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Ensure Bharat Bandh is peaceful: MHA to States

States told to maintain social distancing; CAIT, All India Transporters body say markets to remain open, transport service intact across nation

PNS NEW DELHI

A head of Tuesday's Bharat Bandh call given by farmers unions and supported by 22 political parties, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has asked all States and Union Territories to tighten security while asserting that peace and tranquility must be maintained.

While the Centre is firm on its stance on the reform laws, farmers want them rolled back as they fear they will be at the mercy of corporates to sell their produce.

In a countrywide advisory, the MHA also said the State Governments and UT administrations must ensure that the Covid-19 guidelines issued with regard to health and social distancing are strictly followed. The States and UTs were told that peace and tranquility must be maintained during the Bharat Bandh and precautionary measures taken so that no untoward incident takes place anywhere in the country.

The Centre's attempts to resolve the farmers' agitation

tle headway with a few of the farmer unions remaining adamant on their demand to

repeal the new agriculture laws. The Bharat Bandh, called by the farmers' unions who have been protesting against the three farm laws, got support from trade unions, transporters, bank unions and political parties including the Congress, NCP, DMK, SP, TRS and Left.

In a statement of support for the strike on Sunday, the Opposition parties said, "These new farm laws passed in Parliament in a brazen (and) anti-democratic manner (by) preventing a structured dis-cussion and voting, threaten India's food security, destroy Indian agriculture and our farmers, lay the basis for the abolishment of MSP and mortgage Indian agriculture and our markets to the caprices of multi-national agri-business corporates.

Meanwhile, traders' body CAIT and the All India Transporters Welfare Transporters Association on Monday said markets across the country



Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer farm laws at Singhu border in Delhi on Monday

including in Delhi will remain open on Tuesday and transport services will also remain operative, notwithstanding the Bharat Bandh call given by protesting farmers. In Mumbai. BEST buses, taxis, auto will continue to ply on the road on

Ahead of Bharat Bandh call on Tuesday, the Gujarat Government imposed Section 144 of CrPC in the State. The police would not allow any outfit or any group to forcefully impose bandh in the State. UP

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath accused that some political parties are trying to spoil the atmosphere in the country, "especially the present stand taken by them on model APMC Act shows their double Armo Actsows their doubtes standards". Attacking the Opposition parts at a hurriedly convened Press conference at his official residence in Lucknow he said that the parties which have backed the Bharat Bandh call on Tuesday "should apologise before the nation".

After five rounds of talks between the Centre and the farmers' unions failed to end the impasse, the two sides are again set to meet on December 9, a day after the countrywide strike. Talks between the Government and protesting farmers remained inconclusive on Saturday even after five rounds of discussions as union leaders stuck to their demand for the repeal of the new farm laws and went on a "maun vrat" seeking a clear "yes or no" reply, forcing the Centre to call for another meeting on December 9 to resolve the deadlock.

BJP hits out at 'double-faced' **Opp for fueling farmers' fears**

Ravishankar reminds Rahul of saying 'farmers can sell directly in the Congress-ruled States'

PNS NEW DELHI

As the Modi Government braced up to deal with the Bharat Bandh call on Tuesday, the BIP has slammed the Opposition parties for fanning the farmer's stir by stoking their fear. Senior BJP leader and Law Union Minister Ravishankar Prasad on Monday described the Opposition parties as "double-faced" and called its stand "utter political opportunism".

Prasad said a majority of Opposition parties, including the Congress, the NCP and the Samajwadi Party (SP) — now backing the farmers — had in the past approved the marketing reforms in the agriculture

Referring to what he said "sudden" support of non-BJP parties to the farmers stir as "shudh rajnetic swarth ki rajniti", Prasad said these are "double-standards" adopted by the Opposition to save their declining political base.

The BJP leader skirted questions on the ongoing talks between the farmers and the Government (with the next round scheduled on December 9) but stressed that new laws which "set free restrictions" were good of the farming com-

munity.

The Minister said under new farm laws the farmland "will not be sold, leased or mortgaged."

Giving the latest figures of "bigher procurement and

" higher procurement and payment on MSP", he said, we have no intention to end the mandi system" in the country.

Prasad quoted 2019 Congress manifesto (page 17, part 2) saying that the party "will repeal APMC Act and

make the trade, including export-import, free from restrictions"

In the same vein, the Union Minister pointed out that the Hindi manifesto of the Congress spoke about "amend-

He quoted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's statement in CMs' conference in 2013 that "farmers can sell directly in the Congress-ruled States" and that the farmers will be "given free choice".

Prasad said NCP leader Sharad Pawar, "now opposing farm reforms" had as Union Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Minister written to a letter on August 11, 2010, to all CMs that "agriculture needs huge investments and private sector investment is essential and so a change in the mandi system".

The BJP leader further said that in an interview in 2005, Pawar had said that six-month time was maximum that was needed to abolish APMC Act.



Emergency services to be allowed, bandh won't be forced on anyone: Farmers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Protesting against the three Precently enacted agriculture-related laws by the Centre, farmers, who have been camping in Delhi for the last many days vehemently demanding scrapping of the Bills, said on Monday that emergency services will be allowed during

Bharat Bandh on December 8. observe the shutdown.

Farmers sitting across the borders in the national Capital have called Bharat bandh and Chakka Jam on December 8 and threatened to intensify their agitation and block more roads leading to the national Capital if the Government does not accept their demands.

Addressing a Press conference on Monday, the farmers' unions appealed to farmers to maintain peace and not to enter into any scuffle to enforce the bandh.

Bandh will be across the country and the Central Government will have to accept our demands to scrap the new farms law," said Jagjit Singh Dallewala, the president of Also, they appealed to their Bhartiya Kisan Ekta Sangathan.

agreeing to make changes in the legislations now after initially claiming they will bene-

fit the peasantry. We want the Government to reinstate the old farm laws even if the Government thinks it is not good for farmers," said Darshan Pal, farmer union

Transport, essential supplies likely to be affected in Delhi

New Delhi: After various unions and associations of cab drivers and mandi traders decided to join the Bharat Bandh strike called by farmers' unions demanding the repeal of Centre's three farm laws. there are fears that transport facilities and supplies of essentials like vegetables and fruits are likely to be hit in Delhi on Tuesday. Some of the taxi and cab unions, including those associated with app-based aggregators, have decided to join the one-day strike.The work at major wholesale vegetable and fruit markets is likely to be hampered tion of traders favouring the farmers' demands."I have received calls from several traders' associations for strike on Tuesday. I believe the mandis at Ghazipur, Okhla and Narela will also be closed due to Bharat Bandh called by farmers," Adil Khan, chairman

State Govt offices closed today PNS BHUBANESWAR

The Odisha Government on Monday announced closure of its offices on Tuesday in view of the Bharat Bandh call given by farmers. In a statement, the Government said transport and vehicular movements are expected to be affected by the bandh. Besides, the strike is likely to affect the measures being taken to prevent spread of Covid.Keeping this in mind, the Government decided to shut its offices, the statement said. However, the essen-Government would remain



functional, it added

CM refers Panigrahi case to Lokayukta

MLA's bail plea rejected by court again

Tn a major development in the $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{L}}$ corruption allegation against former Minister and expelled Gopalpur BJD MLA Pradeep Panigrahi, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday referred the case to the Odisha Lokayukta for investigation. It is pertinent to mention here that this is the first case of corruption allegation that has been referred to the Lokayukta by the State Government after its formation.

