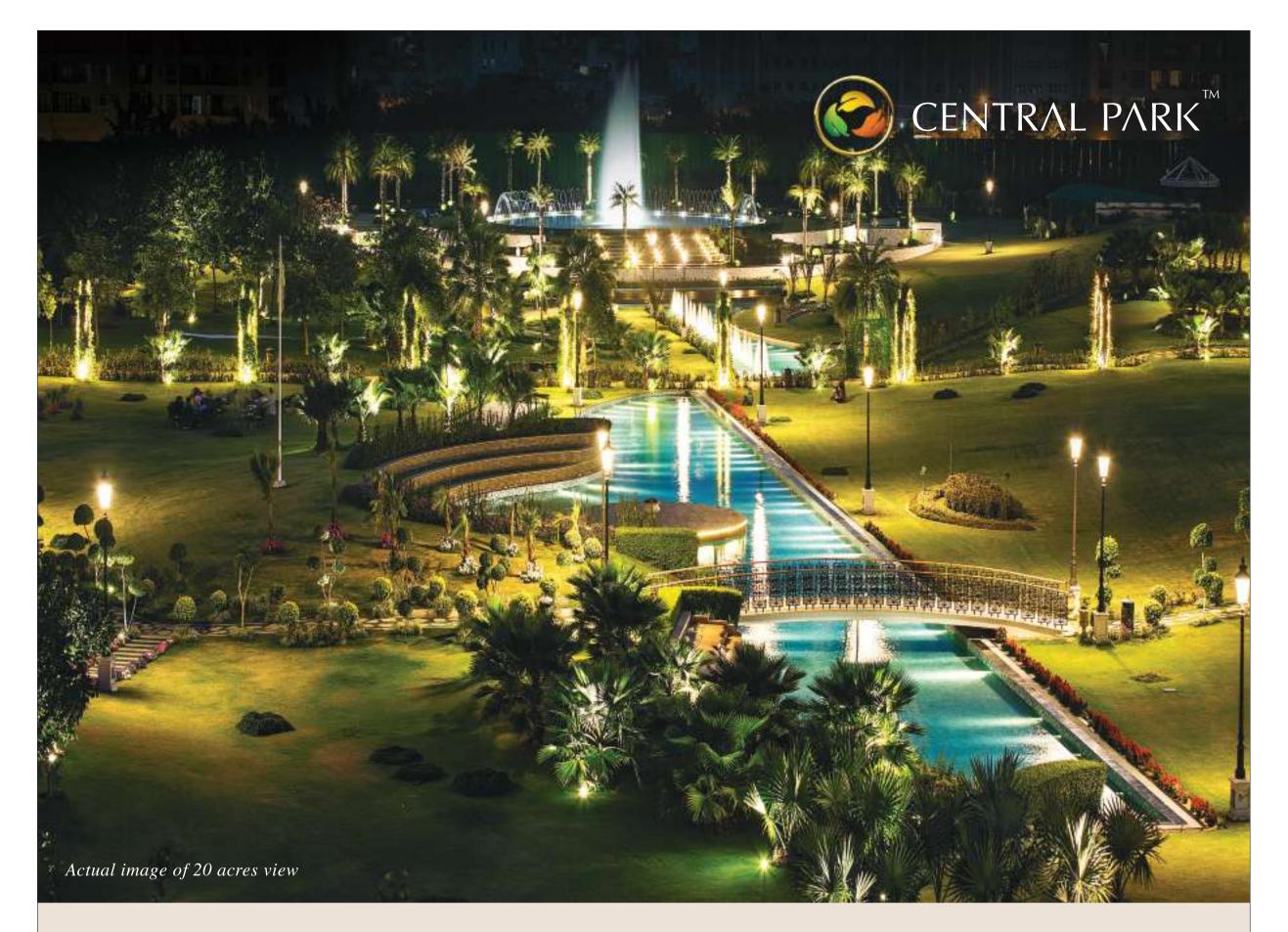


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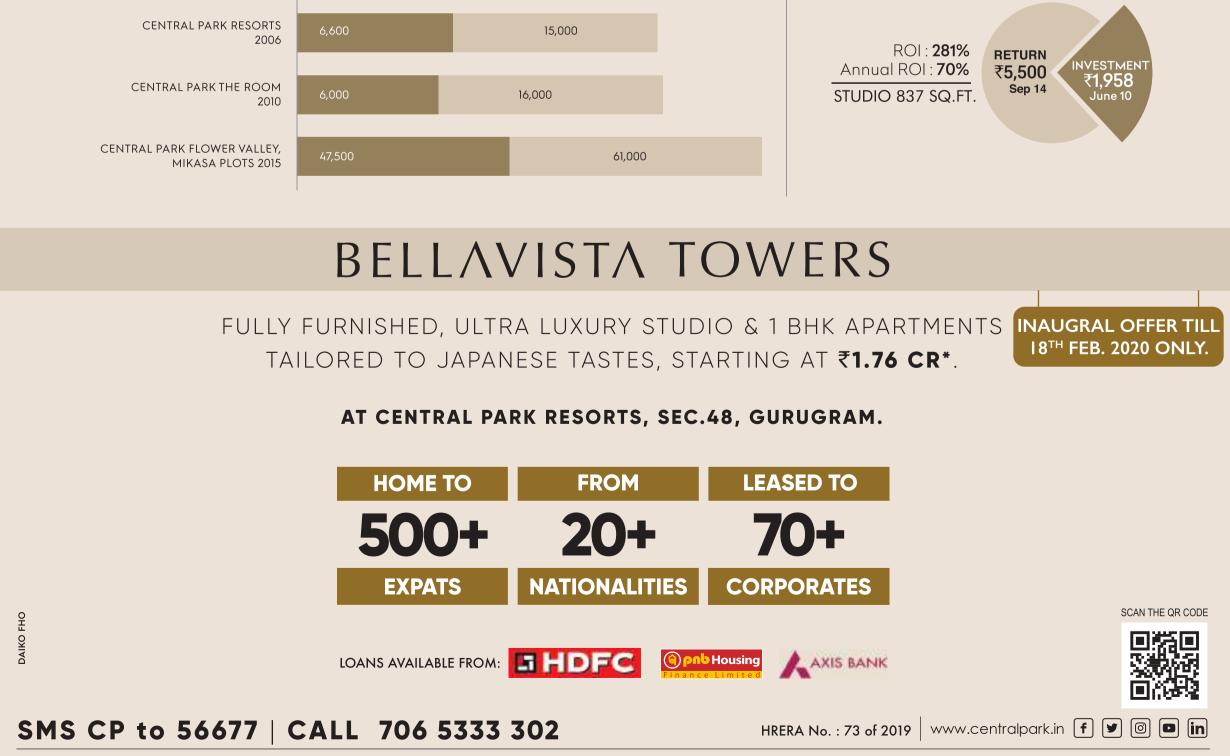
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'Criminally sinful to hang Nirbhaya convicts if law lets them live'

unking a plea of the Tihar jail authorities to fix a date and time of hanging of the four convicts in the Nirbhaya rape and murder case, a Delhi court on Friday said, "It's criminally sinful to execute the condemned convicts when the law permits them to live." 'However, the state is at

liberty to move an appropriate application as and when required," additional sessions judge Dharmender Rana held. The order follows a February 5 Delhi HC order granting the four a week's time to exhaust remaining legal remedies. **P7**

Engine snag forces IndiGo flight to return

n IndiGo flight to Kolkata With 174 passengers on board returned to Ahmedabad on Friday following yet a snag in a Pratt & Whitney engine in the A320 Neo aircraft. Sources said the unmodified engine, yet to be replaced by a modified one, had high vibrations. An IndiGo spokesperson said the aircraft was back in operation after inspection.

Won't allow foreigners to settle in Assam: PM

Certain Sections trying to mislead...

anti-Assam and anti-national

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the PM said on his first visit to

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Kokrajhar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday sought to mollify Assam's worry that changes in the Citizenship Act will result in an influx of more foreigners to the state, and cautioned people against "certain sections" trying to mislead them.

"Certain sections of society are trying to mislead the people of Assam and north-east over the Act. Rumours are being spread that foreigners will be allowed to settle in Assam, but this is not correct. I am here to assure all that anti-

Certain sections are used to get killed in militancyrelated incidents every year I am here to assure all that

There have been armed conflicts for a

homeland by the people but allowed to settle in the region now they are all for ek Bharat, our own and built trust... there shresth Bharat -PM MODI in where more than 1,000 people Kokraihar

Assam and anti-national tizenship Amendment Act mentality won't be tolerated (CAA). Modi had to twice abort his plan to visit Assam because of the anti-CAA stir.

► Tries to allay fears, P 13

'Minor' spends 42 days in jail for anti-CAA stir Was Forced To Say He's 18, Claims Lawyer

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wyer alleged.

The minor's advocate, Yashab Husain Rizvi, said Lucknow: A 15-year-old boy when he was assembling dospent 42 days in jail in concuments to prepare a reply to nection with the December a recovery notice served to 19 anti-CAA violence in the minor by the govern-Lucknow after police told ment seeking compensation him "*umar badha ke batao* for damages allegedly caused by him, his Aadhaar card (add years to your actual age)", forcing him to say he revealed his age as 15 years. was 18 "out of fear", his la-► 'Told cops I was 18', P 13

'Don't allow kids at stirs': SC to hear matter

Taking cognisance of a letter written by 12-yearold bravery award winner Zen Sadavarte to the CJI seeking directions to prevent children from participating in protests, the Supreme Court on Friday initiated suo motu proceedings in the wake of an infant's death at the anti-CAA protest site at Shaheen Bagh. It will hear the matter on Monday. P4



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Desi startups ride on China for 'Make-in-India' e-bikes

Small Cos Have Sprung Up Across Country Producing Quick-Fix Green Rides

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April 2020

Atul Thakur & Pankaj Doval | TNN

New Delhi: The last thing vou would associate with electric mobility and green two-wheelers would be a company called Jitendra EV, a small-time establishment based out of Maharashtra. And if that's not surprising enough, there are other similar ones with not-soimpressive names. By way of example there is Kabira Mobility, which is a e-bike seller that assembles its rides in Dharwad. Karnataka as also M2Go, a company headquartered in the Punjabi Bagh locality in Delhi.

These companies are part of a large group of start-ups - and their numbers are growing by the day — that have sprang up across the country over the last couple of vears looking to tap into the growing push towards electric mobility in what are the tech's early days in India.

The gameplan is simple: source batteries, controllers, and body parts and stitch them all together (many of the companies proudly call it 'local manufacturing' though it's not much more than just cosmetic, small-time assemblv), before selling it under the 'Make in India' tag.

The sourcing is done mostly from China (and now even from India) and is akin to what happened in the early days of the mobile phone industry in India. People (some from non-related fields) bought the some times nearly completed parts from China, assembled them here at small establishments, and then passed them off as local products under their own brand names.

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share of the smartphone mar-

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Ask Jitendra Shah, owner

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SOME E-BIKES SEEN **AT AUTO EXPO 2020**

Bike

Manufacture

Top Speed (km per hour)

Range in kms (Full Charge)

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Customs, who are high-end car modifiers. Gurugram-While the trick worked for based Evolet India is a comsome years, it was not sustainable in the long run without pany run by defence veterproper R&D for such sellers. ans while Coimbatore-based who also often lacked proper corporate structure and/or voung engineers. long-term plans. Today, Chinese phone companies rule

Emote electric is run by Emote is showcasing its more sophisticated modelprototype that has gears and can go from 0-60 kms in less

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than 4 seconds. Most of these companies have 50 or fewer employees and sales volumes of less than 5,000 bikes annually.

Hyderabad-based Everye

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he decided to have the compa-M2Go is a start-up conceptualised by some students ny under his own name. Pat comes the reply, "If it's my of a private university in name that is being used, how Delhi who came together for a project. One of the promotcan I compromise on quality then." Amusing but certainly ers of the university liked the idea and decided to invest plausible enough logic for through seed funding.

If EV price falls by little over ₹2 lakh it will be same as driving petrol cars

him to go for the name.

A look at how Tata Nexon's petrol variant compares with its EV version

Estimated cost of ownership in Delhi (on road cost + driving 1.5 lakh km)						
Nexon Petrol		Nexon EV				
On road Price	7,87,860	On road Price	15,67,494			
Mileage 🌢	17.2 km/l	Km Range (full charge)	312 km			
Petrol Price	₹72.89/I	Units for full charge	30.2 kwh			
Petrol for driving 1.5 lakh kms	8,721 l	Electricity units for driving 1.5 lakh kms	14,519 kwh			
Cost of petrol in ₹	6,35,669	Cost of electricity @ ₹ 6.5 per unit	94,375			
Total Ownership Cost in ₹	14,23,529	Total Ownership Cost	16,61,869			

Kabira Mobility's scooters and a 'high-speed' sports bike will begin commercial sales from March this year and Jaibir Singh, the project head, says the project was completed in the last two years or so.

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Many of the products, which cost between Rs 45,000 to Rs 1.1 lakh, offer a mobility range of 60 km to 100 km (under different driving conditions) with a charge time of around 4 hours. Some of them also offer the convenience of portable batteries, weighing about 12 kg, that can even be carried home.

Experts believe that unlike traditional petrol automobile products that need high-tech engineering for designing engines and transmission systems, the heart

of e-bike technology is its battery and motor, which is mostly imported from China. The rest of the components are either locally manufactured or are imported as kits to be assembled and sold in the Indian market.

And, while small startups are trying to find their feet in the e-bike segment, the bigger ones such as Bajaj Auto, TVS, Hero Moto-Corp and Honda 2wheelers are yet to show any serious intent with the last two not having launched any EV products yet.

WHY HEALTH EPIDEMIC IN CHINA **CAN SPARK AN ECONOMIC PANDEMIC**

Amid the lockdown and travel bans triggered by the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak in China, fears have been expressed about its impact on the health of the global economy as a whole. Research by Australian think tank Lowy Institute suggests these concerns are legitimate: China now has a much bigger imprint than US on world trade and between US and China more countries now have the latter as their largest trading partner

HOW CHINA GOT HERE

> When China acceded to the World Trade Organisation in 2001, over 80% of countries (for which data is available) did more trade with America than China. Cut to 2018, and that figure had dropped to a little over 30% of countries with US as their biggest trading partner while two-thirds, that is, 66% or 128 of 190 countries trade more with China than US

► Lowy Institute, which adds that 90 countries traded more than twice as much with China as with US, says the "turning point was the global financial crisis" when China overtook US as the larger trading partner for more than half of all countries

Note: Data for the research was taken from IMF's Direction of Trade Statistics database and the focus was on gross trade flows (exports plus imports)

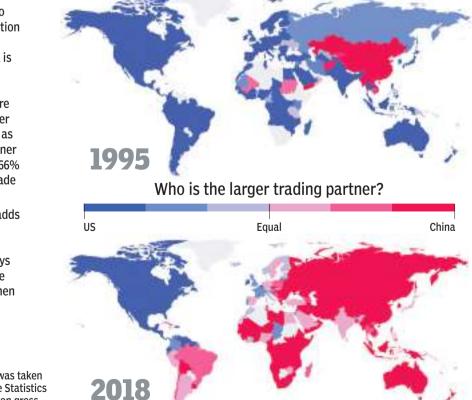
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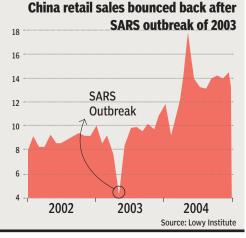
> Banks and asset managers have forecast that the 2019nCoV could reduce global GDP by 0.2 to 0.3 percentage points. Some strategists noted that this scenario "assumes that the spread of the virus slows down in February and is contained by March/April". While the response to the disease has been urgent, it is uncertain when it will be declared as having been contained

> Also, in the wake of the outbreak, ratings agency S&P on Friday lowered its forecast for China's economic growth this year to 5% from 5.7%. However, the ratings agency said it expects growth to rebound to 6.4% in 2021

> Experts are optimistic that things will be back to normal and cite the SARS outbreak of 2003 in China, when retail sales fell only to recover shortly after the disease was contained

Between 1995 and 2018, China nudged past US in global trade







A Look At Asking Rate For BJP, AAP And Cong In Poll Field

TIMES INSIGHT GROUP

New Delhi: Which party has to play catch-up in these assembly polls and just how much of a mountain does it have to climb to reach the top? The answer to that question depends on what we take as the reference point. If it's the last assembly polls, it is BJP that has to do a lot to overhaul AAP, if it's the 2017 civic polls or the 2019 Lok Sabha election, the roles are reversed.

In 2015, AAP's near-total sweep came on the back of a $54.6\sqrt[6]{v}$ vote share, which comfortably eclipsed BJP's 32.8% and, of course, the 9.7% that Congress won. If we take this as the starting point, therefore, the minimum swing needed for BJP to catch up with AAP is 10.9 percentage points. In other words, if 10.9% of voters were to shift from AAP to BJP, both parties will end up with vote shares of 43.7% (54.6 minus 10.9 and 32.8 plus 10.9). Of course, if there is a swing away from AAP, but only a part of it goes to BJP and the rest to Congress or others, the asking rate for the saffron party will become even higher.

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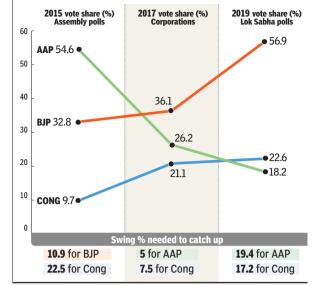
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take the 2017 civic polls as our about half as tough as what starting point, BJP's 36.1% BJP needs to do vis-à-vis the was well ahead of AAP's last assembly polls. Again, and Congress' this is assuming a neat swing 21.1%. To close the gap, AAP from BJP to AAP. will need to wean away 5%

The gap between BJP and its rivals in 2019 was even larger than AAP's lead in 2015.

CAMPAIGN ENDS, EC SENDS NOTICE TO YOGI FOR 'BIRYANI TO TERRORIST' REMARK

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However, AAP govern-

and it had to be set aside.

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LIKE TO HAVE?

CHICKEN BIRYANI?

CHICKEN FEED ?!.

SANDEEP ADHWARYU

Court seeks report on plea against Sisodia

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Friday directed Delhi Police to submit an action-taken report on a plea seeking an FIR against deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia for allegedly making a provocative statement during the Jamia violence.

Additional chief metropolitan magistrate Vishal Pahuja sought the report and posted the matter for February 24. Seeking a direction under Section 156(3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the plea had urged the court to issue a direction to Delhi Police to register an FIR against the deputy chief minister.

HC stays govt's move to increase auto fares

Shaheen Bagh shooter's brother joins investigation

The saffron party got 56.9% of the votes, Congress was second with 22.6% and AAP third with 18.2%. Since by all accounts, Congress is not really in the race to win in Delhi this time round, let's look at what it will take for AAP to close this gap. That works out to a swing of 19.4 percentage points from BJP to AAP, which will leave them almost level at about 37.5%-37.6%.

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None of these swings barring the one needed from 2017—looks like an easy task to achieve. But the good news for both sides is that they have already done it in the past, between 2015 and 2017 in the case of BJP and between 2014

The fact that Delhi's electorate grows so rapidly could also help. Between 2015 and 2019, the electorate grew from 133.1 lakh to 143.3 lakh, an increase of 10.2 lakh in justfour years. By the time of the current elections, that has already grown by another 3.7 lakh to reach 147 lakh. Some of this addition is young people becoming old enough to vote, but a lot of it is also adult migrants coming to the capital. Could they hold the keys to these swings?

and 2015 for AAP.

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi high court on Friday stayed AAP government's decision last year to hike autorickshaw fares. The court acted on a plea filed by an NGO, Aiding Hands Foundation, which had challenged the increase in fares on the ground that the notification revising auto fares was issued without the approval of the competent authority — the lieutenant governor — and that it would severely impact people. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar granted an interim stay noting that "We hereby stay the operation of the June 12 notification issued by Delhi go-

The bench said it was of the opinion that the petitioner had a prima facie case in its favour and the transport department of Delhi go-

vernment till May 21."

Criminal with 10 cases of murder held in Doon

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Dehradun: Anil Pehelwan alias Leela, one of the most wanted criminals of Delhi and Haryana carrying a reward of Rs1lakh on his head, was arrested by Dehradun police late on Thursday. He had jumped parole in October 2018 and had been elusive since then as he was believed to be staying at different locations to evade arrest.

Police officials said that on a tip-off, a team was formed led by SP Dehradun (rural) Parmendra Dobhal, which tracked his location for several weeks before arresting him. A.32 bore pistol was also seized from his possession. Leela had 10 criminal cases - including those of murder of a police inspector in Rohtak city besides kidnapping and extortion—against him in Delhi and Haryana.

Leela was lodged in Tihar Jail in 2014 and during his stay there, policemen noticed in CCTV footage that a woman would come to visit him often. They suspected the woman to be his wife and traced her location to Dehradun. Further investigation took police to Doon Vihar locality and the cops zeroed in on a house in the area where they believed Leela could be hidden. Dehradun senior superintendent of police (SSP) Arun Kumar Joshi said, "A police team worked as LPG cylinder delivery boys and even sold vegetables in the area to find out his whereabouts."

After the house number — where Leela could be holed in — was confirmed, police prepared a blue print of all routes leading to the house. "There was a possibility that Leela's accomplices may open fire at our team if he was arrested, therefore we decided to carry out the proceedings very quickly. Wearing bullet-proof jackets, our team members apprehended Leela's car outside the house and arrested him," Joshi said.

A resident of Bahadurgarh in Haryana district, Leela was a state-level weightlifter. After completing his studies from a Delhi college, he along with his cousin Babloo opened a gym. Inspired by Babloo, who murdered his wife's boyfriend, Leela performed his first crime and looted a car.

His crime trajectory then took off and of the 10 cases against him, seven were registered in Haryana and remaining in Delhi. In 2014, Delhi Crime Branch arrested him and he was sent to jail till 2017.

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Two days after being served a notice by the Special Investigation Team (SIT), the brother of Shaheen Bagh shooter, Kapil Baisla, joined the probe on Friday Sachin Baisla was questioned regarding Kapil's associations and asked to hand over the mobile handset that Kapil regularly used.

The handset from which the cops had found the photographs of Kapil and his father purportedly joining Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) had only a handful of numbers saved in it. Most of them belonged to Kapil's friends.

Kapil was taken into two-day police custody on Thursday. During this period, the cops scanned through his bank accounts to establish whether a large sum of money was transferred into his account. Sachin too was guestioned regarding this. Sources said that Kapil's all claims are being cross-verified since he has been changing his statements.

While scanning through Kapil's phone, police have also come across some coded words, which were used during the chats in some WhatsApp groups. Sachin too was a member of some of the groups. He is being questioned to get further clarity in this regard.

Sources said that when Sachin was questioned about his affiliation with AAP or any other political party, he did not give a clear reply. "He has been changing his versions every now and then," said a police officer. "Sachin first claimed that he was unaware of Kapil's plan as the latter had left home unannounced on February 1. But he retracted his statement when confronted by the cops. Police are now waiting for Kapil's father, Gaje Singh, to join the probe," the officer added.

Meanwhile, source of the weapon used by Kapil still remains shrouded in mystery. Kapil initially claimed that he had the weapon since seven years, but failed to identify the arms dealer. He has even been changing his statements regarding the identity of the dealer.



The petition challenged the government notification saying it arbitrarily revised the auto fares, which was adversely impacting the residents

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Delhi to decide its fate for next five years

Nearly 1.5cr Voters Will **Pick Winners** For 70 Seats Atul.Mathur@timesgroup.com

New Delhi: The stage is set for the capital's close to 1.5 crore registered voters to elect 70 members for the seventh term of the reconstituted Delhi assembly on Saturday.

The voting will take place at 13,750 polling booths in 2,688 locations across the city from 8am to 6pm. Elaborate arrangements have been made to ensure "free and fair' polling, said a senior Delhi election official.

A total of 672 candidates -593 men and 79 women — are in the fray this year, the lowest since 1993 when the first election of the reconstituted assembly took place. The counting will take place on February 11 and the new assembly will have to take oath before February 22, when the term of the current House will expire. While the coveted constituency of New Delhi, from where chief minister Arvind Kejriwal is seeking re-election, has the highest number of candidates at 28, the reserved constituency of Patel Na-

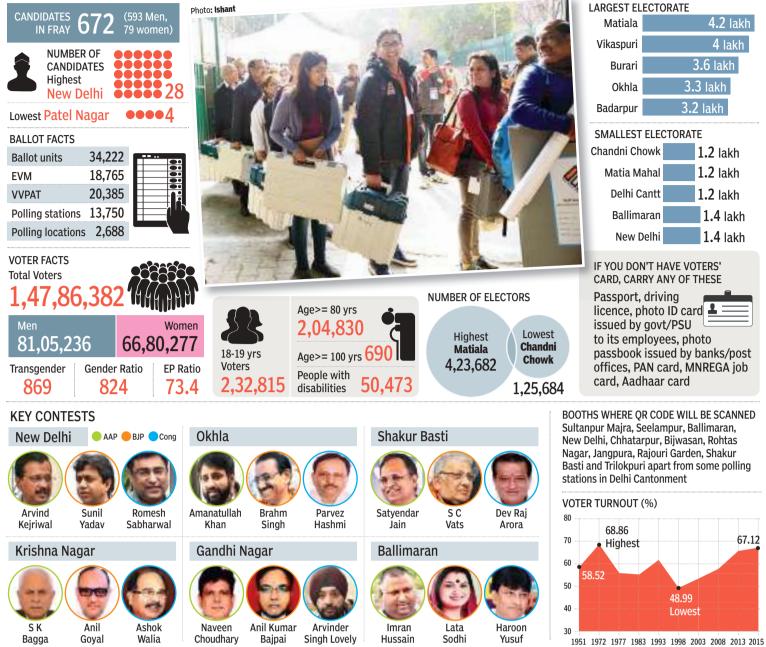
gar has just four contestants With over 4.2 lakh registered voters, Matiala is the largest constituency in terms of electors, followed by neighbouring Vikaspuri. Chandni Chowk is the smallest with a little over 1.2 lakh voters, followed by Matia Mahal.

Poll officials have identified over 3,700 critical polling booths across 516 locations. Around 40 of these booths are at five locations in south-east Delhi's Shaheen Bagh, where the anti-CAA protests have been going on for almost two months. All critical polling booths are under "tight vigil" and will also get paramilitary cover.

Apart from 40,000 Delhi Police personnel, 190 companies of paramilitary and 13,000

If she can, so can you; Ill-yr-old says go, vote

New Delhi: At 111, Kalitara Mandal has lost all her teeth but definitely not her appetite for fish and the will to participate in elections as the oldest voter in Delhi on Saturday. Born in undivided India in 1908, Mandal has seen the subcontinent go through turbulent phases many times, including two partitions, and lived "twice as a refugee" in India along with her family before finding a home in Delhi. Mandal fondly recalls the time when ballot boxes were used to cast votes. "Yes, I remember, they (polling officials) would take my thumb impression and then the ballot paper would be folded and put into boxes," she said. The centenarian is the eldest of four generations of Mandals who live in C R Park. Asked what her message is to people, she said, "Go out and vote. Democracy thrives on people and people must participate as each vote counts." PTI



cops from Punjab, Karnataka 2019 Lok Sabha elections. and Uttar Pradesh have been Hence, polling personnel hadeployed for the entire Delhi. ve been given additional trai-On the administrative sining this time," said the de, over 1 lakh election officiofficial. A printed catalogue als have been given extensive of common errors has also been shared with all polling

training to avoid any glitch during the polling. "Several officials, he added. electronic voting machines features in the voters' list can and paper trail units had reported glitches during the cast their votes. If anybody doesn't have a voter's card, he can show a photo identity card such as PAN, Aadhaar, passport or photo passbook of a nationalised bank/post office to the polling officer to give his vote. However, if a name is missing in the electoral roll, that person won't be allowed to vote even if he has a voter's ID, said another official.

The Election Commission has marked one model polling booth in each constituency while each district will have one polling station that will be managed by an all-woman team.

To help elderly citizens and persons with disabilities, the polling stations will have ramps, wheelchairs and volunteers. The office of Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi is also offering a pick-anddrop facility for the disabled and 80+ voters

For the first time, over 2 lakh 80+ and 50,000 disabled voters have also been offered the postal ballot facility, but less than 3,000 have registered themselves.

First-timers in two key seats

are among major promises

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form almost a fourth of the to-

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the coveted New Delhi will

throw up interesting contests.

New Delhi has the distinction

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TODAY FOR POLLING

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JP functionaries held about 350 events in 70 Dconstituencies every day with Amit Shah himself addressing four to five public meetings daily. This time BJP didn't declare its candidate for chief minister and the election is fought on the image of PM Modi and under the supervision of Shah.

Congress is fighting to stay relevant in Delhi politics. Wiped out in the 2015 elections when it polled less than 10% votes and didn't win a single seat, the grand old party has been desperately trying to regain its traditional vote bank of slums, resettlement colonies, Dalits and

minorities. Though its campaign lacked the incisiveness of the two rival parties, the last week

of electioneering witnessed top Congress functionaries Priyanka Manmohan Singh and chief ministers of four states, among others — making an appeal to bring back the party that governed Delhi for 15 years and built "world class" infrastructure. The party openly extended its support to anti-CAA protesters at Shaheen Bagh and Jamia Millia Islamia with an

eye on Muslim voters. Apart from free electricity and water to the poor, pucca houses to slum-dwellers, more amenities and ownership rights to residents of unauthorised colonies, clean tap water in every household, safety to women, jobs or allowance to unemployed, cleaner Yamuna, more buses and new schools and colleges

N ILLEGAL COLONIES WILL PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN POLLS

Rahul Gandhi, Negi of BJP and Laxman Rawat of Congress. In Shakur Gandhi Vadra Basti, veteran BJP leader and former MLA SC Vats is pitted against PWD minister Satyendar Jain while in Ballimaran, there is a keen contest between Congress heavyweight and former minister Haroon Yusuf and food and civil supplies minister Imran Hussain of AAP. In Chandni Chowk, it's a

recontest between those who faced each other in the last election, but this time they have changed their parties. Former AAP MLAs Alka Lamba (Chandni Chowk) and Adarsh Shastri (Dwarka) are contesting on Congress tickets this time while former Congress MLA Parlad Singh Sawhney is the AAP candidate in Chandni Chowk.

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The cops have begun special

patrolling crowded markets like Chandni Chowk and Pa-

READY FOR ANOTHER ONE: Kalitara Mandal was born in undivided India in 1908, and has participated in nearly all elections in the last century. A poll official said the Mandal family had applied for postal ballot facility for her, but the date for that was over. The authorities are providing a special vehicle for her and her family in CR Park

Old St. Stephen's College Building, Kashmere Gate, Delhi-110006.

the city to prevent sporadic protests at sensitive areas during the polling on Saturday. A special flying squad will also be there in each district to monitor gatherings in the areas near the polling stations.

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deploy additional forces across

Delhi Police on Friday held a meeting with the candidates northwest and the election managers of all parties, urging them to ensure violence-free polling. Police have also alerted the Special Cell and the Crime Branch to keep a watch on suspicious movements of small groups.

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of these booths have been identified in Seemapuri in northeast Seelampur; Nagar and Nagar in KARNATAKA WILI Delhi; **BE DEPLOYED IN** Karol Bagh, Patel Na-CITY TODAY gar and Chandni Ma-

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Apart from 40,000 Delhi Pove battalions will be deployed

harganj. The eyes-andears scheme, involving locals in policing, has also been activated, they said.

From Friday night, the police activity will include Excise Act crackdown and the action against defacement around the booths post-5pm. The officer said once the poll duties were over, another set of personnel from Delhi Police and paramilitary units would be deployed around seven counting centres where electronic voting machines would be kept till the counting day.

AAP to deploy 1.6 lakh booth-level volunteers

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party will deploy an army of 1,65,000 volunteers at all the 13,750 polling booths across 70 assembly constituencies going to polls on Saturday. At each polling booth, 12 AAP volunteers, including two booth agents and 10 mobilisers, will be deployed to encourage people to come out and vote. The activities of all the booth-level workers, who are locals, will be closely monitored from assembly-level war rooms.



AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal will be monitoring the party activities from his residence. An additional war room created at the city-level will keep a tab on the party's trained volunteers on the ground. While the assembly-level war rooms have 20 persons each, the central war room will be manned by 80 party volunteers.

BJP hopes its aggressive campaign will end wait

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New Delhi: BJP on Friday exuded confidence that it would win the assembly elections and return to office after 21 years in exile. A senior BJP functionary said the party had conducted an internal survey in the last week of January, which concluded that almost a third of Delhi was still unsure about whom to vote for.

'We reacted immediately and launched an outreach programme. We are banking on our aggressive campaigning to win the polls," he added. In the last two weeks, BJP had brought in senior leaders, including union ministers, chief ministers from different states and several MPs to campaign for the party in the crucial Delhi assembly polls. Union minister Amit Shah and party president JP Nadda also participated in over 100 public meetings, including padyatras and roadshows, besides door-to-door outreach programme.



Jamia students move protest site for polls

New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia students who have been protesting at gate number 7 of the university have been shifted to gate 4 on the campus for the elections. The students have decided to continue their silent protest for the next two days from the new location. As per the decision taken on Thursday, Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) Jamia decided to shift the protest site to gate number 4 as the site was within 100m range of a polling booth.

Suyash Tripathi, member, JCC, said, "We are planning to set up a stall to provide free water to those who come to vote. We have already shifted to the footpath near gate number 4 and are avoiding using microphone and speakers." JCC said that the students would return to gate number 7 on Sunday. TNN

Two men open fire on shop in Jafrabad, spark panic

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New Delhi: Two men opened fireoutside a shop in Jafrabad on Friday afternoon. The incident was captured in a CCTV footage, which showed two bike-bornemenfiring indiscriminately. While no one was hit by the bullets, the incident triggered panic among the residents and sent cops into a tizzy.

The shop, which was targeted by the gunmen, is located close to Jafrabad police station.

DCP (Northeast) Ved Prakash Surya said that around 2.15 pm, police received a call from a local resident, Shabbir, about the firing incident. The cops reached the spot and found at least four used cartridgeslying on the road. Murtaza, the shop owner, la-

ter told the cops that the men had fired two rounds at his shop, while the other two hit the road and ricocheted elsewhere. The CCTV footage showed a woman customer of the shop having a close shave. She ran to save her life. The crooks, who were wearing helmets, fled the spot immediately after creating a scare.

A monetary dispute could have triggered the firing incident, said police sources.

Murtaza is being questioned to find out whether he was threatened by someone in the past. A case under sections of attempt to murder and Arms Act has been registered and a manhunt launched to nab the criminals. Taking no chance in view of the assembly polls, the security in the area was intensified following the incident. The cops even conducted a march in the evening.



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Saif has done an incredible job of portraying

a carefree middle-aged man. Overall, it's an

• It's a light-hearted funny movie. Alaya is

And Saif is amazing as usual. | PINKU SINGH

• Nice acting by Saif Ali Khan. Even

debutant Alaya is good. It's a fun-loving

one-time watch movie.

• With a gush of freshness, this

that hit the right chord. Splendid

performances by Saif and Alava

make it further engaging and a

But nothing could salvage a

blissful watch. | ANKIT SHAH

• Performances are top-notch but the

screenplay is bad, which makes it less

• The first half is full of nice comedy and

funny punch lines, but the latter half is

completely lost because of the bad

entertaining to watch. MISHTI

screenplay. | ABHIJIT KOLHE

flick encompasses varied emotions

confident and steals the show with her looks.

entertaining watch. | ARUN GOYAL

Saif-Alaya duo owns this one!

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CINEMA OF THE WEEK

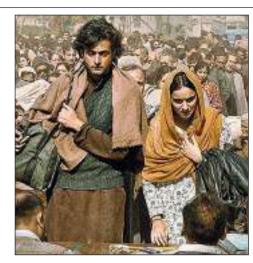
Shikara (Drama, Historical, Romantic) *** Cast: Aadil Khan, Sadia Direction: Vidhu Vinod Chopra Duration: 2 hours Language: Hindi (U/A)

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Centred around the mass evacuation of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990, the story traces the life of young newlyweds Shiv Kumar Dhar (Aadil Khan) and Shanti Dhar (Sadia), who flee their homeland and take refuge at a camp in Jammu, with the promise that they will return home someday.

The setting is late 80s and the communal tension in the picturesque valley of Kashmir is increasing at an alarming rate with every passing day. Yet, literature enthusiast Shiv and his docile and demure wife Shanti are convinced that they are safe in the neighbourhood they have called home for decades now. But, as years pass by, the intensity of widespread religious violence surpasses the supposition of the couple and that of thousands of other Kashmiri Pandits, and then, they are struck with the horrific exodus of January 19, 1990. Standing at the threshold of losing everything they ever had, Shiva and Shanti are now torn between two equally tough choices save their lives and leave behind their beloved birthplace or stav back and face the aftermath of a battle against their community.

If it's not already evident, Vidhu Vinod Chopra's Shikara is an attempt to bring to light



the plight of Kashmiri Pandits and their insurmountable strength and courage in the face of adversity. Staying true to the 90s era and the hostility prevalent during that period, Chopra, very systematically, rolls out his historical romantic drama through an innocent love story between two perpetual optimists. Then, he blends it with the real-life story of constant conflict between the Muslim extremists and the Kashmiri Pandits in the valley, eventually wrapping it up with the theme he had originally started out with how pure love can withstand many a battle. even of war and bloodshed. Throughout the film, the writer-director throws in various subplots — both real and reel — without derailing from the central theme even once.

actor for a boyfriend (played by Siddharth

Makkar). So, what could possibly go wrong?

Turns out, everything. Vikram Bhatt's depiction of the digital world

evil called 'hacking' seems like an offshoot of

the central character's own misdoing first. But,

soon after, the plot directs us towards the twisted

psyche of a sick computer genius — extensive

stalking, blackmailing and malicious intent to

tarnish the reputation of an accomplished

individual. All in the name of 'love'. The

narrative of this crime thriller is something that

has been significantly explored in the West and

even on home ground. Unfortunately, despite

Hina Khan's glammed up Sam and Rohan Shah's

venomous Vivek, Hacked fails to strike a chord

However, the narrative is a tad bit more visually exciting and cinematically engaging in the first half, as there are multiple elements to keep one guessing about what's going to unfold. While the second half is more invested in the love story — which does feel far-fetched, predictable and dated at times. Also, considering it's a historical drama, it is rather disappointing to witness that the film does not go beyond a few fleeting mentions of the ordeal of the people from the other side of the incident; a one-sided approach. Not to mention, some parts of the screenplay of Shikara seem all too convenient; almost like it was written in haste to rush back to the theme of romance. Debutants Sadia and Aadil Khan make an

attractive pair to watch on screen. Sadia, with her infectious smile, is natural in portions where she is playing the younger part. Aadil's depiction of an amateur poet does not resonate half as much as his portrayal of an older man.

The music and background score (AR Rahman and Sandesh Shandilya) of Shikara is like balm for the soul, with able support from lyricist Irshad Kamil.

To sum it up, Vidhu Vinod Chopra's Shikara will cater to the cinematic sensibilities of a certain section of the audience. As a love story, it works at some level, but in the bigger picture, this old-school romance doesn't really grip you and keep you engaged for too long.

- Pallabi Dey Purkayastha

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READERS' VERDICT

JAWAANI JAANEMAN

READERS' RATING 3.3

CRITIC'S RATING $\pm \pm \frac{1}{2}$

Jawaani Jaaneman belongs to Saif & Alaya

It's a decent comic flick

 Just like the movie name Jawaani Jaaneman, this Saif Ali Khan-Alaya-Tabu starrer has a young vibe and its heart is in the right place. | HIMANSHU PANDEY

• It is a very nice movie depicting the modern times, which is entertaining, especially because of the funny punch lines. Saif Ali Khan is in top form and has given a good performance. I UTTAM KUMAR

• It's not just a comedy flick, but it's a fresh story with some heart-touching emotions. The best part of the film is the star cast for sure, as everyone is so perfectly suited for the role they're playing. I BRIJ MOHAN

• Jawaani Jaaneman wins with its originality, but you still will get glimpses of Salman's starrer Jab Pyar Kisi Se Hota Hai.

with the audience. It neither instils fear in the minds of the wrongdoers in the world of dark web, nor does it manage to highlight the predicament of a woman facing the wrath of a violent cybercriminal.

Hina Khan, as this drop-dead gorgeous editor, is personable in scenes involving slightly mature actors like Mohit Malhotra and Siddharth Makkar. But, when left alone with Rohan Shah, her act undergoes extreme changes — either she is too dramatic or plain flat. Rohan Shah tries to be this conniving sociopath, wreaking havoc on the life of his subject of obsession, but what he does end up looking is a harmless kid — even the forced wide-eyed act and trembling with anger bit doesn't work for this young actor. Mohit Malhotra, as the lovesick neighbourturned-friend Rohan Malhotra, looks pretty on screen but puts up a lacklustre show.

The music is above average, and it is safe to say that a few of the love ballads are hummable, which comes as no surprise given the fact that the Bhatt camp has always been known for its impeccable taste in music.

In a nutshell, *Hacked* feels like an exposé of some sorts at the beginning but gradually, one learns that it is just a half-baked attempt. Do not let this film 'hack' away your weekend!

— Pallabi Dey Purkayastha

MASTERPIECE ****

Hacked (Crime, Thriller) ★ Cast: Hina Khan, Rohan Shah, Mohit Malhotra, Siddharth Makkar **Direction:** Vikram Bhatt **Duration:** 1 hour 58 minutes Language: Hindi (A)

■ Hotshot editor of a fashion magazine, Sameera 'Sam' Khanna (Hina Khan), befriends a cute kid from her apartment complex, Vivek (Rohan Shah). But, one fateful night, the dynamics of their relationship change, and for the worse.

am lives in a highrise, dons designer clothes and heads the editorial team of a top fashion magazine in the city, and has a Bollywood

RATING SCALE

BELOW AVERAGE **

AVERAGE ***

ABOVE AVERAGE ★★★





TRASH ★

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday initiated suo motu proceedings against involving children in agitations in the wake of an infant's death at Shaheen Bagh, the site of anti-CAA protests in the capital. The court also deferred hearing on a plea seeking removal of the protesters to Monday, though it said it "understood there was a problem'

A four-month-old had died in his sleep on the night of January 30 after returning from Shaheen Bagh where his parents had taken him during the anti-CAA protest.

The matter will be taken up on February 10 by a bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde.

The court took cognisance of a letter written by 12-year-old bravery award winner Zen Sadavarte to the CJI seeking directions to prevent children from participating in protests. The Class 7 student said the Shaheen Bagh incident



Mohammed Arif (R) and Nazia with one of their surviving children at their residence in Batla House on Monday. Their four-month-old boy had died in his sleep on the night of January 30

matter was heard, the bench said, "We think it would be appropriate if the high court deals with the TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Shaheen Bagh, venue of a peaceful sit-in protest against CAA-NRC, has loomed large over the Delhi election. Home minister Amit Shah urged his voters to press the EVM button with so much anger that the current could be felt in Shaheen Bagh. Junior finance minister Anurag Thakur promised that Shaheen Bagh would be cleared as soon as the election was won by BJP. A Hindu supremacist shooter also showed up there. But on the eve of a decisi-

ve election, Shaheen Bagh has bigger things to worry about — the 'kaala kanoon', as they call CAA. "This is not about any election, it is about Constitution. We will stay here till we are heard," says Reshma Parveen, who is at the site with her baby. "They can see the pareshani(incon-



ed and they used even that against us. But there is an uparwala(divine power) and all this is being seen," says

being called a Pakistani conspiracy. That's why we came here from Punjab to stand next to you." When he

says another woman. How long do they intend to continue? During the cam-

but if they came here, hum mohabbat se samjhaenge (We will explaint to them with love). It is not a Hindu-

PROTESTER ASKS

They can see the inconvenience of traffic, but can't they see how it feels when someone's citizenship is at stake? Is traffic a greater issue than someone's wajood, our existence

was a violation of the deceased infant's right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution and inclusion of children and infants in protests amounted to "torture and cruelty"

Earlier in the day, hearing a plea to remove protesters from Shaheen Bagh, a bench of Justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph postponed the matter to Monday. "We understand there is a problem. We will take it up on Monday. We will be in a better position by then," the bench said.

