally whether it be Saudi's Vision 2030 programme which aims to global investment powerhouse, Neom City Project, a revolution in urban living vision, or India's move towards achieving its vision of five trillion economies with its flagship initiatives of "Make in India, Start-Up India, Smart Cities and "Digital India" etc, thereby they are creating countless opportunities for their counterparts. Further, India has an enthralling entertainment industry; in the present scenario the rise of entertainment industry in the Kingdom will surely attract Indian markets providing ample job and business opportunities. India-Saudi relations, however, is based not only on the import and export of commodities but also on mutual coexistence, cooperation and respect. With the diversified future and strong determination to work together, both Saudi and India will amaze the world with the positive transformations heading towards the elongated mutual friendship and ties to the highest pinnacle.

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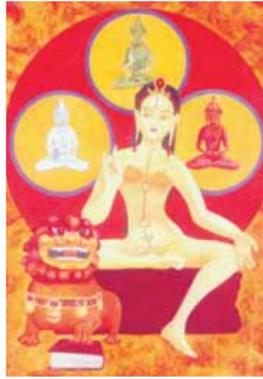
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ARIES March 21-April 19

This week health issues seem to be out of control. Several problems may emerge on the health front. You need to analyse why you are feeling this way and work to release yourself from these restrictions. You need an emotional release from whatever it is that is leaving you feeling stuck. Professionally, you are in mood for enjoyment and want to have blast. You spend some time to pamper yourself and feel good and look good. Money is not a problem, earning will be good. This is a good time for home décor and spending on the domestic renovation. On the relationship front, messages of love and affection are likely to be coming your way. If you are single, a new suitor with whom you have a lot in common may come into your life.

Lucky number 23
Lucky colour Pastel
Lucky day Wednesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week if dealing with a health problem, take a second opinion. A change in environment will rejuvenate your health. Do not stress over unnecessary issues, it will not make any difference to the situation. Instead, it will harm your health. On the career front, you are ready to confront any unfinished business in your life. You are decisive and determined. You have reviewed your past experiences and have learned from them. All the pieces of the puzzle of your life are finally coming together to form one. On the personal front, it is good to listen to your mind than your heart. You find that your drive to make things happen is ignited. At home, your domineering attitude could make others irritated, and you may be left alone. Listen more and speak less.

Lucky number 14
Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Thursday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week you are thinking on the lines of self-improvement. Plan some creative activity and get yourself busy to avoid stress. The tension you have been experiencing off-lately should ease off. Don't hesitate to share your feelings with trusted ones or ask for help. Professionally, this is a very good time to start planning long term. Where do you want to be in the coming 5 years? How will you make it happen? Focus on your skills and potentials. You have great expectation from life and are happy about the surprises it often brings. The investments you made in the past is likely to be returning to you with interest. An existing relationship may suffer due to lack of understanding. Think calmly and carefully about what your limitations are in a relationship.

Lucky number 24
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Saturday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week you will solve problems with your wisdom. With your experience and maturity, you will be able to take hold of your life. Instead of being innovative, you need to adapt to the existing set of beliefs and systems. New theory may not work for you this week. Follow the orthodox approach. On the career front, you may be your worst enemy. How you speak your mind is as important as what you say. There may be some unfairness at play at work. Be sure that your behaviour is impeccable. Try to cut your unnecessary expenses. Relationship wise, if you're already in a committed relationship the clear message is that trust is important. If you're feeling suspicious for some reason about your partner, make a point to talk about this even if it's difficult.

Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Turquoise
Lucky day Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week you will have to make some efforts to improve your health condition. You need more exercise under expert or nutritional guidance to make sure that you are eating better. Take control. This can be a very creative time for you. Enjoy yourself and your childlike energy will help to enrich your life. On the career front, the working environment will be friendly, consistent and this will increase your efficiency. You will enjoy working in a group and come out with productive results. You will be able to win the support of your senior. On the personal front, true love, balanced partnership, commitment, and all of the good are easily available for you. Expect a genuine and long term relationship, as the foundation of your love is very strong.

Lucky number 2
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Tuesday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This is a good week. You will encounter new experiences and welcoming hosts who will embrace you and invite you into their world. Everything is starting to fall into place and you can be one with the situation. On the career level, an enhanced status, promotion or designation is on the card. This week you are very sound and grounded therefore you are likely to take important decision related to career or relationship. You are hardworking and focused. Expect some stressful moments this week. Your abundance of energy and self-confidence will give you a boost to move ahead. On the personal front, you are charged up with some extra energy. You have great clarity on a situation and can now argue your case with the view to come out victorious.