"The Government led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is known for its strong action against corruption and com-



mitted to provide a transparent administration to the people of the state," said a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

Meanwhile, on Monday, the Additional District and Sessions Court-3 here rejected arrested Panigrahi's bail plea. Earlier, the MLA's bail applica-



tion had been rejected by the Bhubaneswar SDJM Court. Panigrahi has been

remanded to judicial custody for 14 days at the Jharpada jail in Bhubaneswar. He was arrested on December 3 by the Crime Branch in connection with a case registered at the Cyber police station.

BHUBANESWAR: The State

PARI MURDER

BJP steps up demand for CBI probe, Min's ouster

Opp politicising issue, says BJD

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Intensifying its stir on the five-year-old girl Pari issue, the BJP staged a dharna before the Raj Bhavan here on Monday.

Alleging slow investigation into the Nayagarh girl's murder and protesting against Minister Arun Sahoo in his post even after his alleged link with the suspected accused came to light, BJP members led by State president Samir Mohanty, general secretary Lekhashri SamantSinghar and many other party leaders joined the demonstration. They demanded a CBI probe into Pari's murder immediate resig-

nation of Sahoo. "Minister Arun Sahoo has threatened the local Sarpanch not to raise the issue. The parents of Pari have also named the accused as Babuli

Nayak, who has close links with Sahoo. Therefore, we demand resignation of the Minister," said Mohanty.

"We also demand a CBI probe into the incident. Our agitation has entered the fourth day in Nayagarh. We will continue it for an indefinite period if our demands are not fulfilled," added Mohanty.

Later, a delegation led by BJP State Mahila Morcha president Smriti Patnaik met Governor Ganeshi Lal and



hand over a memorandum to him seeking his intervention in the Pari case.

However, the BJD accused the BJP of politicising the Pari issue. "An SIT probe under the leadership of senior IPS officer Arun Bothra has been initiated. Everybody knows Bothra is a sincere officer. He has asked for 15 days for the investigation. I don't understand why the BJP is in so much of a hurry," said BJD vice-president Debi Prasad Mishra.

Bharat Biotech, Serum Institute seek emergency use nod

New Delhi: After US-based drug maker Pfizer applied for the approval of its coronavirus vaccine in India, the Serum Institute of India (SII) and Bharat Biotech too have sought from the Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation emergency use authorisation for their Covid-19 vaccines.

of Azadapur Mandi, said.

Bharat Biotech's Covaxin is being indigenously developed by the Hyderabad-based company in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). While SII's Covid-19 vaccine is developed by

AstraZeneca-Oxford University Sources Government said that the top drug regulator, DCGI, has started reviewing their applications on granting of authorisation, which will be made on the basis of three parameters — safety, quality and effi-cacy. "As promised, before the end of 2020, @SerumInstIndia has applied for emergency use authorisation for the first made-in-India vaccine, COV-ISHIELD," tweeted SII CEO

Adar Poonawala on Monday.

Cong MLA threatens libel case against Sambit



Congress MLA Md Moquim on Monday served a legal notice to BJP national spokesman Sambit Patra and threatened to prosecute him for criminal defamation if he doesn't tender a public apology immediately for tarnishing the legislator's image. Through Supreme Court advocate

Shashwat Singh, the MLA

served the notice, in which



from further defaming the MLA's reputation. "I put you (Patra) on

notice for the defamatory imputation made against my client, who is gravely and adversely affected by the same, both personally and in public," the notice said asked Patra to take back his accusations and tender an unconditional apol-Continued on P 2

No control over pvt school fee structures: Govt to HC **CUTTACK:** The State Govt on been relaxed by its Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan coun-

Monday submitted an affidavit in the Orissa High Court almost reiterating its earlier stand that it has no control over the fee structure policies of private schools. The Government's response came after the High Court on November 23 had directed it to submit its opinion by filing an affidavit on the school fee amounts as have

terparts. The court will hear the matter next on December 10. Earlier, a joint committee

of the State School and Mass Education Department officials and parents had submitted a report in the court recommending reduction of school fee in seven different

registered 368 new Covid-19 cases in 26 districts and State pool on Monday, pushing its

total positives' tally to 3,21,564. Khordha district reported the day's highest 49 cases followed by Sundargarh 45, Angul 30, Cuttack 26, Mayurbhanj 24, Keonjhar 22, Bhadrak and Bargarh 19 each, Balangir and Puri18 each, Baleswar 16, Continued on P2 | Sambalpur 11, Jagatsinghpur

eight, Kalahandi, Jajpur, Ganjam and Jharsuguda six each, Nayagarh. Nuapada and Kendrapada 5

each, Koraput and Dhenkanal 4 each, Kandhamal and Rayagada 2 each and Deogarh and Malkangiri one each. Besides, 10 cases were reported from the State pool. Gajapati, Boudh, Subarnapur and Nabarangpur recorded no new cases

State records 368 new +ve; total 3,21,564

BHUBANESWAR: Capital city Bhubaneswar on Monday registered 28 more Covid-19 positive cases, pushing its total positives' tally to 30, 954, including 349 active cases.Of the new cases,16 were local contacts and 12 quarantine Continued on P2

TOTAL REACHES 30,954

28 new Covid cases in BBS

However, 45 persons recovered from the disease on the day, taking the city's total recoveries to 30,159.

IN DHENKANAL

Animal hides seized; teacher among 3 held

 $F^{orest\ officials\ on\ Monday}_{seized\ animal\ hides\ in}$ Dhenkanal district and arrested three persons, including a Hovernment school teacher, in this connection.

The accused were identified as Salagaon Primary School teacher Narendra Digi of Jamunali village under the Gondia police limits, and Anant Murmu and Laxman Murmu of Kalashpur village under Kankadahada block.