When one of the petitioners said voting for Delhi assembly polls was scheduled on February 8, the bench said, "That is exactly why we are saying come on Monday. Why should we influence it?"

While asking the petitioners to wait till the

matter. The high court is the appropriate forum and we can issue directions to this effect."

Seeking removal of protesters from Shaheen Bagh, advocate Amit Sahni has sought directions to Delhi Police to ensure smooth traffic flow on the Kalindi Kunj-Shaheen Bagh stretch which has been blocked since December 15. He approached the SC against the January 14 order of the high court which did not direct the police to remove protesters but asked it to deal with the situation keeping law and order in mind.

Sahni said the law enforcement machinery was being "held hostage to the whims and fancies of the protesters" who had blocked vehicular and pedestrian movement from the road connecting Delhi to Noida.

venience) of traffic, but can't they see how it feels when someone's citizenship is at stake? Is traffic a greater issue than someone's *wajood*, our existence?" asks a woman sitting next to her.

While students, activists and other citizens have all come to sit with them, there is considerable suspicion of the media, which they feel has maligned them as they seek their rights. "They say we are paid Rs 500 to sit here, in this bitter cold. A child dian elderly woman. Women of all generations sit together while men stand on the sidelines. They come after their work is do-

ne, some dandling babies, sitting with children. Anyone can go, list his or her name and make a speech.

There are many outsiders who come to support them, encourage them and express solidarity. Four contingents of Sikh farmers have come recently, and one of these visitors says: "This is

ends his speech with Sat Sri Akal, Shaheen Bagh's men and women join in.

There is some talk about the election and DAYS OF AAP's chances. Are PROTEST AT SHAHEEN they worried about BAGH what could happen after the results come in on Tuesday?

"We are not thinking about any danger, we don't casays Parveen. "One re.' dies at the time one is fated to die — there is no fear now,"

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paign, AAP and others urged them to call off the protest to avoid polarisation.

"It's not a party or a function which can be wound up just like that. We are not here because it's fun. We will leave today, right now, if someone from the Government comes and

talks to us," says Tabassum. "We know it's all politics, but there are boundaries. Their minds may be closed,

Muslim matter, it is about citizenship, Constitution. If you are making a law, why single out and exclude one community," she asks.

"Unless we feel secure, how can we concentrate on studies, how can our we make this country proud of our achievements? Sabka saath ho, tabhi toh sabka vikas hoga (Only when everyone is with us will everyone progress)," says 12-yearold Areeba, sitting next to her mother.



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Undertrial found dead at Tihar Jail, suicide suspected

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New Delhi: A 20-year-old undertrial prisoner allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the window grilles of the bathroom on Friday morning. This is the second death of a jail inmate within a week. The incident happened at jail number 3 where the Nirbhaya convicts are also lodged. Police have initiated a probe under Section 174 of the CrPC to ascertain the reason behind the death.

Family members alleged that the man could have been murdered. They even tried to stage a protest outside the director general's office on Tihar Jail premises, demanding a thorough probe.

Jail officials said that the man, Gagan, was lodged in jail number 3 for the past three months after being arrested on charges of theft. The incident was discovered around 11.30am when Gagan did not report for the counting of prisoners. Jail wardens later found him hanging using his

Police were informed and the prisoner was taken to the jail hospital where doctors declared Gagan dead and referred the case to DDU hospital. Family members alleged that they informed about were the death only after Gagan was taken to DDU hospital. "Gagan had told his parents that he was under pressure in jail, but not specified the reason. He was possibly being threatened by some other inmates, who could be the killers,' said the deceased's uncle,

own clothes. However, no

suicide note was found.

Kanhaiya. Gagan's relatives claimed that he had bought an e-rickshaw with his savings and his marriage was being planned. He was the breadwinner of his

family, as his father, Ashok Kumar, could not work for long hours. The cops are questioning his fellow inmates to establish the reason behind the death. The clothes with which he hung himself have been sent for forensic analysis.

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Lull after storm: Candidates unwind on poll eve

Some Visit Places Of Worship, **Others Spend Time With Family**

Jasjeev Gandhiok & Paras Singh TNN

New Delhi: On polling-day eve, there was plenty of nervous energy among the candidates from all parties. With a high-decibel — and mostly acrimonious—campaigning drawing to a close, those in the fray put their guard down in their own ways.

Some visited places of worship, others spent quality time with family; and still others rushed for last-minute checks with booth-level workers. Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, along with his family, visited Hanuman Temple in CP. He said God had told him that he was doing good work for the city and that he should leave the rest to the almighty. In a tweet, Kejriwal stated: "CP ke prachin hanuman mandir jaakar hanuman ji ka ashirwad liya. Desh aur dilli ki tarakki ke liye prarthana ki. Bhgwan ji ne kaha: 'Acha kaam kar rahe ho. Isi tarah logo ki sewa karte raho. Fal mujh par chhod do. Sab acha hoga'

Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari, though not in poll fray, has been in the mix from the word go. On Friday too, Tiwari could be seen temple hopping. He began the day by offering prayers at Kalkaji temple; in the evening, he visited Katyayani temple in Chhatarpur. In between, he had tea with party workers and played cricket.

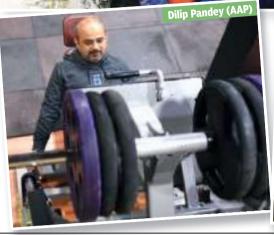
Amanatullah Khan AAP's candidate from Okhla one of the seats expected to be hotly contested spent most of the day closeted with party workers. "People's blessings are with

us," Khan said. Leader of opposition Vijender Gupta was busy strategising with his team. "Campaigning is over and, now, we have to execute the final part. Today, I am spending most of my time with booth workers. I will visit a temple later, even bhagwan ji says karma karo, mandir to mere paas kabhi bhi aa jana. I will relax only after polling is over," Gupta said.

Parlad Singh Sawhney,

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Parties locked in a bitter war of words

candidate Chandni Chowk, had chai and samosas with his family in the morning. Shivani Chopra of Congress (Kalkaji) took time out for a cycle ride and even meditated for an hour. While BJP's New Delhi candidate Sunil Yadav made most of his day by playing chess with family members, RPSingh, fielded by the party in Rajendra Nagar, said he spent time with his pet dog after many days. Congress' Mateen Ahmed (Seelampur) destressed by playing with his grandchild.

AAP's Dilip Pandey (Timarpur) returned to spending time at the gym and evendid kick-boxing in the morning before spending the rest of the day with family. "Spending time at the gym is the perfect way for me to destress. I'll also be speaking to party workers," he said.

BJP's Dwarka candidate, Pardyumn Rajput, said he would be able to relax only when the results were out. His competitor, Vinay Kumar Mishra of AAP, went out for a morning jog and sipped tea with locals.

Hari Nagar's BJP candidate Tajinder Bagga visited a gurdwara.

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday decided to take up the plea of the Centre and Delhi government on execution of death sentence for four convicts in Nirbhaya case on February 11 when the time period given by Delhi high court for them to exhaust all legal remedies expires.

A bench of Justices R Banumathi, Ashok Bhushan and AS Bopanna, however, turned down solicitor general Tushar Mehta's plea that the court should issue notice to the convicts so that they could also be heard on delaying tactics adopted by them frustrating execution of sentence.

"Nation's patience has been tested enough now and the court has to lay down law on the issue," Mehta told the bench while pleading that the court should decide on whether condemned prisoners in the same case

Criminally sinful to hang convicts at this point: Court

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New Delhi: It is criminally sinful to execute the condemned convicts when the law permits them to live, a Delhi court said on Friday while dismissing a plea of the Tihar Jail authorities for a new date and time of hanging for the four death-row convicts in the Nirbhaya gang rape and murder case.

In the light of Delhi high court's direction granting the convicts a week's time to exhaust their remaining legal remedies, the court called Tihar's plea "premature". "Admittedly, Delhi high court, by an order on February 5, 2020, permitted the convicts in the interest of justice to exercise their legal remedies within a week of the order," said additional sessions judge Dharmender Rana.

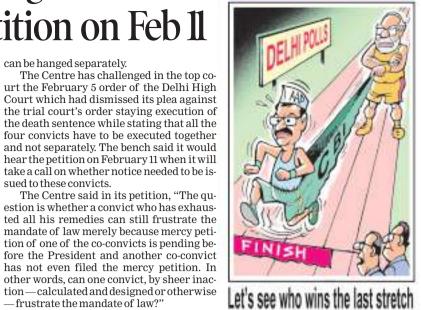
Finding substance in the submissions of amicus curiae Vrinda Grover and Soutik Banerjee appearing for convict Mukesh Singh, the court noted that the date for execution couldn't be fixed merely on the basis of surmises and conjectures. The application "is premature and, therefore, deserves to be dismissed. However, the state is at liberty to move an appropriate application as and when required", it held.

Grover argued the high court had allowed not one but all four convicts to resort to their available legal remedies. Special prosecutor Irfan Ahmed, appearing for the jail authorities, earlier claimed there was no legal impediment to a new date.

Appearing for the victim's family, advocates Jitender Kumar Jha and Seema Kushwaha supported the prosecutor's submissions and said not fixing a date would unjustifiably delay the hanging.

Appearing for the other convicts, Pawan Gupta, Akshay Thakur and Vinay Sharma, advocate AP Singh stressed they deserved protection under Article 21 of the Constitution till their last breath. The Supreme Court has neither stayed nor passed any direction over the trial court's order postponing the hanging, he added.

While dismissing the Centre's plea challenging the order, the high court had said all of them would have to be executed together.





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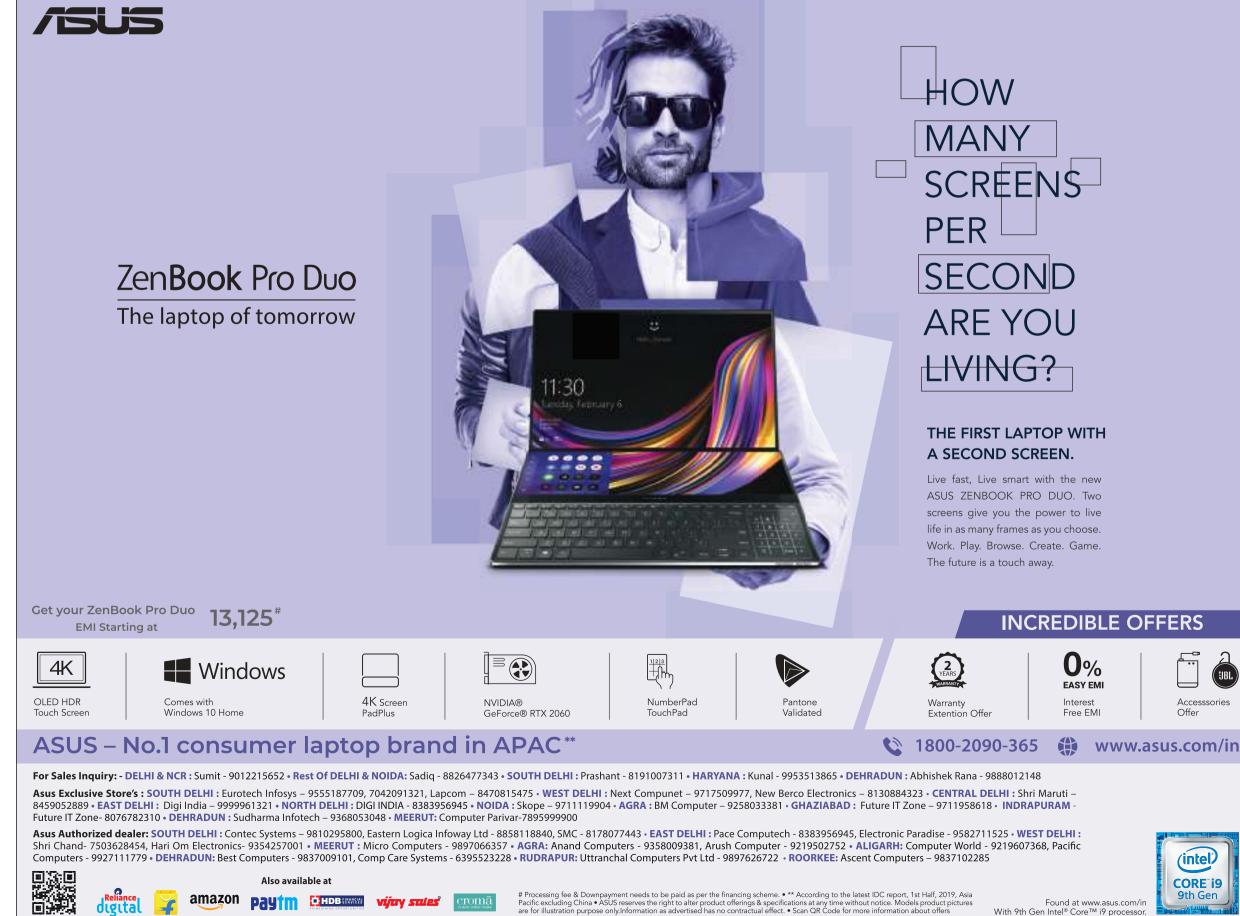
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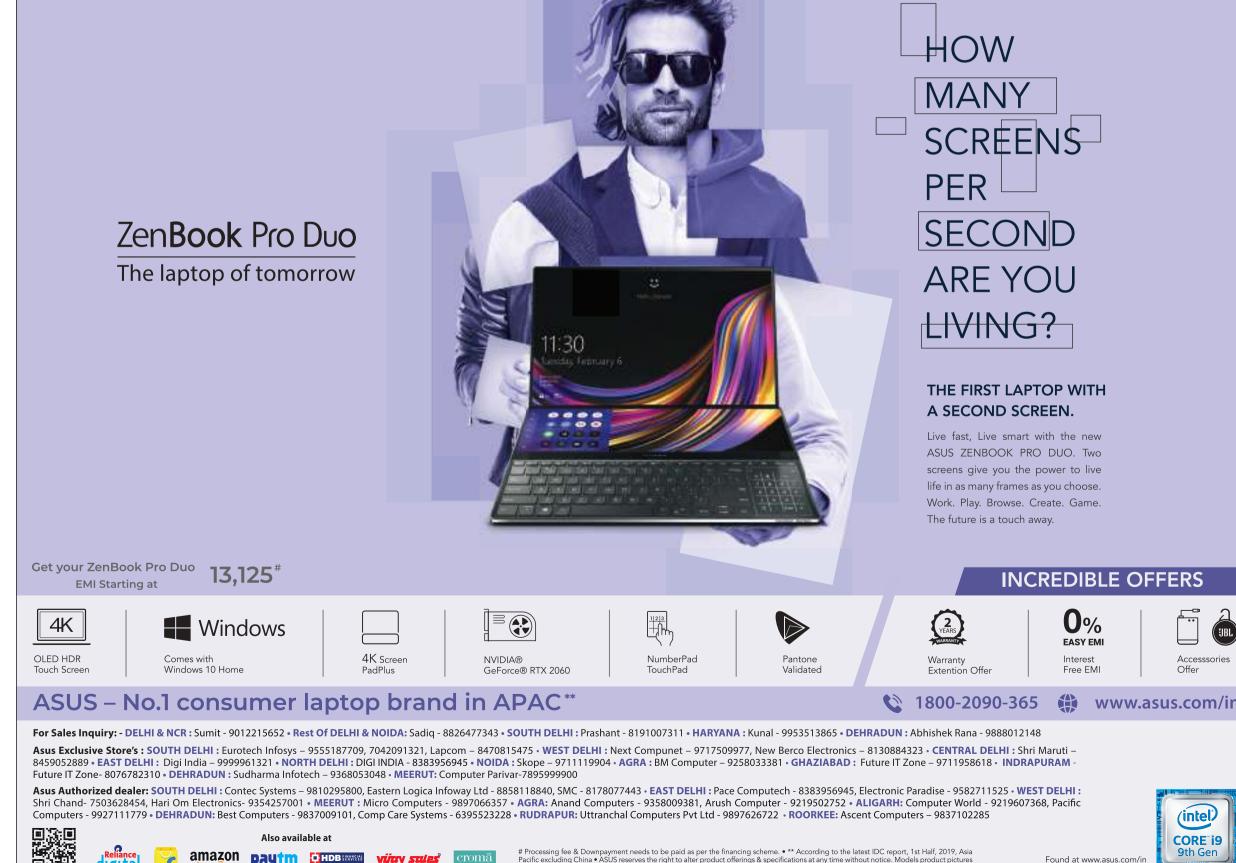
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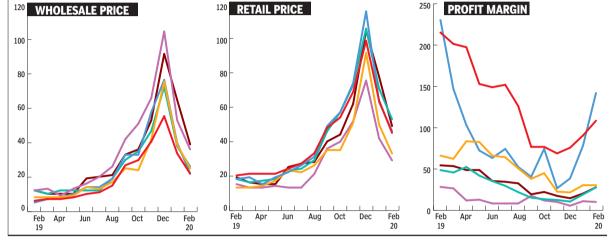
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New Delhi/Nashik: Are onions still wreaking havoc on your monthly budget? For once, supply issues are not to blame, with around 50 trucks of onions coming in from Gujarat and Maharashtra at Azadpur Mandi every day, each bringing in around 20 tonnes of the essential commodity.

The reason why they continue to cost you a bomb then is the high retail and wholesale price differential in Delhi. While the wholesale price currently ranges between Rs 15/kg and Rs 25/kg, retailers are selling onions for anywhere between Rs 40/kg and Rs 60/kg. Usually, sellers keep a margin of Rs15/kg to account for transportation, storage and other costs. A 100% margin, which even some traders find hard to explain, is biting consumers hard.

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APMC, the country's largest of months ago when a kilowholesale onion market. gram cost above Rs 100. "We Since then, the prices have get onions from Afghanistan dropped almost 81%. and other countries too, but In the past fortnight, the people prefer the Indian verdrop is nearly 64% - from Rs sion," he said.

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"The government needs to lift the restrictions on onion traders — both wholesalers and retailers," she added

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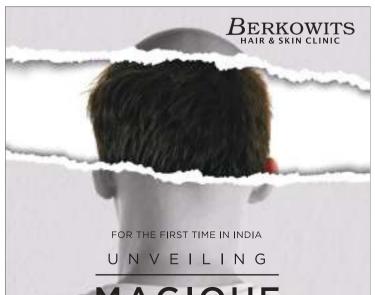
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touched an all-time high of Rs 8,625/quintal on December 16 last year at Lasalgaon

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Rajan Pal, a seller at Bhogal vegetable market, said at Rs 55, the commodity was far cheaper than it was a couple

prices are typically higher. Pintu Mandal, a seller at a market in Govindpuri, said onions were going as high as Rs 60/kg as "the wholesale

price was still steep". He attributed this to many wholesalers hoarding stocks with an eye on a dip in supply later.

According to Lasalgaon APMC officials, there has been a rise in production in all nistry of agriculture, however, denied that there was any control over retail prices. "So me retailers have already purchased onions from the wholesale market and are releasing these gradually. This is the reason for the wide gap. The retail prices will drop gradually," he said.

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Efforts on to trace all recent visitors to China

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New Delhi: Delhi government has identified 16 staterun hospitals for isolation of suspected coronavirus infection cases. An ambulance each will be deputed 24x7 outside these hospitals for transporting the isolated patients to higher centres like All India Institute Of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) or Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) hospital for treat-

ment, officials said. As per the data shared by the immigration department, 2, 782 Delhi residents visited China on or after January 15 and nearly 1,000 of them have been isolated at their respective homes since they we-

reasymptomatic. "Tracing of the remaining persons is being done. Our target is to trace all of them by Saturday,' said a senior official.

In addition to the local residents, who visited China after the outbreak of the coronavirus infection in December last year, about 70 tourists from countries affected by the deadly virus have also been identified to be staying in various city hotels. The state health department is tracing them too. "None of the persons traced so far had any symptoms. But, as a precau-

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Indians who were airlifted from coronavirus-hit Wuhan have meal inside a quarantine facility set by up ITBP in New Delhi

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don Dawood Ibrahim and his deputy, Chhota Shakeel, have hatched a conspiracy to create communal tension by targeting Hindu leaders, politicians and judges. Delhi Police's special cell has said that they have received inputs that D Company may execute such attacks. They have also intercepted some phone calls and Telegram and WhatsApp messages, sources said. The cell registered an FIR a

few days ago to unearth the conspiracy. "Inputs were received through reliable sources that sited areas affected by the outbreak in China, is important underworld don Chhota Shakeel to identify any possible positihas tasked his operatives for exve case and isolate him or her ecuting targeted killings of inearly on so that the disease dofluential political judicial figuesn't spread any further. res in Delhi and neighbouring "All available manpower states. This information was starting from the shared with senior officers, and district magistrates sensing the gravity of the input, and district surveilmanual and technical surveil-

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Central Vista: Experts want to see studies that justify land-use change

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New Delhi: On the second day of Delhi Development Authority's public hearing regarding the land-use change of se ven plots that are part of the Central Vista, many eminent architects and urban planners put forward their suggestions and objections.

"This is a legal heritage area as per the master plan for Delhi," said AGK Menon, a consultant with INTACH. "I asked where are the studies that justify the change of land use," added the urban planner and the conservationist.

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and National Archives will be broken down. Few bureaucrats and politicians can't decide this. These are of national importance," he added.

Shamit Manchanda, chairman of the northern chapter of The Indian Institute of Architects, said that it was a public hearing and not public consultation or discussion. It was made clear by DDA's board of inquiry that respondents would not

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mission. She added that with the change in land-use, government offices will replace existing museums, archives and art galleries, which are repositories of national treasures.

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HC rejects plea challenging DCW appointments

New Delhi: Delhi high court on Friday rejected a plea challenging the appointments to Delhi Commission for Women (DCW), including those of its chairperson and members.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice CHari Shankar made it clear they were not inclined to grant any relief to the PIL petitioner, an advocate himself, after which he withdrew the plea.

Terming the appointments to DCW "illegal" the petition had sought the co-

urt's intervention, arguing that the public has been kept in the dark about the manner in which candidates were selected and appointed to the statutory body. In the plea, the petitioner claimed he

got first-hand experience of workings of DCW when he filed a case and attended a few hearings. "It was found the chairperson and members lacked knowledge of provisions of the Civil Procedure Code and adequate training to hold hearings in matters of public grievances relating to

Alleging that the chairperson and the institution itself often indulged in "dharnas' and protests, the advocate's plea said an RTI is still pending with both DCW and the women and child development department where he has sought to know the number of leaves taken by the office holders and rules governing participation in protests.

Standing counsel of Delhi government Ramesh Singh opposed the plea, arguing that under DCW Act itself, the qualification of chairperson is different from that of the members and both can't be mixed up.



Bagish.Jha@timesgroup.com young son of a judicial officer has far-reaching consequenc-Gurgaon: The district court es. It has not confined its adverse effects on the society on Friday sentenced to death alone but is fraught with a former personal security officer (PSO), who had in 2018 shot dead the wife and son of

wider ramification of sending shivers down the spine of holders of judicial office." an additional sessions judge. The death penalty is the first awarded by the court

be confirmed by the Punjab and Haryana high court in 40 days. Mahipal's lawyer said they would challenge the verdict in the high court,

On October 13, 2018, Mahipal had taken judge Krishan Kant's wife Ritu and son Dhruv to a market. After an altercation over the car's keys, the PSO had pumped bullets into the two in full public view.

The district court found Mahipal guilty under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 201 (destruction of evidence) and Section 27 of the Arms Act.



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REVIEWED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER / NINE MONTHS ENDED 31.12.2019

(₹in Lakhs)

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		Standalone				Consolidated				
Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2019 (Reviewed)	Nine Month ended 31.12.2019 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 31.12.2018 (Reviewed)	year ended 31.03.2019 (Audited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2019 (Reviewed)	Nine Month ended 31.12.2019 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 31.12.2018 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2019 (Audited)		
Total income from Operations (Net)	604,967.85	1,518,054.06	411,232.27	1,749,469.90	605,193.33	1,518,806.85	411,229.12	1,750,408.99		
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	72,263.41	107,503.20	1,598.06	(804,868.53)	72,455.19	108,171.08	1,578.46	(803,999.97)		
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	72,263.41	107,503.20	1,598.06	(80 <mark>4,868.53</mark>)	72,455.19	108,171.08	1,578.46	(803,999.97)		
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	42,067.67	65,371.66	6,053.07	(633,298.30)	42,082.70	65,733.65	5,993.48	(632,529.89)		
Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs.2/- each)	119,883.68	119,883.68	50,691.92	119,883.68	119,883.68	119,883.68	50,691.92	119,883.68		
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the audited Balance sheet of previous year)	1,446,384.50	1,446,384.50	986,592.68	1,446,384.50	1,451,349.56	1,451,349.56	990,789.36	1,451,349.56		
Earnings Per Share (before and after extraordinary items) (Not Annualized) (of Rs.2/- each)										
Basic:	0.70	0.78	0.25	(30.06)	0.70	1.10	0.31	(30.03)		
Diluted:	0.70	0.78	0.25	(30.06)	0.70	1.10	0.31	(30.03)		

Earning Per Share for the quarter not annualized

Place :

Date : 7

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Nine Months Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Nine Months Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and Bank's website www.corpbank.com

•		For and on behalf of Board of Directors
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Mangaluru	Birupaksha Mishra	P V Bharathi
7 th February, 2020	Executive Director	Managing Director & CEO

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	Extract of the Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine-months ended 31 December 2019 (र in Crore)										
			Standalone			Consolidated					
SI. No.	Particulars			Nine months ended 31.12.2019 (Unaudited)		ended	Quarter ended 31.12.2019 (Unaudited)	ended 31.12.2018	ended	Nine months ended 31.12.2018 (Unaudited & not subjected to review)	Year ended 31.03.2019 (Audited)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Total income from operations	23496.35					25412.39			72852.22	95742.03
2	Net profit before tax (before exceptional items)	3422.04	3489.54	10082.15	9135.35	12672.52	3627.94	3722.76	10728.07	9536.29	13627.94
3	Net profit before tax (after exceptional items)	3422.04	3489.54	10082.15	9135.35	12672.52	3627.94	3722.76	10728.07	9536.29	13627.94
4	Profit after tax	2995.14	2385.41	8860.37	7399.57	11749.89	3197.73	2608.18	9446.93	7774.42	12633.45
5	Profit after tax attributable to owners of the parent						3179.06	2597.95	9417.02	7792.80	12640.02
6	Total comprehensive income after tax	2942.19	2419.36	8680.62	7413.66	11548.02	3147.55	2627.84	9274.54	7803.06	12442.18
7	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of share ₹10/- each)	9894.56	8245.46	9894.56	8245.46	9894.56	9894.56	8245.46	9894.56	8245.46	9894.56
8	Other equity excluding revaluation reserve as per balance sheet					97513.61					100142.43
9	Earnings per share (of ₹10/- each) - (not annualised) (including net movement in regulatory deferral account balances): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	3.03	2.41	8.95	7.48	11.88	3.21	2.63	9.52	7.88	12.77
10	Earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each) - (not annualised) (excluding net movement in regulatory deferral account balances): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	1.41	1.94	5.95	4.92	15.76	1.60	2.16	6.51	5.32	17.02

The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Regulations) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results of the Company is available on the investor section of our website https://www.ntpc.co.in and under Corporate Section of BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at https://www.bseindia.com & https://www.nseindia.com

Previous periods figures have been reclassified wherever considered necessary

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(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

Place: New Delhi

Date: 7th February 2020 एनदीपीसी

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For and on behalf of Board of Directors Sd/-(A.K. Gautam) Director (Finance)

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₹1.8-crore heroin in capsules seized, 3 Afghans held

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER (AC-43 MALVIYA NAGAR) PUBLIC NOTICE

The details of contesting candidates in respect of Assembly Constituency-43 (Malviya Nagar) for Delhi Legislative Assembly Election 2020 are as under:

S.no.	Name of contesting candidate	Name of Political Party
1	Neetu Verma Soin	Indian National Congress
2	Shailender Singh	Bharatiya Janata Party
3	Somnath Bharti	Aam Aadmi Party
4	Gyan Chand Gautam	Bahujan Samaj Party
5	Mobin Ali	Shivsena
6	Kamal Singh	Independent
		Sd/-

Signature of RO



OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER AC-45 MEHRAULI, 0/0 THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE (SOUTH) M.B ROAD, SAKET, NEW DELHI - 110068

PUBLIC NOTICE

The details of contesting candidates in respect of Assembly Constituency-45 (Mehrauli) for Delhi Legislative Assembly Election 2020 are as under:-

S. No.	Name of the contesting candidate	Name of Political Party
1.	KAMAL SINGH	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY
2.	KUSUM KHATRI	Bharatiya Janata Party
3.	NARESH YADAV	aam aadmi party
4.	A A MAHENDER CHAUDHARY	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
5.	D K CHOPRA	ALL INDIA FORWARD BLOC
6.	Jai Singh Ujjain	SWARAJ INDIA

Sd/ Signature of RO

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY-46, CHHATTARPUR, BARAT GHAR, NEAR SHIVALAYA, CHHATARPUR-110074 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The details of contesting candidates in respect of Assembly Constituency-46 Chhattarpur for Delhi Legislative Assembly Election 2020 are as under:

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SI No.	Name of Contesting Candidate	Name of Political Party
1	Kartar Singh Tanwar	AAM AADMI PARTY
2	BRAHM SINGH TANWAR	Bharatiya Janata Party
3	RANA SUJEET SINGH	NATIONALIST CONGRESS PARTY
4	SATISH LOHIA	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
5	SURAJ BHARTI	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY
6	RAM KHELAVAN	PROUTIST BLOC, INDIA
7	RAM PRIYE THAKUR	SATYA BAHUMAT PARTY
8	SEEMA VERMA	INDIAN PRAJA CONGRESS
9	Sangeeta Singh	RASHTRIYA RASHTRAWADI PARTY
10	DINESH TANWAR	INDEPENDENT
11	ROHIT	INDEPENDENT
12	HARSH NATH VERMA	INDEPENDENT
		Sd/-

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has busted an international drug syndicate that operated from Afghanistan and seized 1.8kg high-quality heroin worth Rs 1.8 crore. Six people have been arrested.

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hompson Road, near Railtel office) for three years. The details are as unde

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Three Afghan nationals were arrested at Indira Gandhi International Airport with 220 drug capsules stuffed in their stomach. Following their interrogation, their suspected receiver, a Nigerian national, and two youths from Haryana, who were allegedly part of the distri-

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bution racket across north India, were caught from Dwarka. The kingpin of the racket, another Nigerian, is on the run.

K P S Malhotra, zonal director of NCB's Delhi unit, said the Afghans had been identified as Niamatullah Khaksar, Gul Ahmad and Sayed Mahmood Qitali.

Date : 07.02.2020

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The men, who travelled from Kabul in an Air Ariana flight, were taken for a medical examination during which doctors found the

capsules in their stomach. "They said a man based in Kandahar had hired them. packed the heroin and made them ingest the capsules. He asked them to deliver the drugs to a contact in south Delhi," said Malhotra. Based on the inputs, a team started tracking the Nigerian supplier, identified as Nicholas NZube Ukaegbu (23), and caught him along with Ra-

jender Kumar and Sukhwin der Singh, who had come to receive a supply from him. Kumar and Singh told poli-

ce that they had known Ukaegbu for some time and were to fi nalise a deal for a consignment of 270gm heroin, which was to be sold at parties. Ukaegbu was to hand over the drugs at a pre-decided place in Dwarka's Sector 19 and Kumar and Singh came in a car to receive it. Ukaegbu is overstaying in India without valid documents, a source said.

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rawn in he time without	2	Availability of tender documents on the e- tendering portal of Government of Odisha	Date : 08.02.2020; Time : 11:00 AM
nager	3	Last date for sending queries to OMC	Date : 15.02.2020; Time : 05:00 PM; queries may be sent by email to manoharandurai@ yahoo.com
alpur	4	Pre-bid meeting	Date : 18.02.2020; Time : 11:00 AM; Venue : OMC, HO, Bhubaneswar

		11:00 AM; Venue : OMC, HO, Bhubaneswar
5	Issue of responses to pre-bid queries, addendum / corrigendum, if required	Date : 22.02.2020
6	Bid Due Date	Date : 29.02.2020; Time : 05:00 PM
7	Opening of Techno- Commercial Bid	Date : 02.03.2020; Time : 11:00AM
8	Opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the Technically Qualified Bidders
9		Amount : INR 11,800 (Rupees Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred only) including GST@18% Payable online on the e-tender portal of Government of Odisha (www.tendersodisha.gov.in)
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (DRDO) SF COMPLEX, AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, JAGDALPUR-494001 Tel: 07867-289461/62/63/64/65, Fax: 07867-289466 Email: mmgsfc@asl.drdo.in

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The Bid document is to be downloaded from the DRDO we www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app The cost of EMD in the form of demand draft dra favour of General Manager, SF Complex, Jagdalpur-494001 payable at Jagdalpur, at th of submission of the bid failing which the bid would not be considered. The General Manager, SF Complex reserves the right to reject any or all bid w

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No. F.SDM/DC/R0-47/2020/222

PUBLIC NOTICE

The details of Contesting candidates in respect of Assembly Constituency AC-47. Deoli (SC) for Delhi Legislative Assembly Elections 2020 are as lunder:-

S	Contesting Candidate	Name of Political Party
No.		
1	ARVIND KUMAR	Bharatiya Janata Party
2	ARVINDER SINGH	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
3	PRAKASH @PRAKASH JARWAL	AAM AADMI PARTY
4	RAVI KUMAR	BAHUJAN SAMAJ PARTY
5	DAL CHAND KAPIL	Social Democratic Party of India
6	RADHY SHYAM	Bhartiya samajik nyay party
		Sd/-

Returning Officer Deoli (SC)

Dated: 06/2/2020

OFFICE OF RETURNING OFFICER AC-48 : AMBEDKAR NAGAR DC Office Campus, Saket, New Delhi

No. F. RO (48)/2020/677

PUBLIC NOTICE

The details of contesting candidates in respect of Assembly Constituency AC-48, Ambedkar Nagar (SC) for Delhi Legislative Assembly Elections 2020 lare as under:-

S. No.	Contesting Candidate	Name of Political Party
1.	Ajay Dutt	Aam Aadmi Party
2.	Khushi Ram Chunar	Bhartiya Janata Party
3.	Yadhuraj Chaudhary	Indian National Congress
4.	Satish	Bahujan Samaj Party
5.	Naresh Kumar Chandaliya	Rashtriya Jan Adhikar Party
6.	Ms Rashmi Raikwar	Independent
		Sd/- Returning Officer AC-48
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The Candidate fulfilling the necessary criteria are required to apply to the Joint Secretary to Government, Science and Technology Department, Gevt. of Odisha, Kharavela Bhawan, Bhubaueswar, Pin-751001 with complete Bio-data/ Curviculum Vitae (CV) along with required documents by Registered Post/Speed Post latest by 07.03.2020.The last date for receipt of application:07.03.2020 by 5:30P.M.

The advertisement is also available in the website: http://www.iomsocissa.ac.in/ or portal of Science &Technology Department, Sovemment of Odtihal, DIRECTOR

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堂 Notice Inviting Short TermTender for Appointment of Consultancy Agency for SPMG Bihar State Ganga River **Conservation Programme Management Society** Urban Development and Housing Department Govt, of Bihar 1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna - 800 015 (Tel: 0612-2215580, Fax: 0612-2217059)

Email: urbansec-bih@nic.in, udhd.bih@gmail.com,

Website : urban.bih.nic.in

UD&HD/03/Namami Gange-06-09/2019/297

1. Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Department, Government of Bihar-cum-Project Director, SPMG invites proposals from eligible Consultancy Firms for Appointment of Consultant for SPMG Bihar State Ganga River Conservation Programme Management Society

- 2. Eligibility Criteria for participating Consultancy Firm:
- Consultancy Firm/ Organization should be registered under any statute in India. Consultancy Firm should be registered with GST.

Agency should have minimum experience of 05 years of providing consultancy services to Central / State government departments or externally aided projects of government departments.

Agency should have a minimum annual turnover of rupees 05 (Five) Crore or above for any three financial years out of 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19.

Agency should have experience of 03 (Three) or more successfully completed assignments. In case of ongoing assignments, the agency should have successfully completed at least 02 years of the assignment.

Bidder should have not been blacklisted or debarred from any government organization/ Department.

3. Interested Consultancy Firms may download the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) Document, from tenders section on the website www.urban.bih.nic.infrom date of Publication

I. A firm will be selected under Least Cost Selection Method and procedures described in the RFP.

5. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 14-02-2020 at 3.00 PMIn the Chamber of the Secretary, UD&HD, GoB.

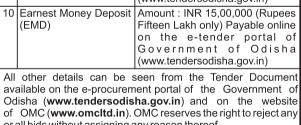
No proposals will be accepted without cost of Bid Document and valid Bid Security. No liability will be accepted for downloading the incomplete document.

. Sealed Completed Proposals will be received at the address mentioned below on any working day up to 03:00 PM on 24-02-2020 and Technical Proposal of Bids shall be opened on the same day at 03:30 PM hours at Address:

The Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Department, Vikas Bhawan New Secretariat, Patna - 800 001, Bihar.

I. The Secretary, UD&HD, GoB-cum-Project Director, SPMGreserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicant/s of the grounds.

> Special Secretary UD&HD



or all bids without assigning any reason thereof. Sd/-General Manager (Material) Head of C&P

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Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited

GLOBAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for

PREPRATION OF DPR FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATER BODY, AMUSEMENT PARK, WATER SCREEN BASED LASER/LIGHT AND SOUND SHOW AND OTHER TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE NEAR MITHAPUR BUS STAND UNDER PATNA NAGAR NIGAM AREA, PATNA, BIHAR, INDIA.

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Global Expression of Interest is invited from gualified Nationally & Internationally reputed consultants / consulting organizations / firms to undertake the preparation of DPR for Development of Water Body, Amusement Park, Water Screen Based Laser/Light and Sound Show and Other Tourism Infrastructure near Mithapur Bus Stand under Patna Nagar Nigam area, Patna, Bihar, India.

The Firms are requested to submit the following as a part of EOI:

Consultants / consulting organizations / firms Profile detailing similar works and the firms capability profile,

- a. Capability Profile
- b. Financial Statements
- c. Similar Project Experience having an experience in making successful DPR for such development of water body, amusement park, water screen based laser / light and sound show and other tourism infrastructure one completed project having similar nature covering at least project area of 10 Acres, during last 10 years.

A detailed project briefing meeting / pre-bid meeting is schedule on 14.02.2020 at 11:30 AM in Meeting Hall, Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, Vikash Bhawan, New Secretariat, Nehru Path, Patna-800015. The document detailing the objective and scope of work can be downloaded from http://buidco.in and www.eproc.bihar.gov.in from 10.02.2020 to 28.02.2020 at 03:00 PM. The last date for submission of EOI is 28.02.2020 up to 3.00 PM. The shortlisted consultants / consulting organizations / firms based on the evaluation shall be requested to participate in the Request for Proposal stage. The EOIs should be addressed to Managing Director, BUIDCo Office, West Boring Canal Road, Rajapur Pul, Patna- 800001, Bihar, India.

Chief Engineer, Planning, Design & Monitoring BUIDCo, Patna BUIDCo office, West Boring Canal Road, Rajapur Pul, Patna- 800001, Bihar, India. (Contact: 0612-2506213, Fax : 0612-2506132)

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Hurriyat calls bandh to mark death anniv of Afzal Guru

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or the first time after the scrapping of special status of J&K on August 5 2019, a separatist outfit, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq-led Hurriyat Conference, has called for a complete shutdown of J&K on February 9 and 11 to observe the death anniversaries of Afzal Guru and Maqbool Bhat, respectively. Both Bhat and Guru were hanged in Tihar jail.

All separatist groups had maintained silence since August 5. Perhaps that was the reason why the government avoided arresting or detaining the

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separatists, even though several politicians and trade unionists were detained to prevent any law and order situation. In a statement issuedon Fri-

day, a Hurriyat spokesman paid tributes to Bhat on his 36th anniversary and to Guru on his 7th anniversary. He said, "Their (Bhat and Guru's) sacrifices have got etched in collective conscience as the nation is striving for resolution of Kashmir dispute. They are a constant reminder of great sacrifices made during our 72-yearlong struggle." "The best way to pay tributes to the martyrs of Kashmir, including Bhat and Guru, is that we remain steadfast in pursuance of our demand for resolution of Kashmir issue in accordance with the will of people," he said.

Call it Aman Masjid, say Dhannipur locals

'Do Not Name **New Shrine** After Babar' Arshad Afzaal Khan TNN

Ayodhya: More than 24km from ground zero of the Ayodhya movement, where the Babri mosque once stood, Dhannipur village is a just speck of green on the map of the erstwhile Faizabad district.

Suddenly, this obscure sleepy hamlet that's also home to a famous Sufi shrine is basking in its new-found glory after UP government allotted the court-mandated five-acre alternative plot for building a mosque here. And while the Sunni Waqf Board may be still iffy about accepting land, Dhannipur is already celebrating.

And majority Muslims of the village are unanimous about one thing — the mosque should not be named after Babar. "Mughal emperor Babar was not a representative of Indian Muslims. Sufis like Hazrat Nizamuddin, Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti and ulemas who sacrificed their lives for independence represent the Indian Muslim ethos. We want the mosque to called 'Aman Masjid' or mosque of peace," said Mohammad Faheem Khan, throng to the shrine in the whose views were echoed last week of April. Most deacross Dhannipur village.



Dhannipur is home to the 18th-century Sufi shrine of Shahgada Baba, believed to be a disciple of Sufi saint Syed Makhdum Ashraf Jahangir

Muslim teen wins competition on Gita

Sixteen-year-old Abdul Kagzi, a resident of Jaipur, has won the first prize in the annual Gita contest organised by the Hare Krishna Mission in association with Akshay Patra Foundation, reports Shoeb Khan. More than 5,000 students participated in the three-round competition that lasted for over six months. Kagzi, a student of class 9, not only displayed his knowledge about Lord Krishna's life, but also left the judges spellbound by his interpretation of Sanskrit verses and hymns on Krishna.

give credence to the syncret-The land allocated for the mosque is adjacent to a 18th ic fabric of Dhannipur. century Sufi shrine of Shah-Resident Sohrab Khan gada Baba, who's believed to said, "If a grand temple will be a mureed (disciple) of a be constructed in Ayodhya, Sufi saint, Syed Makhdum we too need majestic mosque Ashraf Jahangir, whose here. Five acre isn't enough The government must allot at mausoleum is located at Kichaucha in Ambedkarnagar least 25 acre, which is easily district. The village bathes available here". Another vilin the celebration of spring lager Faheem Khan emphaduring the Urs of its presidsised that the mosque should ing saint, when pilgrims be a symbol of aman (peace). from various districts

The village has 1,600 voters in its rolls, of which 700 are Muslims and rest Hindus, votees are Hindus, which mostly Yadavs and Dalits.