Lucky number 19
Lucky colour Magenta
Lucky day Thursday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week you will reap the results of your past efforts. You will be focused on the reality that life is a circle and that what goes around always, without fail, will come around. Remember that when you make a point to be generous, whether, with time, energy, or money, that too is an investment in your future. Professionally, you may be inspired to start a new creative project. You are at that point in your life where you feel comfortable with who you are and what you feel. You see new potential in allowing your creativity to flow. On the relationship front, if you are in love and decide to make him or her life partner, take the approval of your parents. You will be able to maintain relations with your seniors at home and take their blessings.

Lucky number 22
Lucky colour Coral
Lucky day Sunday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Health is good. You are filled with energy. Your efforts in health regimen are now starting to come to fruition. There is a need for new things like better nutrition, new approaches, and new ideas. You are filled with positive energy throughout the week. Those who have recovered from serious ailment must do the follow-through. On the career front, if you are involved in any sort of competition then you are advised to keep a close eye out for any cheating. The bottom line is basically to cover your tail, make sure you are doing things the right way, and then you'll have nothing to worry about. You are not very vocal in a relationship. Express yourself to those you love by saying loving words. Your introvert and individual persona do not help you to get closer to someone you love.

Lucky number 17
Lucky colour Copper
Lucky day Tuesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Health is good. You are at your best — physically, mentally and emotionally. Health, vitality and inner vibrancy fill you with energy and inspiration. Creative ideas will occupy your mind and shine you bright. Expectant mothers would feel healthier and nourished. Make sure you take adequate time for relaxation. Career-wise, there could be a phase in your life which begs you to bring some desirable changes in your career. You might not be satisfied with your current job, switching to a new job is likely. Some of you may opt business, instead of a job. Don't ignore your personal life. Your loved ones mean to you. Take some time out and show your concern, let the heart speaks louder than the mind.

Lucky number 30
Lucky colour Pastel Green
Lucky day Monday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week you are a keen observer. A positive outlook will change your perception of life. Spirituality will move along well, and you'll be hopeful about the future. You may have to decide whether to put your energy into the things, people, and situations that you already are involved with. Career-wise, you want your time and space. You feel exhausted. You may feel insecure about losing your job and financial worries are overpowering you. You find most of the answers in your isolation, talking to yourself. This is not the time to make decisions. On the personal front, the beginning of love, happiness and compassion is on the card. The start of a new relationship, be it a friendship or a romance will bring a smile to your face.

Lucky number 8
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Monday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week you will enjoy happiness, good health and worldly pleasures. You tend to be enthusiastic and will carefully weigh and consider what others ask you now. Connecting to yoga, meditation cosmic healing learning new interests is indicated. Professionally, you are torn between two choices. You have to choose between work & entertainment. This is the time to check your priorities and responsibilities. You should make decisions for better work conditions and outputs. If you want to push for improved working conditions, stay away from tension and stress. Don't let negative forces bother you. On the personal front, look hard at yourself and analyse whether you are being realistic with regards to love. Don't spend too much time in self-pity or wishing your life away.

Lucky number 15
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Friday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you are extraordinarily active at the mental level. You may feel that your inner mind is working overtime. You find that your drive to make things happen is ignited. Your analytical and reasoning powers are very strong and you will not listen to others. You think what you say or what you do is right. Don't find faults in others. On the career front, some good news is on the cards. An out of the blue opportunity is coming may surprise you. Your focussed attitude will help you to sail through difficult times. On the love front, deceit, clashes could be experienced. You could ruin the very things that you want the most such as close, intimate relationships with your friends and lover. Lack of communication and understanding could be harmful at this point.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Saturday

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Taming the unruly mind

Man is a thinking being. They keep breeding and entertaining thoughts nonstop. They may be in response to external stimuli, or the ones arising out of in-store impressions. Mind even flirts around with assumed thoughts and keeps entertaining them for long. During the 24 hours in a day, it is barely for 45 to 50 minutes of deep slumber that mind is at rest. Even during dream stage, mind keeps entertaining thoughts picked up during waking stage in recent or distant past. Not to say anything about waking state. Supposedly every being attends to somewhere close to between sixty and seventy thousand thoughts every day. Mind is not at rest even while one is apparently idling. This human predicament is beautifully portrayed in a couplet by late Maithili Sharan Gupta, a famous Hindi poet. This, he wrote describing Laksman's state of mind while guarding alone Lord Rama and his consort Sita, sleeping at the dead of night in a fierce jungle, during their fourteen years of exile.