The officials, acting on a tipoff, intercepted Digi near Deogaon under the Kapilash Forest Range when he was carrying animal hides and body parts in the side box of his

While searching the vehicle, the officials recovered two



leopard hides, an elephant tusk, a deer hide from the box.

Later, a search was carried out at Digi's house, during which deer horns, bear teeth and nails and hunting weapons

Digi told the officials that he had purchased the animal hides from Anant Murmu and

The three accused were forwarded to court.

Notably, on Sunday, as many as five poachers were arrested from the Kapilash Reserve Forest when they were roaming in the forest for hunt-

According to reports, one Asutosh Das, the proprietor of Country-made guns and pangolin scales were seized City Commercial Service, had from their possession. lodged a complaint with the

Saheed Nagar police in September regarding theft of 91 smartphones during transit to

Rourkela by bus. In the course of investigation, 82 smartphones were recovered by police from Angul, Jajpur, Sambalpur and Dhenkanal districts.

This apart, 20 smartphones which had been snatched or stolen and reported by various persons were seized by the

BBSR minor gang-rape: **OTV MD Panda** summoned again

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In the ongoing investigation into gang-rape of a minor girl in Bhubaneswar, the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Right (OSCPCR) has summoned OTV MD Jagi Mangat Panda in connection with the case. The notice has been served

her through the Bhubaneswar DCP for appearance before the commission either in person or virtual mode in the Infocity gang-rape case, in which some OTV employees were allegedly involved, informed the OSCPCR on Monday. The next hearing of the case is scheduled on December 14.

Earlier, Panda had been summoned by the Crime Branch and the State Commission for Women in connection with the alleged gang-rape.

As per a complaint lodged by the victim's mother with the OSCPCR, the girl was raped by several employees of the channel for around 15 days during the months of April and May.

The victim's mother, who was working with the OTV as a receptionist earlier, alleged that the accused had committed the crime by tying the minor girl's hands and legs. They also recorded the videos of the incident and threatened the victim to leak it.

Though the matter was brought to the MD of OTV, she did not take any action against the accused persons; rather she suppressed the incident. The OTV MD had also pressurised the complainant not to proceed further in the case, the

UG, PG exams only after physical classes

PNS BHUBANESWAR

In view of incontinences Loccurring to get benefits of online teaching during the Covid-19 pandemic, the State Government on Monday decided to conduct examinations for the undergraduate and postgraduate students after resumption of physical

A notification issued by the Higher Education Department stated that it is not desirable to hold examinations basing only on online teaching.

In this regard, Higher Education Commissionercum-Secretary Saswat Mishra asked the Vice-Chancellors of universities and Principals of State-run and private colleges under the department to conduct examinations only after resumption of classes in physical mode and completion of

Fuel price rise: Bus fares hiked in State

BHUBANESWAR

In view of the rise in fuel prices, the State Government Monday increased the pas-

senger bus fares. The bus fares were revised after a gap of almost five months. The last changes in fares were made on July 1, 2020. The fare has been increased by 1 paisa per km for ordinary and express bus categories. While earlier it was 72 paise per kilometre, now the ordinary buses will charge 72 paisa per km. Express bus fares have also been increased from 75 to 76 paise per km.In case of Deluxe and AC Deluxe coaches, the fare has been revised by 2 paise per km. Deluxe buses would now charge Rs 1.07 per km as against Rs 1.05 per km. Similarly, passengers have to pay Rs

1.29 per km instead of Rs 1.27 per km in case of AC

Land row: Communal tension in G'pati

PNS BHUBANESWAR

communal disharmony is being built up Acommunal disnarmony is being built up at Ramagiri village under the Ramagiri police station in R Udayagiri block in Gajapati district.

Two communities are now at logger-heads concerning a plot of land of a Dalit Christian community.

A Dalit Christian gentleman being the rightful owner of the property had already constructed a house.

However, a group belonging to another community created problems by suddenly installing the statue of a god and took law into their hands by threatening the Dalit

The matter was reported at the local police station and the police registered a

However, the police have done little to nab the culprits who are still at large. On the contrary, the Tehsildar and the Sub Collector have summoned both the parties.

Civil Defence Day celebrated in city

City cops recover

102 stolen phones

BHUBANESWAR: The annual Civil Defence Day was celebrated here on Sunday. More than 70 men and women civil defence volunteers celebrated the day adhering to the Covid guidelines.

The Commissionerate police on Monday recovered as

many as 102 stolen mobile

phones from different places

and arrested two persons in this

connection. The accused were

identified as Sanjay Gadanayak

and Lipun Sahu of Angul.

Khordha ADM Prafula Kumar Swain attended as chief guest and chief speaker Bhubaneswar DFO Ramesh

Chandra Majhi encouraged the participants. Everybody praised the volunteers for their work during the coronavirus pandemic. The work of the civil defence volunteers during natural and manmade disasters was also commended by the guests.

During the function, the Governor, Chief Minister, Civil



Defence Director General and Odisha Civil Defence Director were read out.

Senior volunteers Jyotiranjan Mahapatra delivered the vote of thanks. Volunteers Amulya Samarth, Ganesh Barik, Debidutta Mohanty ,Susant Patnaik, Biswaranjan Kuanar and Nishikant Mishra coordinated the programme.

Pandian reviews Ekamrakshetra project



In a move to expedite the process of development of Ekamrakshetra, Secretary to the Chief Minister and 5T secretary VK Pandian visited the mega project area on Monday morning and reviewed the progress with senior officers

Works Secretary Kisan

Kumar, BMC Commissioner Prem Chandra Chaudhary and other senior officers were pre-

Pandian directed the officials to speed up rehabilitation of the shopkeepers who would be affected due to displacement. He also emphasised on development of alternate roads at the earliest and speed up cleaning of debris.

Notably, the project, which has been started as a 5T initiative, is progressing well.

Earlier, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had also visited the project site last week and expressed satisfaction over the progress. Lingraj Temple servitors expressed their gratefulness for the development of Ekamrakshetra.

Self-styled godman Sura Baba dies in hosp

Controversial self-proclaimed godman Sura Baba alias Surendranath Mishra died while undergoing treatment at a private hospital here on Sunday night. He had not been keeping well for last few

Sura Baba, who was chief of the Trahi Achyuta Ashram on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar, had been released from the Jharpada jail here on December 2, 2017, more than two years after getting arrested.

He and his two sons were arrested by the Balipatna police on August 31, 2015 under Sections 341 (wrongful

restraint), 342 (wrongful confinement), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt).