MP's Cong govt gives breather to Anil Ambani firm, criticised

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Bhopal: A decision by Kamal Nath government in MP to give four more years to Anil Ambani's Sasan Power Project to repay dues of Rs 450 crore in instalments has triggered a political row, with BJP accusing it of using public money for the "convenience of industrialists", and Congress pointing out that the breather is part of industrial policy framed by the erstwhile BJP government. PCC media department

chief Shobha Oza said, "These dues had accumulated during BJP government's tenure. The Congress government is only trying to recover the money owed by Reliance Power Limited." "Knowing the circumstances of the economy and the firm concerned, the Nath government's aim is to recover dues, which is why four years' time has been given," Oza argued. Leader of opposition Gopal Bhargava said, "The Congress

government has decided to exempt recovery of Rs 450cr dues from Ambani in four years. This proves that it's a government of industrialists and capitalists. The CM himself is an industrialist. He is worried more about increasing capital of industrialists"

Kerala sends BJP message with 'Death of Gandhi'

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he Kerala government on Friday triggered a row by using artist Tom Vattakuzhy's painting 'Death of Gandhi' for the cover of the state budget. Finance minister TM Thomas Isaac attacked BJP over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and NRC and said, "The message is, yes, we remember that Mahatma was murdered. Murdered by Hindu communalists who are today revered by the ruling party and the central government. We just want to say that we will remember it, people will not forget it."

"These are very different times that we live in. For the Centre, NRC is the greatest and the most urgent reform that needs to be implemented. It is a divisive attempt to mobilise population on communal lines. This has to be countered at every level,' Isaac said. Leader of the opposition Ramesh Chennithala (Congress) felt the picture could have been avoided. "I don't think this is an appropriate gesture for the

budget," he said. Meanwhile, chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to rectify his state-



India needs more history paintings, a genre not very prevalent, at a time when there are different readings of history, Vattakuzhy said

ment that "maligns" the anti-CAA protests in Kerala.

"It is unbefitting for a PM to be a part of those who are disappointed with the fact that Kerala is leading the struggle against the communalism of both RSS and SDPI", he said reacting to Modi's Rajya Sabha speech on Thursday in which he quoted Vijayan as criticising SDPI for infiltrating anti-CAA protests

and engaging in violence. In New Delhi, BJP de fended Modi. "The Prime Minister just stated what Vijayan had said earlier this week in the state assembly where he referred to SDPIa close ally of the Congressled UDF in Kerala — as an extremist group plotting to stoke violence in anti-CAA protests in Kerala," said BJP spokesperson GVL Narsimha Rao.

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SC overcrowded, CJI bats for new building

Since '58, No. Of Lawyers Up 50 Times, Judges 5 Times

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court complex, built on 17 acres in 1958 to serve as India's top court, is bursting at its seams with a huge spurt in litigation, 50 times increase in the number of lawyers and a five-fold rise in the number of judges.

Attorney general K K Venugopal, 89, who shifted his practice from Madras high court to a sparsely crowded SC 40 years ago, has been complaining about his daily jostle through crowds of lawyers and litigants in the corridors and the courtrooms to reach the front rows to address judges. "I fear getting run over by the crowd," he often said.

An unusually crowded Chief Justice of India's courtroom got his goat on Friday. "It is a shame. I have to push my way through the crowd daily to address the court," the AG told a bench of CJISA Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant during hearing on a plea for live streaming of court proceedings.

When the Supreme Court started functioning from its present building, inaugurated on August 4, 1958, there were seven courtrooms,



which have now gone up to 16. Lawyers have increased from a few hundred to nearly 3,000. More and more litigants throng the court daily. strength has in-Judges' creased from seven to 34. Number of cases till 1960 were in the hundreds. Now, over 50,000 cases are pending and 16 benches hear around 1,000 cases each Monday and Friday, the two days when it

becomes more crowded than a weekly market. When the CJI acknowledged the problem, senior advocate Indira Jaising suggested, "If a new Parliament can be built, why not a new Supreme Court building?" The CJI was quick to accept the suggestion and said, "Tell

that to the AG. They have to give land and money. Turning to the AG, the CJI said, "We have no problem if a new SC building is constructed." Married to tra-

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ditions, the AG found it difficult to imagine a new structure replacing the existing SC building, every inch of which he has walked in the last four decades. "Can the facade of the building be The Supreme changed? Court judgment on live streaming can be implemented to ease pressure on courtrooms," he said.

The CJI said the courtrooms need to be bigger to accommodate the growing crowd of lawyers and litigants. "We have to have anoth er building," he said. However, no one appeared to agree on relocating some courtrooms to the new, state-ofthe-art annexe complex of the Supreme Court across the road. The CJI further said that the Supreme Court was consulting a architecture firm which specialised in crowd circulation in public buildings

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Apex court stays Bombay HC order to sell **HDIL** assets

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Bombay high court order directing setting up of a three-member panel to supervise sale of assets of HDIL promoters Rakesh Wadhawan and his son Sarang to recover money due to investors in the PMC Bank scam.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the RBI, argued against the high court order directing the RBI to hand over documents relat ing to HDIL assets. A bench headed by CJI S A Bobde ordered complete stay on the high court's January 15 deci-

PMC BANK SCAM

sion. It had on January 16 stayed the HC's order for conditional release of the fatherson duo to help facilitate sale of their assets to recover investors' money. The Wadhawans are accused of fraudulently getting Rs 4,355 crore loan from PMC Bank.

The PMC Bank scam came to light in September last year after RBI found that the bank had allegedly created fictitious accounts to hide over Rs 4,355 crore of loans extended to almost-bankrupt HDIL. According to RBI, PMC Bank had masked 44 problematic loan accounts, including those of HDIL, by tampering with its core banking system.

SC: Prepare a list of Sabarimala jewellery

New Delhi: In order to protect the orna ments of Sabarimala temple, which is in possession of Pandalam royal family, the Su preme Court on Friday appointed a onemember committee headed by former Kera la HC judge CN Ramachandaran Nair to prepare an inventory and description of the treasure of Lord Ayyappa temple.

A bench of Justices N V Ramana, Ajay Rastogi and V Ramasubramanian said the court is worried about the safety and security of the sacred ornaments and there is need to prepare inventory for them. The court asked the former judge to take the assistance of a jeweller for valuation of the sacred ornaments and file report in sealed cover.

The court also granted four weeks' time to Kerala government to bring legislation regarding administration of the historic Saba rimala temple. It also asked how the royal family can claim ownership of the orna

ments and said it will decide the issue after taking note of internal bickering within the royal family. TNN

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This common enemy has united India and Pakistan

Even during the worst hostilities, both countries worked together to tackle an enemy that has resurfaced again — locusts

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This morning the trees are almost denuded and the locusts, hanging on the twigs and branches, appear to have changed the colour of the foliage, for the tops of the trees seem covered with a yellow blight, which on close inspection

turns out to be locusts...' That description, from a Times of India report from 1902, describing the devastation of mango orchards in Trombay, near Bombay, is a reminder of how terrifyingly transformative a locust attack can be. It is now being experienced in districts of Punjab in both Pakistan and India, an ancient plague that seems, mystifyingly, to have come to life again.

Locust swarms were once so common that TOI carried very detailed reports about them. In 1879, a correspondent noted the cruel way in which they fol lowed other disasters: "In the famine districts these winged armies made a clean sweep of all the vegetation for miles around, while the moral effect of their presence upon a famine-struck population was so great that the population completely lost heart and ceased to try and battle...

So sudden and punishing are the attacks that is not surprising that they have commonly been given a divine interpretation, like the swarms that formed one of the plagues of Egypt in the Bible.

STEEDS OF SHIVA

In 1929, TOI noted that in some districts locusts were called the horses of Ma hadev (Shiva) and "were actually caught alive, treated with utmost respect, offered the best of food, worshipped with due reverence." The belief was that "if the wrath of the god has been appeased and his depredatory appetite satisfied, then the avenging army received marching orders..

The British might have sneered at these beliefs, but their more vigorous responses to locusts didn't seem to do much good either. In 1899, TOI reported the police superintendent of Panch Mahals, Mr R P Lambert, firing blank guns to scare away swarms.

A suggestion from 1929 to use aircraft to control locusts was abandoned because it seemed more likely to kill the pilots as their engines clogged with the insects. One correspondent admitted that the main satisfaction of another solution. tar-coated screens, was watching the in-



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sects struggle and die, but it made little difference to the huge numbers

LOCUST ROAST WITH GHEE

Perhaps the only solution was the natural one noted by the writer in 1879; feast on them like the birds and animals do. It was suggested that even humans could do the same: "Pull off the legs and wings and roast with a little ghee in an iron dish, adding curry powder, pepper and salt to taste... locusts are said to be in flavour not unlike shrimp," Eating locusts is, in fact, a common survival strategy in places ravaged by them, simply because there is little else left. The Hebrew scriptures specify that, unlike other insects, the locust is kosher to eat. Entomologists had always been mys-

tified by the way locusts suddenly seemed to swarm out of nowhere, and it was Russian entomologist Sir Boris Uvarov who made an important connection in 1921. Locusts and grasshoppers were the same species, but under stressed conditions of drought and diminishing food, grasshoppers laid eggs that became locusts. These locusts could swarm and fly far off in search of food and, when this was found in abundance again, future generations could revert to being

solitary grasshoppers. This insight transformed locust control because now field workers could look for conditions in which grasshoppers were getting stressed and trans forming into locusts — and if these were controlled, the larger swarms might never form.

Insights like these led the British to set up a Locust Warning Organisation (LWO) in 1939, to focus on the most vulnerable areas for locusts like the semi-

tralia that their locusts are becoming increasingly adapted to the hotter and drier conditions created by climate change, it seems that the Indian description of them as the deadly horses of

all too relevant again.

> A locust can eat its own weight in

> An average swarm eats around

> Studies have linked a hotter

climate to more damaging swarms

desert parts of Rajasthan, Gujarat and

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In a tacit acceptance that insects don't

recognise national boundaries, locust

hunters in both countries have co-ordi-

nated with military authorities like the

Border Security Force to set up regular meetings at border points like Munabao

and Khokrapur, and even exchange in-

formation by wireless about the sighting

still need to be analysed, but it should be

noted that they are part of a pattern of

recent outbreaks in countries like Soma-

lia and Yemen where civil war and at-

tacks by militarised groups is preventing

effective implementation of any kind of

monitoring and control efforts, as well as

exacerbating general famine conditions.

failures in governing can lead to the re-

turn of plagues once thought long past.

When combined with evidence from Aus-

Shiva, the Lord of Destruction, may seem

This is a fairly direct example of how

The reasons for the current swarms

the same amount as 10 elephants or

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4 astronaut picks leave for Russia for training

our astronaut picks from the Indian Air Force (IAF). who had undergone a rigorous selection procedure conducted by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), left for Russia on Friday to sustain the training ahead of the country's maiden manned space flight mission. ISRO chairman K Sivan. who was awarded the prestigious Viinan Ratna Award in the city on Friday. revealed this during his speech. Sivan said, "ISRO is making efforts to launch the maiden human space flight venture 'Gaganyaan' by the end of this year. The four astronauts have been selected from a pool of IAF pilots and have been sent for training." He said that ISRO had aimed for a short-term plan for two manned missions, one in December and another in June 2021. TNN

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DDU for and on behalf of the President of india from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors cluding those enlisted with the Railways, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings Tender No : 68-DDU-Sr DEN-II-19-20 (i) Name of work with its location Provision of Relay room IPS room and Battery Room with Battery Rack of .C.No.6 Unit ADEN/Gaya (ii) Approx cost of the work. : ₹ 2302778.00 (iii) Earnest Money. : ₹ 46100.00 Tender No.: 69-DOU-Sr. DEN-II-19-20 (I) Name of work with its location : FS+CS+CMSC) 60 kg, 1 in .5+02 Sets 0 TTR 60 Kg, Densiling switch = 05 Sets i) TTR (TWS/CS+CMSC) 1 in 12 = 44 ts under Sr. DEN (II)/ MGS (II) Approx cost of the work, : ₹ 27653771.45 (iii) Earnest Money. : 7 288300.00 (iv) Date & time for submission of e-tender : 26.02.2020, Up-to 12.00 hrs. (v) Website particulars of e-tendering : wew reps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager E.C. Railway, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya PR/02190/DDU/ENGG/ T/19-20/40

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Tender Notice No. PCMM/CLW/KOL/E Procurement/19-20/71 Dated:06-02-2020. Principal Chief Materials Manager on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is/are for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in. For detailed instructions please refer to website: Sl.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Qty.; Due On; Cost of Tender: [266]; 14201825; Capacitor Bank Harmonic Filter (66.6 micro farad) along with accessories (i.e. Tightening clamp, Front half shell, Rear half shell with hardware) of M/s. ICAR/ ITALY or M/s. EPCOS AG/GERMANY make as per Drg./Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/ 0087/A, ABB Identification No. 3EHP510205R1001; As per tender; 04.03.2020 At 11.00 hrs.; 0.00. Principal Chief Materials Manager CLW/Kolkata ADK-305 Like us on: www.facebook.com/clwrailways

NOIDA Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <u>http://etender.up.nic.in</u>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc. (A) 1. 21/GM(K)/SM(WC-7)/ET/2019-20, Name of Work:- M/o

Road (Dismantling and Repair of damage 45.00M wide roads in Sector-90, 138, 140 & 140A) Noida Cost-Rs. 95.01 Lacs 11/GM(K)/SM(WC-8)/ET/2019-20, Name of Work:- C/c Boundary wall (C/o Boundary wall & Drain in Sector-143) Noida Cost - Rs. 229.47 Lacs 3. 16/GM(K)/SM(WC-10)/ET/2019-20, Name of Work:- D/o

Sector-155 (C/o Parking) Noida Cost - Rs. 159.92 Lacs Which can be uploaded by date 26.02.2020 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-

qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 27/02/2020 at 11.00 AM General Manager

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प्राधिकरण की 66वीं बोर्ड बैठक दिनांक 21.12.2019 के मद संख्या 66 / 26 पर YEIDA के अधिसुचित औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में आंवटित औद्योगिक भुखण्डों पर प्राधिकरण द्वारा कब्जा न दे पाने के कारण विलम्बित किस्तों पर आरोपित दण्ड ब्याज माफ किये जाने विषयक प्रस्तूत प्रस्ताव पर बोर्ड के संचालक मण्डल द्वारा निम्नवत् निर्णय दिया गया हैं–

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male Namely: Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age : about 40-45 years, Height : 5'5" Complexion : Fair, Built: Strong, Identification : "Black Thread in Right hand, Wearing: Black colour jacket, Grey colour shrit & khakhi jeans pant has been found at Canal, near Dharamshala Hospital, Nala

Road, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi on 04.02.2020. In this regard a case vide DD No. 39A dated 04.02.2020 has been lodged at P.S. New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.

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

> SHC P.S. New Ashok Nagar, Delhi East Distt., Delhi Ph. No. 011-22610839, 22610954

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Director Basic Education, Department of Basic Education, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, Dated 07 February 2020, invites proposals from reputed Service Providers of National and International repute, for "PRERNA DIGITAL SYSTEM" for Elementary Schools of Uttar Pradesh, as detailed in the Scope of Work in this RFP.

The RFP document can be downloaded from the websites www.prernaup.in, www.basiceducationup.com or e-procurement site www.etender.up.nic.in Response to this Request for Proposal (RFP) shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of this document with full understanding of its implications. This and subsequent sections provide general information about the Issuer, important dates for tender processing, addresses for communication and correspondence and the overall eligibility. Technical evaluation criteria and related terms for the interested bidders. **Director of Basic Education**



Lucknow Smart City Limited invites online Request for Proposals from reputed firms having experience in similar nature of jobs for 'Development of Urban Mobility node Phase- II under Lucknow Smart City". Tender document with all other details can be downloaded from www.etender.up.nic.in from 07.02.2020 at 10:00 Hrs. to 27.02.2020 (15.00 Hrs.) Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 15.02.2020 (12:00 Hrs.) in at ICCC building. Lalbagh Lucknow. The last date for submission of bids is 27.02.2020 till 15:00 Hrs. Technical Bids will be opened on 27.02.2020 At 16:00 Hrs.

For all further corrigendum/addendums in this regard, please regularly visit www.etender.up.nic.in

GENERAL MANAGER (PROJECTS)



Date : 07.02.2020 **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED MULTI-LEVEL** PARKING AT COLLECTORATE COMPLEX, RAJA NAWAB ALI MARG, QAISERBAGH, LUCKNOW UNDER SMART CITY MISSION

Lucknow Smart City Limited invites online Request for Proposals from reputed firms having experience in similar nature of jobs for Construction of Proposed Multi-Level Parking at Collectorate Complex, Raja Nawab Ali Marg, Qaiserbagh, Lucknow" under Smart City Mission. Tender document with all other details can be downloaded from www.etender.up.nic.in from 10.02.2020 at 10:00 Hrs. to 25.02.2020 at 15.00 Hrs. Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 17.02.2020 at 12:30 Hrs in LSCL office, ICCC Building, Lalbagh Lucknow. The last date for submission of bids is 25.02.2020 till 15:00 Hrs. Technical Bids will be opened on 25.02.2020 at 16:00 Hrs. For all further corrigendum/addendums in this regard, please regularly visit www.etender.up.nic.in.

GENERAL MANAGER (PROJECTS)



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NC: Slapping Omar with PSA attack on democratic polity

'Move Undermines Ex-CM's Contribution To Ensure Valley Peace'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jammu: Expressing deep anguish and concern over slapping of Public Safety Act (PSA) on erstwhile J&K state former CM Omar Abdullah National Conference on Friday described it as PSA on the entire mainstream political ideology of J&K.

The J&K Union territory administration had on Thurs day slapped PSA on Omar Ab dullah and ex-CM Mehbooba Mufti of People's Democratic Party (PDP). The stringent Act had already been invoked against Omar's father Farooq $Abdullah {-\!\!\!-} a five-time ex-CM$ and former Union ministernearly six months ago.

In a joint statement issued from Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan here after a meeting, senior NC leaders said the stringent Act against the senior party



Omar Abdullah

leadership was shocking, especially in view of their huge contribution to ensuring peace and harmony in J&K. "How could leaders with

such vision and statesmanship be threat to peace? Especially those who have remained at the forefront to promote harmony and brotherhood," NC leaders asked while terming the latest move as imposition of PSA on the

pected to land in New Delhi.

formally announce the visit

— Trump's first to India as

president and one of the rare

solo bilateral visits during

histerm—but officials from

both sides are working to en-

sure Trump and Modi have

something to cheer about

amid immense political tur-

to the US Taranjit Sandhu

called on the president on

Thursday to present his cre-

dentials, accompanied by

his wife Reenat Sandhu, who

is India's envoy to Italy. "The

president fondly recalled his

friendship with PM Naren-

dra Modi and their several

interactions," the Indian

embassy said avoiding any

when he spoke of "unlimit-

ed potential" in ties be-

tween New Delhi and Wash-

mention of the trip.

India's new ambassador

moil in their countries.

The White House is yet to

&K police on Friday said they have busted a Jaish-e-Muhammed module and arrested three people, including the nephew of a former PDP MLA, reports Saleem Pandit. Those arrested were allegedly involved in a recent grenade attack in Srinagar in which seven civilians and two CRPF men were injured. SSP (Srinagar) Haseeb Mughal said police busted the module that was involved in the February 2 attack in just five days. "We arrested one Shakeel Ahmed Bandh, who is the nephew of former PDP legislator Muhammad Khalil Bandh," he added. He said the trio had been watching provocative speeches of Jaish chief Azhar Masood on their mobile phones by using a virtual private network (VPN).

Ex-MLA's nephew held for grenade blast

entire mainstream political ideology of J&K.

Referring to the slapping of PSA on Farooq, the NC statement said his continued detention was sad and unfortunate, especially in view of his immense contribution towards nation-building and sustaining peace, harmony in J&K during the most testing times.

This is to undermine his (Farooq's) huge contribution to nation-building by belit tling his internationally acclaimed political stature. NC leaders recalled that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had once described Farooq as a towering patriot. "The harsh move is the big-

gest setback to democratic polity...." the NC statement said It urged the Centre to review the decision and release all those detained unconditionally.

In a rare move, a word from PM's speech in **RS** is expunded



New Delhi: In a rare move, a word from PM Modi's speech in Rajya Sabha was expunged from the records. Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu expunged the word used by Modi on Thursday during his reply to the discussion on a motion thanking the President for his address to the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament at

the start of the Budget session. Chairman "The was pleased to direct expunction of a certain portion of the proceedings of Rajya Sabha dated February 6 at about 6.20 and 6.30pm," Rajya Sabha secretariat said. Modi had made the remark while launching a defence of the National Population Register saying it was being updated with demographic informa-

tion for better targeting of government's welfare schemes. Naidu also expunged a word from leader of the opposition and Congress member Ghulam Nabi Azad's statement made after Modi's speech. Azad had stated that the Congress was in favour of giving citizenship to persecuted migrants from Pakistan but was against framing of a law based on religion.

Babul chided. his remark in LS expunged

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speak er Om Birla on Friday chided Union minister Babul Suprivo for making certain objectionable remarks against Congress member Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, saying it's wrong and no right has been given to the minister to speak like that with any member in the House.

Supriyo, minister of state for environment, made the remark while replying to a supplementary related to air pollution during Question Hour.

The Speaker, however, immediately expunged the remarks from records. Birla also told parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi to make Supriyo understand parliamentary proceedings. Congress members pro-

tested over the minister's remarks. Amid the protests, the minister said he was withdrawing the remarks.

Tushar Gandhi not allowed to

Govt stopping me from speaking in House: Rahul

New Delhi: Congress on Friday slammed the Modi government for "stifling its vo ice" every time it sought to question the government. Party MP Rahul Gandhi alleged BJP did not "like him speaking in the House" and stopped him, as a result, in what he called was a "completely unparliamentary manner.'

Rahul also claimed that Union health minister Harsh Vardhan had acted at the behest of higher ups in the government and read out a statement demanding an apology from him instead of answering a question about his parliamentary constitu-

'Modi's behaviour unbecoming of PM'

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi said on Friday said PM Modi's behaviour is unbecoming of a PM. Gandhi was responding to Modi's "tubelight" barb against him in Lok Sabha on Thursday. "Normally, the PM has a particular status ... a particular way of behaving, particular stature. Our PM does not have those rules. He does not behave in a prime ministerial way and there is not much I can say," Gandhi said. TNN

ency not having a medical college. "People are struggling because they don't have access to medical facilities. BJP obviously doesn't like me to speak in the House. So, in a completely unparliamentary manner, the health minister raised something that I said outside, which he has no business doing during Question Hour," he said.

Later, Congress lodged a formal complaint against Vardhan with Speaker Om Birla, demanding action against the minister and an apology from him for his "unparliamenta-

MEA: 70 of 80 Indian students in Wuhan stayed back on own Vardhan: 1.4L

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: External affairs minister S Jaishankar informed Rajya Sabha on Friday that there are 80 Indian students remaining in Wuhan in China. Of them, 10 students who came to the airport were not allowed to board the special Air India flight by the Chi-



Rahul Gandhi outside Parliament House on Friday

Cong MPs tried to attack me: Vardhan

journments before proceed-

ings were called off for the

day. When the House first ad-

journed till 1pm, Vardhan

and other BJP members were

heard demanding an apology

hul Gandhi for his remarks

against the Prime Minister,

Congress MPs came to my

seat, tried to attack me and

snatched papers from me,'

Vardhan told reporters out-

side Parliament. Tagore,

however, alleged that BJP

members had manhandled

him. He wrote to Speaker

Om Birla, requesting him to

check the CCTV footage and

take action against those

India can clearly see that the

PM has no clue about how to

tackle the unemployment cri-

sis. To protect him, BJP will

keep disrupting Parliament,

preventing debate," he said.

Reacting to the episode, Rahul tweeted: "The youth of

who manhandled him.

"When I condemned Ra-

from Rahul for his remark.

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mid interruptions, he said, "I am surprised that Rahul Gandhi's own father was Prime Minister of India and I do not think that in the worst of cases, our party leaders made such outlandish personal re-

marks against him." Several MPs from both sides and ministers as well, including Smriti Irani, prevented them from coming to blows. Though rattled by the commotion, Vardhan continued reading his statement. While criticising Modi

over unemployment during an election rally in the capital on Wednesday, Rahul had said, "The PM won't be able to come out of his home. The youth of India will beat him up with a danda (stick) and make him understand that the country can't progress without providing jobs to youth.' The ruckus saw two ad-

ry" remarks against Rahul Gandhi. "Gandhi pleaded that his rights and privileges sho uld be restored and opportunity should be given to him to ask questions. I have said our member in the Well went there

due to the emotional outburst triggered after the minister's remarks. If found to be wrong, we will express regret," Congress' leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said. Full report on www.toi.in

So far, none of the Indians on cruise ship has tested positive

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sof February6at7.25pm (Japan local time), no In-L dians have tested positive for coronavirus. The Japanese ministry of health has confirmed this is the last batch to be tested ... The Japanese government is also providing our ship and team

PM to address **1st Times Now** summit

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: India's premium broadcast network, Times Network, will hold the first edition of its flagship property, Times Now Summit, in Delhi on February 12 and 13.

Driving the theme 'India Action Plan 2020', the summit is built with a purpose to accelerate the 'new India' vision by taking a holistic approach in defining a constructive action plan for the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver the keynote address at the summit, defining the actionplan for India's robust growth.

Union home minister Amit Shah, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, railways and commerce minister Piyush Goyal, information technology minister Ravi Shankar Prasad women and child development minister Smriti Irani, environment minister Prakash Javadekar and several chief ministers as also opposition stalwarts will address the summit.

Policy makers and experts will drive dialogues on topics such as 'new India' vision, Delhi election results, India's data security challenges, environmental & climate chalwomen empowerlenges, ment, CAA and NRC.

'Out of fear told UP cops that I was 18' Continued from P1



India's new ambassador to the US Taraniit Sandhu called on President Trump along with his wife Reenat Sandhu, who is India's ambassador to Italy. This is Sandhu's fourth posting in the US

posting in the US. The visit has not been mentioned because both sides are still striving to seal a trade deal, but which has been difficult to clinch because of India's persist-

ence in protecting its economic equities. There is also the complication of the coronavirus outbreak. Indian and US officials

are also leery of talking about the visit and the precise schedule and locations given Trump's fickle temperament that has caused him to cancel several foreign visits - including one to Denmark last year because he thought the country's PM responded

Sandhu also eschewed mentioning the visit at a rerudely to the suggestion it sell Greenland to the US. ception later in the evening, In fact, Trump has un-

dertaken only one solo state visit (to Japan); most other ington, having returned to visits have either been mul-

string of countries in a region. So far, indications are

that this will be a solo India visit; Trump himself nixed a suggestion that he also visit Pakistan during the trip. While the official meet

ings are expected to take place in New Delhi, Gujarat is expected to host informal aspects of the visit. All sites under consideration in the state have some kind of real estate element that would appeal to the realtor in Trump.

The Sabarmati riverfrontis expected to form the backdrop of an informal "chai pe charcha". The piece-de-resistance is expected to be a "Kem cho Trump!" (Howdy Trump!) rally at the Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad, to return compliments for the "Howdy Modi!" rally in Houston. A visit to the

Statue of Unity is also likely

Senate acquittal sets stage

dvocate Yashab Husain Rizvi filed a complaint with the Lucknow police commissioner, seeking to know why the teenager had not been tried under the Juvenile Justice Act and was kept in a jail instead of a juvenile home. It also sought that Hazratganj police be tried for "illegal action".

The minor, a resident of Malda district in West Bengal, had 15 charges slapped on him, including attempt to murder and rioting with deadly weapon. He told TOI on Friday, "They took me to the police station and told me 'umar bada ke batao.' So, out of fear, I told them I was 18." "It is not our prerogative to enquire about the person's age. It is for the court to determine the age," said inspector of Hazratganj police station, Dhirendra Kushwaha.

Full report on www.toi.in

rotesters feared that the

new citizenship law

would facilitate the en-

try of more foreigners into

the state which has seen its

demography transformed be-

cause of illegal infiltration

that his government would

take measures to safeguard

the language, identity and

culture of Assam's indige-

nous people. "The govern-

ment is now trying to imple-

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PM Modi also promised

from Bangladesh.

swiftly," he added.

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serve in what is his fourth ti-lateral sorties or visits to a Full report on www.toi.in Glass-floor bridge to soon replace Lakshman Jhula

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Dehradun: A year after the constructed in 1923 - on Ganga at Rishikesh was closed after declared "unfit", the state authorities have now approved a site near the old bridge to build a new suspension bridge. The new bridge's design, officials said, would comprise a glass floor on both sides and an as-

phalt road in the middle. Public works department (PWD) officials said the floor made of toughened transparent glass would give pedestrians a sense of walking on the river.

According to the design



Only light motor vehicles would be allowed to ply on the new bridge, said a PWD official

prepared by the PWD and finalised by the state government, the total width of the new bridge is 8 metres and the length is 132 metres. The glass floor would be of 1.5 metres in width on both sides while the road would

be 2.5-metre wide. The toughened glass to be used as floor would be 3.5 inches thick.

The design for the bridge will now be sent to IIT-Mumbai for approval. PWD additional chief secretary Om Prakash said: "Efforts will be made to complete it before Kumbh 2021 but it is too early to predict a deadline."

He said no chances will be taken in the construction process as the aim is to come up with a bridge, which would last for the next 150 years. "Each pillar of this bridge would be 30-metre deep,' said Om Prakash. He added that only light motor vehicles such as cars would be allowed to ply on the new bridge.

speak in Pune

Pune: Maharashtra minister Jitendra Awhad on Friday said it was "ridiculous" and "unfortunate" to not allow Mahatma Gandhi's grandson Tushar Gandhi to speak at an event organised by a Pune college.

Tushar Gandhi had tweeted that a Hindutva outfit forced a college in Pune to cancel his address scheduled on Friday. The event 'Revisiting Gandhi' was organised at Modern College. "Modern College Pune was forced to cancel a programme celebrating the 150th anniversary of Bapu because they invited me. Patitpavan Sanstha threatened to disrupt the programme if I was present,' Gandhi tweeted on Thursday. Awhadtweeted, "Notallowing #TusharGandhi to speak

in Modern College... because some Gandhi haters objected is ridiculous... police should have not allowed this to happen."He said he had raised the issue with state home minister Anil Deshmukh. рті

nese authorities as they were running fever. The remaining 70 have voluntarily stayed back but the Indian embassy in China is in touch with them and the Indian community in other parts of China.

When members of the House asked if Pakistan had sought Indian help in evacuating its citizens from China, Jaishankar said: "Regarding Pakistan, at the time when our two flights were going, we had told all the students and the larger community in Wuhan that we were prepared not only to bring back our own people but all people in our neighbourhood who would like to come back." "This was an offer which was made to all our neighbours... seven students of Maldives chose the offer. But I would like members to know that offer was made to everybody," Jaishankar said. In view of the continuing

said presently, existing visas, including eVisa already issued are no longer valid for any foreign national travelling from China. Till Friday, of a total 1,39,539 passengers

flyers screened

ealth minister Harsh

patients from Kerala who

tested positive

for Corona virus

is stable. He

Vardhan said on Friday

that the condition of the three

screened in flights, 150 passengers identified with symptoms have been referred to isolation facilities. TNN Full report on www.toi.in

lock down of the Hubei Province in China, the Indian government decided to evacuate the Indian students and other professionals working in Wuhan and neighbouring cities in the province.

The House lauded the role of Air India, its crew, team of doctors, para medical staff and the two Indian embassy officials who coordinated and executed the alert crew if their body temperchallenging operation.

members additional manpow er support," Princess Cruises, the ship's operator, said. Foreign minister S Jaishan-

kar tweeted on Friday: "Many Indian crew & some Indian passengers are onboard the cruise ship Diamond Princess quarantined off Japan due to coronavirus. None have tested positive, as per the latest information provided by our Embassy (in Tokyo). We are closely following the developments."

An 80-year-old passenger who had disembarked in Hong Kong on January 25 after spending five days in the cruise liner, had later tested positive for coronavirus. The ship was quarantined when it returned to Yokohama port this Monday. First 20 people on board tested positive, followed by 41 more. Passengers have been given thermometers and asked to ature rises beyond 99.6°F.

Chinese man on Del-Pune flight falls ill, hospitalised Joy.Sengupta@timesgroup.com

Pune: A Chinese national aboard a Delhi-Pune Air India flight (AI851) was isolated and admitted to hospital on Friday to rule out novel coronavirus infection after he complained of uneasiness and vomited in the aircraft mid-air.

"A passenger got unwell in the flight. He is admitted to a hospital," Air India spokesperson Dhananjay Kumar told **TOI**.

"The other passengers werenotcheckedasaccording to the regulations, they should be checked only in case of a confirmed case of coronavirus. The passenger had come to India a long time ago. He had tested negative for the virus at different airports, both in India and in other countries," Pune airport director Kuldeep Singh told TOI.

The development caused an over six-hour delay in the flight's return trip.

IndiGo derosters crew of 3 flights

ndiGo has derostered the cabin crew of three flights that carried passengers infected by the novel coronavirus from China to India last month, reports **Tamaghna Banerjee**. The pilots of these flights, however, have not been sent on leave. The crew members - four from a Guangzhou-Kolkata flight on January 25 and eight others on two Kolkata-Kochi flights between January 24 and January 26 - have been asked to isolate themselves. The crew will be allowed to return to duty after the mandated fortnight-long self-quarantine process if they do not develop any symptoms. "The crew members were in close contact with passengers who included the three confirmed nCoV victims. Hence, as per the Union health ministry's advice, the cabin crew have been derostered," a Kolkata airport official said.

Kerala withdraws 'state disaster' status

he Kerala government, which had declared coronavirus (nCov) a 'state disaster' after three patients were tested positive for the virus, has decided to withdraw the status since "chance of the possible community spread of the virus has become remote," health minister K K Shailaja said. "All the primary contacts the three positive cases had have been tested negative for nCov. Those who had direct contacts with these three people were quarantined. The repeated tests of their samples have proved negative and hence there is nothing to fear," she said. Apart from this, the second positive case reported from the state and admitted to medical college hospital in Alappuzha has now been tested negative. TNN

for creation of a separate state of Bodoland by hiving off Bodo-dominated districts of Assam. The visit, however, acquired significance because of the Centre's anxiety to wean away anti-CAA protesters in the state from the larger agitation playing out in the rest of the country.

Promises made by Modi were part of the efforts that have so far seen the Centre reaching out to people of the state by declaring Assamese to be the sole official language and getting the Bodos to recognise the state's territorial integrity.

Accord. I promise that after the committee submits its re-The outreach has helped port, the Centre will act on it soften the intensity of the resistance. The All Assam Stu-Modi was addressing a big dents Union, which has been rally to mark the signing of spearheading protests against CAA and had declared the Bodo Accord, which resulted in all the militant Bodo the state off limits for the PM, groups dropping the demand did not issue a bandh call

PM Modi with artistes who performed at the Kokrajhar rally on Friday

when he arrived on Friday. Aasu general secretary

Lurinjyoti Gogoi termed the decision a goodwill gesture. "The PM is coming for their (Bodos) celebration. The sentiments and emotions of the Bodo people are attached to this and we do not think we should destroy our society and strong bond of brother-

hood by protesting," he said. The Oboro Surakha Samity, a non-Bodo organisation opposing the accord, also withdrew its bandh call fol-

lowing assurance of a meeting with the PM. Modi met their representatives at Guwahati airport and promised them that the Centre would hold discussions with them

Hailing the Bodo Accord that ended one of the biggest separatist campaigns in the country, Modi said, "Insurgency in the Northeast had been on for decades and thousands of lives were lost. But past governments were reluctant to address the problems. The Northeast is no longer 'algao' (separatist), it is now 'lagao' (dedication)."

ple in the Northeast did not what development know meant. This is because political parties understood their problems but used to ignore revolts, blockades and violent protests. They just contained them but never tried to solve them. This approach had pushed the people of the region so far that they had stopped believing in democracy and the Constitution."

He added, "Lakhs of peo-

Modi tries to allay Assam's fears on CAA later this month

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AWAKEN YOUR SACRED FEMININE

he feminine aspect is deeply connected to life. Planet Earth is hospitable to life, and anything that is alive needs to be nurtured and cared for in order to survive and thrive. We call our planetary home 'Mother Earth' because nurture, care, empathy, love and compassion are inherent qualities of the feminine — and this feminine aspect is present in all genders, including male and female. What can be more sacred than that which has the power to make life possible? And what can be more gratifying than something that can promote peace, contentment and cooperation?

When we speak of the 'Sacred Feminine', we are speaking of the immense creative power and potential that is superactive in some of us, moderately active in others and perhaps dormant in most which is why we need to, collectively and individually, reclaim the feminine aspect in all of us, regardless of our gender.

To acknowledge and reawaken the Sacred Feminine is to reconnect to life and living, and this is with reference to not just human beings but all species, the planet and everything on it. By rousing the Feminine Principle to action, we could revive our relationship with the environment and bond with it lovingly, so that any abuse perpetrated on it can be arrested and we can start a new chapter of reparation and care.

The Sacred Feminine is not circumscribed by gender. It is the unfettered, creative potential inherently present in every one of us. Expressing it could make the difference between life and death. For, desecration of the Feminine Principle would be tantamount to destroying the creator and the created. But once this underpinning principle is acknowledged and respected in all, and its potential is brought to the fore in our daily actions, as it has been in the lives of the numerous ecological and creative individuals portrayed here, then we will all do Mother Earth proud. Reclaiming our Sacred Feminine will ensure that the Earth and its beings not only survive but thrive.

'Women and nature share a powerful moral connection'

Environment and ethics scholar **Chris Cuomo** is professor of philosophy and women's studies at the University of Georgia. Speaking to Srijana Mitra Das at Times Evoke, Cuomo discussed the moral link between women and nature, whether women envision 'wealth' differently from men — and ecofeminism today:

You write that women and nature are linked in 'morally significant ways'. What does that mean?

It means the oppressed are in solidarity with each other. It's often a cultural myth that women are somehow closer to nature than men. However, being relegated to the realm of nature and caretaking work does give them an understanding of the ways in which we are all connected to nature. Women understand our material dependence on nature and the power of nature. The work

women are made to do creates sensitivities and empathy. As a result, there is a moral knowledge present for women, not because of being in a female body, but because of what female bodies are made to do.

Would women have treated the planet differently from men?

■ Well, the environmental problems we face now were manufactured pretty much in the last 200 years of colonialism and extractive capitalism. But even if we look at just these last 200 years, women's energies have gone towards improving schooling, creating movements for equality, creating the entire fields of public health, social work and so on.

So, while this industrial machine has been literally gaining steam over the last 200 years, women have put their energy into institutions that build social health, well-being and connections between people. That says to me that if women had wielded more power, they would have created different sorts of institutions and different sorts of wealth.



LIFE'S EMBRACE: In 1973, women in Uttarakhand India, saved trees from being felled by hugging them. This was the famous Chipko movement

You say ecofeminism is a philosophy of 'flourishing'. Critics say it goes against norms of doing commerce and living well. Ecofeminism definitely goes against the growth model of colonialism and capitalism! Another environmental philosopher once asked me, is 'flourishing'

grand? I think that really speaks to how minimal some of our moral goals are! Why shouldn't everyone flourish? Why is that too much to ask? This argument, that ecofeminism's

asking too much? Is it too big? Too

nature

flourishing is against norms of living

and economic status Socialist ecofeminists state that the connections between women and nature are based both on biological factors and social facts • Ecofeminist endeavours include the famed 1973 Chipko movement in Uttarakhand, India, when rural women protected forests from loggers, often by embracing the trees

ECOFEMINISM EXPLAINED

• Ecofeminism believes

and the domination of

• This belief argues

our value systems

women are both due to

patriarchy and capitalism

that conditions in society

and the environment can be

improved only by changing

Ecofeminism highlights

values like cooperation,

non-violence, caring and

might and domination

sustainability over aggression,

• There are three schools of

which believes that women,

ecofeminist thought - the

first is cultural feminism,

based on their biological

powers of procreation and

caring, have a special and

Social ecofeminism believes

women's links with nature are

shaped entirely by social and

deeper relationship with

environmental degradation

in Kenya to combat desertification by planting millions of trees, creating the

• In the 1980s, women in Harlem united to turn vacant lots into community gardens. This urban greening model spread to other American locations including Detroit where, in 1994, women developing city gardens called themselves 'the **Gardening Angels**

wealth is generated at the expense of

• In 1977, women united

esearch: Encyclopaedia Britannica, National Geographic, The Guardia well, has its own response. Some people's

others' well-being. If we have a more democratic sensibility — that everything living deserves to flourish in its own way — then there is lots of room for doing commerce and living well.

Green Belt Movement

material factors like education

That sense of connection to nature must ground any ethic, because an ethic is not about one decision or one policy. An ethic is about the very forms of life that we cultivate and nurture. Without that connection, where is the energy, the caring, the inspiration? We simply have to foster that appreciation.

Or our own bodies.

'Patriarchy devalues women, nature and animals. Humanity must rise above gender divisions'



Lori Gruen teaches feminist and gender studies and animal ethics at Wesleyan University. Having worked on books like 'Ecofeminism: Feminist Intersections with Other Animals and the Earth' and 'Ethics and Animals', Gruen spoke to Times Evoke about what connects women and nature, why masculine culture suppresses kindness and how we can improve our own empathy:

You teach feminist philosophy and animal rights. What links these two spheres?

This is a great question. One of the central ideas in feminist philosophy is that the structures that undergird violence and oppression have been overlooked. We divide the world into 'us' vs 'them' categories and create institutions that reinforce this division. The binary division between men and women is one of these structures. Another is anthropocentrism - or human-suprem-



BEYOND MUM AND DAD: PARENTING IN NATURE

• Unlike human cultures, we see diverse non-human species practising nongendered ways of parenting The male three-spined stickleback coastal fish, found in North America, Europe and East Asia, builds nests for the young, guards them and fans unhatched eggs to provide these with oxygen

 Similarly, the male greater rhea, towering birds in South America, perform much of the care of chicks normally associated

parent' or collectively care for the young In Africa, male chimpanzees adopt orphan chimps. Female elephants care for the young, find food and protect their group. They perform all the roles that human societies divide between 'men' and 'women'.

Gender divisions in human societies limit us all. Those in the 'man' category are taught to truncate their feelings. Those in the 'woman' category are taught to serve men. Those who don't conform pay a cost.

Can empathy be made more central, perhaps by changes in school education onwards?

■ I really hope so. In humans, we have a huge untapped capacity to do much better. Rather than being trained to turn off our concerns for others, early education can help to refine our empathy. If we can develop our sensibilities, where we can reflect with care on our initial emotional responses, we will all be better off.



The septuagenarian from Honnali village, Ankola taluka, Karnataka, grew up in poverty, receiving no formal education. Yet, she is now called an 'encyclopaedia of forest knowledge'. Tulasi began planting trees from her childhood onwards, studying their needs and habitats. Having planted over 1,00,000 saplings, Tulasi also helped the local forest department grow trees over decades. Still living in a simple rural setting, her extraordinary contribution towards conserving and rejuvenating the environment has been honoured with a



PORTRAITS OF POWER: WOMEN LEADING THE CHANGE

TULASI GOWDA

Just not in exploitative, extractive ways. Economics has gotten away for centuries now by considering harm to people and moral concerns as 'externalities'! But now, the 'externalities' are saying, no, we are not externalities.

I think we need feminist economics today. And done by people of all genders.

Are there important ecofeminist movements making an impact now?

Yes. I'd name the work happening in the global climate justice movement. This includes all the work in the UN, at the grassroots, in affected communities, in science, right to the negotiating table. There are so many significant players here who will not let ecofeminist energy disappear from the room. This is extremely important because when women are not named, it is very easy for them to fade into the background.

Women are the worst affected by environmental degradation. When we deal with the challenges of water,

pollution and waste, the issues of women must be taken into account - for me, that is ecofeminism



-SUNITA NARAIN ENVIRONMENTALIST

You also write that ecofeminism itself begins with 'an awareness of the beauty of the natural world'. For me, moral knowledge, ethical sen-

sibility and a sense of connection can

often precede a rational understanding.