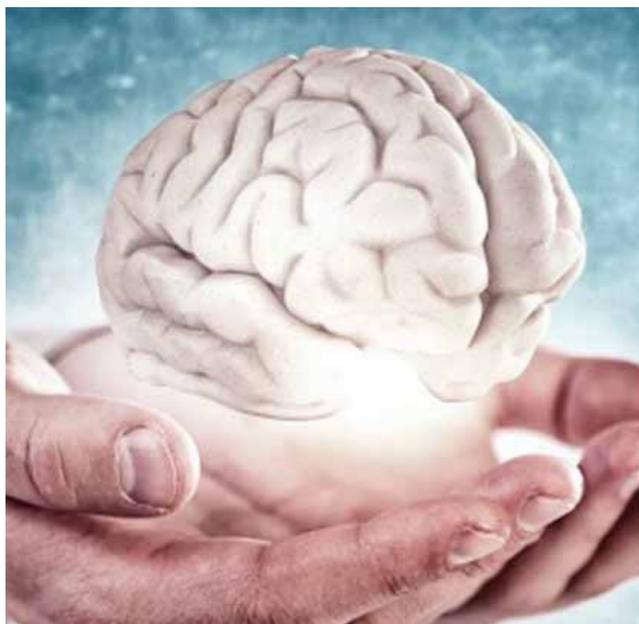
"Koi pasa narahne par bhi janman maun nahi rahata; Ap-apki sunta hai wahap ap-apko hi kahta." Its literal translation comes out as: "Even if nobody is around,

mind is not at rest. It keeps listening and speaking to itself."

This way, invariably mind remains loaded with a massive crowd of thoughts and feelings, ordinarily difficult to contend with ease. Out of that massive crowd, some of the thoughts, as well as feelings lead to action. Not all thoughts translate into action. The weaker thoughts die out. But every action is necessarily preceded by a thought. And it goes without saying that thinking and feeling hold the key to all actions on our part. Evidently, the character, content, and intent of the thought and feeling will define the quality of our efforts and thereby fruits of actions.

What if the thought-crowd occupying the mind becomes unruly, which invariably remains the case with most of us? Consequently, mind becomes restive. It then begins aimlessly wandering hither and thither, and usually gets lost in the unwieldy thought crowd. It loses its sense of purpose and direction. Caught up in this bind, mind loses the sense of alert necessary to invoke one's faculty of discriminate intelligence for due diligence on account of attention deficiency, and with obvious consequences.

But, how to ensure picking up quali-



tative and well-intended thoughts, worthy of leading to happy ending? It calls for purifying our mind of all inconsequential and undesirable thought imprints. But for which, mind will be short of the space and time necessary for meaningful application. The irony, however, is that a disorderly mind caught up virtually in an impregnable dense jungle of thoughts, hosting untamed wild thought-animals, by itself cannot find a way out. Even otherwise, standing on a plane, which hosts problems, it is not easy to find a way out.

Guru: Here comes the role of a Guru, who first enlightens you with the mirror image of what you are. He then shows the way forward to steer clear of the mental mesh and create ground for restoring its orderly functioning. Following which, he leads you through a step-by-step process to acquire the state of Yoga.

Yoga: Let us now have a look at 8-fold path to Yoga as suggested by Patanjali.

1. **Yama:** Self-restraint from all delusionary temptations, & unbecoming conduct.
2. **Niyama:** Subjecting oneself to a set of moral discipline.
3. **Asana:** Subjecting oneself to a regular physical exercise regime to ensure physical fitness and agility of body. Following which, one could adopt a posture suited

to effortlessly pursue *dhyan*a.

4. **Pranayama:** A set of breathing exercise that helps body-mind coordination and ensures mental agility.
5. **Pratyahara:** Senses are made to withdraw attention from the outer-world and turned inwards.
6. **Dharana:** Training the mind to get focused to wherever attention is paid.
7. **Dhyana:** It is a state of being when one is able to effortlessly maintain unbroken focus on what is targeted. In fact, the target becomes a part of one's awareness.
8. **Samadhi:** State of being, arrived at after dropping all contents of mind, when the seer, seen, and the seeing become one seamless awareness.

Preparing for dhyana: Before meditation is taken up, it would be desirable to first create a favourable inner climate. That calls for consciously acknowledging inescapable realities. *Dhyana* does not call for trying hard to concentrate. But following the process, concentration power develops over a period of time.

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