294 (singing, reciting or uttering any obscene song, ballad or words, in or near any public place), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 34 (acts done ance of common intention) of IPC and Section 3(I)(x) of the ST and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Sura Baba was also accused of land grab, exploiting women and criminal intimidation among other serious charges.

His last rites would be performed in the ashram and he would be given Samadhi in its premises, ashram sources said.

OES WEBINAR Save State's coastal ecosystems: Experts

BHUBANESWAR: Experts in a webinar on the theme 'Coastal ecosystems of Odisha: Human impacts and changing scenario' by the Orissa Environmental Society (OES), mental activities along with here, stressed on the need to of the State and prolong the flow of benefits from their resources.Organised under the chairmanship of OES president Dr Sundara Narayan Patro, the webinar had Emeritus Professor of Geography, Utkal University Dr Gopal Krishna Panda and Senior Scientist, ORSAC, Dr Prasanna Kumar as distinguished speakers on

Prof Panda spoke on the topic 'Climate change hazards and their impacts on coastal zone management in Odisha'. He explained how developerosion, inundation, saltwater aggravating the situation and causing ecosystem disruptions in the coastal region.

Prof Panda suggested for location-specific multi-hazard assessment with risk levels and emphasized on eco-friendly and cost-effective coastal protection measures by way of beach nourishment, planting vegetation, dune fencing and dune stabilisation.

PPE kits scam

Hemant. Yamini appear before Lokayukta BHUBANESWAR: Industries

Secretary Hemant Sharma and Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL) Managing Director Yamini Sarangi appeared before the Lokayukta once again on nection with the alleged scam in the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits and masks by the State Government. This is the fourth time that both Sharma, who was the former chief of the State-level purchase committee and Sarangi appeared before the Lokayukta in connection with the alleged irregularities in the procurement of PPE

12 places below 14 deg

BHUBANESWAR: Cold conditions continued to grip the State with 12 place recording temperature below 14 degree Celsius on Sunday, the Regional Office of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) here said on Monday.

Phulbani recorded the lowest temperature of 8.5 degree 8.8 degree, Daringbadi 9 degree, Angul 10.6 degree, Koraput 10.6 degree, Bhawanipatna 11.6 degree, Sundargarh 13 degree, Malkangiri 13 degree, Boudh 13 degree, Talcher 13.3 degree, Jharsuguda 13.4 degree and Balangir 13.5 degree.Cuttack city recorded 16.4 degree in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar registered 17.6 degree.

No control over ...

From Page 1
The panel had recommended reduction of 7.5% fee in the schools charging between Rs 6.000 and Rs 12,000 per year. It also recommended fee cut up to 15% and 20% in the schools charging Rs 24,000-Rs 48,000 and Rs 48,000-Rs 72,000 per annum, respectively. The committee had recommended a 25% fee cut for the schools charging between Rs 72,000 those charging more than Rs 1 lakh per year. However, the panel had made no recommendation for fee cut in the schools charging up to Rs 6,000 per year.

From Page 1 patients succumbed to the disease on the day, with which the State's total toll mounted to 1,778.Cuttack Cong MLA...

From Page 1 Notably, Patra had told media on December 1 that all the nine Congress MLAs of Odisha took money from the BJD to keep silent in the State Assembly on the issue of kidnap and murder of a minor girl Pari of Nayagarh district in order to support Minister Arun Sahoo, who is alleged to be giving protection to the accused in the case. The pleader notice comply with the terms of the notice within 15 days, the Congress MLA shall initiate criminal proceedings for

State records...

district registered three deaths and Baleswar, Jagatsinghpur, Puri and Sundargarh one each. However, 607 persons recovered on the day, pushing

the total recoveries to 3,16,447.

defamation in a court.

INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

Speaker cuts short session only on advisory panel consent



accomplished administrator.

as a creative writer, as a gifted

poet and litterateur, he has

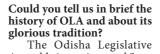
hundred irons in the fire and all

travelled widely to countries

Dasharathi Satapath

Sugyan Choudhury Dasharathi Satapathy, IAS, like Singapore and the UK. He is currently Secretary of the the Odisha Legislative Commonwealth Parliamentary Assembly (OLA). Having a Association Conference held in post-graduation degree in Uganda. He has also visited English literature and with a countries like Poland and

LLB to his credit, he had Yugoslavia. Inspired by former legopened his innings to the OAS cadre in 1987. He has handled endary Professor Dr Shreeram many key positions as Chandra Dash, his maternal uncle, he keeps attending to Subarnapur and Kendrapara Collector. He was elevated to intellectual discourses besides taking to creative writings to the IAS cadre in 2005. As an keep his boredom at bay. In an interview to The Pioneer, Satapathy spoke to Sugyan **Choudhury** on varied aspects relating to the OLA. of them are hot indeed. He has



Assembly is a unicameral State legislature now comprising 147 members. It has indeed a glorious tradition of excellence the State can boast with. Many savants, stalwarts and seminal minds have had been occupying its chairs ever since its inception prior to the Independence and in independent India. The first pre-Îndependence Assembly commenced from February 3, 1937 and continued till September 14, 1945. The Speaker was Late Mukunda Prasad Das. The duration of the second pre-Independence Assembly was from April 18, 1946 to February 20, 1952 and the presiding chair was occupied by Late Lal Mohan Patnaik. The Assembly after first Independence was held from February 20, 1952 to March 4, 1957 and the chair was occupied by Late Nanda Kishore Das. The second was held from April 1, 1957 to February 25,

1961 with Late Pandit Nilakantha Das as the Speaker and the third from June 21, 1961 to March 1, 1967 with the chair occupied by Late Lingaraj Panigrahi. The Fourth Assembly after Independence was held from March 1, 1967 to January 23, 1971 and the chair was occupied Late Nanda Kishore Misra. Subsequently, Late Nanda Kishore Misra, Late Braja Mohan Mohanty, Late Satyapriya Mohanty, Late Somnath Rath, Late Prasanna Kumar Dash, Late Yudhisthir Das, Kishore Chandra Patel, Chintamani Dyan Samantra, Late Sarat Kumar Kar, Kishore Kumar Mohanty, Pradip Kumar Amat and Niranjan Pujari occupied the chair from the fifth Assembly to the 15th Assembly, respectively. Currently, seasoned political leader Surjya Narayan Patro is the Speaker of the 16th Assembly.

How many Assembly committees are thereand what are their responsibilities?