In my book 'Feminism and Ecological

Communities', I develop the idea of

'dynamic charm' - that the living world

has a quality which we can appreciate.

The beauty of the natural world is eve-

rything, from a majestic vista to just

paying attention to a tree or an animal.

acy. Those who count as humans matter more than those who don't count as humans. We should challenge the division that allows such disrespect — we should rethink the value of the category 'human'.

Human supremacy is a philosophical base that increases violence on the planet.

How has patriarchy shaped our approach? Patriarchy — or human male dominance - reinforces such assumptions. One group is valued more than the other and it's thought the less valuable should be of service to the more valuable. So, women are to care for men, animals are to be used by humans, etc. Valuing women and valuing animals destabilises male supremacy. Devaluing all that is associated with nature. ecosystems, even certain people, is used to suit those in power and it looks as if noth-



FINALLY SAFE: Gruen tracks chimpanzees (rehabilitated here in Chimp Haven) used in intensive biomedical research in the US

ing is wrong with this since they are thought to be less valuable. This is a toxic way of thinking. It is dangerous to all.

Has patriarchy suppressed empathy in men?

Well, empathy isn't gendered. We see kindness in non-human animals of all genders. The recent news from Australia about some animals helping other species survive the horrible bush fires is just one example.

With animals, we also don't see binary gendered divisions. Some animals 'allo-

with mothers. The male rheas build nests, incubate eggs and feed and guard

their chicks for the first six months after their birth

 Several non-human species also perform 'allo-parenting' or caring equally for their non-descendant young. Tamarins, squirrel-



Research: National Geographic, primate.wisc.edu, ScienceDirec

HOW WOMEN CAN MANAGE CLIMATE CHANGE

Can you describe your work on the chimpanzees used in biomedical research in the US?

I've developed two websites. One introduces the first 100 chimpanzees used in research in a lab in the 1920s. Through archival research, I could identify them on http://first100chimps.wesleyan.edu/

I've also developed a website that tracks the last 1.000 chimpanzees to sanctuary. In 2015, the US, the last major country in the world to use chimpanzees in research, began to end that. There were about 1,000 chimpanzees in labs. I found the names of almost all those chimpanzees, that I turn green on https://last1000chimps.com/ when they move to sanctuaries where they will spend the rest of their lives being cared for.

Today, there are about 360 chimpanzees in laboratories waiting to retire.

may not appreciate all the diverse

ways different women experience

nature. But it's a pathbreaking idea

in terms of how it makes people see important linkages there.

wal, for instance, has written on

how women across much of South

Asia don't have property rights.

They often don't have individual

property rights, which makes them

The feminist scholar, Bina Agar-

tons of harmful chemicals dispersed across Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, percolating into groundwater, poisoning the environment and harming ecosystems. Olga helped civil society networks push governments to tackle hazardous chemical pollution. Her activism empowered over 70 movements across Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Ukraine, etc. A UN Environment Champion of the Earth, Olga Speranskaya received the Goldman Environmental Prize in 2009.

ALETA BAUN

An indigenous Mollo tribal in the island of Timor, Aleta was raised to respect nature as a sacred, life-giving shrine. In the 1980s, the local government gave mining companies permits to cut marble from the mountains in the Mollo areas. Aleta organised villagers - she started with just three - to oppose this ecological destruction. She eventually united hundreds to peacefully occupy mining sites. Despite facing attempts on her life, Aleta persevered, her 'weaving occupation', involving hundreds of women sitting on the marble rocks, weaving their traditional cloth, growing. By 2010, mining at these sites was stopped.



SAALUMARADA THIMMAKKA

The 100-year-plus environmentalist Thimmakka was born to a deprived family in Gubbi taluk, Tumkur district, Karnataka. Married early, she worked as a coolie and then began planting banyan trees with her husband, both turning their sadness at not having children into care for nature instead. Thimmakka grew, nurtured and guarded over 8,000 trees. Thimmakka, now called 'Saalumarada' or 'rows of trees', was awarded the Padma Shri in 2019.

JANE GOODALL

Jane Goodall is an iconic anthropologist who has studied chimpanzees and ecology for over six decades. Starting in the 1960s, inspired by the paleoanthropologist Louis Leakey, Jane began observing primates in the wild at the remote Gombe Stream near Lake Tanganyika. Her lack of formal anthropological training caused some academics to scoff at her astounding discoveries - including that chimpanzees make and use tools - but Jane persevered. In 1977, she founded the Jane Goodall Institute which works strenuously to protect threatened chimpanzee habitats. In 1995, she was made a Commander of the British Empire (CBE). She remains a profound voice speaking on the care of our planet today.

earch: Encyclopaedia Britannica, UNEnvironment.org, The New Yorker, UN.org, goldmanprize.org, ateheroes.org, BBC, National Geographic, The Guardian, The New York Times

'Gender, dignity, work and nature are all linked'

• Women account for

about six out of 10 of the



Mahesh Rangarajan, professor of history and environmental studies at Ashoka University, is an eminent scholar. Speaking to Times Evoke, Rangarajan discussed the crucial links between women, ecology and dignity:

What are the main factors driving the continuous environmental degradation we are seeing?

There are two large factors, both emerging in the post-WWII world - the transformation of the nature of the economy due to huge technological changes, and the enormous growth in human numbers. Neither has been an even process.

Currently, just within this last half-century, if you look at Japan. Western Europe, North America and South Korea, there's been significant regeneration. The air is cleaner, the water is better, many species have returned. large areas of forests have been regrown.

But this isn't the picture in the developing world. One reason is that several countries are still playing catch-up. And latecomers to industrialisation will always have a large constituency saying, growth first, environment later.

However, the costs of not acting on the environment are very hard on the poor and on a large section of the middle class. Every contaminated environment - air. water, soil or vegetables with high levels of cadmium or lead

on them — will affect us all. Any serious attempt to address growth cannot proceed now with-

out addressing the environment. We face pressing challenges today. How do you combine an economy of permanence with the ecology of life? How do you think of equality for future generations, for those beyond the human species or for those less privileged than you? These questions have been raised by philosophers. But what happens when you apply these to life?

Take highways constructed across India. Many need to negotiate centuries-old banyan trees rulers once planted on these routes. Now, how do you have a modern

philosophy that includes the space and life cycle of a banyan tree? We need newer ways to recog

nise, repair and rejuvenate life. What is the significance of ecofemi-

nism here? ■ It is enormously significant, a field that highlighted the gender dimension to nature. which is crucial, vet often overlooked. At one time, ecofeminism was criticised by some feminist scholars who felt it

world's poorest people Only about 21.5% of the world's parliamentarians are women

discriminate against women

• For every 100 men between 25-34 years, living in extreme

pushed into poverty, women are also disproportionately

droughts, floods, shrinking soil productivity, etc. Yet, women hold the key – the education of girls could be a

breakthrough in protecting the world from more climate change.

Research: UN.org, UNDP, National Geographic, World Bank, FAO, drawdown.org

Project Drawdown, helmed by environmentalist Paul Hawken, for instance, quotes estimates that by investing in girls' education, the world could reduce upto 51.48

Almost half

of the world's

farmers are

women are

women – but

less than 15%

Drawdown says, 'more effective stewards of food, soil, trees and water' - being involved meaningfully in decisions on optimally using nature's resources, and rejuvenating these

landholders around the world Two-thirds of about 796 million illiterate people globally are women

consciousness. For instance, in the 1980s. fisherfolks' movements across India raised the problem of trawlers fishing too close to the coast, devastating the marine ecology which small fisherfolk actually protect. But another issue that came up alongside was that their goods were sold by women. However, fisherwomen were not allowed to board state transport buses as people objected. Therefore, they literally had to walk miles each day It took organised protests by women before many states rethought. Finally, the authorities came up with new ways to let the fisherwomen ride state buses. It is extremely important therefore to understand that production, gender, dignity and nature always go together.

90% countries have laws that

poverty, there are 122 such women

• With more women systemically affected by climate change,

gigatons of emissions by 2050 This improvement can come from better family planning and women - who are, as Project

extremely dependent on men. But crucially, they also lack collective rights — to ponds, commons and forests. Yet, this can be very important in creating cooperation and renewing the cycles of life there. Ecofeminism plays a phenomenal role in awakening a deeper

TIMES NATION

AIIMS gets just 0.1% hike

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lmost all hospitals funded by the Centre including the AIIMS, Delhi, JIPMER, Pondicherry and PGI, Chandigarh- had their outlays slashed in the 2020-21 Budget or were given an increase that is not even enough to cover inflation. Since none of these hospitals, which treat lakhs of patients free each year, can cut corners on fixed costs like salaries of employees, public health activists fear that they will have to either cut down services or start charging patients, either way impacting

the poorest patients. Most of these centrally funded hospitals have shown more than 100% utilization of funds originally allocated for the current year, as is evident from a comparison of the budget estimates for 2019-20 and the revised estimates, a reassessment of what will actually be spent by the end of the year. Yet, most of them have faced budget cuts when this year's allocation is compared to the revised estimates.

Saran Chil-Kalawati dren's hospital in Delhi is the only case where the increase of almost 6% just about covers inflation if we assume that to be of about 5%. For all other hospitals, there's either a decrease or an increase of under 0.5%, which clearly doesn't cover inflation, meaning in real terms their budgets have been cut. Public health experts ex-

funds under the scheme used pressed the apprehension private hospitals. that the hospitals might be forced to generate their own

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New Delhi: Ahead of US

President Donald Trump's

visit to India, civil society

has urged Prime Minister

Modi to reject any proposal

from the US to negotiate

price control policies and de-

mand to remove price caps

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In a letter to the PM, pub-

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Bharat, an analysis of Ayush-

man allocations and spending

patterns from the current

year suggests this is a tall ask.

The scheme was allocated Rs

6,400 crore in the budget for

amount in the latest Budget.

According to the reported re-

ply given by the government

to an RTI query, only Rs 2,130

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was spent till November 21

last year. The National Health

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'Repel US push to lift price cap on med devices'

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in this Budget is spent under revenue by charging patients, and in the case of hosthe scheme, if roughly a pitals which are also trainthird comes to government ing MBBS and post-graduate hospitals, that amounts to doctors, they might be forced just over Rs 2,000 crore. to increase students' fees.

This amount would be spread over 10,000 govern-While some argue that the hospitals will be able to make ment hospitals across India up for the budget cuts by getempanelled under the Ayting reimbursement for treatushman scheme. ment done under Ayushman

While it is true that the bigger hospitals would get more patients and hence a larger share of the expenditure under Ayushman, it is still extremely unlikely that the12 central government institutions that have collectively faced a budget cut of Rs 555 crore will be able to make up for this through Ayushman reimbursements.

With government tertiary care hospitals facing such budget cuts, thousands of patients thronging these hospitals, the experts apprehend, might be forced from the public system into a predatory for-profit private tertiary care system which faces little or no regulation.

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trade agreements," said the

letter signed by 30 civil socie-

ty organisations including

Campaign for Access to Med-

icines-India, All India Drug

Action Network and various

other public health advo-

Full report on www.toi.in

cates and experts.

Hence, assuming all of the Rs 6,400 crore allocated

Top hospitals' budgets cut, Why India needs to define brain death

Kerala has allowed doctors to withdraw life support from brain dead patients without the family's approval. Now Maharashtra is mulling it. But guestions linger about both ethics and practice

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hen the family of 26-year old Privanka Patra — admitted to a hospital in Odisha after an accident on January 26 — was told she was brain dead, they faced a dilemma. "The term brain death meant nothing to us. But we were told the condition was irreversible. In the end, we decided to donate her organs," said Sachin Raju, Patra's brother-in-law. The patient was certified brain dead and her kidneys were donated.

But if Patra's family had denied permission to donate her organs, would doctors have discontinued life support? In Kerala, they could have. In the rest of India, though, things are complicated for medical practitioners.

How India defines brain death

In India, brain death has been defined only in connection with organ donation under the Transplantation of Human Organs (THO) Act, 1994, which has led to the certification being viewed mostly as a procedure only to aid organ donation. But what if a family says it doesn't want to donate organs? There is little clarity on what happens then. In most cases doctors refuse to switch off the ventilator and support systems fearing legal implications.

But the medical fraternity does agree that once a diagnosis of brain death has been made, treatment should not continue as it would be a "futile intervention". The family may hold false hopes for the patient's recovery while ICU facilities, limited in India, would continue to be engaged. New guidelines Kerala issued last month aim to address this by shifting the onus of decision-making from families to doctors who can discontinue life support without family approval. It has also laid out a 10-step procedure for certification.

dead, it means they are dead. But it is challenging for doctors and the patient's family to decide whether to continue life support," Dr Banambar Ray, senior critical care specialist at a hospital in Odisha, told TOI.

How brain death is diagnosed

In most states, only when a family ing, heartbeat and blood pressure).



To certify brain-stem death, a patient should be deeply comatose, on ventilator because of lack of spontaneous respiration and all brain-stem reflexes should be absent. All prescribed tests have to be repeated, after an interval of six hours. "The assessment is undertaken

only after social workers in the hospital report willingness of a patient's family to donate organs. If the family backs out after the committee's assessment, a patient's treatment continues," said S N Shankhwar, chief medical superintendent, King George's

WHAT THE KERALA **GUIDELINES MEAN**



criteria are met. all treatments must be discontinued. Family nod is not required

> Brain death is recognised as legal and medical death in many countries, but it can be hard for families to switch off support as the patient may still show signs of life. Kerala shifts burden of this decisionmaking from families to docs

> In India, brain death is defined only in connection with organ donation. This has caused brain death certification to be seen as a procedure only to aid organ donation

Medical University in Lucknow. Dr Rajesh Shetty, chief of clinical services at a hospital in Kar-nataka, added, "The gap between brain death and cardiac death may be days. This is a burden for the patient's family that faces an ethical dilemma — whether or not to discontinue life support. As per law, even in hospitals licenced for organ transplant, brain death is not sufficient to withdraw treatment if the family

does not opt for organ donation." There are no guidelines on what standard of care should be followed when the family does not want to donate organs. But in Kerala, the process of brain death declaration has been delinked from organ donation. This came after the state constituted an expert committee to develop parameters for brain death certification "to remove the ambiguities in the minds of health care providers as well as the public.

Writing in a September 2018 edition of the peer-reviewed Indian Journal of Medical Ethics, authors Sunil Shroff and Sumana Navin had argued, "Delinking brain death from organ donation is essential and this requires inclusion of 'brain death' in the definition of death in the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, (RBDA) 1969, so that a uniform policy can be framed."

Dead or alive?

The RBDA defines death as "the permanent disappearance of all evidence of life at any time after livebirth has taken place" while the THO Act defines death as a "permanent disappearance of all evidence of life, by reason of brain-stem death or in a

cardio-pulmonary sense at any time after live birth has taken place'

Since a brain dead person can still exhibit signs of life — such as breathing with ventilator support - it can be argued they are still alive as RBDA Act does not mention brain-stem death. Medical practitioners have long asked for inclusion of "brain death" on the death certificate but there is no provision for it and death in such cases is mentioned as cardiopulmonary death.

In Maharashtra, doctors are seek ing Kerala-like clarity. Dr Astrid Lobo Gajiwala, director of the Western Region cum Maharashtra State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation, has sought that critical care experts review the Kerala order. The committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the Maharashtra directorate of health services. "A directive would be useful as doctors are not sure how to interpret the law, since brain-stem death is defined only in a law that links it with organ donation," said Gajiwala.

Doctors' dilemma

With absence of well-defined protocol for brain death cases, doctors often find themselves on tricky terrain.

Dr Rajendra Kumar S, an intensivist in Karnataka, said that lack of guidelines makes it difficult for doctors to withdraw life support. "Family can sue the doctor saying that if treatment were continued, the patient may have survived." Dr Sadiq Sikora, director of gastrointestinal surgery in a Karnataka hospital, added, "By keeping a brain-dead person on ventilator, we burden the family with the decision making. What also has to be seen is our country's resource crunch with very few ventilator beds available in ICUs.

In Tamil Nadu, doctors said there was enough clarity that brain death meant death. Sunil Shroff on the advisory committee of the state transplant authority, Transtan, said, "After brain death ...ventilators can be turned off."

But not all agree that removing family from the equation is right. Dr Saroj Patnaik from the Odisha hospital that declared Patra brain dead, said doctors withdrawing life support without kin's nod would be akin to them playing God. "Instead, we should have a robust counselling system in hospitals for families of brain dead patients to help them make a decision.

Inputs by Minati Singha, Sunitha Rao, Malathy Iyer, Shailvee Sharda and Pushpa Narayan

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD -Tender Notice No. MECH-CLEANING-MTJ-2020-02 Date: 03.02.2020 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Agra Division for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tender n sealed envelopes under Two-Pacekt System (Packet "A" Technical Offer and Packet "B" Financial offer) from reputed professional contractors for award of contract of the following work for a period of 04 years (48 Months) under mentioned date and time

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APPENDIX -IV- A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable property

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower M/s Tybros (India) Tours Pyt. Ltd. situated at 5/54 First Floor, Main Shankar Road, Old Rajinder Nagar, Delhi-110060. and its Directors and guarantors i.e. 1. Mr. Vikas Tyagi 2. Mr. Vivek Tyagi 3. Mrs. Sonika Gupta that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of SBI Sarb Retail, 23 Najafgarh Road, Delhi-110015 Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 16.03.2020 for recovery of Rs. 5,20,07,397.00 as on 31.01.2019 plus future interest due to the Secured Creditor from M/s Tybros (India) Tours Pvt. Ltd. and Its directors, 1. Mr. Vikas Tyagi 2. Mr. Vivek Tyagi 3. Mrs. Sonika Gupta The reserve price will be Rs. 123.00 lacs and Rs. 60.00 lacs and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 12.30 Lac and Rs. 6.00 lac to be deposited till 13.03.2020. Inspection Date of Property is 12.03.2020.

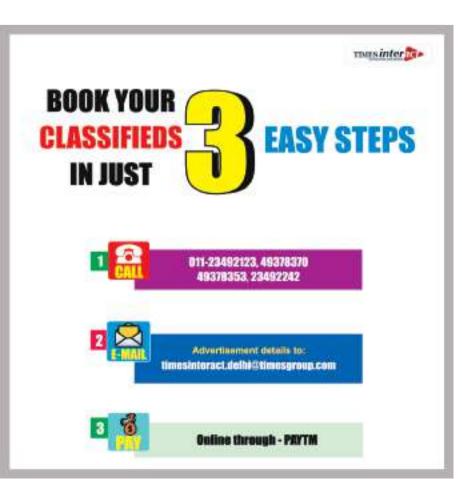
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AN EPIPHANY OF IDEAS



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A thought for today

I am not bound to win, but *I* am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have **ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

Atmosphere Of Fear

When your musical dafli raises suspicion

n a bizarre case, an Uber driver in Mumbai took his passenger to the police because he believed him to be anti-national. The _passenger in question was 23-year-old Jaipur-based poet Bappaditya Sarkar, who was in the city for a poetry reading session at the Kala Ghoda Festival. Though the police let Sarkar off after routine questioning, they advised him to avoid carrying around his musical dafli and wearing a red scarf as times weren't good.

The incident clearly shows the high level of suspicion that is plaguing society. According to political philosopher Francis Fukuyama, poor societies are those where a high level of distrust prevails. Unfortunately, our politicians these days are not doing a great job of



promoting trust as a social virtue. At a time when political rhetoric has become highly polarised, hate and anxiety are filtering down to people. In the Delhi election campaign, even chief minister Arvind Kejriwal was branded as a terrorist by political opponents, including a Union minister. Politicians may see such rhetoric as par for the course. But their words continue to have huge impact on ordinary people.

Take the example of "love jihad" rhetoric. Once upon a time even the NIA was deputed to chase this chimera, but junior home minister G Kishan Reddy said in Parliament this week that no central agency has reported any such case. In reality, conservative animus against interfaith marriages has been converted into a political tool that ends up stirring anxiety and hate. And it's not just ordinary people but the whole state machinery that gets affected, dispensing injustice instead of justice. This is precisely why politicians need to be extra careful, and not invoke imaginary enemies. In social media driven times whatever they say is multiplied manifold, leading to unintended consequences. Polarising political rhetoric presents a bigger threat to social harmony and trust than ever before.

Year Out Yonder

Christina Koch's space adventures inspire

stronauts living and working aboard the International Space Station are helping NASA test technologies for improving life on Earth as well as for facilitating humanity's journey to Mars. This week astronaut Christina Koch has returned here after spending 328 days up there, the longest single spaceflight by a woman. Her research activities during this period involved putting on the hats of farmer, biologist, physicist, engineer, test subject and many more. Memorably.



she also took part in the first all-female spacewalk in October, with astronaut Jessica Meir.

Actually this feat would have taken place in March, when Anne McClain and Koch were all set to step out to install massive lithium-ion batteries to help power the research lab. Except there was only one suit available that would fit the women, so the mission was restaffed, with a man stepping in for McClain.

Of course NASA has come a long way from the Apolloera when it didn't fly any women. But the above episode underlines how gender bias can unconsciously continue to be replicated in design choices. As India embarks on its human spaceflight mission, this is something for Isro to think through too. A woman will walk on the Moon one day, with a space programme not built exclusively around male bodies. It will also need a serious uptick in the representation of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Here role models like Christina Koch will play an important role.

Not By Bullying

A Passage To Pakistan

Indians may have a distorted view of their neighbour, but Pakistanis don't quite get India either

Sadanand Dhume

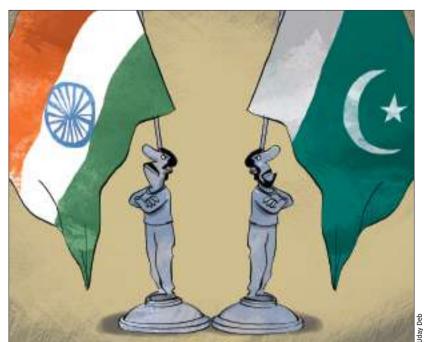
you grew up in If northern India, a visit to Pakistan is always a somewhat surreal experience. It's like passing through a looking glass to a place that manages to feel both foreign and deeply familiar at the same time.

It's not just the obvious things - food and language - that make Lahore and Karachi feel almost like home. At the gym at the Sheraton in Lahore i encountered a hugely overweight man who spent a desultory half hour on the exercise bike while glued to his phone. Perhaps this is a familiar sight in other countries too, but the only other place where i've witnessed this check-the-box approach to a workout is India. Moral of the story: it's easier to redraw national borders than to change mental habits.

Needless to say, not everything is familiar. In privileged pockets of Pakistan, the availability of alcohol at a party creates a frisson of excitement absent in India, where the well-off take the availability of wine or vodka or Scotch for granted. And despite the shared language, there's always room for verbal miscues. "We don't say 'bina', we say 'baghair'", warns a friend as i order tea for us in Lahore. "You're outing yourself."

Not surprisingly, Pakistan feels much more religious than India. Pakistani liberals bemoan the gradual replacement of the Persian "khuda hafiz" for goodbye with the harder-edged "Allah hafiz". But on the street, at least in Lahore, the latter appears to have triumphed. The default greeting – even at a hotel that's part of an international chain-is not the secular "good morning" or its equivalent, but "assalam aleikum". Rooms come equipped with prayer mats. God is everywhere.

Cliches about the warmth of Pakistani hospitality are true. But you can also encounter kindness among ordinary Pakistanis that has nothing to do with a culture of looking after your guests. At the Pakistan International Airlines counter



in Lahore, a young man helpfully suggests that i check my carry-on bag at the gate to avoid paying for excess baggage. In the Indian imagination, particularly on the Hindu Right, Pakistan brings to mind only fanaticism and violence. But a visitor can experience it instead as a land of many small kindnesses.

The Indian view of Pakistan is increasingly shaped by a kind of national hysteria, an inability to view the country dispassionately as a geographical space that happens to be inhabited by a kindred people whose ancestors were Indians. In general, educated Pakistanis are less ignorant about India than their Indian counterparts are about Pakistan. (They are alarmingly up-to-date on Bollywood gossip.) But here too distortions abound. For Pakistanis, India is north India. Indian politics is the politics of the Hindi heartland.

In Lahore the idea of an impending war looms large, even among sober people who

As things stand, Pakistan enjoys a strong relationship with China, has largely repaired its once strained relations with America, and is open to overtures from Russia

longing. The novelist Mohsin Hamid tells me this is because of proximity to the border. For a Lahori, a dip in India-Pakistan relations can mean more men in army fatigues on the streets. If you're in Delhi or Mumbai life goes on as usual. Geopolitics does not intersect with daily life in quite the same way.

Some of Pakistan's beleaguered liberals - brave but dwindling species look upon India's turn toward hardline Hindu nationalism more with sorrow than anger. They feel robbed of their best view it with trepidation rather than argument - that for all its flaws India

showed that civil liberties and democratic norms could thrive even on the subcontinent. Under Modi, Indian visas have all but dried up for Pakistanis, even for known peaceniks who have visited India many times. In the past, the Pakistani army tried to discourage people from visiting "enemy territory". Now the Indian government does their job for them.

But it's not all just regret and longing for gentler times. There's schadenfreude too. The idea that the likes of the venomous Yogi Adityanath represent the true face of India is common in Pakistan. As the argument goes, Indian secularism was always a charade. The only difference is that the Modi government doesn't bother to dress up reality. This may strike an Indian as an absurd distortion of the truth, but in Pakistan it's widely believed.

The Narendra Modi government prides itself on restoring hard-bitten realism to Indian foreign policy - no more empty posturing of the Nehruvian variety. Judged by this yardstick, New Delhi's Pakistan policy is a disaster. It appears to be based on a combination of hubris and hatred that are the opposite of realism.

On television, Indians are fed a diet of jingoism that is detached from reality. For instance, while Pakistan's global influence may have declined precipitously-in large measure because of its sclerotic economy - the idea that India can isolate a nuclear armed nation with more than 200-million people is preposterous. As things stand, Pakistan enjoys a strong relationship with China, has largely repaired its once strained relations with America, and is open to overtures from Russia.

Perhaps one day the politicians who run India and the generals who run Pakistan will feel secure enough to allow Indians and Pakistanis to visit each other freely and experience each other's countries for themselves. Until such contact becomes commonplace, the odds of South Asia becoming more like Southeast Asia united by economics rather than divided by politics – remain vanishingly slim.

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Regulatory independence shouldn't be diluted, government shouldn't be fixing the premium for third-party motor insurance

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For the past few months the amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act have been in

for significantly the news raising penalties for traffic violations. Not surprisingly, several state governments have responded by siding with the violators and lowered the fines, triggering a debate on whether they have over-stepped their jurisdiction.

Hidden deep inside the amended law is a clause that can do far more damage but has probably skipped the attention

savings bank deposits will earn. Unlike savings bank rate, which was de-regulated by RBI a few years ago, third party premiums are fixed by the insurance regulator to ensure that vehicle owners are not over-burdened with what is a mandatory insurance cover.

Your motor insurance has two components-"own damage" to deal with risk such as theft or damage to your vehicle, while third-party cover insures you against claims arising due to an injury or death of a "third party" (other than the vehicle owner or the insurance

company) in an accident. Among all the segments, motor insurance sees the highest



insurers lost Rs 8 on every Rs 100of premium they earned. For the system as a whole, there was a profit of a little under Rs 10, but that is excluding the operating costs

Going forward, the premium will be decided by the transport obby and will either bleed the insurance companies or increase the burden on the own-damage component, unless the government decides to reverse the clock and regulate tariffs in that segment too. Beyond the insurance sector, the move sends wrong signals on the governance front and indicates that the government does not care about regulatory independence.

Over the years, a series premium, something that has of steps - from insisting on But that certainly does not make a case for the government

transferring funds available with the regulatory agencies to appointments – by successive to step in and take control of a government are seen to be an sector where over two decades intrusion into the domain that

Faced by existential crisis, Party can earn loyalty of friends only by effective action against coronavirus

Nayan Chanda



As novel coronavirus infections are doubling every four days and the death toll is steadily mounting - over 600 at time of writing - China's latest health crisis has created the opportunity for a new loyalty test.

China has publicly chastised countries like New Zealand for "joining efforts to isolate the Chinese economy" under the guise of fighting the spread of virus. Although some of China's friends have sent messages of support, Beijing has complained about those that have not. Cambodian PM Hun Sen went a step further, offering to travel to Wuhan to show his solidarity (after being dissuaded by Chinese officials, he flew to Beijing instead). After meeting with President Xi Jinping, he expressed full confidence about China surmounting this challenge, signalling his bullishness by leaving Cambodian students in Wuhan "to share [Chinese people's] happiness and pain and to help them solve this situation"

Hun Sen also acknowledged that Cambodian students who depart Wuhan may not receive scholarships to continue their studies. In a veiled threat, a Chinese diplomat reminded a New Zealand newspaper that, as Wellington's largest trading partner, China does not take kindly to travel restrictions that contribute to its "international isolation". He warned of unspecified loss to the New Zealand economy in consequence. After Indonesia imposed a travel ban on Chinese nationals, Beijing's ambassador in Jakarta darkly warned about the "negative impact" on their relationship.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson has accused the United States of "unceasingly" manufacturing and spreading panic, expressing regret that advanced countries have taken the lead in "imposing excessive restrictions contrary to WHO recommendations". The Chinese ambassador to the UK



expressed his disappointment that PM Boris Johnson has taken a drastic measure to call all Britons to leave China **global**eve and has not sent a personal message of support to Beijing

over the virus. The fact that already 10 countries including the US, Australia, Japan, Pakistan, Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam have barred entry to visitors who had recently been to China, and numerous countries have suspended flights from the mainland makes China's position tenuous. Veteran China watcher Bill Bishop called Xi's current troubles "as close to an existential crisis for Xi and the Party" since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre.

The virus crisis has come at a time when Xi has already been criticised for his handling of relations with the US and the Hong Kong protests causing economic harm to China. Emboldened by Xi's current difficulties, some domestic critics have called for the president's resignation, deriding him as "just someone who is not very smart". Such criticism must sting Chinese leadership as it comes under global criticism for its clumsy effort at a cover-up. The reported death of a whistleblower doctor Li Wenliang, who informed colleagues about the appearance of the new virus over a month ago, could deal a fresh reputational blow to Beijing. In a typical effort to protect political stability and Party prestige, his calls for action were suppressed. Li and eight of his colleagues were instead reprimanded by police for rumour mongering, thus leaving Wuhan's 11 million people exposed to the virus. Similar efforts to suppress news of SARS in 2003 led to a global emergency; that virus ended up killing 800 people.

Now struggling to control the virus's fast spread, the government has resorted to criticising foreign governments for hostile intent towards China in taking measures to protect their citizens. Chinese scientists have admirably sequenced the novel coronavirus genome in record time and Chinese engineers have - in the space of just ten days - built two large hospitals to treat the new patients. Chinese authorities have also mobilised their technological prowess, from apps to drones, to combat the virus. But in its bid to maintain the Party's infallibility and supremacy, the Party has squandered valuable time. The loyalty of its friends must be earned by effective action to protect the health of its own citizens and the world, not by bullying.

of most lawmakers, who backed the legislation in Parliament. The provision inserted by an officer sitting in Delhi's Transport Bhawan has taken over the powers of the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (Irda) in fixing the premium for third-party motor insurance.

Overriding the provisions in all other laws, the transport ministry has now assumed powers to "prescribe" (read fix) the base premium and the insurer's liability "in consultation with" with Irda.

This is akin to the finance ministry taking over the Reserve Bank of India's powers to decide on the interest rate that your

dilbert

claims with the ratio estimated at 90.6% in 2018-19, according to the Irda annual report. For the public sector companies, the ratio was close to 108%. This means the four state-run general

Government was influenced by the powerful transport lobby, which has always resisted any increase in premium. despite rash driving by largely untrained bus and truck drivers

By all accounts, third-party insurance leaves a bigger hole on the balance sheet of insurers, especially given the long tail as cases are often decided almost a decade after a person is injured or killed in a road accident.

Given the claims, insurance companies always pitch for an increase in premium to cover the risk. And, they usually take the safer option of an acrossthe-board increase in premium instead of rewarding a vehicle owner with a clean record or disincentivising someone with a poor claims history. The regulator too hasn't moved on the plan to actually deregulate

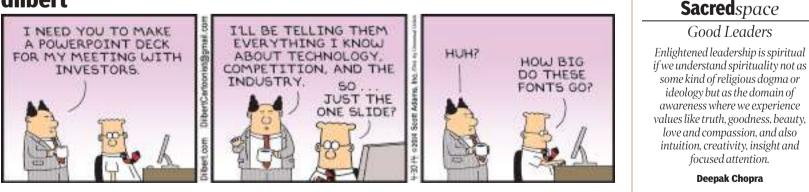
ago, Parliament in its wisdom decided to set up an independent agency and entrust the regulator with the task of managing the insurance business.

been the stated agenda.

Today the government argument is that it is trying to ensure that consumer interest is protected and there is some check on the influence of insurance firms to increase the premium for mandatory thirdparty insurance. Quite to the contrary, the move shows how the government was influenced by the powerful transport lobby, which has always resisted any increase in premium, despite rash driving by largely untrained bus and truck drivers.

was carved out for regulators. Barring the financial sector regulators - RBI, Irda, Sebi and Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority - several of the new agencies such as those for the petroleum or the aviation sector were in any case bereft of sufficient teeth, allowing the ministries concerned to dictate terms.

The latest amendment can set a dangerous precedent. Instead of taking over the powers of the regulator, the government should provide subsidy through the budget in case the premium is genuinely excessive, much like what is done by states in the power sector.



The 'Mahatma' And The Maharishi

Ashok Vohra

Ahough MK Gandhi and Ramana Maharishi were contemporaries, they never met in person. Gandhi tried thrice to meet Ramana but each time, due to pressure of work, to his regret, he could not find time to go to Ramanashrama in Tiruvannamalai.

Despite the fact that the two never met, they appreciated each other's thought and work. Ramana advised his disciples to "follow the example of Gandhiji in the work of national cause." To all those who complained of depression, Gandhi advised "Go to Ramnashramam and come back after a month's time.'

About the two, Sarojini Naidu wrote, "We have two mahatmas in India today. One is Ramana Maharishi, who gives us peace. The other is Mahatma Gandhi, who will not let us rest one moment in peace. But each does what he is doing

with the same end in view, namely the spiritual regeneration of India.

On seeing an eighteen inches high statue of Gandhi in one of the alcoves in Ramana Maharishi's ashrama room, one of his devotees was puzzled and asked him, "Who should be my ideal? Should it be ever active Gandhi, or ever reticent Ramana who sits quietly?

On hearing the question Ramana Maharishi smilingly looked at him and said, "Who told you that I am sitting quietly?" The devotee said that he had been seeing it with his own eyes. At this

THE SPEAKING TREE Ramana asked him "Why do you think that what you are seeing with physical eyes is the truth?"

Ramana explained to him that both he and Gandhi perform their actions with 'devotion and detachment' and ask everyone to do so. They have completely surrendered themselves to divine will. For both, the key word is 'surrender'. He said that if one has surrendered absolutely to God or to a guru then he does not have to "concern himself about the rectitude or otherwise of the course", he will be taken "on the right course" by the power to whom he has surrendered.

Gandhi, according to Ramana, was the exemplar of complete and unequivocal surrender to God. Ramana upheld that Gandhi had no interest in Indian independence if it were to be achieved by unspiritual or immoral means.

Gandhi too admitted several times that he was seeking his own salvation through all his actions.

Gandhi endorsed the doctrine of surrender' when he said, "And if God guides me, what should I think? Even thought may be an obstacle in the way of His guidance." Explaining this remark

Ramana said, "It is only after the rise of I-thought that all other thoughts arise.' Once the 'I-thought' vanishes and is replaced by 'divine will', all doubts regarding success or failure, right or wrong, disappear. Doubts arise "only because one has not surrendered to the divine".

Spiritualism was the cardinal principle underlying all their actions. By 'spiritualism' they meant 'education of the heart'. It represents the 'inner view of life'-"it is the life within expressing and governing the life without." Both Gandhi and Ramana agreed that "the more the soul is in tune with God, the more it realises its own inner bliss.

When Ramana heard of Gandhi's death, he cited the episode from Uttar Ramayana: Rama was reminded by devas that his work on earth was over after the death of Ravana. Ramana said, "Now that India's Independence is achieved, Gandhi's work was done and so he had been sent away.'

TIMES TRENDS

Tech that warns sleepy truckers it's time for a break

Sensors In Caps, Vests, Eyewear Monitor Behaviour And Send Alerts to Drowsy Drivers

Julie Weed

alling asleep at the wheel is a trucker's worst nightmare. Now, new technologies are becoming available to alert drowsy drivers, sometimes even before they feel tired. Such tech has been slow to

enter big rigs' cabs, but that may be changing. The trucking industry, which employs 3.5 million people in the US, has been focused on a new law requiring the installation of electronic logging devices on most commercial trucks that is meant to help ensure drivers don't drive more than the legally allotted hours in a day. Biometric sensors are get-

SHORT CUTS

😋 ocial media users are more likely to eat

Iruits and vegetables — or snack on junk

food - if they think their friends do the same.

according to a new study which may lead to

new ways of nudging people towards a heathy

diet. Researchers, including those from Aston

University in the UK, asked 369 university stu-

dents to estimate the amount of fruit, vegeta-

bles, 'energy-dense snacks', and sugary drinks

their Facebook peers consumed on a daily basis.

They cross-referenced this information with the

showed that those who felt their social circles

'approved' of eating junk food consumed signif-

icantly more themselves. Their study, published

in 'Appetite', also revealed that participants ate

an extra fifth of a portion of fruit and vegetables

themselves for every portion they thought their

participants' own actual eating habits, and



ting lighter, cheaper and more accurate, and new software systems can connect driver and vehicle data. The feedback loops these systems create could make the roads safer for everyone.

One of the first drowsydriving monitoring systems to appear in the truckers' cab was a driver-facing camera that alerted the driver when it registered eyelid and head droops. Privacy concerns kept

this technology from going far.New wearable technology monitors the drivers but in a subtle way, and comes in a variety of forms like caps, vests,

wristbands and eye wear. Glasses made by Optalert measure the driver's eye blinking with an LED light monitor. Eyelids that stay down too long might point to a sleepy driver. The real-time measurements are displayed on a dash-mounted device with alarms and notifications.

A headset made by Maven Machines detects if a driver is looking forward through the windshield, up, down or sideways, and measures mirror checks, which can decrease in frequency if a driver is getting tired. The headset detects head bobs and jerks, signs the driver is falling asleep.

This system also notices and can deliver notifications on "coachable" behaviours that can be improved, like hard braking, and delivers audible routing, weather and other messages as well.

Maven Machines' headset pulls data from accelerometers embedded inside, sensors in the truck's onboard computer and GPS data from nearby cellphone towers. The system can then discern whether a driver is driving at an unsafe speed, or perhaps just passing someone, going down a hill or crossing a highway overpass that runs above a surface street with a lower speed limit. The SmartCap device is a iToons

headband that measures electronic brain waves and translates them to a measure of alertness or fatigue. It notifies the driver and a central monitoring system.

The alerts sent to drivers are meant to encourage them to find their own best way to get back into an alert state. The company says its case studies have shown that over time the number of drivers' alerts lessens, meaning they are changing schedules or learning to recognise their own drowsy warning signs. NYT NEWS SERVICE

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Honey, he shrunk your mobile apps

Washington: A team led by an Indian-origin scientist has developed a new 'streaming' software that can reduce the space taken up by apps on

a smartphone by at least 85%. The software "streams" data and code resources to an app from a cloud server when necessary, allowing the app to use only the space it needs on a phone at any given time.

"It's like how Netflix movies aren't actually stored on computer. They are streamed to you as you are watching them," said Sau-

rabh Bagchi, a professor at Purdue University in the US. "Here the application components, like heavy video or graphics or code paths, are streaming instantly despite the errors and slowdowns

that are possible on a cellular network," said Bagchi. The study shows how the

software, called AppStreamer, cuts down storage requirements by at least 85% for popular gaming apps on an Android. It seamlessly shuffles data between an app and a cloud server without stalling the game, he said.

Most study participants didn't notice any differences in their gaming experience while the app used App-Streamer, they said.

Bagchi said since App-Streamer works for these storage-hungry gaming apps, it could work for other apps that usually take up far less space. The software also allows the app itself to download faster to a phone, he said. PTI

Cuttlefish go light on lunch if there's shrimp for dinner Social media users pick up uttlefish will eat less during the day if bad eating habits from pals

their favourite meal is on offer in the evening, according to new research. Scientists found that the animals would

limit the number of crabs they consumed if they expected to eat shrimp — their preferred — later on. This demonstrates "a complex cognitive ability", researchers said.

Pauline Billard, an author of the study published in 'Biology Letters', said it only took the fish a few days to learn whether or not they could expect shrimp later that day, depending on how they were being fed during the experiment. "It was surprising how quickly the cuttlefish adapted their eating behaviour," she said.

In further experiments, they found cuttlefish who were given shrimp every evening would eat fewer crabs during the day compared to another group fed their favourite meal at random, who instead became more Opportunistic. THE INDEPENDENT



A model during a fashion show at JFK airport in New York City on Thursday

A risky sports car race on ice is revived with a green twist



social media peers ate.

With Lake Zell in the Austrian Alps failing to freeze, ice race is held on an airstrip iced over with a tractor and a water-tank

n an airstrip in the shadows of the Kitzsteinhorn glacier in the Austrian Alps, Ferdinand Porsche watches as some of the world's fastest cars whiz by on ice at almost 90 miles an hour, spraying spectators with snow during sharp turns.

For the second year running, the 26-year-old son of the Porsche supervisory board chairman has overseen the revival of a decades-old tradition of sports-car races on ice.

Over the weekend, he and a friend brought together world-class drivers for a race in near-zero temperatures

before 16,000 car-crazy spectators. This year's GP Ice Race was not like those between 1937 and 1974, which took place on the frozen Lake ${\it Zell. With the lake now failing to freeze}$ over, it was held on an airstrip iced over with a tractor and a water-tank.

For Ferdinand, restoring the race in an era of climate worries is about rekindling a family passion for testing the boundaries of wellengineered machines against the elements while also trying to be reand driving cleaner cars.

For the first time, the race's emissions are being balanced out with green actions that will reduce 144 tonnes of CO_2 . While the race had cars from the 1950s, 60s and 70s, it also featured electric vehicles.

southwest of Salzburg, in Porsche country. It was called off in 1974 because of an accident. More unstable weather conditions and safety requirements led to the end of the race. The lake needs seven days of below-zero temperatures for an ice layer of at least 20cm, which rarely happens now.

While holding the race again on the lake seems remote and electric cars mean the extreme growl of an engine and the smell of oil and gasoline are missing, the thrill of speeding down an ice track remains undiminished. **BLOOMBERG**

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''ई–निविदा सूचना''

unique form of yarn made up of human skin cells that could soon replace conventional sutures in surgical procedures.

Yarn made from human

skin to stitch up wounds?

Surgeons can use this 'human textile' for knitting, sewing and crocheting damaged organs. Scientists from the University of Bordeaux, France, suggest that their invention could "truly integrate into the host's body".

Washington: A group of re-

that appeared in the 'Acta Biomaterialia' that "this novel strategy holds the promise

of the next generation of medical textiles that will be mechanically strong without any foreign scaffolding" They added: "These hum-

an textiles offer a unique level of biocompatibility and represent a new generation of completely biological tissue-engineered products". Normal sutures pose a risk of eliciting a detrimental immune resp onse from the patients' bodies. The scientists wrote:

They stated in their study

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NOTICE to Nationalized Banks for investment of an amount of Rs. 159,06,85,898/- (Rupees One Hundred Fifty Nine Crore Six Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight only) IN FIXED DEPOSIT.