There are 10 House

Committees relating to Home, General Administration, Law and Public Grievances & Pension administration, Water Resources, Agriculture and Fisheries & Animal Resources

development. Works, Tourism & Culture, Housing & Urban Development and Information & Public Relations, School & Mass Education, Higher Education, Sports & Youth Services, Science & Technology and Information & Technology, Health & Family Welfare and Women & Child Development, Cooperation, Textile & Handlooms, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare, Industries, Steel & Mines, Commerce, Transport, Forest Environment, Planning & Coordination. Schedule Tribe

Schedule Caste Development, Minorities & Other Backward Classes Development, Labour & Public Employment, Enterprises. Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Energy, Revenue and Excise. Besides, there are 22 committees; and

prominent among them are 14 committees like Drafting Committee, Union Power Committee, Union Constitution Committee, Provincial Constitution Committee, Advisorv Committee on Fundamental Rights, Minorities and Tribal and Excluded Areas, Rules of Procedure Committee, States Committee (Committee for Negotiating with States), States Committee, Steering Committee, National Flag and HOC Committee, Committee for the function of the Constitution Assembly, House Committee, Language Committee and the Order of Business Committee. Their responsibilities are to oversee the business of their respective departments.

How many business days of the OLA are mandatory in a vear and are these being utilised properly in the State's larger interest?

As per Article 174 of the Constitution, there shall be 66 working days in a calendar year

to perform the business of the House in three sessions. The period can also be reduced by the House.

It is often alleged by the Opposition that the scheduled sessions' durations are cut short to avoid debates and discussions. What is your response?

The House always stands for debates and discussions and in receiving to the Critique of Reason and ratiocination including free opinion of each member, including the Opposition leaders.

The House as the temple of democracy always works to preserve, protect and defend the salient features and tenets of democracy.

The House embraces the philosophy of exponents of democracy like Voltaire when he says, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." However, the Hon'ble Speaker prorogues or cuts short its duration only when it is consented by the Business

Advisory Committee of the House.

What are the steps taken by the OLA for shedding the obsolescence of knowledge of the legislators in order to strengthen democracy?

NEVA applications have been introduced in Odisha and Punjab. Almost all the staffs have been imported computer training; and computer training is provided to the legislators in a phased manner. The OLA is having WIFI and Net connectivity.

You are known as a litterateur. How do you combine your administrative hazards with

your creative writings? Basically, I have got a passion for nature and literature even as on today on a regular basis. When time permits, I go through 20 to 30 pages of books and journals on a daily

During the lockdown period, I have read many books of interest. At times, I also do write features and articles.

basis.

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Maheswar in wilderness as leadership crisis hits Puri BJD

BJP, CONG TOO RIDDEN WITH **FACTIONALISM**

SAROJ KUMAR MISHRA I PURI

After the 2019 Assembly elections, with the defeat of five-time BJD MLA Maheswar Mohanty, a leadership crisis has hit Puri of late.

The crisis came to the fore after end of a 35-year-long unilateral regime of Mohanty and win of the BJP in the Assembly election. With emergence of new ambitious faces, to Mohanty. Already, it was the ruling party is now in clear in 2019 ticket distribution. search of a fit alternative.

As Mohanty had been a fountain head of Puri politics over past three decades with all powers concentrating in his hand, so, clearly his loss has given rise to uncertainty. It is now a big question as to under whose leadership, the BJD will move ahead and fight elections including the upcoming civic body poll. The internal feud cropped up after Subhasis Kunita alias Lucky, a strong contender of Mohanty became the BJD State vice president.

Lukcy has been eyeing the MLA seat by posing a challenge

The scuffle came in the open, when two separate rallies under BJD banner passed through streets of the pilgrim city a month ago. Though both leaders were found absent in the rallies, yet it didn't take time to

comprehend the truth. After defeat, Mohanty seems to have lost a hope of getting into the Assembly again or some higher position in elec-tions. His ticket during last election was found hanging till end due to allegations of crimes and scams. Funds worth thousands of crores under the Nabakalebar project which he

led were allegedly siphoned off

Perhaps knowing this, he now keeps himself aloof from political activities and is rarely visible. Few supporters are found flocking to his house these days, who was, till last election, a crowd puller.

Still, Mohanty has not yet lost hope of the debut of his son in BJD politics. His goal is to project his son for the chairman post of Puri Municipality in upcoming civic body poll. Party's district presidency is still in his hand to make a dream fruitful. But no doubt, two power centres in the constituency after emergence of

Mohanty's plan.

BJP MLA Jayant Sarangi is another hook against Mohanty. Sarangi was one, who was chairman of the municipality under the BJD banner six months before switching over to the BJP and now, is a strong rival of Mohanty.

Much to chagrin of Mohanty, Sarangi had succeeded to become chairman by splitting the councillors of the former's camp. So it is no secret that Mohanty will have to face a triangular fight with a rivalry from own party, if his son contests.

Condition of Puri BJP is no

ROW OVER FARM LAWS

Lucky could play spoilsport for better. Right now there are two power corridors active in Puri BJP; the one led by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and the other by national spokesperson Sambit Patra.

Sambit's popularity less as a leader and more as a television celebrity has drawn young and old to run behind him during his visits to the constituency. The two factions apart, MLA Sarangi is also a challenge to his own party, if some past events are analyzed. It became wide open during the visit of the Chief Minister some months ago to Puri to lay foundation stones ofmultiple

Interestingly, Sarangi was seen rubbing shoulder with the CM when Mohanty stood far behind. Even it is discussed now that Sarangi is still in contact with the Third Floor and will be back again if assured of a MLA ticket. He still enjoys a solid base in the BJD due to which he had succeeded in MLA election when most of BIP workers staved away from

the campaign opposing ticket to an outsider. The less said about the Puri Congress's factionalism the better. The party is at its disastrous state after departure of Uma Balav Rath to Athagarh to fight election. It was said that

Mohanty, Rath chose to leave Puri. It was interesting that after Rath's departure, most of his supporters did not vote to own candidate and Rahul Gandhi's close aide Aro Prasad Mishra but supported the BJP in 2019 poll.

Mishra was content with mere five thousand votes in last election as against forty thousand pocket votes of Rath. It happened due to multiple fractions in the Congress. MP candidate in last election Satya Prakash Nayak, who was expected to blast BJD and BJP camps by own anchoring

charisma, ultimately bit dust.

Akash ran 'Tata Motors office' from father's quarter

¬ainted IFS officer Abhay Kant Pathak's son Akash was running a fake office in the name of Tata Motors from the Government quarters of the

During interrogation, Akash Pathak's personal secretary David Peter revealed that the IFS officer had spent lakhs of rupees to project his son as the MD of Tata Motors, vigilance sources said.
Akash opened the office at

his father's quarters at Unit-9 here in the name of Tata Motors two years ago. He used to make a list of job aspirants and call them up for a meeting at the office. In fact, Akash used to give fake job letters to the aspirants and duped them of thousands of rupees. He used

Force (STF) of the Crime

Branch on Monday seized 150

kilograms of gemstones worth

Rs 1.5 crore following a raid at

the godown of a jeweller in

kilograms were found packed

in gunny bags at the godown.