All the Nationalized Banks are informed that the above mentioned amount is to be invested in Fixed Deposit for a period of SIX MONTHS. Interested Nationalized Banks are requested to quote in sealed cover, the highest rate of interest alid till 12.02.2020, for this deposit in accordance with the

sponsible by keeping laps limited NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

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Greening is a relatively new phenomenon for car races, which burn large amounts of fossil fuels and have a bad environmental record. Formula One has pledged to become carbon neutral by 2030, while Indy race cars now run on 100% ethanol fuel, a cornbased, renewable energy. The race was held about 60km

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DIPR/C/749/2020 **Director and Joint Secretary**

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Short description : Nanufscturing, Testing, Supply and Erection & Commissioning of 3 nos. 20 MVA, 11/132 KV Generator Transformers for Mukerian Hydel Project, Talwara, Punjab (2 nos.) and UBDC Hydel Project. Malikpur, Pathankot, Punjab (1 no.).

Start date for downloading of Specification : 15.02.2020.

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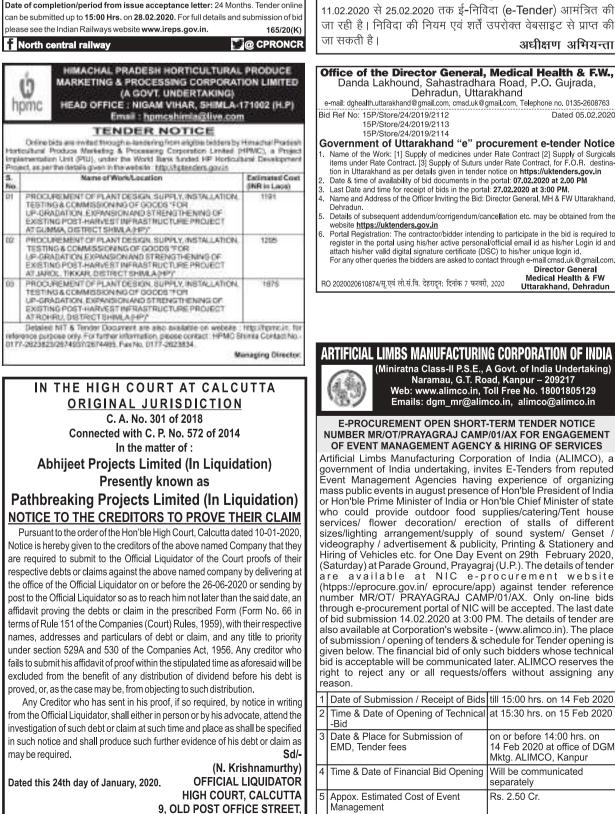
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TIMES GLOBAL

WHAT SCULPTURE IS TO A BLOCK OF MARBLE, EDUCATION IS TO THE SOUL – JOSEPH ADDISON

GE RULES THAT KESHA DEFAMED HER PRODUCER, DR LUKE, WHEN SHE TEXTED LADY GAGA THAT HE RAPED KATY PERRY

'YAY MATTY! COULD YOU TAKE ANY LONGER?' MATTHEW PERRY JOINS INSTA, GETS WARM WELCOME FROM 'FRIENDS' CO-STARS

Rare online revolt in China over death of virus whistleblower

Govt Orders Probe As Toll Hits 637 And Infection Spreads To 31,211

Li Yuan

hey posted videos of the Les Miserables song, "Do You Hear the People Sing". They invoked article No.35 of China's Constitution, which stipulates freedom of speech. They tweeted a phrase from the poem "For Whom the Bell Tolls". The Chinese public have staged what amounts to an online revolt after the death of a doctor, Li Wenliang, who tried to warn of a mysterious virus that has since killed at least 637 people and infected about 31,211 others.

Since late Thursday, people from different backgrounds, including government officials, prominent business figures and ordinary online users, have posted numerous messages expressing their grief at the doctor's death. News of Li's death at age 34 became the top-read topic on China's microblogging site Weibo on Friday, with over 1.5 billion views, and was also heavily discussed in private WeChat messaging groups.

The government even see med to recognise the enormity of the country's emotion, dispatching a team to investigate what it called "issues related to Dr. Li Wenliang that were reported by the public", though without specifics.

Some users of Weibo, China's Twitter-like social media platform, are saying the doctor's death resonated because he was an ordinary person who

'Israel nearly shot down passenger plane in Syria³

Moscow: Russia's defence ministry said on Friday that Israeli air forces nearly shot down a passenger jetliner in Syria during a missile strike on the suburbs of Damascus a day earlier.

The allegation comes as tensions run high in Syria, where fighting has escalated in the northern province of Idlib.



A couple share a kiss in Hong Kong. On Friday, Hong Kong Airlines said it has been forced to lay off 400 employees as the coronavirus outbreak compounds problems at the already-struggling firm. The airlines said that strict entry and quarantine measures imposed by countries around the world have further impacted travel demand in the city and the firm had to take vigorous measures to mitigate the challenges

was forced to admit to wrongdoing for doing the right thing. Li was reprimanded by the police after he shared concerns about the virus in a social messaging app with medical school classmates on December 30. Three days later, the police compelled him to sign a statement that his warning constituted "illegal behaviour."

Wang Gaofei, the chief executive of Weibo, which carries out many of the orders passed down from China's censors, pondered what lessons China should learn from Li's

death. "We should be more tolerant of people who post 'untruthful information' that aren't malicious," he said in a post. "If we're only allowed to speak what we can guarantee is fact, we're going to pay prices." "RIP our hero," Fan Bao, a

prominent tech investor, posted on his WeChat timeline. The hashtag #wewantfree-

domofspeech# was created on Weibo at 2am on Friday morning and had over two million views and over 5,500 posts by 7am. It was deleted by censors, along with related topics, such

vernment owed Li an apology. It's too early to tell whether the online anger and frustration will amount to much. The re was palpable public outrage in a few past tragedies, including a 2008 earthquake in Sichuan Province and a train accident in 2011. But it faded in those instances. Some people are more hopeful this time. Hou Zhihui, a commentator who has been detained twice for his online speeches, said, "This time, nobody can stay out of it. It's impossible". NYT

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iPhone maker is making masks

oxconn will start manufacturing surgical face masks alongside Apple products at its Shenzhen factory, the world's biggest contract electronics maker announced on Thursday. "Face masks are now the standard equipment in our fight against the (coronavirus) epidemic," Foxconn said in a statement. Foxconn assembles Apple's iPhones as well as gadgets for other international brands. The announcement came as WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the demand for masks, gowns, gloves and other protective gear has risen up to 100-fold and prices have soared due to the China coronavirus, producing a "severe" disruption in global supply. AGENCIES

2 dozen on cruise ship in US screened

A bout two dozen passengers aboard a Caribbean cruise ship that docked in Bayonne, New Jersey, on Friday were screened for coronavirus and four were sent to a local hospital for further screening, the city's mayor said. Mayor Jimmy Davis of Bayonne, near New York City, described the hospitalisations as "an abundance of caution". Video footage showed ambulances pulling up to the docked ship and medics carrying out at least one person on a stretcher. New Jersey currently has no confirmed cases of the coronavirus. REUTERS

Apple fined for iPhone-slowing software in France

Paris: France's consume watchdog said on Friday that Apple had agreed to pay €25 million for failing to tell iPhone users that software updates could slow down older devices. The scandal erupted in December 2017, when the firm admitted that its most recent iOS software was slowing the performance of older phones.

Critics accused the firm of surreptitiously forcing users to buy phones sooner than needed. The outcry forced Apple was forced to upgrade its software and offer discounts on battery replacements. Prosecutors opened an inquiry in January 2018. "IPhone owners were not informed that installing iOS updates could slow down their devices," the DGCCRF agency said. Apple said it welcomed the accord

US policy that restricted intl students' re-entry blocked **Relief For 2L Desis Studying There As Court Sets Aside Memo That Barred Re-entry For 'Unlawful Presence'**

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n a relief for international students, a US district court has held as invalid a revised (new) policy memo on 'unlawful presence' issued by the US government's immigration agency in August 2018.

The controversial memo had upset foreign students in the US as a retro-computation prescribed by it for computing 'unlawful presence' could result in barring several students from re-entering the US for three or 10 years.

Setting aside of this policy memo by judge Loretta C Biggs is being perceived as a major victory not just for Guilford College, The New School, Haverford College and other plaintiffs to the lawsuit, but for the 10.95 lakh international students. After the Chinese (3.69 lakh), Indians at 2.02 lakh constitute the second largest group of international students, according to the last Open Source data, issued in November. Under the new policy memo issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services that came into effect from August 9, 2018, the unlawful presence clock was turned back to the date on which the international student first fell 'out of status'.

The violation of student status could be inadvertent or owing to no fault of the international student. Even a simple failure to update the designated school officer of a change in address, an unauthorised job such as babysitting, a clerical error by the DSO in entering information into the SEVIS system (database for international students) such as additional hours of on-site campus work

HOW IT HAPPENED

Aug 9, 2018 | USCIS controversial policy memo comes into effect Unlawful presence clock backdated to when international student first fell 'out of status' Oct 23 | Educational institutions file a lawsui Several Democrat senators call upon USCIS to rescind policy 3, 2019 | US district court issues preliminary injunction against application o the new policy

New policy is now invalid. But Trump administration could appeal to a higher court

beyond those permissible could result in a student being regarded as 'out of status'.

The repercussions were extreme. For instance, if an international student has unknowingly violated his or her student status, and this was discovered years later, it was likely that the 180 day or even 365-day period would have been crossed. An individual who accrues more than 180 days of unlawful presence before departing from the US can be barred from re-entry for three years. An individual unlawfully present in the US for more than a year is barred for 10 years.

Rajiv S Khanna, managing attorney at Immigration.com, told TOI, "This decision is laudable in three respects. First, the court correctly interpreted the law and held that the USCIS had implemented a policy against the plain language of the statute. Second, the court invalidated incorrect procedures. And finally, the court refused to accept all the standard argu-

of a three or 10-year re-entry. any other details. Al-Rimi had said in an 18-minute video that

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in similar cases, viz, they were

creating a policy and not a law."

with Siskind Susser, an im-

migration law firm, told TOI,

"Most significantly, the dis-

trict court determined that

the unlawful presence memo

conflicts with the Immigra-

tion and Nationality Act, since

under this Act, one is not dee-

med to be unlawfully present

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lawsuit in its edition of Octo-

ber 26, 2018. The plaintiffs had

submitted that the previous po-

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tion judge adjudicated the in-

ternational student as being 'out of status'. If required, indi-

viduals could leave US within

180 days and avoid imposition

TOI had front paged the

by the Attorney General'.

Adam Cohen, attorney

Top Yemen al-Qaida commander killed in US air strike, says Trump

Washington: President Donald Trump said on Thursday that the US at his direction has conducted a counter-terrorism operation in Yemen that killed Qassim al-Rimi, an al-



his group was responsible for the December 6 shooting at thebase. He called the shooter, Saudi Air Force officer Mohammed Alshamrani, a ''cou

rageous knight" and a "hero"

a classroom at the base, killing

three people and wounding

PIO doc gets 3 life sentences for sex assault on patients in UK

London: An Indian-origin doctor, who exploited women's cancer fears to carry out invasive intimate examinations, has been given three life sentences for 90 sexual assaults on female patients in London on Friday.

Manish Shah assaulted fences against six victims at 23 women and a 15-year-old Mawney Medical Centre last girl while working in London autumn. At an earlier trial in and was described by the sen-2018, he was convicted of oftencing judge as a "master of fences relating to 18 other people, bringing the total numdeception who abused his position of power". "You made ber of offences to 90 The general practitioner (GP) was found guilty following a trial in December last year, when the jury heard how he used a news story during consultation with one patient about Hollywood star control and on occasions hu-Angelina Jolie having a preventative mastectomy, before asking if she would like him to examine her breasts re "defensive medicine" was

Manish Shah. 50. exploited women's cancer fears to carry out invasive intimate examinations and has been given three life sentences for 90 sexual assaults on female patients in London

found guilty of 25 sexual of-

"He took advantage of his position to persuade women to have invasive vaginal examinations, breast examinations and rectal examinations when there was absolutely no medical need for them

Syrian government forces, backed by the Russian military, have clashed with Turkish troops that support the opposition there after failing to observe a cease-fire. A spokesman for the Israeli PM did not respond to a request for comment.

The news of the alleged near-miss came amid jitters just a month after a Ukrainian passenger plane crashed shortly after take-off from Tehran, killing all 176 people on board. Iran said the plane was mistakenly shot down by its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard.

In a statement released on Friday, Russian defence ministry spokesperson Igor Konashenkov said the strike was car ried around 2 am local time on Thursday. He said four Israeli F-16 fighter jets hit the suburbs of Damascus with eight missiles without taking into account that a passenger plane with 172 civilians on board was preparing to land in the city's airport around the same time.

Konashenkov didn't name the airline or flight number, saying only that it was an Airbus-320 en route from Tehran that "came near to entering the zone of a deadly anti-aircraft missile and artillery fire". The plane had to make an emergency landing at the Hmeimeem Air Base some 300km north of Damascus, which is operated by the Russian military. AP

up stories which got into heads and caused panic," said Judge Anne Molyneux at the Old Bailey court. "Your behaviour was not only sexual but was driven by your desire to

miliate women," she said. The 50-year-old doctor who claimed the assaults we-

to be conducted," prosecutor Kate Bex told the jury during the trial. "Fear is an incredible motivator and few health concerns are scarier than cancer. Shah exploited that and used it for his own personal gratification," she said.

Shah was suspended from the medical practice in 2013 when complaints came to light, resulting in investigation. PTI

Qaida commander who clai med responsibility for last year's deadly shooting at Naval Air Station Pensacola, where a Saudi aviation trainee killed three American sailors. Al-Rimi is a founder of al-

Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. "We will continue to protect the American people by tracking down and eliminating terrorists who seek to do us

AROUND THE WORLD

Al-Qaida commander Qassim The shooter opened fire inside

al-Rimi claimed responsibility for last year's shooting at Pensacola naval air station, where a Saudi trainee killed 3 American sailors

harm," Trump said. While Trump confirmed reports that al-Rimi had been killed, he did not say when the operation was conducted or offer

two sheriff's deputies before one of the deputies killed him. Al-Rimi, 41, was among the few remaining al-Qaida leaders whose terrorist pedigree traces to the era before the September 11, 2001, attacks AP

Pak House passes resolution calling for public hanging of child abusers

Omer Faroog Khan TNN

Islamabad: Pakistan's Na tional Assembly adopted on Friday a resolution calling for the public hanging of offenders convicted of sexual abuse and harassment of children. The resolution was tabled by parliamentary affairs minister Ali Mohammad Khan and approved with a sizeable majority. The minister told the National Assembly that Prime Minister Imran

Khan wanted to introduce the death penalty for anyone found guilty of child rape. The opposition Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), mean-

while, objected to the resolu-

tion, saying that any such



Parliamentary affairs minister Ali Mohammad Khan said PM Imran Khan (above) wanted to introduce the death penalty for anyone found guilty of child rape move would not result in a reduction of crime. Senior PPP leader and former PM Raja Pervaiz Ashraf said the practice of public hanging violates the laws of the United Na-



While the resolution was presented by the ruling PTI and a majority of its lawmakers backed it, some members of the cabinet distanced themselves from it. Science and technology minister Fawad Chaudhry tweeted, "Societies should act in a balanced way, barbarity is not an answer to crimes. Human rights minister Shireen Mazari said, "Our ministry of human rights strongly opposes this."

Full report on www.toi.in

800 retweets help return purse to tourist New Orleans: A good Samari-

with the DGCCRF. $\ensuremath{\mathsf{AFP}}$

tan used the power of social media to track down the owner of a stolen pink purse, returning the purse — and some photos he took of New Orleans on the camera that was tucked inside—to the surprised tourist. Saarah Yob, 23, of Florida was on a trip to New Orleans when she discovered someone had stolen her purse.

Later that day, James Elmes, 21, spotted the purse sitting on a curb with only her camera in it. He posted a photo Yob had taken of heronto Twitter on the remote chance someone would see it. Within 16 hours and 800 retweets later, he did find Yob, who was immensely grateful to get her purse back. AP

Musk takes a dig at WhatsApp's recent security scandals

Elon Musk on Thursday made a dig at WhatsApp's recent history with security vulnerabilities. Musk tweeted a picture of all the versions of the robot arm emoji from Apple, Google, Microsoft, Samsung and WhatsApp respectively and wrote, "Last one comes with a free phone hack." The last photo was Facebook-owned WhatsApp's version of the emoji, a dig at the messaging app's recent security problems. In January, an analysis of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos' iPhone concluded it was compromised after he received a 4.4MB video file containing malware via WhatsApp.

Kick out 'western' tourists without masks: Thai minister

Thailand's health minister lashed out at "western" tourists on Friday for not wearing face masks and suggested they be expelled from the country for putting others at risk during the coronavirus outbreak. While distributing masks at a metro station. Anutin Charnvirakul said foreign tourists didn't take them and acted as if they "don't care". He later apologi sed on his Facebook page for "losing it". The remarks come as the nation faces losses over a drop in visitors from China. where the virus has killed over 600 people.

Come to Rio, get robbed: Tourism body shares post

In a gaffe this week, the Brazili-



IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH: Thousands of couples - some in face masks — tied the knot in a mass wedding in Gapiyong on Friday despite virus concerns in South Korea. The church distributed face coverings to the 30,000 crowd, but only some donned them. 'It would be a lie if I said I was not concerned at all about the infection.' said a 21-year-old university student, 'But I feel like I will be protected from the virus today'. South Korea has recorded 24 cases of the novel coronavirus outbreak that emerged in neighbouring China

an Tourist Board accidentally shared a critical Instagram post from a tourist who did not enjoy her stay in the so-called Marvelous City. "I just spent 3 days in Rio and in those 3 days my family and I were robbed," Instagram user "withlai" posted online. Embratur deleted the shared post on Wednesday. It later said "sharing (the post) was a mistake", adding that it had worked hard to promote a nationwide fall in crime in 2019.

Time now to change: 100 models write to Victoria's Secret

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Sarah Young

n open letter signed by more than 100 models is urging Victoria's Secret to take action to end its "culture of abuse and harassment".

The letter, which was written by the Model Alliance-anonprofitorganisation that advocates for the protec $tion \, of \, models - comes \, in \, the$ wake of a New York Times investigation titled "Angels' in Hell: The Culture of Misogyny Inside Victoria's Secret".

The expose, which was compiled after interviews with more than 30 current and



More than 100 models, including Amber Valletta, Christy Turlington, Edie Campbell and Iskra Lawrence, are demanding action toward ending 'culture of abuse and harassment' at the lingerie brand

former executives, employees, contractors and models, detailed allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment within the retail giant and claims of retaliation against those who filed complaints.

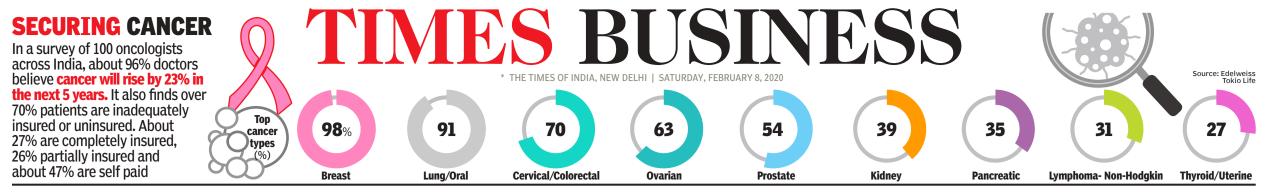
Now, the advocacy group Time's Up and more than 100 models, including Amber Valletta, Christy Turlington, Edie Campbell and Iskra Lawrence are demanding action. In an open letter addressed to Victoria's Secret's CEO John Mehas, the Model Alliance states that it met with L Brands, the parent company of Victoria's Secret, five months ago asking

"that the company take concrete action to change its culture of misogyny and abuse". However, "the company refused to act", the letter claims. Now, the organisation is

calling on Victoria's Secret to join its RESPECT programme, which is described as an "accountability programme designed by and for models" that requires employees, agents, vendors, photographers and other contractors of signatory companies to follow a code of conduct that protects everyone's safety on the job".

L Brands is yet to comment on the matter. THE INDEPENDENT

French couple in Iranian jail petition to get married Two French researchers held for months in a Tehran prison on charges of violating Iran's state security laws have petitioned prison authorities to allow them to get married, their lawver said on Friday. Fariba Adelkhah Adelkhah and Roland Marchal. both in their 60s, filed separate requests to Evin jail authorities.



WhatsApp may get to roll out payments service in phases

Regulators Look At Green Signal After Fresh Compliance Plan

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Bengaluru: WhatsApp will finally be able to roll out its payments services in a phased manner in India after it submitted a revised proposal regarding compliance in January, two sources aware of the matter said. The messaging application, owned by social networking giant Facebook, has over 400 million monthly active users in India The move could see What-

sApp enter the payments battlefield to take on Google Pay, Walmart-backed Phone-Pe and Alibaba & SoftBankbacked Paytm. This, after being stuck in trial phase for two years where it was restricted to just 1 million users.

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which manages the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system that WhatsApp plans to develop its payments business on, had discussed the matter with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) earlier this week.

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Chennai: India Cements, so-

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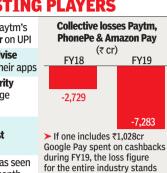
a year ago.

IMPACT ON EXISTING PLAYERS

> PhonePe, Google Pay and Paytm's market share will be in danger on UPI > Rivals might have to incentivise users more to keep them on their apps The ease of use and familiarity of WhatsApp will be a challenge for existing players \succ Even with a phased rollout, WhatsApp's entry would boost **UPI** transaction volumes For the last 4 months. UPI has seen over 1bn transactions every month

sought from NPCI, WhatsApp India submitted a revised proposal to NPCI earlier in January. The same was sent to the RBI as well. There is a likelihood that WhatsApp will be gradually opened up to more consumers, instead of a full rollout in India," the person aware of the matter said.

The changes WhatsApp has made regarding compliance and details in its proposal could not be immediately ascertained. But the government has not given up its demand for traceability of



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messages, said a third source briefed on the matter. In the next week or so, there could be a final decision on the

matter, he added. For almost two years, WhatsApp Pay has been testing its payments in beta mode with troubles around its data-localisation compliance along with the government's demand for traceability of messages on the platform. Then, the Israeli spyware Pegasus' hacking of WhatsApp users, including Indians, further delayed approval for

the popular messaging platform last year.

From a base of 1 million in the first phase, WhatsApp could be allowed to take its payments service to about 10 million, according to current options the NPCI has considered with the RBI. Even a phased rollout will impact rivals like Paytm, PhonePe and Google Pay, who have so far dominated UPI transaction volumes as WhatsApp has the deepest penetration, ease of use and engagement in India among major social applications.

In November, following the Pegasus controversy, the RBI had told the SC that WhatsApp Pay is non-compliant with data-localisation and it will give permission only after full compliance. A WhatsApp India spokesperson said it did not have any new comment to offer on the matter. An emailed query sent to the NPCI did not elicit any response. Sources close to WhatsApp India said the company had not yet received any communication from the central bank or the NPCI.

Tata Steel reports ₹1,229cr net loss in Q3

New Delhi: Tata Steel on Friday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 1,229 crore for the quarter ended on December 31, 2019, mainly due to lower sales and impairment provisions for its European operations. Tata Steel had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,753 crore during the same quarter a year ago, the company said in a BSE filing. Its gross sales fell to Rs

34,774 crore in October-December 2019 from Rs 38,086 crore in the year-ago period. Its expenses were at Rs 35,849 crore as compared to Rs 35,930 crore in the preceding fiscal.

The company said consolidated financial results included a provision for impairment in respect of non-current assets and restructuring provisions within the European operations.

LOWER SALES

"During the quarter, Nat-Steel Holdings, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of the company, disposed of its entire stake in Nat Steel Vina. The loss on disposal of the subsidiary is included within profit/ (loss) from discontinued operations," Tata Steel said.

The company said during the third quarter global economic growth further slowed down amid heightened concerns of US-China trade war and regional steel prices were down as steel demand was affected by weaker industrial output in key markets. In Europe, the overall slowdown was more pronounced due to seasonal weakness and elevated levels of unfairly priced imports.

Revenue from operations decreased to Rs 13,821 crore during the quarter under review primarily due to sharp decline in European steel prices, resulting in loss of Rs 956 crore at ebitda level. Agencies

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SBI, 3 others cut deposit, loan rates **Move Comes After RBI**

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Mumbai: SBI and three other public sector banks have reduced interest rates on loans as well as deposits after the RBI reduced the cost of funds for banks in its monetary policy. Following the rate cut, the maximum return on SBI's fixed deposits stands at 6%.

India's largest bank on Friday reduced its marginal cost of lending rate (MCLR) by 5 basis posits (100bps = 1percentage point) across all tenors effective February 10, 2020. The one-year MCLR comes down to 7.85% per annum from 7.90% with effect from February 10. This is the ninth consecutive cut in MCLR in FY20.

The rate revision is on account of a reduction in the cost of funds before the policy."The impact of therecent RBI policy measures and reduction in deposit rates will be reflected in the next review of MCLR," the bank said in a statement. The one-year MCLR is the benchmark used by SBI for loans before October 2019 and non-retail loans. New borrowers get their loans at rates linked to the repo rate. The MCLR reduction would mean that older customers stand to benefit.

The bank also reduced its deposit rates by 10-50 bps citing surplus liquidity in the system. This lowered interest rate on retail term

Reduced Cost Of Funds

effect from February 10. The bank slashed term deposits rates by 10-50 bps in the retail segment and 25-50bps in the bulk segment. Meanwhile, Bank of India cut its MCLR by 10bps for up to 6 months. Additionally, the bank has reduced interest rates on housing loan, which will now be available from 8%

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5 yrs - 10 yrs 6.1 6.0 Senior citizens get 0.5% more Oriental Bank of Commerce also cut its MCLR by up to 10bps across tenors with effect from February 10. The bank retained its one-year MCLR at 8.15% but reduced one-month and overnight rates by 0.10% and 0.05%, respectively. Canara Bank on Thursday had reduced its MCLR on loans and advances

across all tenors. The bank has reduced interest rate by 25bps for overnight, one month, three months and six months. And has reduced MCLR by 15bps for oneyear tenor with effect from February 7. As a result of the change, the interest ra-

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Uber forecasts

will deliver a first-ever quarterly profit by the end of the year, signalling that cost-cutting measures are exce-

eding even the company's own recent expectations. The company will become profitable, on an adjusted

basis, by the fourth quarter of 2020, Dara Khosrowshahi, the chief executive officer, said on a conference call to discuss financial results on Thursday. A previous plan set this goal for 2021. The stock was up about 5% in extended trading.

The drive toward profitability is likely to take a toll on growth. Nelson Chai, the chief financial officer, said gross bookings will decline slightly in the first quarter from the previous period.

For the fourth quarter, Uber edged out Wall Street's expectations, with bookings up28% and a loss that was narrower than analysts' estimates. Gross bookings for the fourth quarter were \$18 billion, showing demand for transportation and food delivery orders remains strong. The measure, which represents the total value of rides, food orders and other businesses, is close-

ly watched by investors. Efforts to rein in spending are proving to be especially effective. The San Francisco-ba sed company reported an adjusted loss of \$615 million, compared with a \$713 million average of analysts' estimates compiled by Bloomberg. The loss, which excludes interest, taxes and other expenses, was \$817 million in the same quarter a year earlier.

Uber is trying to more closely connect its various services and increase usage among the more than 100 million customers who open the app each month. BLOOMBERG

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174% increase in revenues on a standalone basis to Rs 1,341 crore, while the compa ny also turned a profit of litt le over Rs 20 crore in the fi nancial year ending March 31, 2019. Though on a consolidated basis, it reported a loss of Rs 8.82 crore. It has said it is targeting revenues of Rs

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE AT FRESH 6-YR LOW: RBI SURVEY

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ment came to power and there was a slowdown in infrastructure spending by the Telangana government. Tamil Nadu and Karnataka were flat and that impacted the company's performance.

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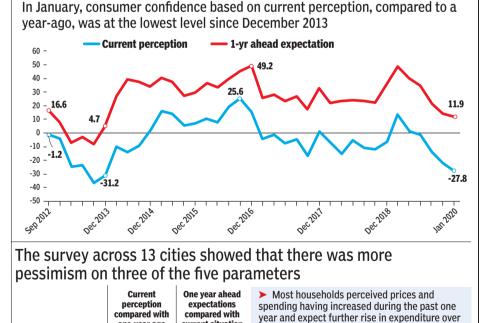
He said Andhra Pradesh

New India swings to Q3 net of ₹483cr

Bengaluru: Public sector insurer New India Assurance (NIA) swung to a third-quarter profit of Rs 483 crore from a loss of Rs 114 crore in the year-ago quarter, supported by investment income and reduced underwriting losses.

NIA's gross premium increased a modest 3% year-on-year to Rs 6,989 crore. Health insurance grew 19% to Rs 2,150 crore, while motor insurance increased 5% to Rs 2,587 crore. However, this was offset by a dip in crop insurance premium to Rs 14.7 crore from Rs 113.3 crore.

Profits came from investment income which grew 72% to Rs1,476 crore, pushing total income up 20% to Rs 7,620 crore. тли



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Economic situation			 They reported lower spending on non- essential items, compared to one year ago 		
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Employment			compared to last round	compared to last round	
Spending			Positive sentiments with no change compared to last round	Negative sentiments with no change compared to last round	

written), LIC is yet to do so.

29.8 crore, he added.

Perhaps I've been overruled: LIC chief

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Life Insurance Corporation of India will work on conducting a valuation of its business as a precursor to its initial public offering. Addressing media on Friday, LIC chairman M R Kumar said that the Life Insurance Corporation of India Act would need to be amended for the public offering. Interestingly last year, Kumar had voiced his opinion that the time was not ripe for an IPO. When asked about those comments, he replied, "What can I say, perhaps I have been overruled."

The laws that would need to be changed include the ones on dividend distribution and creation of a separate fund. At pre- the policies it issues are guasent, LIC distributes 95% of its ranteed by the government.

LIC chairman M R Kumar, when asked about his comments last year, which were not in favour of an IPO, said, 'What can I say, perhaps I have been overruled'

surplus to the policyholder and 5% to the government. The corporation also has a single controlled policy fund and there is no separate shareholders fund. LIC has been exempt from having a shareholder's fund as all

policies, which has grown at While most other listed companies have undertaken an exerthe rate of 40%—the highest in cise to calculate their embedrecent years.

Overall, individual new bu ded value (which is the present siness premium grew 17.48% value of business that it has while the number of new polici On LIC's performance, Kues sold jumped 29.4% to Rs 45,199 mar said that its market share in crore, taking the total policies sold to 1.9 crore, the chairman terms of the first-year premium said. To comply with new Irdai and the number of policies as of regulations, LIC has modified January end stood at 80% and 77.6% respectively. LIC's total inits existing products with new come rose 17.8% to Rs 2.9 lakh features such as revised surren crore as of September 2019 from der value and extension of revi-Rs2.5lakh crore a year ago. Total val period from two years to five assets of the corporation increayears. During FY2018-19, LIC ge sed by 7.9% to Rs 32.3 lakh crore nerated the highest valuation surplus of Rs 53,214 crore, regisas of September 2019 from Rs tering a growth of around 9.9% Kumar said that the corpoover the previous year and paid a dividend of Rs 2,611 crore ration has made a conscious decision to increase the share of to the government, again the individual regular premium highest in history.

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX NETWORK (SIN te Office: 4th Floor, East Wing, World Mark-1, Aerocity, Delhi-110 037 Tel: 011-49111200, Fax: 011-49111210, www.gstn.org.in NOTICE INVITING TENDER Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) invites bids from eligible firms / companies fo

Particulars	Pre - Bid meeting	Last date & time of	
		submission of RFP	
RFP for Hosting GSTN Application on	18 th February, 2020	02 nd March, 2020	
Virtual Private Cloud	at 03:00 PM	till 03:00 PM	
RFP document / necessary information may be downloaded from GSTN website www.gstn.org.in Any amendment/corrigendum shall be uploaded on GSTN website only. Pramod B Somnathe, Sr. VP (P&C)			



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R	0PM/E-Tender/GIS/LT Pole/2019-2020/17	Date: 04.02.2020
na	I Manager, Purba Medinipur Region, WBSEDCL, in	vites e-Tender for 'Supply and
fLi	abel Printers for GIS project of WBSEDCL, including 3 y	ears on-site warranty plus

delivery of years on-site AMC support, along with supply & delivery of consumables on quarterly basis for 2 years under SEEDN'. Tender ID: 2020_WBSED_269577_1; Estimated Cost: Rs. 5280000/-Document download start date & time: 04.02.2020 (18:00 hrs.); Bid subm ission end date (Online): 19.02.2020 (14:00 hrs.). Submission of original copy of Tender documents & Earnest Money: 20.02.2020 (up to 15:00 hrs.); Date & time of Bid Opening: 24.02.2020 (14:00 hrs.) For details, visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsedcl.in. ICA-T0711(2)/2020

INDIAN RAILWAYS DIESEL LOCO MODERNISATION WORKS Q PATIALA-147 003 (INDIA) el: 2396000, 2396001 Fax: 91-0175-2306413 **Notice inviting Electronic Tenders**

On behalf of President of India r/DMW/Patiala vites tenders in electronic form for following item

I	- 1	e-Tender Notice No. 44 E1/2019-20					
		SN	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Tender Closing dt.	
		1	11206063	Digital Surge Comparison Tester	03 Nos.	06.03.2020	

Tender closing Time 15:00 Hrs.

The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in o
 http://www.dmw.indianrailways.gov.in
 for
 detailed
 description
 of
 items & other

 terms and conditions of tender document.
 Please note that tenderers can submit their
 quotations only through http://www.ireps.gov.in
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CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NO. 003/HK/2019-20/SCI **COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE I.E. HOUSEKEEPING &** MECHANIZED CLEANING AND CONSERVANCY SERVICES In continuation of the advertisement given on 20.01.2020 with reference to Comprehensive maintenance i.e. Housekeeping & Mechanized Cleaning and Conservancy Services in various offices, establishments, buildings and open areas, looked after by the Registry as per details in the NIT, it is informed that last date for submission of sealed tenders has been extended to 26.02.2020 by 03.00 PM. Please visit the website: www.sci.gov.in for details

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(B.L.N. ACHARY)

ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR (AM)

Date: 08.02.2020

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

Open Tender No.- JHSW-M-UNIFLOW-2019-20-28

E-Tender Notice

E-tenders are invited from experienced or interested contractors on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work-

Name of Work Cost of work (₹)		Earnest Money(₹)	
Facilities for uni-directional	40,63,57,393/- (Mechanical-		
low of Wagon at Jhansi	22,52,95,880/-) (Civil-15,55,03,339/-)	21,81,800/-	
Workshop.	(Electrical- 2,55,58,174/-) (Including GST)		
Cost of Tender form: ₹10,000/- Time of completion: Eighteen Months. Online			
ender closing date and time: 03.03.2020 upto 11.00 hrs. Detailed information about			
ender and tender format is available at website www.ireps.gov.in 175/20(K)			
North central railway			

SOUTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE NO. 04-Mech-PGT-2020 DATED 05.02.2020

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Souther Railway, Palakkad - 678002 (Sr.DME/PGT) acting for and on behalf of President of India, invites E-Tenders through E-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderer(s) intending to participate e-tender need to get enrolled in e-Tender portal www.ireps.gov.in Manual offers are not allowed nst this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored

SI. N	lo Description	Description			
1	Tender Notice Number and date	04-MECH-PGT-2020 dated 05.02.2020			
2	Name of work		Linen Washing and Distribution in trains originating from Mangalore Central for a period of 12 months		
3	Advertised value		₹ 4,88,31,514.40 (Rupees Four crore Eighty eight lakhs thirty one thousand five hundred and fourteen and fourty paise only)		
4	Cost of tender form	₹ 11,800/- (Rupees Eleven thousand and eight hundred only)			
5	Earnest Money to be deposited	₹ 3,94,200/- (Rupees three lakhs ninety four thousand and two hundred only)			
6	Completion period of work		12 months		
7	Tender Closing Date and Time		02-03-2020 at 15.00 hrs		
8	Web address	https://www.ireps.gov.in			
Furt	her details can be ob	tained fron			
			Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer		

For Divisional Railway Manager, Palghat.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Manohar Pradhan @ Munna S/o Bal Bahadur R/o C-422, Illrd Floor, Mohan Gali, Kotla Mubarak Pur, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in case FIR No. 10479/16 u/s 379/411, IPC at P.S. H.N.Din., Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Manohar Pradhan @ Munna cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Manohar Pradhan @ Munna has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Manohar Pradhan @ Munna of **FIR No. 10479/16 u/s** 379/411, IPC at P.S. H.N.Din., Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 12.03.2020.

By Order Sh. Suresh Kumar Gupta Additional Session Judge-04 & Spl. Judge (NDPS), South-East District, Room No.312, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi DP/8065/SE/2020

TIMES BUSINESS

Radio Mirchi posts ₹40cr ebitda in Q3

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Mumbai: Entertainment Net work (India) Ltd, the operator of India's no. 1 FM radio channel Radio Mirchi, on Friday announced results for the quarter ended December 31, 2019. The company posted a total revenue of Rs 145.7 crore during the quarter a de-growth of 15% on like basis (without concerts featuring international artists).

Underlying earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (ebitda) de-grew 21.5% to Rs 31.7 crore, but reported ebitda - after impact of the Ind-AS 116 accounting standard -grew 0.2% to reach Rs 40.4 crore. Profit after tax, at Rs 10.6 crore, improved from last quarter, but was lower compared to the year-ago period.

Commenting on the results, ENILMD&CEOPrashantPanday said, "In possibly the worst quarter of the last 10 years, our radio revenues fell 19%, in line with the results of all major TV and radio companies. Our buzzing solutions business withstood adverse economic conditions and reported only a small revenue drop. Our revenue market share improved, our solutions margins improved, and our digital revenues soared."

Airtel's **Rathor joins HDFC Bank**

Mayur.Shetty@timesgroup.com

Mumbai: Airtel chief information officer (India operations) Anjani Rathor has joined HDFC Bank as chief digital officer (CDO). He joins in place of Nitin Chugh, who has moved to Ujjivan Small Finance Bank as its CEO.

HDFC Bank has not had a CDO since May 2019, when Chugh had moved out. The CDO at HDFC Bank has become an important post in the wake of the mobile application being the primary channel for customers to transact with the lender. According to the bank, $92\,\%$ of customer transactions take place through its mobile app and internet banking.

Middle class to benefit from I-T rejig, says FM

'Govt Wants Low Rates & Easy Compliance'

The FM said the changes

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

proposed in the personal inco-Mumbai: Middle-class invesme tax also puts more money in the hands of the middle tors will pay tax on dividend income from shares and muclass and they are "capable of deciding where to put that wittual funds at lower rates, said finance minister Nirmala Sithout being directed by anyoharaman on Friday, adding ne". "Eventually, we want to that they will have more mo We started with

ney in their hands to spend following the proposals announced in the Budget. Sitharaman had proposed

dividend income to be taxable in the hands of investors at their income tax slab rates and abolished the payment of dividend distribution tax, or DDT, by companies and mutual funds. In the current system, after the deduction of DDT by companies and mutual funds, dividend becomes tax-free in the hands of investors. However, in the new system, the tax burden on investors in the higher income tax rate bracket increases, while it comes down for people in

the lower slab.



have an income tax framework with low tax rates and asy compliance."

Sitharaman added that the government wants to decriminalise laws. "We started with Companies Act and now we are looking at the Income Tax Act. We want to ensure that civil offences are not trea-

Statements packed with

falsehoods, says judge

ted as criminal offences," she told newspersons in Mumbai. Before addressing the media, the finance minister, along with her team, held a session with economists, financial services players and professionals for their feedback on the Budget proposals.

The government has also proposed to list LIC on the exchanges which would "bring retail investors into the picture". "The IPO of LIC will make issues more transparent," Sitharaman said. An IPO unlocks value in a company, offers the outfit access to capital markets and makes it disciplined. The LIC stock market launch, when it happens, will be India's largest IPO.

The government is working on the Financial Resolu-Deposit Insurance tion (FRDI) Bill, but not sure when it will be tabled in the House, said Sitharaman before heading to Chennai for an interaction with industry captains.

Godrej Cons misses rural growth target Aseem.Gujar@timesgroup.com Mumbai: FMCG major Godrej

Consumer Products' (GCPL's) aim to increase rural sales to 37% of revenue by 2020 has taken a hit due to the economic slowdown. The owner of brands like Good Knight and Cinthol will now take another two-three years to grow its rural business to 37% from 31%.

GCPL CEO Sunil Kataria told TOI, "We never anticipated GST disruptions and the slowdown that we have seen in the last 12 months. We are also seeing a large disruption in terms of multiple ecosystems coming into play — like e-commerce." Good Knight and Hit, which form the company's home insecticide business, account for nearly half of total sales. According to Kataria, the co-

untry's Rs 6,200-crore home insecticide market is growing at 7-8%, which reflects a bit of a slowdown. The company, which is a market leader, has seen growth slightly ahead of the industry. It has increased its market share this year to 49%.

New product launches by GCPL have driven category growth, Kataria said. The company launched insect repellent incense sticks under the Good Knight brand last year to take on unorganised suppliers that used "illegal" chemicals.

NTPC Q3 net profit up 23%

New Delhi: State-run NTPC on Friday reported around 23% jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 3,198 crore in December quarter, mainly due to higher revenues. The company had posted a consolidated October-December quarter of

According to the statement, total income of the company rose to Rs 25,953 crore during the quarter under review from Rs 25,677 crore a year ago. For April-December, consolidated profit increased to Rs 9,447 crore from Rs 7,774 crore a year ago. The company had earned a profit of Rs 12,633 crore in 2018-19. Agencies

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Marty Neumeier is director of CEO Branding at Liquid Agency and an author. A believer that clarity about a brand's purpose has a strong relationship with business success, Neumeier inspired global clients to be thoughtful about the role of design in business. His bestselling books include 'The Brand Gap' and 'ZAG'. He was also commissioned by Google Brand Lab to write the 'Dictionary of Brand' - a "relational" glossarv containing 500 inter-

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"We saw a deterioration in terms of trust, reputation and credibility among all our stakeholders," chairman Urs Rohner

said on Friday after he rejected calls from major US and UK shareholders to back Thiam. He said the bank's reputation was particularly damaged in Switzerland, which accounts for about 40% of the bank's pretax inco-

boosting a share price that lost Rohner is turning to Thoalmost half its value during mas Gottstein, a two-decade Thiam's tenure. BLOOMBERG

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► Continued from P1 tune. This is an extremely ustice Waksman heavily criticised Ambani's statements, saying they were packed with "falsehoods" and says." that Ambani had "clearly

lied". He said Ambani had put a misleading spin on the role of his brother (Mukesh Ambani) in bailing him out last year and also spoke of "irregular corporate activities" within the Reliance group.

"He clearly has more assets or income than he is letting on. The family members can and will in my view assist and bearing in mind what they can afford, \$100 million must be paid into court," Waksman said. "It would be absurd if Mukesh said he could not afford to lend the money given the size of his for-

wealthy family who have helped each other in the past. I don't accept his own available assets are as limited as he Ambani told the commer-

cial court he would be "unable to raise any finance from external sources" to comply with any conditional order, despite being the brother of Mukesh Ambani, the richest man in Asia, who the court heard had wealth estimated at \$55 billion to \$57 billion (Rs 3,93,000 crore to Rs 4,07,000 crore). He claimed that because of the loss of his telecom empire, he was completely

broke and insolvent. Justice Waksman said: "On your case he is bankrupt. Has he filed for bankruptcy in India? Has anyone done a

one to have done so. I want to find out what is going on." To which Robert Howe QC, representing Ambani, alongside Harish Salve QC, replied:

search? I would expect some

"No, he has not. They have just recently introduced bankruptcy laws in India. It is unhelpful to give expert evidence at this point as there is Union law and provincial law in India." The court heard that a change in government policy in 2012 "led to the exit of all ma jor players in the market and a new entry to industry which others found difficult to compete with". This led to RCom closing down in 2017. Ambani claimed he had a personal deficit of \$305 million and that his net worth had collapsed from more than \$7 billion in March 2012 to zero in December 2019.

net profit of Rs 2,608 crore in 2018, a BSE filing said.

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Technical Bid will be submitted to The Joint Director (Info.) on or before 28.02.2020 upto 12.00 hrs. The Technical bid shall be opened same day at 15.00 hrs. Estimated cost, Rs. 81.83 Lakh

Joint Director (Info.)

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male Age : Approx. 40 years, Complexion : Sallow, Height : 5'5". Build : Medium, wearing colourfull shirt, brown colour pant and grey colour jacket, was found unconscious on 03.02.2020 at Old Rohtak Road.

He was admitted in Hindu Rao Hospital, doctor declare him brought dead. In this regard a FIR No. 36/2020 dated 03.02.2020 u/s 279/304-A IPC has been registered at P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi.

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

DP/967/N/20

SHO : P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Tel. No. 011-23693611, 23691106

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 23.01.2020 at 07:30 AM inside Anaj Mandi Najafgarh, New Delhi. In this regard DD No. 09-A, dated 23.01.2020 has been lodged at Police Station, Baba Hari Dass Nagar, Delhi. Identification of

unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 45-50 Years, Height: 5'6" Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Hair: Black, ID Mark: Old scar mark on abdoman, Wearing: Grey colour Jersey, round neck sky blue T-Shirt and pajama.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHC Police Station, Baba Hari Dass Nagar, New Delhi Ph.: 011-25315311, 25315302 DP/1755/DW/2020

Society, payable at Chandigarh or it can be downloaded from the ebsite of Society www.pbhealth.gov.in linked departme State AIDS Control Society subject to depositing fee of Rs. 500/- in the orm of Demand Draft/Pay Order only along with the bid.

E-mail : punjabsacs@gmail.com

Notice for Re-Inviting Bids

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in person, on any working day from the office of the Society against

payment of non-refundable tender fee of Rs. 500/- in the form of Demand Draft/Pay Order only in favour of "Punjab State AIDS Control

The sealed bids should reach this office on or before 04/03/2020 at 11.00 A.M. and will be opened on 04/03/2020 at 11.30 A.M. in the resence of bidders or their representatives, if they want to participate The decision of the Society will be final.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

Sdl-**Project Director** Punjab State AIDS Control Society



e-Procurement Notice

e-tender No.: IRCON/2065/Katni-Singrauli/PD-KTE/tender/Steel Superstructure-02/075 Date-08.02.2020 e- tender in Two Stage bid system are invited for and on behalf of **West Central Railway** Jabalpur from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Superstructure work including Fabrication, Supply & Erection of Steel Girders, Bearing, Steel Channels sleeper / H-Beam, Chequered plates, G. I Pipe Railing, Access Ladders,

Trolley refuges, Cleaning & Painting, Bed Plates, Load Testing of one or more spans o selected bridges etc., For important Bridge No.s 1201/1, (Jhapar), 1205/1(Banas ,1253/1(Gopad) in connection with proposed Railway Doubling Project from Katni Singrauli over WCR, Jabalpur (M.P.) Pkg-2-Balance work."

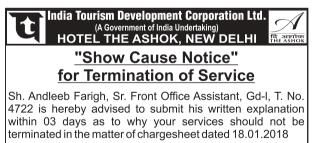
Estimated Cost: INR 32.52.86.900.32/-. Last Date and Time of e-Bid Submission 29.02.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs(IST). For further details, visit Website: https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Corrigendum, ifany, would be hosted only on the website. Project Director/Katni



Sub: Additional submissions

The entity(ies) named below are hereby being provided the opportunity of file their submissions, if any, in additon to what they have already filed in their respective reply(ies) or submitted during the hearing or after the hearing or after the hearing. The below named entity(ies) are advised to send their written submissions to the officer named below within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this public notice.

Show Cause Notice reference No.	Date of SCN	In the matter of	Name of the entities	
EFD/DRA- 4/SD/RSL/ 22252/2017	September 14, 2017	Vishvjyoti Trading Limited.	Mr. Manish Arora C-90, 1st floor, Double Storey, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi-110015	
			Shaji Rajappan Mittal Chambers, Parshwanath Colony, Vaishali Nagar, Ajmer, Rajasthan-305004	
Please be notified that no further opportunity or extension of time will be granted. If no submissions are received by SEBI within the said period of 15 days, appropriate order(s) will be passed in accordance with law on the basis of material already available on record.				
Date: January Place: Mumba		<u>ash</u> C-7, G	Ashutosh Arun ty General Manager utosha@sebi.gov.in Block, Bandra Kurla	
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Pakistan's Shaheen Shah Afridi bowls on the first day of the first Test against Bangladesh at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium

Bangladesh fold for 233 as Afridi claims four

Pakistan left-arm quick Shaheen Afridi claimed 4-53 as the hosts bowled out Bangladesh for 233 in their first innings on Day One of the opening Test in Rawalpindi on Friday. Bangladesh went in to bat on a green-tinged surface and got off to a terrible start. The first 10 deliveries yielded only three runs and cost both their openers, including Saif Hassan for a a duck on Test debut. Captain Mominul Hag (30) struggled against Pakistan's shortball barrage but he and Najmul Hossain (44) somewhat arrested the slide. They were separated just when the partnership was blooming. With the tourists reeling on 107-5, Mohammad Mithun (63) forged brief partnerships with Liton Das (33) and Taijul Islam (24) to take Bangladesh past 200. Scores: Bangladesh 233 (Mithun 63, Shanto 44, Afridi 4-53, Abbas 2-19) v Pak

India women lose to England by four wickets: The Indian women's team produced another listless batting performance to suffer a second successive loss in the T20 tri-series here in Melbourne, going down to England by four wickets on Friday. Sent in to bat, Indian batters failed to capitalise on their starts as they struggled to 123/6 in 20 overs with opener Smriti Mandhana emerging as the top-scorer with a 40-ball 45. Chasing the total, Natalie Sciver smashed a strokeful fifty as England romped home comfortably, scoring 124/6 with seven balls to spare. Scores: England women 124/6 in 18.5 overs (Natalie Sciver 50; Rajeshwari Gayakwad (3/23) bt India women 123/6 in 20 overs (Smriti Mandhana 45; Anya Shrubsole 3/31) by 4 wkts

T20 World Cup could revolutionise

SECOND ODI WANTED: NZ VS IND **OUICK REMEDIES**

Jolted India Aim To Save Series **Against Resurgent Kiwis**

IME TO HAVE A GO: Navdeep Saini bowls during India's training session at Eden Park in Auckland on Friday

Auckland: With some of their bowling and fielding frailties having been exposed in the series opener, India will aim for a course correction when they take on a resurgent New Zealand in the second ODI here on Saturday. Flying high after the 5-0 whitewash of New Zealand in the T20 series. India were brought to the ground after the hosts took a 1-0 lead in the three-match series with a four-wicket win in the first ODI.

The Black Caps chased down their highest-ever total in ODI cricket at Seddon Park and the toss will be crucial once again at the even shorter Eden Park where the side batting second will have a clear advantage.

New Zealand opted to bat here in both the T20Is. but India chased well in both instances albeit in different circumstances. India find themselves in a familiar situa tion after the loss in Hamilton. But the visitors have come from behind against the West Indies and Australia to win their last two ODI series and Virat Kohli's men will look to do the same here.

Like in Chennai against the West Indies.

or in Mumbai against Australia, India's loss at Hamilton was down to their lack of ability to take wickets in the middle overs. The opposition batsmen took advantage to hit big and the Indian attack didn't have any answers. In the first ODI, skipper Virat Kohli turned to Jasprit Bumrah every time he went searching for a wicket. This overdependency is something India would want to address in their composition.

India's fielding too will be under the scanner. In each of those losses in Chennai. Mumbai and Hamilton, it was poor despite flashes of individual brilliance. The general fielding standards have gone down since the Bangladesh series and there is a need for a collective all-round effort from the visitors to bounce back.

Generally, high catches are tougher in the windy conditions in New Zealand, and the odd lights at Eden Park won't help either. At the nets, the Men in Blue on Friday had an optional training session. Navdeep Saini and Shardul Thakur both didn't just bowl, but also batted in the nets. Thakur

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TOWERING JAMIESON TO MAKE DEBUT

Auckland: Fast bowler Kyle Jamieson, the tallest New Zealand cricketer. will make his international debut against India on Saturday. The 6-feet, 8-inch tall Jamieson was called into the national squad for the final two Tests against Australia but did not play and was not in the side for the opening ODI.

Bowling coach Shane Jurgensen, who is temporarily in charge of the team with Gary Stead taking a week off, said on Friday that Scott Kuggeleijn would not be considered due to flu-like symptoms. Legspinner Ish Sodhi's release to play for New Zealand 'A' had also meant Jamieson would make his debut at Eden Park. "He's obviously a huge man, at six-foot-eight he's quite an imposing sight. Let's see what he can do." Jurgensen said, REUTERS

was expensive in his outings at Eden Park during the T20Is, and he didn't impress in the first ODI either and India could think of replacing him with Saini.

The other contemplation will be about Kedar Jadhav's role in the side. Selected primarily to bring balance to the playing eleven with his part-time spin, Kohli didn't give him a single over in Hamilton.

Perhaps it was due to the short boundaries. In that light, bowling Jadhav at Eden Park makes even less sense. It could merit giving Shivam Dube a go here, or even playing a fulltime batsman in Manish Pandey. The rest of the batting lineup picks itself, with the new opening pair of Agarwal and Prithvi Shaw settling in well in their first outing and the team management will hope the duo can add a few more runs than last time

For New Zealand, a change in personnel has worked wonders after their T20 whitewash. Stand-in skipper Tom Latham's batting in the middle worked for them, and Henry Nicholls confirmed he will continue to open the innings with Guptill. PTI

ODIs played between New Zealand and India at Eden Park. New Zealand have won four and lost three with one game ending in a tie.

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GROUND

Odd-shaped ground and flat pitch could see a lot of sixes being hit.

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, Clear day & a chilly night is expected.

ODDS: INDIA 4/10 NZ 7/4

SQUADS

India: Virat Kohli (capt), Prithvi Shaw, Mayank Agarwal, KL Rahul (wk), Manish Pandey, Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yaday, Yuzvendra Chahal, Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah, Shardul Thakur, Navdeep Saini.

New Zealand: Kane Williamson (capt), Tom Latham (wk), Martin Guptill, Ross Taylor, Colin de Grandhomme, Jimmy Neesham, Scott Kuggeleijn, Tom Blundell, Henry Nicholls, Mitchell Santner, Hamish Bennett, Tim Southee, Kyle Jamieson.

It's completely different conditions. You have to be a little bit more attacking here against spin, I guess, and have the confidence that the ball probably will not spin past your edge. I thought the way we handled the Indian spinners in Hamilton was some of the best we have done in a long time." -Martin Guptill INZ OPENER

It was at Eden Park in Jan 2014 that MS Dhoni (50), R Ashwin (65) and R Jadeja (66*) provided the only instance in ODI history of No. 6. 7 & 8 scoring fifties in the same innings. -Raiesh Kumai



Ross Taylor's average in successful chases in ODIs, the best among New Zealand batsmen and second best since 2014. behind Virat Kohli (avg. 111.95).

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women's game, says Harmanpreet: The upcoming women's T20 World Cup has the potential to revolutionise the game, India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur said. In a column for the ICC, Harmanpreet wrote, "It wasn't so long ago that a par score in T20 cricket was 120 or 130. Now, that's not enough. Teams are looking much more confident and trying to get bigger scores. It's that change in the mindset that leads to better performances and the Women's T20 World Cup has the potential to revolutionise the game. If I look back two years, India's 50-over side was doing well and our T20 was struggling. But in the past two vears, we have changed as a T20 team."

Keep supporting us, Bangladesh

U-19 captain exhorts fans: Bangladesh colts made history on Thursday by progressing to the final of the ICC U-19 World Cup after beating New Zealand by six wickets. It is the first time that Bangladesh are making the final of an ICC event. They now face the mighty Indian team in the title clash. "We will play it as a normal game," captain Akbar Ali said, "We don't want to take unwanted pressure. India are a very good side. We have to play our 'A' game and do well in all three departments. Our fans are very passionate about their cricket. I would want to tell them, keep supporting us." India are yet to lose a game in the tournament. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

BASKETBALL: NBA: Utah vs Portland, 9 am (Sonv Ten 1)

CRICKET: New Zealand vs India: 2nd ODI, 7 am (Star Sports 1; 7:30 am); Women's T20 Tri-series: Australia vs India, 8.40 am (Sony Six); Bushfire Bash: Ponting XI vs Warne XI, 10 am (Sony Ten 3); BBL: Final: Sydney Sixers vs Melbourne Stars, 1.45 pm (Sony Six); ICC U-19 WC: 3rd place play-off: Pakistan vs NZ, 1.30 pm (Star Sports 3) FOOTBALL: EPL: Everton vs Crystal Palace, 6 pm: Brighton vs Watford, 8.30 pm (Star Sports Select 1); Bundesliga: Freiburg vs Hoffenheim, 8 pm; Baver Leverkusen vs Borussia Dortmund, 11 pm; Italian League: Fiorentina vs Atalanta, Torino vs Sampdoria 7.30 pm (Sony Ten Network) **HOCKEY:** FIH Pro League: New Zealand vs Great Britain, 9.30 am: Women: New Zealand vs Great Britain, 12 pm; India vs Belgium, 4.50 pm (Star Sports Network) TENNIS: Tata Open Maharashtra, 3.30 pm (Star Sports Select 2) National:

BADMINTON: Premier Badminton League: Semifinals: Bengaluru Raptors vs Pune 7Aces, 7 pm (Star Sports 1) FOOTBALL: ISL: ATK vs Odisha FC, 7.30 pm (Star Sports 2)

Fielding woes: Lack of training time, fatigue to blame? **Copy Virat Template To Improve, Says Coach**

Match-winning knock played by

Virender Sehwag off 139 balls on

Jan 11, 2003 — the only ton by an

Indian batsman against New

Zealand at Eden Park in ODIs.

Auckland: India's fielding hasn't the entire T20 schedule. There is not ing series against New Zealand and fielding coach R Sridhar said on Sridhar pointed out. Friday the "downward curve" was a direct result of the hectic travelling and playing, which was affecting the side's practice plans. He, however, said scheduling woes were not an excuse for lapses in the field.

Sridhar said India's fielding has "at best been average" in the last four months. He said fatigue could be a contributing factor to losses during this time period.

There was only one full session before the T20 International series whereas the other three sessions have all been optional. "It is a tight schedule but it is not a complaint and it is not an excuse at all. We need to be better. That's the nature of the current schedule, we have to

been particularly good in the ongo- much we can put in in terms of technical work on the ground,"

> "Apart from that, we do have a look at the videos and see what led to an error. It need not always be a technical error every time there is a fumble or a dropped catch. We need to know whether it could be a tactical position error or the mind not being in the right place.

"The West Indies series at home was where we really dropped. We were average, to say the least. But definitely we have not lived to the standards as we did in the World Cup or even in the build-up to the World Cup," said Sridhar.

Despite the downturn in fielding form, there have been moments of individual brilliance in every match or series. Virat Kohli has aftake it. We have to play around it fected two stupendous run outs, one but we hardly had a session during with a nearly blind throw at Wel-

We do monitor their workloads. We will be lying to ourselves if we say no, they are fresh as a daisy every time they go on to the park. They are not, because they are travelling and playing games. But the current fitness levels of this team is really good, so that in turn helps to recover from the workload and fatigue quickly and be fit on the park." —R Sridhar | FIELDING COACH -R Sridhar | FIELDING COACH

lington (Colin Munro), and then at Hamilton (Henry Nicholls). "The kind of intensity he brings to the field, I always say to the younger boys who come, he is a ready-made template for you to copy. Watch him, see what he does," Sridhar said.

Sridhar said they have accounted for the downturn in fielding standard by a grading system privy to the support staff. He said the team management keeps a sharp eye on the workloads and practice schedules of all players. PTI

REMINDS ME OF MYSELF: SACHIN

Sydney: Sachin Tendulkar on Friday picked Australian Marnus Labuschagne as the player who most reminds him of himself, calling the fast-rising batsman a special talent with impeccable footwork. Here to coach a side at Sunday's charity fundraiser for the devastating bushfires in Australia, Tendulkar was asked to name the player who

comes closest to resembling him. "I happened to be watching the second Test at Lord's between England and Australia. When Smith got injured, I saw Labuschagne's second innings," Tendulkar responded. "I was sitting with my father-in-law. I saw Marnus get hit off the second ball from Jofra Archer and, post that, the 15 minutes he batted, I

said, 'This player looks special.' "There is something about him. His footwork was

precise. Footwork is not physical, it's mental. If you're not thinking positively in your mind, then your feet don't move," he added. The 25-year-old Labuschagne became Test cricket's leading scorer last year with 1,104 runs. He broke into the scene after coming in as a concussion substitute for Steve Smith during the Ashes last August. Labuschagne made four consecutive half-centuries to notch up with 353 runs at 50.42 in the Ashes. Tendulkar said Labuschagne's fine footwork is also a sign that he is a mentally strong player. "If you're not (mentally strong), your feet will not move. His footwork was incredible," he said.

Labuschagne has amassed 896 runs this Test summer, notching up four centuries. Tendulkar is in Australia to coach Ponting XI for the Bushfire Cricket Bash. PTI

How Kartik returned from a nasty 'football' injury

From suffering a fractured leg during a Ranji warm-up session two years ago to winning back financial security for his family, U-19 pacer Kartik Tyagi has seen it all. Now, he wants the Cup...

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New Delhi: A lean, happy-looking Kartik Tyagi has been sending down swinging deliveries consistently over 140 kmph at the ongoing U-19 World Cup. He is living a dream and there is no trace of the agony he went through not long ago.

Tyagi could have become an established name in Indian cricket earlier but for a freak injury he sustained while warming up for his second Ranji Trophy match for Uttar Pradesh two years ago.

"I fractured my leg while playing football during warm-up on match day. Then I developed an injury in my pelvic bone," Tyagi told TOI from Potchefstroom, where India will take on Bangladesh in the final on Sunday.

The injury not only pegged his career

back but also cost his father all of his 2.5 acres of farming land in village Dhanora, West UP. He even picked up a side strain before the World Cup which, according to him, 'miraculously' healed in time.

"We ran pillar to post for my treatment. We started running out of money. After five months, I asked the UPCA to recommend me to the NCA. It took me another six months to start cricket and by then my father had to sell off all his land," he recalled before promptly adding: "I don't play football anymore. I stay out of any other sport that our team plays during warm-ups."

There is purpose in his stride when he charges towards the bowling crease. One part of that comes from the determination to give better days to his family, the other from modeling himself on Brett ON THE UPSWING: Kartik Tyagi



Lee. "I was in awe of Bhuvneshwar Kumar's ability to swing it right during his dream spell on debut against Pakistan in 2012. But I love watching Brett Lee's videos. He had finished playing when I took up cricket but everything is online. I like the way he bowled consistently at that pace and swung it too. I still watch his videos whenever I am free," Tyagi said.

And that is the reason he travelled to Meerut to learn the art of swing bowling from Bhuvneshwar's coach Vipin Vats.

Then the conversation shifted back to his days of injury and rehab, and the 19-year-old made it clear he has put his past behind. "Abhi maine sochna hi bandh kar diya (I have stopped thinking about my injuries.) It would stop me from bowling with a free mind," Tyagi asserted. "Aur parents ke liye socha toh bahut kuchh hai (I have thought of doing a lot of things for my parents). As for my earnings, I have left everything to my dad," he said, referring to a deal worth Rs 1.3 crore with Rajasthan Royals which is likely to set a lot of things right.

Now that he has found his rhythm and the world is talking about him, he re-

vealed how he got lucky to have made the Ranji team at 17. "When I did well at the U-16 level, I was sent for a Ranji camp. There, Suresh Raina and PK (Praveen Kumar) bhaiya liked my bowling and decided to play me straight away," Tyagi recalled. "PK bhaiya was not supposed to play in that match but he decided to play so that he could guide me. I am so grateful that both Raina bhai and PK bhaiya fielded at mid-off and mid-on to mentor me through the match.'

One can make out Tyagi is in a good head space. Having inherited the art of swing bowling from his state stalwarts, he believes he can move the ball at will. 'I don't think about movement. Like Brett Lee, I focus on bowling quick. And then PK bhaiya always talked about using your brains to earn a wicket. That's what I do now — keep thinking about getting the batsman out.

It was time for Kartik to head back to the hotel after training. As he hung up, he said about the final on Sunday: "I love the feeling of winning a trophy. I tasted it when we won the Cooch Behar Trophy for UP. I want that feeling again.'



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Mirabai best woman lifter at senior Nationals

Kolkata: Chandrakant Mali of Services smashed three records to take the concluding day honours even as Railways reigned supreme, grabbing both the men's and women's trophies at the Senior National Weightlifting Championships here on Friday. Former world champion Mirabai Chanu, who had shattered three records to win women's 49kg title, was adjudged the Best Senior Women's Lifter with 865.796 'Robi points'. Youth Olympic champion Jeremy Lalrinnunga, who created a record in clean and jerk on way to winning the men's 67kg for Services, became the Best Senior Men's Lifter with 658.962 points.

Westbrook shines in Rockets' win Los Angeles: The Houston Rockets, fueled by 41 points from Russell Westbrook, surged late to shock the NBA's Western Conference-leading Los Angeles Lakers 121-111 on Thursday. Anthony Davis shook off a sprained right index finger to lead the Lakers with 32 points. LeBron James added 18 for Los Angeles, who trailed much of the night but took a 108-105 lead on Avery Bradley's pull up jumper with 4:57 remaining.

Biles wows fans with video of daring vault ahead of Olympics Los Angeles: Simone Biles, the most decorated American gymnast with 30 Olympic and world championship medals, has excited fans with a four-second video clip of a training vault no woman has performed in competition. The 22-year-old reigning world and Olympic all-around champion showed off a Yurchenko double pike vault and landed in a pit of red foamlike bricks with the Twitter caption "2020?" and three sets of eveballs.

Osaka endures Fed Cup loss

Madrid: A tearful Naomi Osaka followed up her Australian Open disappointment with another surprise defeat on Friday when she was beaten 6-0, 6-3 by world number 78 Sara Sorribes Tormo in the Fed Cup. Spain took an unexpected 1-0 lead over Japan in the tie in Cartagena after Sorribes Tormo capitalised on a careless performance from Osaka, who made 50 unforced errors in the 15 games. Sorribes Tormo enjoyed the backing of a sizeable home crowd at La Manga Club and her consistency proved too much for Osaka, who has never played her best on clay.

Improved fitness in last three years behind team's success, says Rani

New Delhi: Skipper Rani Rampal feels the improved level of fitness has played a key role in the Indian women's hockey team's recent success. Last year marked an eventful season for the Indian women's team as it booked its ticket to 2020 Olympics, where for the first time in the history of the game it will make back-to-back appearances. The team also scripted creditable victories against quality sides like Spain, Ireland, Japan, China, Korea among other countries last year, while defeating higher ranked teams like New Zealand and Great Britain in 2020. "The starting of the Olympic year has been good. Specially, because last year we managed to qualify for Tokyo. Since then women's hockey's graph is going well. In the last three years the team has done quite well," Rani said.

Sharon to host 20th anniversary of Laureus World Sports Awards Berlin: Critically acclaimed actress,

Dingko Singh awaits cancer test results, financial relief Fearing Relapse, Boxing Legend Says Cashless Hospital Treatment Would Take Huge Burden Off Him

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New Delhi: Sitting in a two-bed hospital ward, Dingko Singh smiled when discussing his favourite subject – boxing. The celebrated 42-year-old pugilist from Manipur, once hailed as Indian boxing's golden boy, had a lot of anecdotes to share, but that's not where his mind is focused presently.

Dingko has a more immediate matter to worry about – arranging finances to fund his treatment as doctors test him for a possible relapse of liver cancer, for which he had first been successfully treated three years ago. The third floor of the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) here is where the Arjuna and Padma Shri awardee has been undergoing tests since January 28, when he was admitted after suffering jaundice in his hometown of Sekta, near Imphal. Though there's a blockage in his bile duct, the relapse has yet not been confirmed by doctors with some



NOW & THEN: Dingko in a Delhi hospital on Friday; in action at 2000 Olympics

advanced tests still pending. "We had come to the ILBS for a

check-up after I contracted jaundice at home. So far, the tests haven't shown anything suspicious, but the doctors didn't want to take any chances. On Tuesday, they will conduct another biopsy, endoscopy and ultrasound to assess if there are new traces in other areas. Looks like, I am here for a

long haul," Dingko told TOI. It's this long stay in the hospital that has caused premature

wrinkles on his forehead. Dingko has only been worrying about arranging funds from his friends and relatives. When he left Imphal, the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) regional director at the SAG centre, where he's currently posted as a senior coach, had pro-

vided him Rs 50,000 as advance to meet his medical expenses.

"That amount was spent on booking flight tickets and paying an upfront admission fee of Rs 25,000 to the hospital. Since then, it's been a struggle as our savings are drying up. We didn't know that I would be admitted this time and the treatment since January 28 has cost us around Rs1.5 lakh. We are paying it from our own pocket," Dingko's wife Babai said. The room charges itself are Rs 3000 per day. Dingko, however, isn't complaining. His only plea is to make the medication and treatment cashless. "It would a huge burden off if SAI can link its bank account with the hospital's so that payments can made directly."

Alternately, there's another option of the concerned department in SAI collecting all the bills related to his treatment and reimbursing them directly to the hospital. "This will help me to focus entirely on my treatment and not to worry about ar-

ranging money," Dingko said. Dingko's financial state – as of most middle and lower class former sportsmen in India -- and his urgent need for money only highlight the loopholes in the current sporting system.

His present situation brings out the helplessness former athletes face in absence of a robust health care policy. The system doesn't provide for a cashless health insurance cover to athletes and coaches working under the SAI's umbrella and they have to get the amount reimbursed under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) only after submitting actual bills, which itself is lengthy process. These bills don't cover sundry charges, like amount spent on an attendant(s) stay and food and other expenses. Also, a patient, as in Dingko's

case, has to first make the pay-

ments himself and then get them

reimbursed from SAI or their re

spective departments like Servi-

ces Sports Control Board (SSCB) or Railways. Often, athletes don't have enough money to spend on costly treatment. This is where the cashless health policy and a fixed insurance cover would help. It's well-documented that

when Dingko, whose remarkable gold medal run at the 1998 Bangkok Asian Games had ended Indi a's 16-year wait for an Asiad medal glory in boxin, had to sell his three-bedroom house in Imphal to raise money for treatment when detected first with liver cancer in October-November 2016. Since then, after undergoing surgery on January 6, 2017 where 70 percent of his liver was removed, Dingko's family has spent more than Rs 10 lakh on his treatment, with little help from central and state governments. In February 2017, then sports minister Vijay Goel, had made assurances about providing full financial support to the boxer. But no help has arrived at their doorstep till date.

Barcelona, Real Madrid crash out of Copa on the same day

Madrid: Barcelona and Real Madrid both crashed out of the Copa del Rey as Athletic Bilbao and Real Sociedad pulled off a shock Basque double to reach the semi-finals. Barca were beaten 1-0 by Bilbao at San Mames, where Inaki Williams headed in a dramatic 93rd-minute winner, after La Real had seen off Madrid 4-3 in a seven-goal thriller at the Santiago Bernabeu on Thursday.

Two sensational upsets added another layer of excitement to a competition that has been full of surprises this season, with Bilbao and Real Sociedad joining Granada and second division Mirandes in an unfamiliar line-up for the draw on Friday. "There have been some surprise results," said Williams. "Sometimes you just have to have faith and heart."

For Barca, defeat was particularly painful, coming at the end of a turbulent week that saw Lionel Messi engage in a public spat with the club's sporting director Eric Abidal and Ousmane Dembele ruled out, probably for the rest of the season, with another hamstring tear. To make matters worse, Gerard Pique hobbled off with his own injury problem in the second half against Bilbao and looks doubtful to face Real Betis in La Liga on Sunday.

Messi's riposte that "everyone should take responsibility for their own decisions" after Abidal suggested Ernesto Valverde was sacked last month because of the players, means Barcelona are in political turmoil off the pitch. And the



CELEBRATION TIME: Athletic Bilbao players celebrate Inaki Williams' goal during the Spanish Copa del Rey quarters

fear is Messi could even leave in the summer by activating a clause in his contract that allows him to walk away from the club for free.

For a rotated Madrid side, the loss against Real Sociedad was perhaps less damaging, even if they conceded as many goals in 69 minutes as they had in their last 11 matches put together. Martin Odegaard found the opener before the superb Alexander Isak hit two to give Real Sociedad a remarkable 3-0 lead. Marcelo and Rodrygo both scored late in the second half and while Mikel Merino added a fourth , a Nacho Fernandez header set up a wild final three minutes, in which Andoni Gorosabel was also sent off. AFP

Zlatan return adds spice to Milan derby

Milan: Zlatan Ibrahimovic's return to AC Milan will add spice to the city derby against Inter Milan on Sunday with the Swede looking to thwart Antonio Conte's side from keeping pace with Serie A leaders Juventus. Ibrahimovic played his first Milan derby as an Inter player 13 years ago, while his last was for rivals AC Milan in May 2012, when he scored a double in a 4-2 defeat. Ibrahimovic was the top scorer that season with 28 goals but Milan lost the Serie A title to Conte's Juventus, the first in the Turin giants' current run of eight league crowns. The 38-year-old's return to Milan -- whom he helped to their last Serie A title in 2011 -- has proved a boost with his side now eighth, seven points adrift of the Champions League berths. Milan were on a three-match winning run with Ibrahimovic on the pitch but were held 1-1 by Hellas Verona last weekend when the Swede was sidelined by the flu. AC Milan director Zvonimir Boban praised Ibrahimovic's impact, insisting the Swede was pushing to be ready for "a unique derby". AFP

Departure of Lobera was unexpected

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here has been a lot of positive news during the ongoing Hero Indian Super League, but the departure of FC Goa coach Sergio Lobera was totally unexpected. From a layman's point of view, it has come at a time when the play-

offs are around the corner, and FC Goa stands as the first team to have already qualified for it. The risk of team morale of the squad being affected remains the biggest risk. FC Goa has been sublime on the field, and they cannot at any time afford to let that self-doubt and confusion creep in. That can

destroy all the hard work. Footballing theories will always point out that a happy dressing room is the bed-rock of all successful football teams.

Having said that, I would like to laud Clifford Miranda and Derrick Pereira for the manner in which they handled the team in their last match against Hyderabad FC. The biggest challenge was

not to stumble, and full marks to the duo and the players for the way they kept it easy on the pitch. The last phases are when the mental aptitude of teams is tested to the limits, and only the toughest will survive, and move to semis. GAMEPLAN

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NorthEast, Kerala match drawn

Guwahati: NorthEast United FC and Kerala Blasters FC played out a goalless draw in an Indian Super League match at the Indira Gandhi Athletics Stadium here on Friday. After a cagey first 45 minutes, both the sides had chances to clinch the game in the second half but due to poor finishing the game finished goalless

Kerala are eighth on the table with 15 points while North-

East United, who have not scored for five games in a row now, are a spot below with 12

East Bengal lose to Aizawl:

East Bengal suffered yet another setback in the I-League as they lost 0-1 to Aizawl FC on Friday. Matias Veron scored the match-winning goal in the 77th minute to earn Aizawl FC's second win in the campaign. рті

points

producer, director, writer and activist Sharon Stone is set to host the 2020 Laureus World Sports Awards Ceremony here on February 17. One of the most noteworthy performers of her generation, Sharon became a global star with her portrayal of Catherine Tramell in the thriller 'Basic Instinct' for which she earned her first Golden Globe Award nomination for the best actress in a motion picture. Sharon said: "I am pleased to host the Laureus World Sports Awards. These awards are a beacon of light as, not only do they celebrate the top athletes of 2019, they also highlight the power of sport to end violence, discrimination, and disadvantage."

Liverpool fans must savour dream season: Chairman Werner

London: Liverpool fans should savour the club's "dream season" in the Premier League as they may never see another like it, chairman Tom Werner has said. Liverpool are on course for a first league title in 30 years with Juergen Klopp's side winning 24 out of 25 games for a 22-point lead over champions Manchester City -- the biggest of any leader at the end of a matchday in English top-flight history. "I keep telling everyone to really savour this, the record that we've kept so far -- I don't think it's going to come along again so quickly," Werner told reporters. AGENCIES

Warriors in final

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Hyderabad: North Eastern Warriors made it to their maidenfinal in the Premier Badminton League (PBL) with a 3-(-1) victory against Chennai Superstarz at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium here on Friday. The men's doubles pair of Bodin Is-

PBL-5

ara and Krishna Prasad Garaga broke the trump of their rivals Sumeeth Reddy and Dhruv Kapila 15-13, 14-15, 15-10 to seal the issue for Warriors. That was after their mixed doubles pair of Lee Yong Dae-Kim Ha Na and Lee Cheuk Yiu gave them a winning start.

While the mixed doubles team defeated Sumeeth and Jessica Pugh 15-12, 9-15, 15-14, Lee put it across Tommy Sugiarto in men's singles. The pull out of doubles specialist

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy hit Superstarz hard in team events. Incidentally, Satwik had injured his right ankle during the league tie against Warriors on February. Though he donned the role of the coach on Friday his absence cost his team dear here. The decider in mixed dou-

bles became inevitable after both the teams won a game each. Both fought hard till the 14th point, before Lee Yong Dae came up with a smash winner from the back of the court to win the first point for Warriors, World No.18 Lee Cheuk Yiu won an important point for Warriors when he ended the unbeaten run of Tommy Sugiarto with a 15-12, 15-12 victory in the first men's singles. In the first game, Lee was three points ahead by the break (8-5). Though Tommy came close and reduced the gap to 12-13, Lee won two big points to take the first game.

Corona: Indian women pull out of Asian meet

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Hyderabad: The coronavirus outbreak has forced the withdrawal of Indian women's team from the upcoming Badminton Asia Championships to be held in Manila from February 11 to 16. However, the men's team, led by Kidambi Srikanth, will travel to Manila for this event.

Srikanth and HS Prannoy have probably opted to play in the tournament as they could earn crucial points to qualify for Tokyo Olympics. However, one wonders if the men are taking a risk by traveling to a country which has witnessed a confirmed death due to $the {\it deadly virus}. As per the {\it Indian}$ government's directive, a person returning from a corona-affected country will be quarantined for two weeks.

Srikanth, whose Olympic qualification is hanging by a thread, is desperate to travel

possible before the Olympic qualification ends by April. After the Asian meet, the former world No.1 will be travelling to Barcelona for the Spain Masters to be held between February 18 and 23. Thereafter, he would be featuring in the next month's German Open and All England Championship. It's not clear if Srikanth would be allowed to enter Spain as he will be travelling from Manila.

and secure as many points as

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Interestingly, Srikanth is unaware of these rules and said that he will check about this on Saturday. Srikanth's elder brother Kidambi Nandagopal said, 'We are not aware of the situation. He is booked to travel on Sunday night." Meanwhile, the Badminton Association of India (BAI) general secretary Ajay Kumar Singhania said that the women's team had withdrawn due to concerns of the parents of the players.

Spirited Vesely overcomes Ivashka, to meet Berankis

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Pune: Jiri Vesely came through an emotional roller-coaster to beat Belarusian Ilva Ivashka 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (11) to book a semifinal berth in the \$610,000 Tata Open Maharashtra here on Friday. It was an error-prone match but made absorbing by the way the two players fought their inner demons. The pendulum kept swinging as neither of them could gain the upper hand.

"I was definitely lucky today because he deserved more in the end than I did," Vesely, ranked 107th, said after the two-hour and 29-minute contest at the MSLTA Complex in Mhalunge-Balewadi. "I made easy mistakes on match points. It gets tough against the big guys if you don't take your chances. They are going to use it to their advantage." The 26year-old Czech, a former world No. 35, converted his fifth match point while Ivashka, world No. 152, had

MAHA OPEN two of his own — all in the decisive tiebreaker.

Second seed Ricardas Berankis needed two hours and 16 minutes to overcome Japan's Yuichi Sugita 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2 and move into the semifinals against Vesely. Berankis, the world No. 73 from Lithuania, overcame an early break to level the opening set at 4-4 but got broken again by Sugita. The 29-year-old was more solid in the second, in which he won 83 percent of his first serve points. But with the Japanese also managing a break of serve, Berankis, a former world No.1 and US Open champion in his junior days, had to dig deep to prevail in the tiebreaker. Berankis, whose father Genadijus drives taxi back home in Vilnius, then sped away with two breaks of serve in the third. In another quarterfinal, James Duckworth beat Roberto Marcora 6-3, 7-6 (4) to move into the semifinals.

Gujarat progress; Delhi all but out

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New Delhi: Delhi's woeful season seems to be over. Bhargav Merai and Manprit Juneja batted 17 overs to take Gujarat to 128/2 from 41/2 ending Delhi's hopes of eking out a win after setting a target of 292 on the final day of their Ranji Trophy match at the Ferozeshah Kotla on Friday

Delhi needed at least three points by virtue of a first innings lead to stay in contention for a quarterfinal berth. They were left chasing the game for two days after conceding a lead of 42 runs.

Comeback man Himmat Singh struck an elegant 69 in the morning to give Delhi bowlers 69 overs to bowl out Gujarat. But Delhi's bowling attack lacked a quality spinner who could exploit the

wearing fourth-day pitch. Left-arm pacer Siddhant Sharma did strike twice to send back the openers Priyank Panchal and Samit Gohil, but all hopes fizzled out at tea.

The draw ensured a quarterfinal berth for Gujarat. The teams decided to end the match once the umpires called tea with Juneja and Merai unbeaten 51 and 42 respectively. Young Delhi legspinner Tejas Baroka looked ordinary in second innings, like in the first, as the batsmen seemed to be having a knocking session in the middle.

Delhi skipper Dhruv Shorey and his boys will have to bag all seven points in their final match against Rajasthan next week and hope for a miraculous turn of events in other matches to have a chance of qualifying.

RANJI BRIEFS ELITE GROUPS A & B At New Delhi: Delhi 293 & 333/8 decl (Jonty Sidhu 52, Himmat Singh 70; Axar Patel

4/91). Gujarat 335 & 128/2 in 35 overs (B Merai 42*, M Juneja 51*). Match drawn. Points: Delhi 1 Gujarat 3. At Jaipur: Rajasthan 241 & 201 (Nilkantha Das 4/26). Bengal 123 & 320/8 in 114 overs (Shahbaz Ahmed 61*, Anustup Majumdar 35; T Haq 3/98, R Singh 4/97). Bengal won by 2 wickets.

Points: Rajasthan 0 Bengal 6. At Nagpur: Vidarbha 326. Kerala 191/3. No play on Day IV. Match drawn. Points: Vidarbha

1 Kerala 1. At Rajkot: Mumbai 262 & 362/7 decl (Shams Mulani 92, Jay Bista 46; Prerak Mankad 2/52). Saurashtra 335 & 158/7 (Shashank 3/45, Mulani 3/47).

Match drawn. Points: Saurashtra 3 Mumbai 1. At Shimoga: Karnataka 426 & 62/1 decl. Madhya Pradesh 431. Match Drawn. Points: MP 3 Karnataka 1. At New Delhi: Himachal

Pradesh 283 & 165/3. Railways 545/7 decl. Match drawn. Points: Railways 3 HP 1.

ELITE GROUP C out in 86.1 overs (Govinda 543/5 decl & 40/0.

Maharashtra won by 10 wickets. Points: Maharashtra 7 Odisha 0.

overs (Arnav Sinha 31*). Points Chhattisgarh 3 Jharkhand 1.

At Pune: Odisha 293 & 289 all Poddar 118, Anurag Sarangi 73; Mukhesh Choudhary 4/99, Palkar 3/36). Maharashtra

At Jamshedpur:

Chhattisgarh 559 & 51/0 in 14 Jharkhand 242. Match drawn.

Face World Champions **Belgium**

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Bhubaneswar: It was an unusually cold, windy and cloudy day here as Belgium and India put finishing touches to their preparations ahead the

PRO LEAGUE

Hockey Pro League double header at Kalinga Stadium, on Friday

But things are sure to heat up as the hosts look to continue their winning run against the world champions after two brilliant wins against the Netherlands two weeks back. Under coach Graham Reid,



IN SYNC: Indian players go through the paces at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar

Manpreet & Co played a fearless brand of hockey where they kept pressing hard throughout against the Dutch. They wasted some chances but did not lose heart. The defenders did well, too, especially in the first match as the Dutch were able to score only once. They did score thrice in the second game but India, despite playing with a man short for almost ten minutes, did not allow them to run away with the game. In the end the hosts drew level and won the game in shootouts. The drag-flickers were al-

show against the Netherlands,

the matches against Belgium

world champions in 2018 here,

the Red Lions have been in

brilliant form. They won the

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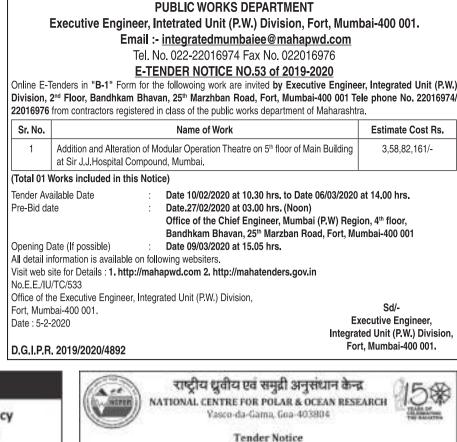
top of the table with 11 points First they got the better of Australia and then earned two one-sided wins against New Zealand. It was their dominance against the Black Sticks that was most impressive and against India, one can so in good touch and Rupinder expect similar performance.

But the long journeys may take a toll on the players who have been away from home for five weeks. They did take a two-day break in Kuala Lumpur before coming down to India but only time will tell how much they have recovered from playing matches over two weekends in two different countries.

India coach Reid, however, the inaugural edition of the wants to think less about the opponentandfocusonhisown Hockey Pro League and are currently the world No. 1 India team.India are also exteam. In the Hockey Pro pected to make some changes. League this season, they have But one can rest assured of another attacking game from the matches and are currently on Indian team.



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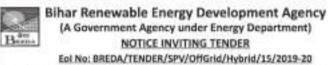
E-Tender for Fabrication, Supply, Transportation, Installation & Commissioning of Solar Power Plant 20 Kw.

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E-tendering Process National Competitive Bidding (NCB) from the Bidders fulfilling the Eligibility Criteria specified in Expressions of Interest(EoI) for "Rate Contract of one year for Design, Supply, installation, Testing & Commissioning with Comprehensive Maintenance (for 5 year) with remote monitoring for Category size from 1kWp to 10kWp and 11kWp & Above Off Grid (Hybrid) Rooftop Solar Power Plants at anywhere in Bihar". The tender can be downloaded from the eprox website up to 03.03.2020 (12:00 Hrs).