Officials said that the gem-stones seized include black

diamond, gomedh, garnet, yel-

Gemstones weighing 150

Rayagada district.

₹1.5-crore gemstones

seized; 1 held in R'gada RAYAGADA: The Special Task low zircon, fluorite, yellow

to commit such forgery whenever he came to Bhubaneswar accompanied by a manager, a PA and a bodyguard, the Vigilance sources added.

Not only in Bhubaneswar, Akash operated three similar fake offices in last two years, including two in Patna of Bihar and Pune. The Special Investigation team (SIT) plans to bring Akash on remand and conduct a face-to-face grilling of him and his secretary David Peter.

Expelled BJD MLA from Gopalpur Pradeep Panigrahi would also be questioned, if required, after being brought on a remand, said a senior Vigilance official, adding that the arrested IFS officer would also again be taken on remand

topaz, moon stone, ruby, white

topaz, quartz and special ruby. "One person has been

detained and he is being ques-

tioned in this connection with

the incident," said a STF offi-

cial. Earlier, on July 13, the STF

seized over 302 kg of precious

gemstones following a raid at

Palash village under the

Junagarh police station in

Kalahandi district.

IN BALANGIR

Shocked man, grandfather die after girl's death in AP

Jajpur man set on

fire alive for ₹20

Deceased was working as a labourer

PNS ■ BALANGIR

man and his old father died Aman and this old talled in shock and grief months after death of his young daughter, who had migrated to Andhra Pradesh as a labourer.

The incident has been reported from Pakhanmunda village under Turekela Block in Balangir district.

Jamini Majhi (20), daughter of Sukru Majhi and Champa Majhi Pakhanmunda village, had moved to Andhra Pradesh to work as a labourer. Her extremely poor family had allowed her to go to Andhra for work along with a family of Tularam, another resident of

JAJPUR:A young man has

been accused of pouring petrol

on another young man and set-

ting him on fire for just Rs 20.

dent took place in Dhanmandal

Dalit Sahi under Jajpur dis-

trict's Badchana police station.

While the police have failed to

arrest the accused, the family

members are now waiting for justice. The family of the

deceased protested by placing

Such an unfortunate inci-

migrated after being paid money in advance by labour contractor Biranchi Majhi.

A few months back, the family of Tularam had returned to the village without Jamini. When asked about the young girl, the labouer contractor and Tularam informed them about her death.

Smelling foul play in the incident, Jamini's father Sukru Majhi and grandfather Ranger Majhi had approached the Turekela police to lodge a complaint. They alleged that their daughter was murdered in

However, the police did not receive the complaint citing that the incident took place in Andhra, not in Odisha. The family was shattered after they failed to register the case for investigation into the mysterious death of Jamini.

the body in front of the police

fied as Sushant Malik, a Dalit

from Dhanmandal village in

Badchana police station.

Accused Narayan Jena, a liquor

shopkeeper in the village had

a heated argument with

Sushant on November 3, over

return of Rs 20. In a fit of rage,

Narayan threw petrol on

Sushant and set him on fire.

The deceased was identi-

November 26 and 27. A strong counter action by

the eyebrows.

Let farmers' grievances be redressed first



ABASH PARIDA

Thousands of farmers from Punjab and Haryana have been protesting against three new farm laws introduced by the NDA Government on September 27. According to the farmers unions these laws are anti-farmer. Reportedly, 30 farmers unions had started the agitation " Delhi Chalo" since September 24. Their plan was to enter the Capital of India on

police was enforced to curb the framers entry into Delhi and to control their nonviolent agitation as well. Tear gas, water cannons and baton charges by police on farmers had raised Some foreign media cov-

ered it as a protest against the black laws. However, farmers are now allowed to enter into Delhi. The Government has given permission to hold farmer protest in Burari. Farmers are not to going to Burari because it is not a park but an open jail as remarked by farmers union. This shows a huge deficit of trust between farmers and the Government. Currently as reported there

agreed upon the agenda to protest the farm Acts all across India unless and until the Centre scraps them. There are three farm Acts

framed by the Government of India 1. The Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotional and facilitation) Act; 2. The Farmer's (Empowerment Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance Act; 3. Farm services and Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act

The rationale behind the Government is that the current reforms will accelerate the growth and development in agricultural sector and rural economy through private players' investment in building infrastructure and introducing new technology. Private entities will expand the network and obviously it will increase the supply chains for the farm products.

The laws provide a freedom to farmers to sell their produce outside Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) or 'mandis'. When the farmers have the choice to sell the products to the customer they want then it increases the bargaining power for small and marginal farmers. The Centre sees trade and commerce in food items as its constitutional property and admits that the State control is less in this matter. Further Centre says that there is no concrete information within the State as far as the availability of stocks is concerned.

The Government argued

that previously agricultural markets and the APMCs were controlled by the dealers and the commission agents. They squeezed the farmers' power to bargain.

The Centre denies the notion of privatisation of agriculture and perception of land acquisition. It claims that contract farming will enable to grow agri- business firms. Additionally, contract farming is not new to the Indian farmers as claimed by the Government of India. Essential The

Commodities Act will help to omit onion, potatoes and pulses from the list of essential commodities. It will end the imposition of stock holding

These bills are being opposed by the farmers and their unions. They are apprehensive towards its vision and long term applicability. Farmers consider these as a threat to green revolution.

These laws may lead to land acquisition and may create a neo-zamindari system. Some other schools of thought advocate that the new laws on farmers and agriculture will weaken the old labour laws. Further, agriculture will be privatised and will be controlled by big corporate houses. End of MSP system is the buzz of controversy in these entire episodes of farmers' laws. It is to suggest that MSP was never a legal provision but a long practiced exercise, to some extent conventional.

It is reported that Union Minister of Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar has assured that the MSP will be there and land ownership will be intact with farmers. But still there is a deficit of trust between the farmers and the Central Government with respect to these bills.

In recent development, a political challenge has been posed by the Government of Punjab against the Centre by introducing a bill called "The Farmer's (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance 2020." As per the Punjab Government land is a primary legislative domain in the State. Still the farmers of Punjab are keen to change the Central laws.

The major reason is that they know that the Central laws are more powerful and valued than the State laws. The new farm laws are presented as a form cooperative federalism by the Constitution.