Deputy Director

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PR. No. 15312 (ENERGY) 2019-20

BREDA, Patna अवैध शराब एवं मादक दव्य के सम्बंध में शिकायत टॉल फ्री नं. 18003456268 या 15545 पर करें।

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(Directorate of Civil Aviation) Cabinet Secretariat Department

Patna Airport, Patna - 800014. Lett.No:BFI Actt.21/2017- Part-III-578 Patna,

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from registered insurance companies for one year insurance cover of four Cessna 172 R Aircraft belonging to Bihar Flying Institute, Patna

- The tender must reach the Chief Flight Instructor, filher Flying Institute, Petra Airport on p before 03.03.2020 by speed post or registered post by 5:00 P.M.
 - Bidders shall submit their offer in sealed envelopes which should be subscribed "Tender for insurance of Four Cessna 172 R Aircraft for 1 year.
 - The tenders will be opened on 06.03.2020 At 03.00 P.M before the committee headed

Bharat Nirman through Rural Roads Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency, First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun.

BHARAT NIRMAN UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

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e-Procurement Notice (First & Second Call)

The General Manager (Project), BRIDCUL on behalf of URRDA Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in elec-Tronic tendering system (First & Second Call) for construction of Roads and Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Garur (District-Bageshwar), Gairsain (Districts-Chamoli) for 03 number of Ackage with estimated cost totaling to **Rs. 1163.12 Lakh** including their maintenance for 2 year for stage & 5 year for stage-2 from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 04.02.2020.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in <u>www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in</u> The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B (ii) of ITB with the Projects related to Garhwal Mandal at Office of BRIDCUL HQ Opp. Govt. ITI Majra. Niranjanpur, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun-248001 & Projects related to Kumaon Mandal at Office of BRID-CUL PMGSY PIU Garur Bageshwar, First Floor, CSD Canteen, Mandalsera, Bageshwar-Pin 263642" on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by reg-istered post or by hand failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering: 17.02.2020 1.00 PM for Sr. no. 1 & 2 and 02.03.2020 01.00 PM for Sr.No. 3

For further details please log on to www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in

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Bharat Nirman through Rural Roads

Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency, First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun. Ref.No.: 3004/I1-02(xiv)/ITCO/URRDA/20 Dated: 05.02.202

BHARAT NIRMAN UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice-19 (Rebid-PMGSY-I & PMGSY-II)/2019-20

The Government of India has received a loan/credit number "LN 8864 IN" from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/International Development Association towards the cost of Rural Roads Project (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed in NIT. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the bidding document.

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tender Ing system for construction of Roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of **Almora**, Champawat, Nainital, Pauri & Pithoragarh for 10 number of Package with estimated cost totaling to Rs. 47.86 Crore including their maintenance for two years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent* Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 06.02.2020.

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For further details please log on to www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in Chief Engineer

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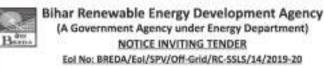
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 300 PLUS BEDED SRI JAYADEVA INSTITUTE OF CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCES & RESEACH HOSPITAL COMPLEX INCLUDING REQUIRED ENGINEERING & HOSPITAL SERVICES AT HUMNABAD ROAD, KALABURAGI, KARNATAKA.

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 069 invites tender in two bid system from the eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka for the construction of New 300 plus Bedded Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research complex including required Engineering & Hospital services at Humnabad Road, Kalaburagi, Karnataka.

- 1) The approximate estimated cost of the project is Rs.140.00 Crores.
- 2) The tenderers can download the documents from https://eproc.karnataka. gov.in from 29-02-2020 and the last date for submission of completed tenders through e-portal is 28-04-2020 up to 4-00 PM.
- 3) Date of Pre-bid meeting: 30-03-2020 at 11-30 AM at SJICR. Bengaluru.
- Date of Technical Bid opening: 29-04-2020 at 4-00 PM. 4)
- 5) EMD: as mentioned in the tender document.
- 6) Eligibility Criteria: As mentioned in the tender document.
- 7) For further details, please visit our website: www.jayadevacardiology.com
- 8) The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender partially or fully without assigning any reason at any stage of processing.

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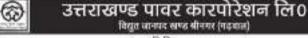


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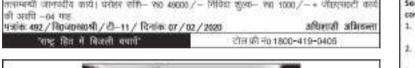
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अधोहरताक्वरकर्ता हारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतू तीन माह के लिये येथ मुहरयन्द निविधायें दो भागों आगतित की जाती हैं, जो दिनांक 25-02-2020 को 13:00 बजे तक बेवी जायेगी तथा दिनाक 25-02-2029 को ही 14:00 बजे तक प्राप्त कर 18:30 बजे सार्वजनिक रूप से निविदादाताओं के समस खोली जायेगी। उक्त लिश्रि को अवकाश होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस में प्राप्त की जायेगी व खोली जावेंगी। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में धरोहर शशि, अनुभव प्रमाण पत्र (जोकि अभिशासी अभिवन्ता स्तर ते अधिकारी द्वारा निर्मात हो) पैनकाई, जीधएसधटीध पंजीकरण प्रमाण पत्र ईधपीधएफध पंजीकरण व नवीनता त्सीय, निविदा वैद्यता हेतु हस्ताक्षरपुका संव १००/– के स्टाम्प पेपर रू० १/– रसीदी टिकट लगा तथ seiहर रात्रि एकढीआर ∕ेसीढीआर के रूप में अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद खण्ड, श्रीनगर (गo) व पक्ष में देव होगी, प्रस्तुत की जावेगी। निविदा का प्रथम भाग अर्थात धरोहर राशि। निविदा शुल्क प्रार्थना पत्र के साथ जमा करनी होगी, अन्यका निविदा प्रयत्र जारी नहीं किया जायेगा। जमा की गई घरोहर संवि को निविदा स्वीकृत होने के पश्चात ही अवमुक्त किया जायेगा। केन्द्रीयं / राज्य सरकार तथा निगमों में कार्यर निविदाकार / फर्म, जिन्होंने विगत तीन वेथी में भवन <u>निर्माण, / मरम्मत</u> के कार्य एक अनुबन्ध के अन्तर्ग बनुमानित लागत का 80 प्रतिशत या दो अनुबन्ध के अन्तर्गत 60 प्रतिष्ठत का कार्य पूर्ण किया हो, निविय ग्वेंत्र प्राप्त करने के पात्र माने जावेगे। सांघ ही निविदा संख्या 20 एवं 21 के कार्य हेतु निविदा में वर्णित कार्य किये हुये निविदाकार को प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी अग्रोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता को कोई एक अधवा समस मिविदावें रवद करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा। वाक द्वारा निविदा प्रयत्र नगामें वर २०० १०० / – अतिरिक्त थय देव होगा तथा बाक विलम्ब के लिए विभाग उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा।

मितिया संख्या-<u>19/2019-20.</u> 33/11 कंठवीठ तपरवान जीनगर (गठ) में नियन्त्रम कक्ष के विस्तारीकरण एवं विद्युत वितरण खण्या कर्व्यातव के पीछे बतिवस्त पुस्ते का निर्माल कार्य। प्रचेहर तालि- २० 48000/-गिरिया शुल्क- १० 1000/-+ जीठएगठटीक कार्य की अवधि -04 माड

मिबिया संस्था-20/2019-20: अवराटीठ-जीवरायरसः वरियोजना (अर्थ्वव्यीवद्वीवरसः) से अन्तर्गता जनवद दिहती (मठ) एवं जनारकाष्टी स्थित विसिन्द 33/11 वेवलीठ जयस्थनी में केवल-डे एवं सर्थिन स्थापित करने एवं जनसम्बन्धी जानवयीग नव्यी। धरोहर साहि- २० ३३०००/- निर्विया मुल्न- २० १०००/- + जीवरस्टटी वर्ष को अवधि -04 मह

☐विदा संस्था-21/2019-20 आराजी०-वीवरावरमा परियोजना (अर्थ्वायीवर्ववर्षना) के अन्तर्गता जनवर पेती, स्वाय्यन एवं प्रमोली किंवत विकिन्न 33/11 केंद्रवीठ उपस्थानों ने केंसल-ट्रे एवं अर्थिन स्वापित करने एवं तत्वमबन्धी जानवदीय काये। प्ररोहर रागि– १९० ४९०००/– निविध शुल्क– १९० १०००/–+ जीवएसवटी कार्य छी अवधि -04 गाह







Chief Engineer (Shimla Zone) HPPWD Nirman Bhawan Nigam Vihar Shimla H.P. 171002

UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice

The Government of India has received a loan/ credit number "P124639" under PMGSY-II (Rural Road Project-II) under World Bank Funding (Additional Financing & Green & Climate Resilience) Rural Roads Financing towards the cost of Rural Roads Project (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of RRP-II works. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible eouroe countries as defined in the bidding document.

The Superimending Engineer 11th Circle HPPWD Rampur District Shimla HP -172001 on behalf of Governor Himachai Pradesh invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of mads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-II (Batch-I) of 2019-20 in the district of Kinnaur as detailed in the Table below from the eligible contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T, Raiways/other State Govt./ Central Govt. agencies. Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Sr. No.:- 1 Name of DistL:- Lahul & Spit Package No.:- HP-07-07 (Slice-A) Name of Work:- Upgradation of Kaza to Komic road Km (0000 to 22/000 (Portion Km (0000 to 3/500)). Period of construction in Days :-510 Estimated Cost Const. part Rs.:- 25550004 Estimated Cost Maint. part & AMP Rs.:- 11911414 Total Cost:- 37457419 Bid Security:- 750000 Cost of form:- 5000

Sr. No.:- 2 Name of DistL:- Lahul & Spit. Package No.:- HP-07-07 (Silce-B) Name of Work-- Up gradation of Kaoa to Komic road Km 0/000 to 22/000 (Person Km 3/500 to 7/000). Period of construction in Days :- 510 Estimated Cost Const. part Rs. - 3/50/052 Estimated Cost Maint. part & AMP Rs.:- 11857904 Total Cost:- 47161955 Bid Security:- 944000 Cost of form:- 5000

Sr. No.:+3 Name of Diett.:+Spl1 Package No.:+HP.07-07 (Side-C) Name of Work:-Up-graduate of Kaza to Komic road Km 0/000 to 22/000 (Portion Km 7/000 to 10/000). Period of construction is Days :- 510 Estimated Cost Const. part Rs.:- 27847108 Estimated Cost Maint, part & AMP Rs.: 10435450 Total Cost:-38282558 Bid Security:-766000 Cost of form:-5000

Sr. No.:-4 Name of Distt::- Lahul & Spiti Package No.:- HP-07-07 (Silos-D) Name of Work:- Up-gradation of Kaza to Komic road Km 0/000 to 22/000 (Portion Km 10/000 to 15/000). Period of construction in Days :-510 Estimated Cost Const. part Rs.--36702963 Estimated Cost Maint. part & AMP Rs.:-15810809 Total Cost:-54513772 Bid Security:-1090000 Cost of form:-5000

Sr. No.:-5 Name of Diett.:-Spit: Package No.:-HP-07-07 (Sice-E) Name of Work:-Up-gradator of Kaza to Komic road Km 0/000 to 22/000 (Portion Km 15/000 to 18/000). Period of construction in Days :- 510 Estimated Cost Const. part Rs.:- 31611911 Estimated Cost Maint, part & AMP Rs.:- 16581722 Total Cost - 50103633 Bid Security:- 1000000 Cost of form:- 5000

Sr. No.:-6 Name of Distt.:- Lahul & Spit Package No.:-HP-07-07 (Silos-F) Name of Work:- Up-gradation of Kaza to Komic road Km 0/000 to 22/000 (Portion Km 18/000 to 22/000). Period of construction in Days :- 510 Estimated Cost Const. part Rs.:- 29144670 Estimated Cost Maint. part & AMP Rs.:- 14259898 Total Cost:- 43404768 Bid Security:- 868000 Cost of form:- 5000

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will alternot to notify the bidders of any bid updates. The Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the lanch

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement : 17th February 2020.

The technical bid shall be opened in the office of Superintending Engineer, 11th Circle. HPPWD, Rampur Bushahr on 16.03.2020. The bidders are required to submit (a) original der draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding connectness of information turnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with Concerned Executive Engineer, HPPWD, on a date not later than two working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the technical bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement : Date 13th March 2020 upto 1700 Hours and will be opened on 16th March 2020 at 1100 hours.

The Financial bids shall be opened in the office of Chief Engineer (Shimla Zone) HPPWD Shimia (Date and Time will be intimated).

For further details please log on to http://pmgsytenders.gov.in,

MPL NO. 4553/07/02/2028

The Government has enhanced the tendering limit of Class-B contractors from Rs. 2.00 cror (Two crore) to Rs. 5.00 crore (Five crore) only for PMGSY works.

The undersigned has right to extand or cancel the tender without declaring any reason theread

Principal Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Govt, of Bhar, Patha or by an officer so authorized by him in presence of the representative of companies/Firms/Public enterprises. The bidding insurance company must mention the following risk cover in tender:-

SI. No	Risk & Coverage Section Wise	Sum Insured
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2,	Third Party Liability	25 Lacs
3,	Instructor Liability	50 Lacs
4,	Student Liability	20 Lacs

- The Principal Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Bihar reserves the right to 5. reject/cancel any/all tenders without assigning any reason there of.
- No restriction on Minimum instructional Flying Hours for covering insurance policy.
- The additional information of tender can also be seen on this Department's websitewww.csd.bih.nic.in. The bidder should contact this department on our emailshen.prakash10@email.com and mob. No. 9433651514. For further details please visit website www.prdbihar.gov.in

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Chief Administrative Officer.

EXCISE AND TAXATION DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB. PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice inviting applications for the Renewal of retail sale licenses of Punjab Medium Liquor (L-14A) and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2) in Punjab for the year 2020-21.

It is notified for the information of retail licensees that the applications for renewal of groups/zones PML (L-14A) and IMFL (L-2) licenses in Punjab are invited for the year 2020-21.

- As per Rule 42 of Punjab Liquor License Rules, the licenses of L-2/L-14A shall be eligible for renewal for the financial year 2020-21 of those licenses who gives 12% excess revenue over and above Fixed Minimum Guaranteed Revenue for his group/zone for the year 2019-20.
- The Minimum Guaranteed Revenue of each Group/Zone for the year 2020-21, shall be fixed by increasing MGR of the financial year 2019-20 by 8%.
- The details of the groups/zone shall be displayed on the notice board of the concerned districts These details will also be available on the website of the department www.pextax.com as well. The rates of renewal fee of the licenses L-2/L-14A on the basis of MGR of the year 2019-20 shall be prescribed by the concerned AETCs and shall be displayed on the notice board of the district concerned.
- For renewal of license the retail licensee (L-2 and L-14A) shall submit his application in the offices of the concerned Assit, Excise and Taxation Commissioners of the districts.

Receipt of applications -

- Applications may be submitted upto 20-02-2020. a)
- The application must be accompanied by receipt of payment of prescribed renewal fee and b) Rs. Ten Lakh as Fixed License Fee.
- 0) Apart from (b) the licensee will also attach the details of Excise Duty paid in prescribed proforma at retail and wholesale stage during the year 2019-20.
- The licensee will submit requisite affidavit under Order 7 of Punjab Intoxicant and Sales Order, d) 1956 alongwith an undertaking that he will deposit 12% excess revenue over and above the MGR of year 2019-20 by 20-03-2020 and he will provide the details of deposited amount to the department before 23.03.2020. It will be the responsibility of the licensee to ensure the payment of this additional 12% revenue and the genuineness of the details given in this recard.
- (a) The licensee shall deposit prescribed Fixed license fee for the year 2020-21 on or before the dates mentioned below :-

Fixed License Fee

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Sr. No.	Stage	Amount of Fixed L. Fee
1	At the time of submitting application for renewal	Rs. 10.00 Lac
2	Upto 06-03-2020	Rs. 10.00 Lac
3	Upto 23-03-2020	The balance amount of fixed license fee of group/zone

(b) Apart from this licensee shall deposit prescribed Additional Fixed License fee for the year 2020-21 on the dates mentioned below :

Additional Fixed License fee

Sr. No.	Stage	%age of Additional Fixed license fee
1	Upto 26th March, 2020 in case of renewal of licenses.	30%
2	Upto 30-6-2020	20%
3	Upto 30-9-2020	25%
4	Upto 31-12-2020	25%

If any licensee after submitting his application for renewal of his license does not deposit fixed license fee and Additional Fixed License fee in time his application received for renewal shall be cancelled and the renewal fee and fixed license fee and Additional Fixed license fee deposited by him shall be forfeited.

- A list of all licensees who applied for renewal of L-2 and L-14A licenses shall be displayed at a conspicuous place in the office of the district concerned on next day.
- All provisions of Punjab Excise Act, 1914 and Rules/orders framed there-under and amendments to be incorporated there in accordance with the provisions of Excise Policy 2020-21 shall be applicable
- The Excise Policy for the year 2020-21 may be seen at www.pextax.com. Dated: 06th Feb. 2020

Vivek Pratap Singh, IAS Excise and Taxation Commissioner

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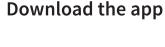
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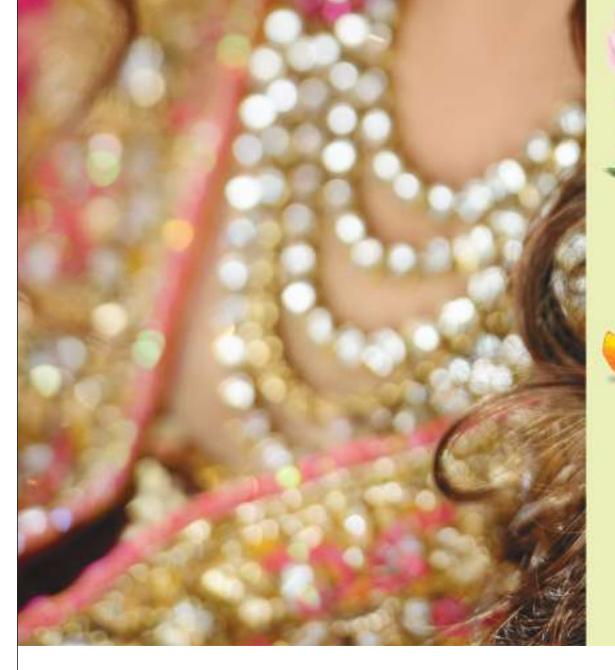
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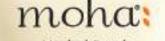


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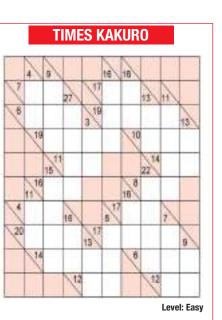
Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square/circle, to make four ordinary words How To SVAEE PLAY Now arrange the KSYIR etters in the cir cles to form the answer to the rid CERUM dle or to fill in the missing word as indicated CEIRKW history, not to ck (4,...,5) The main thing is to ____ it. - Otto von Bismar-



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SPELLATHON

digits that add upto 12.

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Today's Ratings: 03-average | 05-good | 06-outstanding

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many Α times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. D There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.



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Tip: Your lucky colours are red and blue. Your lucky gems are turquoise and moonstone.

ARIES March 20 - April 18 You seem to have no

problems solving others' problems. You know that

there is always a solution. A loved one could be over

serious and you might attempt to lighten up the con

versation. Friends will drop by, so let spontaneity rule

TAURUS April 19 - May 19 Knowing what you want

and going after it is the opportunity of the day, and

what you fall into now may be just the chance you

have been waiting for. Sharing goals and deciding to

mutually go for it will be the best of all possible worlds

GEMINI May 20 - June 20 You are probably reluc-

tant to set aside unrealistic dreams, even if obliga-

tions are keeping you on a short leash. Stay true to

your highest ideals by doing the most responsible

CANCER June 21 - July 21 There is nothing wrong

with entertaining your fantasies as long as you don't

use them to escape from a conflict in the real world.

Nevertheless, avoiding unnecessary drama allows

your generous spirit to shine while still leaving time

LEO July 22 - August 21 Making others feel guilty

will only waste your time and energy. Be thankful that

LOOP THE LOOP

Connect adjacent dots with vertical or hori

zontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).

Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As

Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number

of lines that should surround it, while empty

cells may be surrounded by any number of

shown by dotted lines in Fig B).

You can't draw lines around zeroes.

Each puzzle has just one unique solution. How to begin: Example (Fig A) - Begin with

drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as

around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can

only be drawn in the remaining three spaces

Next, these lines can only be extended in one

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by mark-

ing crosses in spaces between dots where a

line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already

completed required lines or where a line ex-

tension may create a branch or cause a dead-

direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be

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you know the truth about what's really going on, for what you don't know can hurt you more than you

VIRGO August 22 - September 21 You have more time to figure out how to improve your cash flow, yet vou still might believe that you have to make a decision right away. Hasty actions won't be productive today, so consider all your options before you shift into gear and start working.

LIBRA September 22 - October 22 Allowing yourself to be talked into any activities that scatter your energy is not a good idea today. Creating healthy boundaries gives others the opportunity to respect your limits

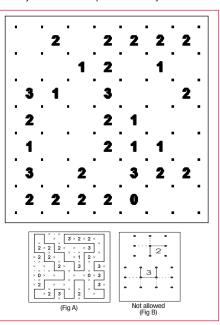
SCORPIO October 23 - November 20 Others may not understand your interest in subjects that seem irrelevant to them, but don't worry about what they think. If it seems significant to you, then take the time to check it out.

SAGITTARIUS November 21-December 20 Keeping in touch with friends and relatives is important iust now. Your timing should be perfect for whatever needs discussing. This can become a lucky period. You need to be needed and you have an intuitive way about you in knowing when your loved ones are in need and require your assistance.

CAPRICORN December 21 - January 19 Avoid lingering in discouragement, even if you discover something you don't like. This is a wonderful opportunity to refine your strategy and improve your chances for success.

AQUARIUS January 20 - February 18 Your instincts will help you grasp a problem and read between the lines. You have a lot to get done. Make a call to a loved one who often feels left out or lonely. A discussion could help lift this person's spirits

PISCES February 19 - March 19 Although there are signs that you can slow down ahead, you won't be let off the hook just yet. You might be able to amaze others with how much you accomplish, but burning yourself out in the process is surely not worth it.



MINDBENDER

I am a giant, an ancient king With many a jewel by my neck are hanging Then a monster comes, a heartless thief The bite so bitter brings me grief.

It takes my treasure, my riches untold. My rubies, my emeralds, my silver, my gold.

Why each sign fails to save money

you need help from the stars on how to get rich, read on to know what your zodiac's failings are when it comes to saving. **ARIES:** You simply cannot save for the future, and spend on "living in the moment'

TAURUS: You justify bulk-buying and discount shopping as "saving". The thrill from saving in a sale will go if you realise you didn't need to spend at all.

GEMINI: To save money, you need to value it, and you simply don't care or think of it enough to accumulate it. You spend on whims. CANCER: You accumulate things for material security and think you "need" everything. LEO: You need to spend on acting like a king to make everyone believe you deserve a place in society by being fancy and flashy.

VIRGO: You're too fussy about quality to settle for cheaper things. For you, everything has to be top shelf. **LIBRA:** You feel being thrifty is tacky. But Venus can come back to bite you when you have 10 Gucci coats and zero money. **SCORPIO:** You switch between stinginess and overspending. Find

a balance. SAGITTARIUS: You value spending on experiences more than you value money CAPRICORN: You spend on social climbing, be it fancy parties, designer clothes, or artwork which becomes a conversation-starter. AQUARIUS: You literally think money is just

paper. Aquarians live life thinking they can borrow from their family and friends. PISCES: You keep lending or spending on others. That is generous but unwise. iDiva

EVENTS

MUSIC & DANCE



WWF: 'VSK Baithak', vocal recital by Aruna Sairam. WWF, Lodhi Estate, on February 8, 6,30pm (entry is subject to availability of space)

MUSIC & DANCE

Triveni Auditorium: Musical event on the 90th birthday of Pandit Jasraj. Triveni Auditorium, Triveni Kala Sangam, 205, Tansen Marg, on February 8 and 9, 5.30pm onwards EXHIBITION

Chawla Art Gallery: 'Bronze - Single Edition', a solo show by sculptor Tapas Sarkar. Chawla Art Gallery, Square One Mall, Saket, on till February 8, 11am to 7pm Gallery Onkaf: 'In The Shape Of Your Shadow', solo exhibition by Sarojini Lewis. Gallery Onkaf, C-1/20, 3rd Floor, Safdarjung Development Area, on till February 8, 11am to 7pm Neeti Bagh: 'Permeated Absence', solo exhibition by Dhruvi Acharya. A1 Neeti Bagh, main Khel Gaon Marg, on till February 8, 10am to 6pm (Sundays closed)

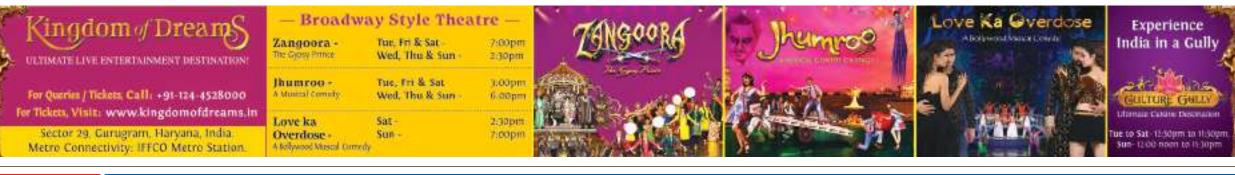
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Poonam Pandey files criminal case against Raj Kundra and associates

The actress has accused them of releasing her mobile number on an app, causing her mental agony. However, Raj Kundra says that in December 2019, he had exited the company that Poonam had a tie-up with for the app



I COLLABORATED WITH THE COMPANY FOR AN APP NAMED AFTER ME IN MARCH **2019. AFTER I TERMINATED THE CONTRACT,** THEY CONTINUED TO POST MY PICTURES AND VIDEOS ON THE APP. THEY ALSO LEAKED MY PERSONAL NUMBER ALONG WITH MESSAGES LIKE 'LET US TALK AND I WILL STRIP FOR YOU'. I STARTED RECEIVING THOUSANDS OF CALLS AT ODD HOURS

Poonam Pandey

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ver the past six months, life has become a nightmare for Poonam Pandey. The actress alleges that she has been inundated with calls-at odd hours-from across India and even Karachi, requesting her to strip. It all began in June last year, says Poonam, when her number along with the tagline, 'Call me, I will strip for you', was leaked on her app. According to the actress, her app was managed by Raj Kundra's company, as she had entered in an agreement with them in March 2019. Howev-

er; she terminated it a month later. She has now accused them of continuing with the app, in spite of her terminating the contract, and also releasing her personal number on it, which has resulted in her being hounded with numerous calls. Poonam has now moved the Bombay High Court to file a criminal case against Kundra and his associates, who collaborated with her for the app. However, Kundra told us that he had exited the company (which managed the app) in December 2019.

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PETITION AS I EXITED THE VENTURE IN DECEMBER

2019 WITH A SALE TO THE

CURRENT SHAREHOLDERS

– Raj Kundra

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This Valentine's, show Mother Earth some Love



'I am excited to be back as a judge as I want to see what the millennials have to offer'

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or someone like Terence Lewis, who once was a reg- ular face on dance reality shows, an eight-year hiatus seems like a long time. "It was a long time, but since I was doing a lot of work outside India, these eight years passed by quickly," says the choreographer, who will be back as a judge in

India's Best Dancer. **'I NEEDED A BREAK FROM** WHAT I WAS DOING'

The choreographer and dance reality show judge prefers calling his eightyear break from reality shows a "much-required sabbatical". He says, "I think everyone reaches a saturation point when

I AM SO HAPPY TO SEE THAT CONTESTANTS WHO CAME FROM **DANCE REALITY SHOWS ARE DOING SUCH GREAT WORK**

TERENCE LEWIS is returning to judge a dance reality show after an eight-year hiatus

they keep doing the

same thing for a long time. I just needed a break from what I was doing. My eyes were tired of watching the same thing over and over again. Also, I wasn't coming across anything fresh or new. I am extremely excited to be back after eight years because I really want to see what millennials have to offer and how much has dance evolved."

WANT PERFORMANCES TO BE BEYOND JUST ENTERTAINING'

Terence adds that he was also looking to make a comeback with a show that focuses on dance and not entertainment. "I am very clear that this time I am looking forward to seeing dance forms and not acrobatics. There are formats (and shows) that look for a performer, but I think in a dance reality show, I should get to see beyond just purely entertaining performances, I need to see dancing talent as well. Even eight years ago this is what I was focused on. I am so happy to see that contestants who came from dance reality shows are doing such great work. Kruti Mahesh, who won the National Award for Ghoomar, got a platform from dance reality shows. There are so many other successful names like Raghav Juyal, Punit Pathak. It is so good to see the kind of work they are doing and how they didn't just earn a name and fame, but also created their identities after being part of reality shows," he says proudly.

'DON'T WANT ANY MORE SOB STORIES ON **DANCE REALITY SHOWS'**

One change that he really hopes to see in dance reality shows? "I do not want to hear any more sob stories. I really don't want to have more stories about 'maa ka sapna', and 'main kitni gareebi se aaya hu'. I am definitely sensitive and can listen to their stories and cry with them, but if someone thinks that he/she would be rated above a genuinely talented person on the basis of their background, that's not going to happen. If one happens to come from a certain background and is also talented as a dancer, works hard to improve his skills, that person should definitely not be judged as a lesser deserving contestant than others on the show."

Ratheesh Sundaram

promising singer also needs to be a good storyteller: Benny



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enny Dayal, who has multiple chartbusters in different languages to his credit, says that the music industry in India is evolving and welcoming more unconventional voices. In a chat with us, the singer spoke about his absence from the the country's booming indie music scene, the unconventional voices coming up in the industry and his current favourite artistes from the Indian music industry. Excerpts:

Of late, a lot of indie artistes are finding prominence in India's music industry. What do you think has led to this trend? Right now, a lot of things are going on in

the music sector, enabling a lot more artistes to explore their talent. That way, audiences also have more options to choose from. Often, it's seen that the unfamiliar and unconventional compositions stand out among these.

So, what's the secret behind these unconventional voices?

Well, it's not just about being a singer, but also about being a storyteller. A song's lyrics are put together to tell a story. What matters is how you are able to convey that story, regardless of whether it's been composed by someone else or yourself. It's not about the tag of *filmi* music or indie music. What matters is whether or not people are being able to connect with

your music.

Among the current lot of singers, whose work do you think stands out the most? Sid Sriram, Arijit Singh, Prateek Kuhad and Papon are some of my favourites. My ultimate idol, however, is Vishal Dadlani. He's not only a great singer, but a composer and a writer too.

As someone who's been in the public eye, do you feel the pressure to be politically correct all the time?

Saying the right thing at the right time is a skill that comes from knowledge and experience. The older you grow, the wiser you become. What I feel is that one should not be over-opinionated, and should use discretion while making a statement.

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Chilly treats for Delhi: Ice cream sales go up by 40% this winter

increase in sale in December-January as compared to last winter'

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n a chilly, foggy winter morning, one would assume that Delhiites would prefer a piping hot cup of tea or coffee. But, believe it or not, ice cream seems to be quite popular too. While traditionally seen as a summer favourite, ice creams have always sold moderately well during the Delhi winters. This winter, however, as the mercury plummeted to Kuch din toh raat hone se pehle hi stocks khatm

record lows - giving the capital its coldest winter in decades - the sales of ice cream across vendors and shops in Delhi reached record highs.

*According to ice cream vendors at India Gate

At India Gate, over two dozen ice cream vendors set up shop every day. Mukesh, who parks his cart near the Rajpath crossing, tells us, 'Usually our sales are lowest during peak winters in December and January. But this year, they were higher than the months before them.

ho jaa rahe thay." Most vendors say that in December and January, their sales increased by 40-50%, and on some days, it was even double

increase in sale in

December 2019 over the

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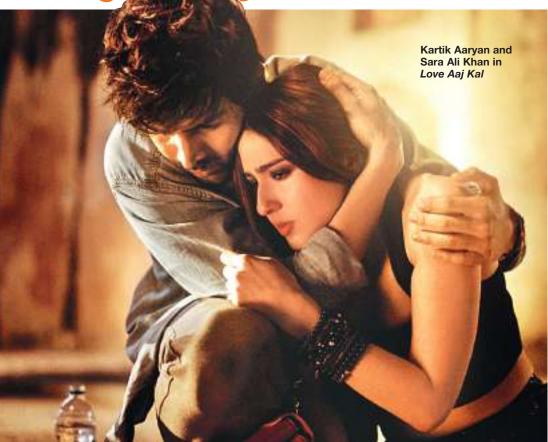
compared to the same time last year. The increased sales, on days, even approach the peak sales of summers.

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Mehrama is about eing lonely in a crowd



he soundtrack of Imtiaz Ali's upcoming romantic film, Love Aaj Kal, has been appreciated by music lovers. The film has him reuniting with composer Pritam and lyricist Irshad

Kamil to celebrate the different facets of love. From the track Shayad, which celebrates the innocence of first love, to the party number Haan Main Galat, there's something for everyone in the album.

The film's latest song, Mehrama, is a soulful melody about feeling lonely in a crowd. The song is relevant in today's world, where everyone is constantly communicating with others over different media and devices, and yet, there's an inexplicable loneliness that they feel. In its simplicity, the song taps into emotions that people can relate to.

Talking about the track, Imtiaz, who is both the producer and director of the film, says, "Veer and Zoe (Kartik Aaryan and Sara Ali Khan) are modern-day youngsters who find it difficult to mindlessly surrender to love despite feeling very strongly for each other. The fear of making compromises, which they could regret later, makes them insecure. But moving away from each other brings more meaninglessness in their lives. Their minds are crowded by ambition, many thoughts and ideas, yet they feel lonely.'

Producer Dinesh Vijan adds, "We wanted to create something that is relatable and soothing for the heart. Mehrama is a song that speaks to your soul. People today are constantly communicating, yet they hear nothing. This song makes you pause for a moment and think; it makes you question, helps you lament and becomes your companion in loneliness.

Jio Studios, Dinesh Vijan and Reliance Entertainment present a Window Seat Films and Maddock Films production, Love Aaj Kal. A Jio Studios worldwide release, it hits theatres on February 14.









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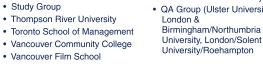
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DELHI IS TALKING ABOUT **Celebrating global music in Delhi**



A group of 11 musicians from different parts of the world performed at the do

gies, recently organised Confluence, an evening of music, food and fervour. The chief guest for the evening was Ajay Sawhney, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technolo-"The idea behind this event was to celebrate beaugy. ty in diversity through the fusion of music, food and people. The evening was a reflection of the culture of inclusion and diversity," said Ravi Kathuria, Global Head, Corporate Affairs, Communication and Advocacy.

He added, "We wanted to celebrate the amalgamation of culture, traditions and ideologies that make HCL a globally integrated enterprise. We hosted a group of 11 musicians, from different parts of the world. They came together to perform 16 pieces of beautiful symphonies, including their traditional music as well as in unison to celebrate the spirit of collaboration."

(violin), Roberto Gervasi from Italy (accordion), essary resources to pursue their dreams.

global technology company, HCL Technolo- Benjamin Creighton from the UK (harp), Jérome Brajtman from Denmark (guitar), Linus Wyrsch from Switzerland (clarinet), Bjorn Ingelstam from Sweden (trumpet), Martin Doykin from Bulgaria (upright bass), Benjamin von Gutzeit from Austria (viola), Leonard Elschenbroich from Germany (cello), Go Kikuchi from Japan (piano), and Shahid Khan Kawa from India (tabla). The artistes also performed Vande Matram together. Through this event,

the brand aims to translate The lineup included Adrien Chevalier from France this harmony to aspiring musicians who lack the nec-

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Manushi Chhillar shoots for her debut film's song

Chhillar, who is set to make she said. her Bollywood debut opposite Akshay Kumar in the historical drama added, "I hope the effort that I've put in Prithviraj, recently shot for a song in for the song will be appreciated by audithe Chandrapakash Dwivedi directori- ences." She summed up saying, "I never al. The newbie, who plays Sanyogita to Akshay's Prithviraj, called her first song shoot a memorable moment of her life. "It was a huge learning experience for me to go through the drill of preparing,

World 2017 Manushi rehearsing and shooting my first song,"

Pleased with the shoot, the debutante thought I'd become an actor so I'm really enjoying the process of exploring all the aspects of being an Indian film heroine and learning so much in the process.' Agencies



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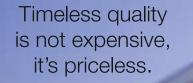
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This Pawan and Pooja are caught in a web of love

Watch their changing equation in the new web series Pawan & Pooja, which will launch on Valentine's Day

his Valentine's Day, one of India's leading OTT platforms MX Player is bringing viewers a relationship drama that highlights the grey shade of love with its MX Original Series – Pawan & Pooja. It explores the lives of three couples - all coincidently named Pawan and Pooja, who at different stages of their lives

discover that their love is indeed conditional, breakable and questionable. Here's a duo-Pawan Srivastav and Pooja Maheshwari, played by Taaruk Raina and Natasha Bharadwaj – that seems to be caught in a web of love. And who better to explain their predicament than Pawan himself? Read on ...

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I'm Pawan Srivastav – naam toh suna hi hoga... digital prankster and online influencer? Well, that's me. And the biggest problem in my life is Ms Pooja Maheshwari, a social media fashionista and an A grade snob! I played one prank on her, which cost her a few followers who she considers 'her friends' and we've been going at each other ever since.

Life changed for us when a powerful talent management firm reached out to us with an unbelievable proposition. But somewhere along the way, I've gotten tired of living my

life online. I know that's our bread and butter, but sometimes, enjoying the moment offline wouldn't harm us either.

Actually, the trouble is that I've fallen in love with Pooja. But I'm not sure if she feels the same. In this digitally challenged equation, the reality of a real human connection seems to be too much for us.

But on February 14, you please go ahead and stream this complicated love story for free, only on MX Player. Pawan Srivastav



Taaruk Raina and Natasha Bharadwaj in the web series

Ankit Siwach ties the knot with girlfriend Nupur Bhatia

nkit Siwach, who was last seen in Manmohini, tied the knot with his longtime girlfriend, Nupur Bhatia, in Uttarakhand on February 4. Ankit said, "Marrying Nupur is a dream come true. I thank god for keeping us together through all the ups and downs of life. As cheesy as it may sound, *bachpan ki dosti* has turned into *budhaape ka sahara*." Ankit trusted Nupur's choice when it came to selecting their ensembles. He said, "All the clothes were decided by Nupur, including the colours and styling. I was completely dependent on her.' The couple will soon leave for Italy for

their honeymoon.



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Nupur and Ankit tied the knot on February 4

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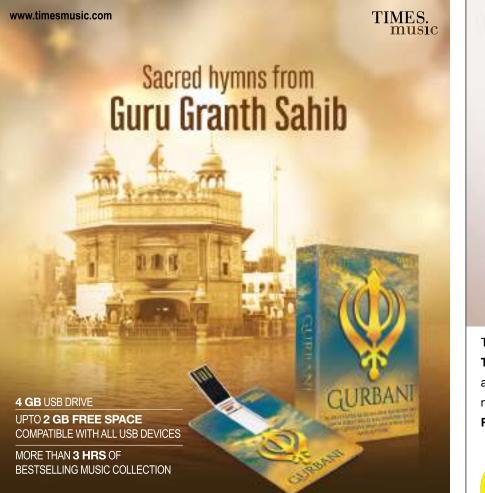




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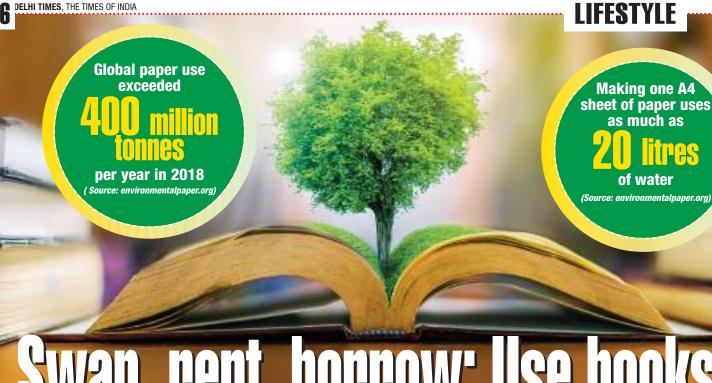


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TAKE A LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

While the good ol' library visits may seem like a thing of the past, a book lover can be sustainable by joining their local library. However, not all residential areas have libraries, and in such cases, residents have started their own library to provide people with books. Says Gurgaon resident Rachna Gupta, a homemaker, "I started my library, Kitaabon Se Rishta, in 2018. I began with my childrens' old books, and soon. friends and people from my condominium donated their old books. My library caters to children of upto 16 years."

Noida resident Neha Gupta, a doctor, runs an online library portal from where people can rent and return children's storybooks. "Through the portal, you can rent a book and it will be delivered at your doorstep. After you are done, it can be returned through the same channel," she says. Social worker Radhika Gulati is a member of the Delhi Gymkhana Club and often borrows books from the library there. "I love books, but also make sure to practice sustainability. I avoid buying new books and go to the library instead. The books can be re-issued online, so the process is hassle-free," says Radhika, who lives in Noida.



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Neha adds that she has a collection of comics and children's books which she shares with others. "I have over 20 storytelling books as old as 10 years old which my children have outgrown. Instead of giving away to the kabaadiwala, I spread the word in my neighbourhood if anyone wanted them, and there have been a lot of takers," she says.

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courage my kids as well. I spread a word among my

neighbours if my son wants

to read a particular book. If

someone has it, I borrow

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Neha Puri, a clinical hyp-

notherapist from Delhi who

practices sustainability in

HAND BOOKS From Daryaganj's Sunday book market to a local book stall, secondhand books are readily available in the city, for a reader to read while being sustainable. "I always buy second-hand books. After reading, we can give the book back and buy a new one. The bookseller charges ₹150 for the book for the first time. If we return it and get a new one, he only charges ₹100, encouraging people to use and return the book," says Vasvi Sateja, a 22-year-old resident of Sector 14, Gurgaon.

GO ONLINE TO READ



Did you know that an e-book can displace the purchase of 22.5 physical books? This could help avoid deforestation, as according to a report, 30 million trees are cut down annually for books sold in the US. "Since the past five years, I have stopped buying newspapers. I access news online as newspapers are only usable for a day and then end up in the trash," says Upasna Sahney, who lives in Noida.

Noida resident Supriya Sardana shares, "I avoid buying physical books, and it has been years since I switched to e-books as it was more sustainable. My daughter, too, refers to an online platform to read books where one can browse different genres of unpublished books as well."

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Reading a book that has already been read by someone else brings a sense of comfort to many book enthusiasts, and adding on to this is Mayur Vihar resident Shruti Sharma, who founded Books On The Delhi Metro three years ago. "We leave books at various stations of the Delhi Metro and post about it. People are free to pick up these books and take them home. Some people return these books, while some keep them. This way, our books, which are either second-hand or received through donations, are read many

times," she tells us. You could also barter and exchange a book in return for a book you want to read. Gurgaon resident Upasna Mahtani Luthra, who runs the Gurgaon Moms Book Club

which has 4,500 members, says, "All members meet once a month to discuss their latest reads. During this time, many members also exchange their books with others so as to promote sustainable reading."

Another way to swap or exchange books is by forming a group or chain of readers, using one book for many readers. "I am part of this chain of 11 people, where we all buy just one book, which we all share in turns. Each person has to complete the

book within seven days and pass it on to the next person in the chain," says Abhinav Malhotra, a Preet Vihar resident.

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"Summer sales are much higher than winter sales, but this season, on some days, the demand was as high as in May-June. We were surprised at the demand of ice cream, particularly on the coldest days. There was high demand even on foggy days. Last year, the sales were half of this even though it wasn't as cold," says Arun Sharma, a vendor in Noida.

When it comes to their WINTERS SEE favourite winter ice cream, sell-**MAX SALE OF** ers tell us that Delhi prefers both cones and cups in equal meas-**MILK-BASED** ures. However, milk-based ice **ICE CREAMS** creams tend to sell more than the ice lollies in winters. Ratnesh, a vendor at India Gate, says, "Summers are usually more about ice candies while winters see maximum sale of the milkbased ice creams. Chocolate is a favourite

year round.' An interesting thing vendors say is the change in Delhiites' ice creams choices based on the season. Qasim, who sets up shop in

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Mount Columbus School, Dakshinpuri celebrated its 9th annual day 'Columbian Arena' for two days. The chief guest on Day 1 was Dr Aman Puri, Consul General of India and on Day 2 was Sunil Manohar Gavaskar, former Indian international cricketer. The programme began with lamp light-

ing ceremony. This entailed the bouquet presentation. School Chairman Harish Chinai welcomed the guests. Principal



Mount Columbus School, Dakshinpuri

Aditi Roy shared the school's annual report of the session 2019-20. The cultural extravaganza started with the Ganesh Vandana. The first day programme was themed 'Books and its importance' while the second day celebrations were an amalgamation of various hues befitting the theme '150

lier flavours and are willing to try newer things in winters. In the summers, most people usually prefer orange bars or chocolate ice creams only. It's only families that go

ones. But in winters, even youngsters try newer things." **ICE CANDIES**

ice cream serves as a comfort food for them and the weath-Ratnesh, an ice cream vendor

er does not play a role in their choice. We meet Ankit Kumar and his family at India Gate on a particularly chilly January evening, and he tells us, "People have hot snacks in the summers too. So why can't one have ice cream in winters? In fact, when it is really cold, there is

nothing better than ice cream."

Some say that because of the cold, they prefer buying ice cream and taking it home instead of standing by the cart and having it, but they do not give up on having ice

vears of the Mahatma'. Meritorious students were

for the more expensive Delhiites say that

A group of youngsters enjoys ice cream on a cold winter day at India Gate



cream. Others have more practical reasons for eating ice creams during peak winters. Geetika Singh, a south Delhi resident, tells us, "I actually prefer eating ice cream in winters as compared to summers. It doesn't melt as quickly first of all and I once read a research that it is safer to have cold food in winters because the temperature difference is not so much."

To be chosen for a cultural programme in Republic Day parade is an honour and generates



held its golden jubilee celebrations Annual Day. The function began with a shabad recital. The chief guest, Dr Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi, IAS, former additional chief secretary, Punjab department of Home Affairs and Justice and the guests of honour were presented with golden rossets and bouquet of flowers by President, Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Rajouri Garden (member of

DSGMC) Sr. Harmaniit Singh and school Principal Dr S S Minhas. It was followed by welcome address by school Chairman Sr. Sunder Singh Narang. Differently abled gifted children presented Swaro Ka Indradhanush . The cultural programme was interspersed with Qwalli, English and Hindi plays, etc. School principal presented the annual report. The most awaited event of golden ju



Guru Nanak Public School, Rajouri Garden bilee celebrations was awarding prizes to the winners for excellence. Around 60 students and teachers were given trophies by the guests. Dr Minhas was awarded with a trophy for his dedication and commitment. Avinash Pushkarna with his melodious presentation of Taare Zameen Par wooed the hearts of everyone. The event concluded with a song 'Ye Kon Chitrakaar hai'. School magazine 'Jyot' was released by guests. Other members of the school and Gurdwara management committee also graced the occasion.



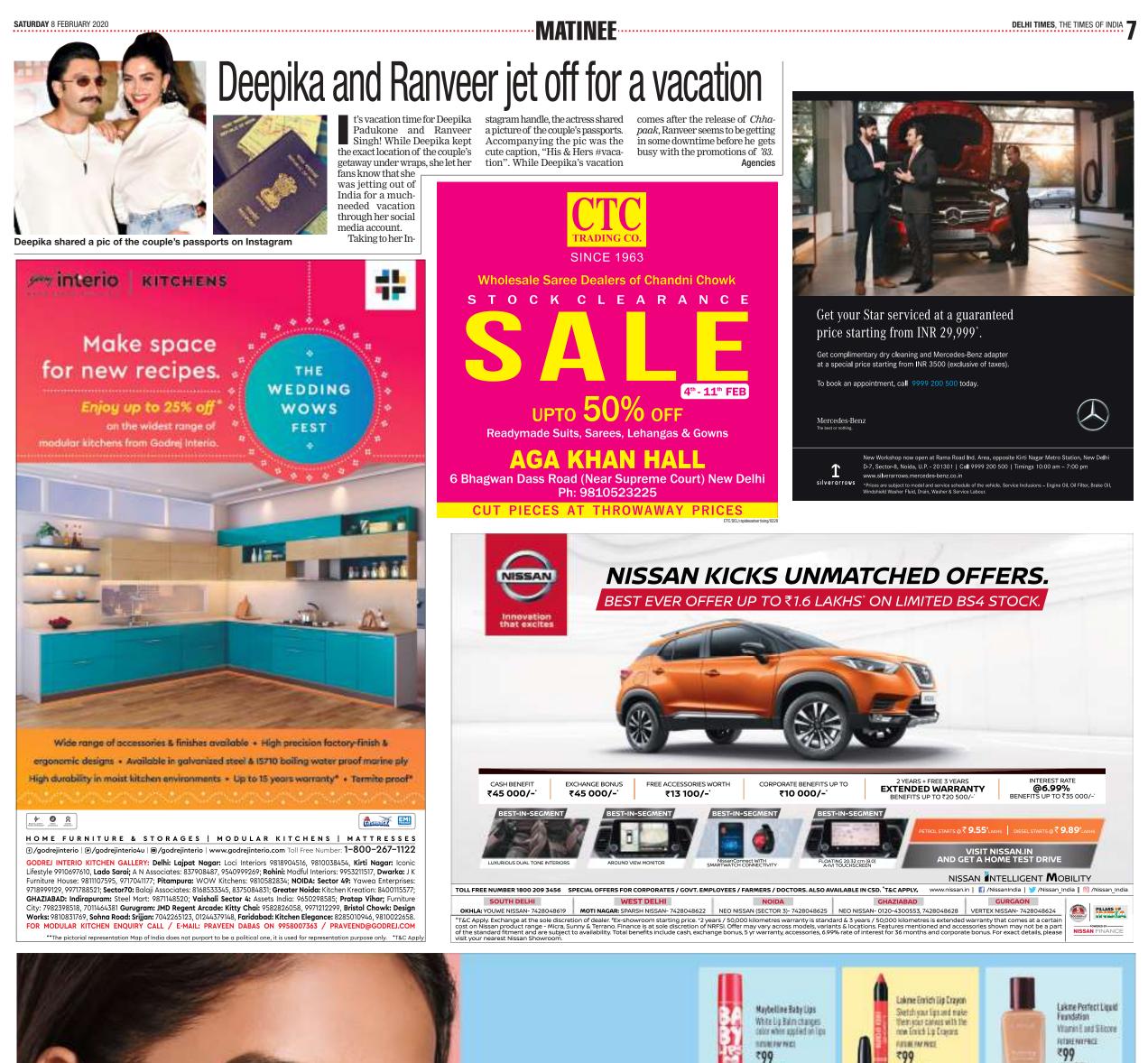


A group of around 160 students from Vinay Nagar Bengali Sr Sec School, Sarojni Nagar performed for the first time in the Republic Day cultural parade at Rajpath. They presented 'Rabi-Baul', Venge More Gharer Chabi Nie Jabi K Amare (Break the locked door and set me free, O Lord!) composed by Rabindranath Tagore which evinces the mystical sufi baul tradition from Bengal. The performance received huge applaude from the audience.

awarded with the trophies in the prize distribution ceremony, Manish Kumar and Divva were hongreat level oured with the gold coins by Mata Kela Devi Charof exciteitable Trust (run by school manager) for their exment among students. Through dance and music presentation on the

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"bumsters", down the

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of the body - not so much the buttocks -

but the bottom of

the spine, that's the

most erotic part of

anyone's body, man

or woman," the late

McQueen said about

collection at the time.

While their 'erotic' element may be

debatable, their 'iconic'

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THE RE-RISE OF THE LOW-RISE JEANS

Low-rise jeans are coming back in 2020, say fashion pundits. In anticipation of the return of one of denim's darkest phases, here's a throwback to an era of 'muffin tops', 'bum cleavages' and total pelvic access

LATE 90S - 2000S

MARIAH IN HEARTBREAKER TO **MEGHNA IN KALIYON KA CHAMAN**

Sure, it would take seven years for the fashion world to catch on - seven years until Britney Spears, Keira Knightley and Christina Aquilera would get on the crack-flashing train.

In fact, Mariah Carey, who put 'em on for her Heartbreaker video in 1999, recently took the entire credit for the trend. She said in an interview, "The jeans that people were wearing (in the 90s) were highwaisted, and I was like, 'Why? Why are we doing high-waisted jeans? That's not flattering.' I didn't understand it." She spoke about how she chose to rip off the waistline of her jeans for the video, rendering them low-waist. "I noticed that really soon after, all these designers were doing the same cut of jeans," she gloated. Closer home. in the early 2000s, Meghna Naidu rocked a pair in the music video for Kalivon Ka Chaman, while actors like Bipasha Basu and Deepika Padukone were even rocking low-rise saris and lehengas for a while.

The artiste flashed her thong in low-rise jeans in the Kaanta Laga remix video in 2002

THE DEMISE

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However, the fashion industry seemingly came to its senses by the mid-2000s. In the spring of 2002, Tom Ford showcased a higher waist trouser collection on the runway, and by the spring after that, several other designers followed suit. There was a moment there – when Keira Knightley almost threatened to expose her entire pelvis to the world in 2003 - that made one wonder if the trend would die at all. However, by 2008, the very antithesis of the low rise jeans, boyfriend jeans high-waisted, baggy, and well-overthe-belly button - came into fashion. Jeggings and skinny jeans weren't too far behind.

2008

The singer takes the whole low-rise thing a little too far in 2002

2005 THE WORD MUFFIN TOP COINED

The term muffin top has close links with low-rise jeans, and owes its very origin to them. Several prominent US publications dedicated articles to it in 2005 - calling it the fashion faux pas of the year. Used to describe the roll of fat that spills out over tight and low-fitting jeans, 'muffin top' was named Australia's Macquarie Dictionary's word of the



Based on all previous evidence, a publication quoted denim trend forecaster Sam Trotman as saving that low-rise jeans will be a "key trend" in 2020, in an "ironic" sort of way. The trend, he said, will be Gen Z's way of capturing "the trashy Y2K mood".

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"Trends are always cyclical and consumers and thought leaders are always in pursuit of the new must-have denim. Of course that means going against the grain, so that could mean the return of the low-rise," he concluded.

Already on-board is actress Olivia Wilde, who recently proclaimed, "My most comfortable state is when I'm wearing low-rise jeans, sneakers, and a sweatshirt. In that, I am unstoppable." Was that them sounding the death knell? It may be too soon - or too late - to tell at this point.

The supermodel is among the new-age advocates of the low-rise

2017

BUTT-LESS JEANS, DETACHABLE THONGS: A PREOUEL?

There have been whispers in the fashion community since the past three years that the low rise won't remain in their grave for long. They've already being spotted on runways, and on supermodels like Bella Hadid.

In November 2017, for example, Jennifer Lopez was photographed in a pair of pants with built-in thongs - a style abomination that hasn't been witnessed since Christina Aguilera's Dirrty phase, circa 2002. The year 2017 also saw denim thongs, detachable jorts, and butt-less jeans on the ramp which trendspotters feel is a build-up to the inevitable.

Many feel this outfit the diva sported in 2017 is a sign that low-rise jeans are set to return

FER LOPEZ



The British actress shows how low jeans can go in 2003

KEIRA KNIGHTLEY

she started the low-rise year in 2006. ieans fad in 1999

The Heartbreaker singer thinks

You can't disrespect me and threaten my existence' [Letterman recalls



Raj Kundra says he has left the company that was handling the app which has allegedly breached Poonam's privacy

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MY RIGHT TO LIVE AND PRIVACY HAS BEEN AFFECTED: POONAM PANDEY

Sharing the background of the case, Poonam says, "I collaborated with the company for an app named after me in March 2019. We had agreed upon a certain percentage of the revenue generated by the app to be given to me. However, I realised certain discrepancies in revenue sharing and hence, decided to terminate the contract. I also informed them about the same via an email. But they continue to post my pictures and videos on the app. To my horror, they also leaked my personal mobile number along with messages like 'Call me now as I am free to talk' and 'Call me now. Let us talk and I will strip for you' on the app. After that, I started receiving calls from all over, not in dozens but thousands, at odd hours, asking me for explicit services. People started sending me pornographic images and videos. I even left the country for three months hoping that the situation will become normal. However, as soon as I landed back. I started receiving calls and obscene messages again. Sometimes, I would get calls where I could only hear heavy breathing from the other side. These callers claim to know my address, too. I changed my number, but after I messaged Saurabh Kushwah (one of the associates of the app company, who is one of the accused) from my new number, asking him to refrain from uploading my pictures and videos on the app, I started receiving calls and messages on that number. too.'



The actress says that she approached the police in December 2019. "My statement was recorded on December 7, 2019, at Bandra police station. Since they refused to lodge an FIR against Raj Kundra and his team, I had no option, but to move the Bombay High Court. I have filed a writ petition - a criminal case - against Raj Kundra, his associate Saurabh Kushwah and my former manager Sonu Lakhwani. I will approach the cyber crime cell, too. I am going through this nightmare just because I refused to work with them. I am living under constant threats of abduction, rape, murder and acid attack. My right to live and privacy has been affected. Just because I am Poonam Pandey, you can't subject me to this treatment. I am what I am in my world. People can call me controversy's favourite. I don't have a problem with that, but you can't disrespect me and threaten my existence," she says.

Poonam's lawyer Anand S Jondhale says, "The police didn't cooperate with her. So, around a month ago, we moved court and filed a petition for registration of an FIR against them and for due compensation for the mental agony caused. We have also served the notice to the accused through the court."

'POONAM'S ALLEGATIONS ARE FALSE AND BASELESS'

Meanwhile, Saurabh Kushwah has filed a statement at Bandra police station, stating that the breach was in fact from Poonam's side and the company wasn't too pleased with the content uploaded by her on the app, as they were obscene, erotic and objectionable. They have also claimed that it was their decision to terminate the contract. They have denied all allegations levelled against them by Poonam, including that of leaking her number on the app. Saurabh says, "These allegations are false and baseless. We have not yet received any legal notice or petition from the court, so we will not be able to comment on it. We have cooperated with the authorities concerned and

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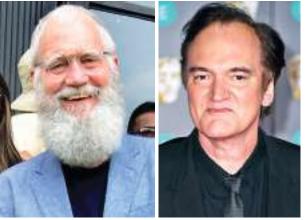
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provided all required details. We will follow the lue process of law and take steps accordingly.'

Raj Kundra said, "I had invested in a company called Armsprime Media last year, which makes apps for celebrities. I am not aware of the petition as I exited the venture in December 2019 with a sale to the current shareholders.³

Lawyer Thakur Arjun Singh, who represents Armsprime Media, stated, "We have just learnt that Poonam has filed a petition in Bombay High Court. We haven't been served a copy of it, yet. The matter has neither been listed nor heard. We will deal with it once we receive a copy of the petition. As far as her allegations are concerned, there is no substance in them. She has been paid in excess – an amount of ₹60 lakh – as per the agreement in accordance of the revenue share. Just because Raj is an investor in Armsprine, she is trying to extort money by misusing criminal law. She has a civil remedy available if she feels there is a discrepancy in payments but dragging everyone in a criminal case is malicious and mischievous.

'death threats' from Tarantino



David Letterman (left) says that he "got into a great fight" with Quentin Tarantino

opular American host David Letterman once got into a serious beef with Hollywood maverick Quentin Tarantino, to the point that the filmmaker threatened to kill him. The late-night talk show great shared his "great fight" with the Kill Bill helmer when asked on a show if he ever had "any famous beefs", reports a Hollywood portal.

"I got into a great fight with Quentin Tarantino. This was really good." The 72-year-old funnyman said that it all stemmed from his reaction to a guest's revelation that Tarantino was dating a famous star, whom he described as "so famous that I can't recall the name.

Thinking that the Pulp Fiction director was not attractive or cool enough for the actress, Letterman jokingly protested the relationship."Tm thinking the idea is Quentin Tarantino is this movie-store nerd. Now I'm pretending that I'm stunned this glorious movie star is dating this little squirrelly guy," he said.

Two days later, he got a call from Tarantino who berated him on the phone.

"He starts screaming at me, 'I'm gonna beat you to death, I'm gonna kill you, I'm coming to New York, and I'm gonna beat the cr** out of you. How can you say that about me?' And I said, Quentin, hang on a second.'

Letterman then asked his producer to pick up the other line, so no one could accuse him of making the story up. He said Tarantino went "on, and on and on - like the guy is full-blown clinically goofy.

Letterman said he asked the director, "Bat or fist," to which the latter responded, "Bat.'

The host said that they picked dates and flights, but the Once Upon a Time in Hollywood director ghosted him on the day of the supposed duel. They, however, have made peace as the filmmaker apologised for the outburst years later, according to Letterman









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Sofia Richie, her boyfriend Scott Disick and his ex Kourtney Kardashian were often seen on vacations together

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ofia Richie is no longer following Kourtney Kardashifollowing cur rently an on Instagram. The 21-yearfollow old model had tried connect-Sofia. ing with her boyfriend Scott Disick's ex on social media just a few months ago. The news that Sofia has un-

followed Kourtney comes just a few days after Sofia revealed she won't be on *Keeping Up* With The Kardashians this upcoming season for a specific reason. Kourtney does ciled days later.

She began dating boyfriend Scott Disick in September 2017. The pair split briefly in June 2018 when Sofia discovered Disick cheated on her and got close to another woman. They recon-



MARKET SPECIAL





Matthew Perry Joins Insta, Lisa welcomes him

atthew Perry is the last member of the Friends stars to join Instagram!

The 50-year-old actor's new handle is @mattyperry4, as his co-star Lisa Kudrow helped announce her on Instagram. "Finally!!! Yay!!" she captioned а

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"Finally!!! Yay!! Can't believe my eyes, my eyes,' Lisa Kudrow captioned a throwback photo of her Matthew. "Can't and Matthew Perry

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believe my eyes MY EYES... Welcome to Instagram @mattyperry4 #friendsforlife." Matthew hasn't posted anything yet, but he already has 1.2 million followers. "What is this, my Instagram account?" Matthew Perry's bio reads. Agencies

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#UpcycleYourVehicle: A moving exhibition in Greater Noida

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he ongoing Auto Expo in Greater Noida is attracting not just automobile lovers, but eco-conscious Delhiites and art connoisseurs, too, who are going gaga over painted cars and items created from upcycled car parts. The exhibition titled 'It Used To Be My Car' is organised by Cartist, a group of artists who give makeover to vehicles. The artists say that they've organised this exhibition to encourage people across NCR to upcycle their old cars.

While the concept of creating furniture with old car parts isn't new, it's the first time when artists have put up this exhibition at the Auto Expo. Himanshu Jangid from Cartist told us, "We have been promoting art through automobiles for years, but this is the first time when we have put up our exhibition on the sustainable theme. We want to tell Delhiites that change starts with you. All they need is some sense of design, and they can do it at home, plus we're here to help. Most of the furniture and decor items

are created with seats, tyres and shocker springs of old cars. For lamps, wheel disc and connecting rod of a car en-

gine have been used. Sneha Sivakumar, a visitor at the expo, said, "I would love to paint my father's old car, but restoration is burdensome and maintenance becomes an issue. After discussing with artists, I realised that it's a better idea to turn your car into a pool table or office desk than just dumping it someday."



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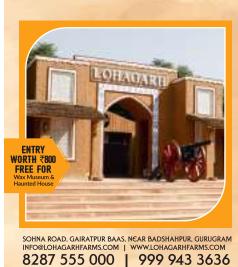
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Coronavirus scares B-wood away

Ronnie Screwvala film, starring Sobhita Dhulipala, was to roll in Kerala from February 12 delayed; team considering plan B



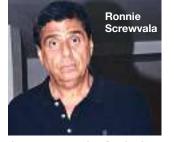
Sobhita Dhulipala

ith novel coronavirus claiming many lives in China, the Indian government is taking strict measures to avoid an epidemic here, airlifting citizens from Wuhan in batches and putting them in quarantine upon landing. In an attempt to avoid the virus, Bollywood, too, is making changes in its shooting schedules. We have learnt that Ron-

nie Screwvala's film, Sitara, was to roll in Kerala from February 12. But the plan now

stands cancelled after the Kerala government declared the outbreak as a 'state calamity'. Director **Vandana Kataria**

confirmed the news, stating, "Health comes first, so the schedule has been slightly delayed for now. We had been in and out of Kerala for our technical recce and were supposed to return in two days. My art



from January 30 but flew back on Wednesday. Thankfully, everyone is fine.'

She adds that they are now waiting to see how things pan out. 'Meanwhile, we have a plan B in place and are working towards

that," Vandana informs. The film features Sobhita Dhulipala as Tara, a feisty, independent girl who recognises a flaw and sets out to redeem herself. In this process she pushes her family into confronting their own dedesign crew was already there mons and forgiving each other.



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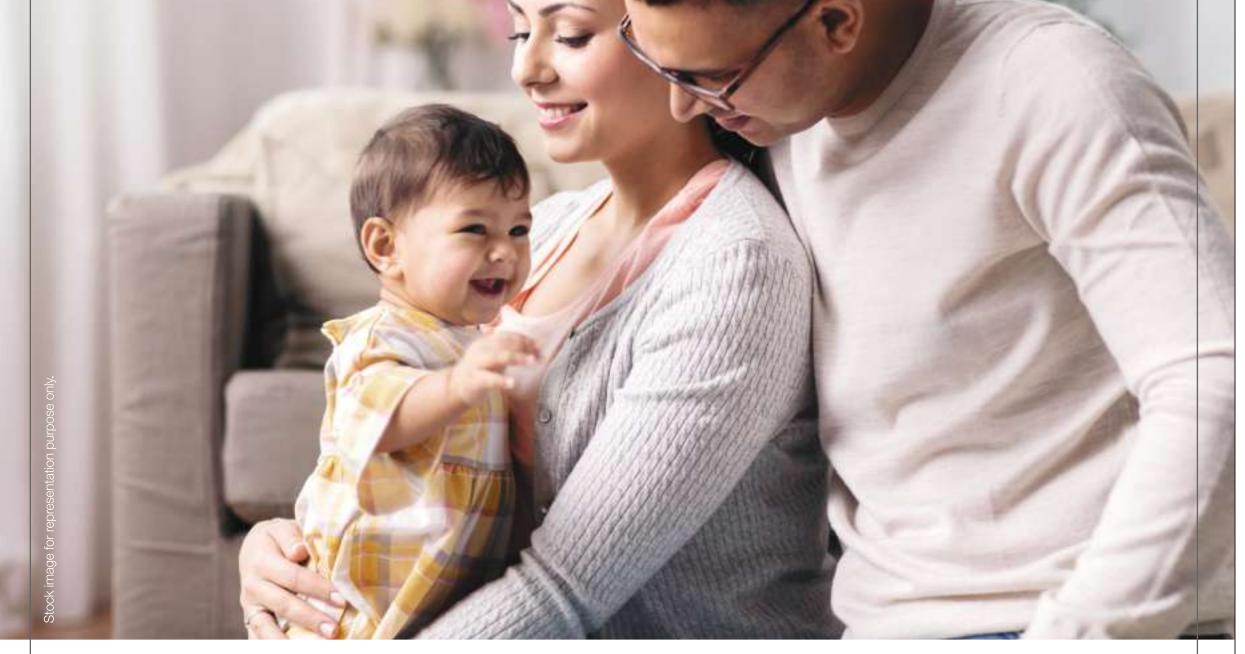




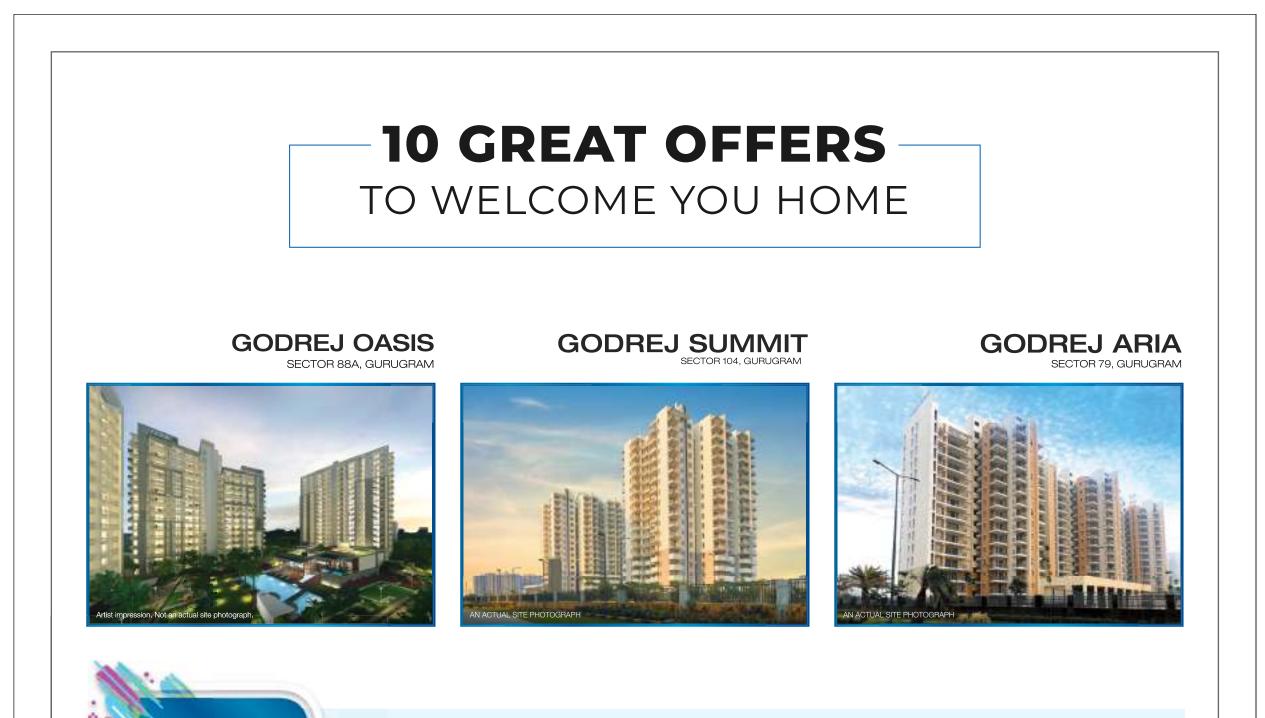
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RBI pumps adrenaline

The RBI's bouquet of developmental and regulatory steps is a positive surprise to the financial ecosystem. Experts and developers have widely welcomed the latest monetary policy of the RBI, saying it would be the long-awaited catalyst to revive the real estate sector

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ith the RBI's monetary policy announced on February 6, interest rates of bank loans are likely to decline. This is despite the central bank not cutting its policy rates like reporate — the rate at which banks can borrow short-term funds from the RBI.

In its monetary policy on Thursday, the RBI has taken a slew of measures to allow banks' lending rates to fall. In the last one year — from February 2019 to January 2020 — the RBI cut its policy repo rates cumulatively by 135 basis points (1.35 percentage points) in several tranches, to 5.15%, but banks could cut their funds-based lending rates (MCLR). Home loan is also linked to MCLR by 55 basis points.

This was mainly due to the persisting high deposits rates which banks had to pay to raise funds. This limited the banks' capability to pass on the decline in policy repo rates to loan rates like home loan interest rates.

In the latest monetary policy, the central bank decided to infuse Rs 1 lakh crore of "1

year to 3 years" funds at repo rate in the banking system. This will help the banks lend at attractive rates to

growth-oriented sectors like real estate and the Micro, Small

Medium and Enterprises (MSMEs). Rajnish Kumar, chairman of the SBI. said. "The RBI policy is a statement of intent, carefully using a repository of policy novelties to address the current deli-



cate balance of growth and inflation."

He said that while the decision to keep policy rates on hold was universally anticipated, the RBI bouquet of developmental and regulatory steps is a positive surprise to the financial ecosystem.

The decision to allow long-term repo operations for 1 year and 3 years for Rs 1 lakh crore at policy repo rate will bring

down cost of funds for banks and will facilitate better transmission within the current constraints of downward rigidity of deposit rates, Kumar said.

Jaxay Shah, chairman of Credai National, said, "The policy announcement by RBI is thoughtful and encouraging, as it will further boost credit flow to the stressed residential realty sector.'

Apart from this, to promote real estate and other important sectors, the RBI has allowed commercial banks to deduct the equivalent of incremental credit disbursed by them as retail loans for residential housing, auto sector, and loans to MSMEs from their total deposits for maintenance of cash reserve ratio (CRR).

Banks are supposed to keep 4% of their total deposits with the RBI at zero interest. This increases the cost of funds and force banks to lend at higher rates. Now, as banks are not supposed to maintain CRR for loans that they would give to specific sectors like housing, auto, and MSMEs, the rates are likely to come down.

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BUDGET a steady course!

Union Budget 2020-21 has continued its focus on affordable housing. Its mega outlay for big infrastructural projects will help the real estate sector indirectly, as this would spur the construction of residential and commercial spaces

hough real estate has not got much, directly, from Union Budget 2020, there are certainly some announcements that will help revive the real estate sector. There are three key takeaways from Budget 2020 for the real estate sector.

Affordable housing, for instance, continues to be the Budget's focal point in the sector and reinforces the Modi government's mission to provide

"Housing for all by 2022". The earlier tax exemptions for both homebuyers and developers have been extended for another one year.

The government proposed measures to improve liquidity for NBFCs and HFCs. This is welcome for the sector. which has been struggling with liquidity crisis. Boost to growth of infrastructure and transport are positive steps to ease living in suburban parts of the cities.

The additional deduction of up to Rs 1.50 lakh under Section 80EEE against interest paid on loans taken for purchase of an affordable house, set to lapse on March 31 this year, has been extended till March 31. 2021. The current rule also incentivizes developers of affordable housing who can avail 100% deduction of the profits and gains derived from such projects. The benefits under Section 80IBA are available till March 31, 2020, which has been extended by another year.

"With the real estate sector witnessing a shift in consumer behaviour that favours the growth of affordable and mid-income housing.

this measure will immensely benefit market,' the Ankush Kaul, president (sales and marketing) of Ambience Group, said.

Apart from this, to facilitate

transactions in the currently subdued markets where property prices have fallen below the value calculated on the circle rate of the area, the finance minister has given some relief. Currently, while taxing capital gains and business profits for developers in respect of transactions in real estate, if the consideration value is less than circle rate-based value of the property by more than 5%, the difference is counted as income in the hands of both the purchaser and the seller. **Continued on page 4**



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RBI pumps adrenaline

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Besides, it is a clear indication that the RBI and the government want these sectors should be given favourable treatment.

Anurag Mathur, CEO of Savills India, said exempting the real estate sector from maintaining CRR would aid the flow of bank credit to the housing sector and support residential sales.

The RBI has also allowed the extension of the date of commencement of project loans for commercial real estate, delayed for reasons beyond the control of promoters, by another year without downgrading the asset classification.

Abheek Barua, chief economist of HDFC Bank, said this could help improve last-mile funding for real estate projects.

If a developer defaults in servicing a bank loan, even for no faults of theirs, no other banks gives them any loan. This affects the entire business cycle. But this measure of the RBI will give developers time to redeem their position.

Ramesh Nair, CEO and country head of JLL, India, said, "The RBI's measure to ease rules for projects delayed for reasons

beyond the control of promoters by one year will provide the much-needed elbow room to developers."

Rajnish Kumar of SBI said extension of the date of commencement of commercial operations (DCCO) of project loans for commercial real estate by another one year without downgrading the asset classification will allow the real estate sector to focus on project completion.

RBI's decision to permit extension of date for commercial projects stuck for reasons beyond control of the developers under institutional debt will be instrumental in bringing the much-needed relief to developers, **Jaxay Shah** said.



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Area Watch!

GCR offers uber luxury FOR DEEP-POCKETED

Sectors along the Golf Course Road promise luxury condominiums. Properties in the region command a premium, as the development of a well-established retail space and offices makes the location sought after. Available options on GCR are for buyers, who can shell good money on their purchase



onnectivity has given several regions of Gurgaon their strategic importance. This, in addition to improved quality of projects and growth of the retail space along these micromarkets, has made residential properties remarkably suited for living and investment.

One such micromarket is Golf Course Road (GCR), which is now connected to DLF Cyber City through an underpass. The underpass connects DLF Building 5 and takes commuters to Sector 56 directly. Several pockets like Sectors 42, 54, 55, and 56 are along GCR.

The region has well-established social infrastructure including schools and commercial buildings. This gives it an optimal mix of development along with the residential projects and makes the region ideal for those looking to live in a place which is amply supplied with amenities.

Data corroborates the trend. Anarock Property Consultants rank GCR 9th among the Top 10 most expensive residential markets in the country.

"Luxury real estate market in Gurugram has successfully bucked the market

trend of slowdown over the last few years. Gurugram has emerged as a

preferred location for highend luxury and ultraluxury residential properties. Golf Course Road, undoubtedly, is the most sought-after destination for investors and buyers,' Sushrat Gupta, a Gurugram-based realtor, says.

"Gurugram market is performing well because of the overall infrastructure development and improved connectivity. This ease of connectivity has led to the

"Locations like the Golf Course Extension Road and SPR in Gurugram are turning out to be the new 'retailtainment' destinations with several projects in the offing. These are throbbing centres for commercial real estate development. These locations are set to become retailtainment trail-blazers, being under the focus of the government's Transit-oriented Development (ToD) policy," Pankaj Bansal, director of M3M Group, said.

developer and HUDA are occupied. With demand on a high since the beginning, the

CONNECTIVITY ADVANTAGE

GCR is well connected with New Guru-

gram through Golf Course Extension Road. It is connected to Delhi through the

underpass from Cybercity. In an ideal scenario, one can reach the IGI airport in 40

minutes from GCR. One can reach other places of importance like Udyog Vihar in 15 minutes, crossing National Highway 48.

Looking at the potential of the area, sev-

eral top developers have begun projects on

this stretch like, DLF Ltd, Paramount,

Emaar MGF, Suncity Projects, Vipul, and

In addition, there are a few group-hous-

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oped by HUDA. Most projects by private

With mostly ready-to-move-in proper-

area is also dominated by

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Historically, builder

flats along GCR have

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much. However, due to an overall market slump, rates along GCR are now stagnant for some time now. Magicbricks data shows the current average rate of flats here at Rs 10,900 per sq

ft. Compared to this, Golf Course Extension Road has slightly lesser capital valemergence of newly developed areas. ues, with the average rate of flats being Rs

8,200 per sq ft. WHAT IS ON OFFER? ties, the region offers three- and four-bedroom apartments in the price range of Rs 80 lakh to Rs 23 crore. There are fewer fivebedroom apartments. Builder-floor apart-

ments are also available. —Ankit Ihaan Sharma



SECTOR 150, NOIDA: A REALTY HOTSPOT

oida has emerged as one of the most promising and competitively affordable regions in the NCR. Over the past few years, the region has attracted a lot of attention from investors, developers, and consumers (end users) alike. This is due to its high-quality physical infrastructure, a progressive social environment, and support institutional infrastructure, among others.

One of the most promising locations in Noida is Sector 150.

"Sector 150, located at the intersection of two rivers, Yamuna and Hindon, and close to Noida-Greater Noida Expressway, is a prime market which is a favourite among discerning urban buyers. The sector ticks right on several parameters, like location, connectivity, support infrastructure. The sector is over 600 acres, out of which 80% has been dedicated to a green zone. Looking at the USPs of this sector, many prominent developers like Godrej Properties, ATS, and Tata Realty are coming up with promising projects here," Amit Chawla, director (valuation and advisory services) of Colliers International India, says.

Notwithstanding the current sluggish market, Sector 150 Noida has shown a reasonably good performance, in terms of positive absorptions and upward price movement. "In my opinion, Sector 150 is the black horse of the region and it's advisable to invest in this locality for a promising

long-term outlook," Chawla says.

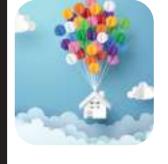
DEVELOPERS' TAKE

Like industry experts, developers too are very optimistic on the growth prospects of Sector 150, Noida.

Ashish Sarin, CEO of AlphaCorp, says: "One of the most promising cities of the NCR, Noida has a blend of both residential and commercial projects. In the Noida-Greater Noida market, Sector 150 is among the most preferred realty hotspots. Spread over 600 acres, the sector has tremendous potential to become an investment hub. Apart from having the highest green cover, around 80%, the sector has the lowest density of development."

Deepak Kapoor, director of Gulshan Homz, is also of the view that sectors around Noida-Greater Noida Expressway like Sectors 143, 144, and 150 are getting high attention from buyers, mostly because of the presence of reputed developers in these areas and the promise of good connectivity, including proximity to the airport and the Metro link.

"In the last 6 months, Sector 150 saw an appreciation of around 7%. Year 2020 could be a year of turnaround for this sector, as projects are taking shape fast and we expect registered projects will be completed within the committed timelines. I see an appreciation of 12-16% in the next 6 months," Vijay Verma, CEO of Sunworld Group, said. — Mamta Sinha





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As per market estimates, sales momentum has picked up since 2019 across categories including affordable, midincome, and premium housing. With the continued momentum, rates are bound to increase. However, prices will remain range bound, experts say. This favours buyers looking to invest now.

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BUDGET 2020 HOLDS a steady course for sector

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Suppose that in an area a house-owner sell it for Rs 1.2 crore but the value of the property based on the circle rate of that area is Rs 1.3 crore, the difference in the price of Rs 10 lakh, is more than the 5% of the price based on circle rate and, hence, will be treated as the income for both the buver and seller and accordingly taxed.

Because the difference is more than 5% of the value based on the circle rate of the property, this penal provision will be applicable under the current tax law. This has become a big problem for developers, as this affects the transaction

To redress this problem, the government has allowed this differential to 10% of the value calculated based on the circle rate, up from 5%. Thus, if the transaction value is up to 10% lower than the value based on the circle rate, the difference will not be treated as income in the buyer's and seller's hand. In the present example, the difference of Rs 10 lakh is within the 10% of the value based on the circle rate.

This will address the problem in areas like Friends Colony, Noida, and other micromarkets where the market rates are

more than 10% lower than the circle rates. Manoi Gaur. MD of Gaurs Group, said: The Union Budget seems to be a mixed bag from the sector's (real estate) perspective. Simplification of I-T regime with reduced rates and no exemptions, extension of measures announced for affordable housing by one more year are some of the positives for the sector. At the same time, the long-pending demand of the real estate sector has not been met. We have been asking for industry status for the whole sector and single-window clearance for smooth operations0020- the government did not comment on these requirements.

RK Arora, CMD of Supertech Ltd, said: "After many years, we have seen a budget that is as welcome as this one is. The government has extended Rs.1.5 lakh tax benefit on interest paid on affordable housing loan to March 2021, which is good for real estate sector. Reduction in income tax for individuals will also boost real estate sector, as more people



will buy property."

'Extension of additional tax deduction of Rs 1.5 lakh on affordable housing worth up to Rs 45 lakh by 1 year is a step in the right direction. Similarly, an extension of capital gains on affordable housing by 1 year is also welcome," Pradeep Aggarwal, founder and chairman of Signature Global, said.

'Considering that most homebuyers fall in the lower and mid-income segments, this tax benefit will boost demand substantially." Ramesh Nair. CEO and country head of JLL India, said.

'The Budget's announcement of Rs 100 lakh crore for infrastructural development will boost real estate in Tier II and Tier III cities," **Abhishek Bansal**, execu-tive director of Pacific Group, said.

Rakesh Yadav, chairman of Antriksh India, says: "There are many measures in the Budget that are going to help the sector grow. Focus on infrastructure and economic growth in this Budget will lead to more activity in the commercial segment, as the demand for offices will grow.

Pankaj Bansal, director of M3M Group, says: "Abolishing dividend distribution tax (DDT) was necessary to protect shareholder's interest, and it was announced. It provides a level playing field to Indian companies as dividends will now be taxed at the hand of shareholders, a taxation norm common in many countries across the world. The measure

will further attract FDI and boost commercial realty.

"The extension of benefit under Section 80 EEA to avail additional Rs 1,50,000 interest deduction on housing loans for first-time buyers is a good step made by the finance minister. Along with tax incentives, the FM has also enhanced the spending capacity of homebuyers. These measures will encourage buyers to go for their own home, Rahul Singla, director of Mapsko Group, said.

Parveen Jain, VC of Naredco and CMD of Tulip Infratech, said: 'This is a progressive Budget and gives positive impetus to affordable housing, tax relief for lowerand middle-income groups, and development of infrastructure. Demand in the sector is expected to increase with the announcement of more hospitals, educational institutions, among others.'

Ankur Gupta, joint MD of Ashiana Housing Ltd, said: "The middle-income and affordable-housing segment will see a continuous boost with the finance ministry's announcement for the sector. Other factors like liquidity crunch, funds at lower rates, additional foreign investments, single-window clearance, etc. should also have been a focal point in the finance minister's agenda, as these drive a steady, speedy growth of the sector.'

-AK Tiwary (With inputs from Devesh Chandra Srivastava, Mamta Sinha)



Affordable, midincome housing seaments remain the favourite and continue to drive sales for majority. However, with improving sales, there is a possibility of a price rise

MARKET HEADING FOR STABILITY

he share of affordable and midincome housing has risen considerably in the market over the past few years.

The real estate market is going to be shaped on the supply and demand dynamics of these two segment. With rates already rationalised and real demand being in these segments, the market is favouring serious buyers, experts say, and it is gradually moving towards stability.

"Affordable and mid-income homes will continue to drive demand in Indian residential real estate in the times to come. By actively tweaking policies and introducing sops like interest subsidies, infrastructure status and additional tax-benefits to both developers and homebuyers from time to time, the government has in a way made affordable segment more respectable," Anuj Puri, chairman of Anarock Property Consultants, said.

There has been a gradual increase in the supply of these units. Anarock data shows that of the estimated 2.3 lakh new unit launches in 2019 in the Top 7 cities, nearly 40%, or approximately 92,000 units, were in the affordable segment, followed by midsegment with a 33% share. The luxury and ultraluxury segments accounted for the least share with 10% (around 23,000 new units).

Data from other consultants show similar trend. "As per estimates for the second half of 2019, majority of the launches in the Top 8 cities of India were under the price of Rs 50 lakh, with maximum launches (39%) in the range of Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50

lakh. This trend has stayed strong for several years and, since the announcements of incentives to houses in the affordable housing category, many development companies have tried to work towards creating houses in the requisite sizes," Rajani Sinha, chief economist and national director (research) of Knight Frank India, said.

Commenting on reasons for the rise in the share of affordable and mid-income housing, Praveen Jain, vice-chairman of Naredco, said: "Firstly, the demand for affordable and mid-income housing is increasing as these are coming within the reach of larger percentage of the masses due to affordable prices. Secondly, these days, most of the buyers have nuclear families, who prefer 1-, 2-, 3-, or 4BHK apartments and rental apartments." Thus, smaller apartments with low rates are being absorbed.

THE IMPACT

The trend has made developers change their business strategy. "A few listed developers are increasingly venturing into the affordable and mid-segment categories. For instance, the average price realization for Kolte Patil developers dropped from Rs 5,836 per sq ft in financial year 2017 to Rs 5,372 per sq ft in financial year 2019. Likewise, Prestige Estates also saw their average price realization drop from Rs 6,441 per sq ft in financial year 2017 to Rs 6,218 per sq ft in financial year 2019," Puri of Anarock savs

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