The suggestions made by some social advocates and economists are that there must be proper constitutional frame-

The rural connectivity in terms of roads, markets and technology must be promoted to expand farmers freedom. As our agriculture is totally monsoon-dependent and we don't have the ability to challenge the climatic uncertainties, so the laws should consider climate as a strong parameter. And finally climate controlled storage facilities should be introduced.

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Multitalented Sahoo takes over as FM varsity V-C | IN BHUBANESWAR

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Prof Dinabandhu Sahoo, Director of the Chater Is of the Cluster Innovation Centre and Professor of Botany, University of Delhi, assumed charge as Vice-Chancellor of the Fakir Mohan University here on Monday. In his address to both teaching

and nonteaching staffs and research scholars, he urged them to work together to make the university a leading university not only in Odisha but in the entire country. He highlighted about the immediate priorities as well as short-term and long-term visions of the university.

Prof Sahoo was the first Indian student to visit Antarctica in 1987 during the 7tn Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica where he hoisted the Indian Flag and, with other members, laid the foundation for India's permanent station "Maitri" which was a landmark in the history of Indian Antarctic acience. By the time he was only 27,

seven continents and five oceans in a record time of just months. Subsequently, he made two trips to

> He stepped out of his laboratory into the real world and trained villagers in various coastal States of India for seaweeds culti-

vation and utilisation, thus sowing the seeds of a "Blue Revolution". His inspiring story "Teach a Man to Fish" has been published in the bestselling book "I have a Dream", which has been translated into several Indian languages. He is instrumental in concep-

tualising and organising India's first Cherry Blossom Festival since 2016, which has been drawing lakhs of people from different parts of the world. He established a state-of-the-



Prof Sahoo has published several research papers and 13 books. He was conferred DSc (Honoris Causa) by Odisha Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of Application of Science and Technology by the KIIT University.A new ginger species and an orchid variety have been named after Prof Sahoo.

Man held for defrauding ₹97K posing as scribe

Police on Sunday arrested a man on the charge of duping a young woman of Rs 97,000 impersonating as a journalist in Bhubaneswar.

As per a complaint filed by Nayak Saijyoti from Bhimpur of the city, Rincon Narayan posed as a top news head of the DD National Channel. He took Rs 97,000 from Saijyoti with a promise to get her a web channel. However, he did not keep his word.

When the young woman came to know that Narayan does not occupy any top position at DD National, she filed a police complaint alleging fraud. After registering a case under Section 420 of IPC, police arrested Narayan.

PRISON REFORMS

BBSR Special Jail adds host of amenities

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implementation of the On implementation of "Odisha Model Jail Manual-2020" by the Government which emphasises on reformation and rehabilitation of the prison inmates, the authorities of Special Jail, Jharpada, Bhubaneswar have adopted several measures to provide basic minimum facilities to the prison inmates, said a senior prison official.

Director General of Odisha Prison Administration Santosh Upadhyay reviewed the amenities and facilities arranged for inmates

As a reformatory measures, four semi-automatic washing machines with 20 kg capacity have been installed for washing of clothing of the prison inmates. Two hot and cold water purifiers with RO + UV have been installed in Female Enclosure and Jail Hospital to take hot and cold during winter and summer respec-

While jail is the most vulnerable place to commit suicide, the NHRC has suggested to provide soothing music in prison as a preventive measures for suicide.

Taking into account, musical system with seven horn speakers have been installed in conspicuous places to provide soothing devotional and spiritual songs to ease the stress, anxiety and tension among prison inmates.

Eight hot cases with 7.5 litres capacity have been provided to the female prisoners with children and sick prisoners to keep their cooked food in warm condition to take at late hour.Brush cutter has been provided to keep the jail campus free from grass, shrubs, weeds, etc. from sanitation point of view. One sanitary napkin incinerator has been installed in Female Enclosure for burning of used sanitary napkins from decency and sanitation point of view.

One projector with screen (6' X 8') and sound system has been installed in a room having 100 seating capacity with plastic chair for the entertainment of prisoners. On every Sunday, different movies having good moral values, patriotic, motivational and historic will be shown to make the prison inmates stress free. Besides, awareness programmes relating to issues on health, human rights, legal aid, etc. will be displayed for the learning of the pris-

One turmeric powder processing unit has been installed at the Female Enclosure to provide pure and hygienic Kandhamal turmeric powder to public at reasonable

'Panigrahi filed 54 false cases against me'

KRUSHNA CHANDRA PANDA ■

 $A^{\text{fter the ruling BJD expelled}}_{\text{Gopalpur MLA Pradeep}}$ Panigrahi from the primary membership of the party on the ground of anti-people activities, the decision of Chief Minister and BJD Supremo Naveen Patnaik is being greeted with enthusiastic approval by the people from all walks of life and across political affiliations in Ganjam district, perhaps for the first time in the political history of the district.

Just a day after the Press meet organised by the District BJP president justifying his expulsion and arrest, on Sunday, DCC president and Sanakhemundi Congress MLA Ramesh Jena too backed the move against Panigrahi. More importantly, he levelled several charges against the expelled against him. Addressing mediapersons,

Jena said Panigrahi was deeply involved in several corrupt practices and looted people for years by misutilising his power ever since he got elected to the OLA. Panigrahi was deeply asso-

ciated with liquor mafias and acquired valuable land in Surada, Brahmapur and Bikrampur fraudulently, Jena Jena said that, Panigrahi

while in power and under protection of the heavyweights of the ruling BJD had filed 54 cases on false and fabricated charges against him. Jena also said that due to such false cases and scripted conspiracy against him, he remained under great mental trauma for which his mother was literally

crying every day.



Today, Panigahi got the fruits from the tree he planted. Panigrahi collected crores of rupees illegally and by fraudulent means for the proposed marriage of his daughter. Panigrahi virtually betrayed the confidence of the State CM and BJD Supremo Naveen Patnaik," he said. Jena congratulated CM

Patnaik for his suitable action

on Panigrahi and described the

expulsion from the party as just

and deserving which should

have been taken much earlier.

460 students from B'pur ITI get jobs BRAHMAPUR:The Suzuki

Motors conducted an offline campus drive at the Brahmapur, ITI in which more than 460 students were selected for jobs. All the selected candidates will join with a package of Rs 19,400 per month, said ITI Principal Dr Rajat K Panigrahi. A team from Suzuki Motors conducted a written test and viva-voice for the eligible candidates who scored 50 per cent in HSC and 60 per cent in ITI. More than 570 candidates participated in the drive. Vice-Chancellor Berhampur University Prof Govind Chakrapani; Director IISER, Berhampur, Prof. KVR Charry; Principal, Parala Maharaja Engineering College,

Home Guard family still wait for Govt help

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The family of a deceased Home Guard in Jajpur district is virtually surviving amid penury owing to absence of any State support. Shatrughna Behera of vil-

lage Patrajpur was working as a Home Guard attached to the Balichandrapur police station. He suffered a cardiac arrest and died on July 2017 leaving behind his wife and five children. But pathetically enough, the State Government is yet to release his post-demise dues nor any humanitarian help even after three years. The financial crunch has affected

the family miserably. "I have drawn the attention Prof Rajan Kumar Swain. of the authorities for possible



support but have received no response so far. My eldest daughter had to drop out of school to somehow support the family. Supporting the education of the rest of the four children is proving to be tough," said Behera's wife Sita.

People of Behera's village demand that the Ggovernment release his post-death dues immediately and also foster the family under various social beneficiary schemes

farmer cards at B'garh RAKESH JOSHI ■ BARGARH The local farmers alleged that

Paddy transacted in fake

M ore than 185 Mandis have been opened and 72 purchasing agencies, including 14 SHGs, are participating for smooth procurement of paddy in Kharif season in Bargarh district. But irregularities have been found at Bishalpali Market yard under Bhatli Block of Bargarh district which is controlled by Ramadevi SHG at Murumkel of Bhadigaon panchayat.The SHG has been authorised to prepare the farmer ID card in the Jurisdiction of Bhadigaon Gram Panchayat (GP) area only. But many farmers have been debarred from ID card for sale of their paddy at Government rate, the sources

some RMC and supply office staff, paddy purchasing agents, millers and Dalals are hand in glove in the corruption in paddy procurement and

demanded action against them

The local farmers alleged that some RMC and supply office staff, paddy purchasing agents, millers and Dalals are

hand in glove in the corruption in paddy procurement and demanded action against them. According to them, the SHG has made over 100 fake farmer cards by resorting to malpractices. Numerous allegations have been levelled against the SHG for corruption but no action has been taken, said Dibakara Suna, a farmer.

'No need to change CRPF khaki uniform'



The Confederation of Ex Paramilitary Force Welfare Association has opposed the proposed change in Khaki uni-form of the CRPF and demanded that Military Service Pay be accorded besides pension restoration for the paramilitary personnel.

General Secretary of the Confederation Ranbir Singh asserted that the combat dress of the jawans is already there for those deployed in the Naxal-hit States, Jammu and Kashmir, the Northeast and the men even use such uniform in the national Capital. Even the CRPF DG is often seen in com-

bat uniform, Singh stressed. The khaki has given an identity to the paramilitary personnel on par with the military and there is no point in abandoning it, he said.

"Instead of changing the dress code, the CRPF DG being the chairman of Welfare and Rehabilitation Board (WARB) should push for restoration of pension for the paramilitary personnel, send a proposal for relaxation in GST for Central Police Canteen (CPC) and paramilitary service pay on the lines of military service pay," he said.

Singh recalled that it was the Khaki uniform which saved Parliament from the terror

attack on December 13 in 2001 but as a reward the Government withdrew the pension of the paramilitary forces in 2004.

"Despite being chairman of WARB, DG, CRPF has not held any meeting with the ex paramilitary personnel. In this scenario, shouldn't WARB be disbanded as if is only proving to be a white elephant," he stressed, adding that the Confederation representatives met the CRPF DG twice but no action has been taken on the issues flagged by it.

Safdarjung Hospital. He, however, said that only at an older age, work profile like The Confederation has also planned a seminar here on health care workers and histo-December 13 to canvass supry of contact with positive port for these issues patients were significantly more



associated with RT PCR positive patients.

The study published in the Epidemiology International journal found that majority of symptoms were not predictors of Covid-19 and only occupations and history of contact remained significant risk factors of the disease in multivariate analysis. The study also underlines the need for conducting test even in long run and that public should not on their own start taking med-

The study was conducted among the patients admitted in Covid-19 wards or visiting the hospital for testing of SARS CoV-2 infection. Contact data of test results was collected from the medical record and detailed information was collected through telephone calls. 103 cases were selected who were found test positive by RT PCR and 103 negatives were selected as controls.

However, various comorbidities were identified among cases and controls with two of the cases reported to be suffering from Chronic

Disease (COPD) and 2 controls had malignancies.

On analysing various underlying medical conditions against controls and cases, it was found that there was a significant difference among cases and controls who had Diabetes and Hypertension. Around 43 per cent of the patients who visited the hospital for getting tested had a history of contact with a COVID-19 case or suspect. Among the cases, 35.9 per cent of the patients reported to have a contact, and among the controls, around 50.5 per cent reported to have a contact with Covid-19 positive cases."

The others who were involved in the study were Aakanksha Bharti (senior resident), Heena (Statistical assistant)Geeta Yadav, Professor, all from Department of Community Medicine, Nitesh Gupta, (Assistant Professor) Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine, and Ramesh Meena, (Assistant Professor), Department of Medicine, all from VMMC & Safdarjung

Export Promotion Council to be set up for AYUSH products

Cashing in on the growing global interest in AYUSH-based solutions for disease resistance and treatment during the difficult times of the Covid pandemic, the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of AYUSH have decided to set up an Export Promotion Council to boost AYUSH exports.

A decision in this regard was taken recently in a joint review of AYUSH trade and Industry held online by Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Shripad Naik, Minister of AYUSH.

"It was also decided in the review that the entire AYUSH sector will work together to achieve price and quality competitiveness to boost AYUSH exports," said an official from the Ayush Ministry.

Highlighting the growing global interest in AYUSHbased solutions for disease resistance and treatment during the difficult times of the Covid -19 pandemic, Naik said that trade and commerce in the alternate traditional medicine Sector needed to upscale quickly in order to meet the growing demands from India and abroad, and to serve the larger number of people who are now looking up to these systems for main-

taining their health.

He shared with the participants that the AYUSH immunity protocols and the National Clinical Management Protocol for Covid 19 for Ayurveda and Yoga were timely interventions which provided relief to large sections of the popula-

"The emerging evidence of a correlation between the low Covid -19 mortality rates and large-scale adoption of AYUSH prophylactic solutions by the population is significant for the public health practice in the country," he added.

Goyal, while praising the frontline role played by the AYUSH Sector in the fight against Covid -19 said that the protection offered by the AYUSH systems to the common people during the pandemic time neutralised the skepticism that many people had about the efficacy of the medicines and products offered by these systems.

The spurt in exports of AYUSH products in the recent months is a direct reflection of their growing popularity in many countries. The stan-dardisation of the HS codes related to export will be considered on priority as a step to promote exports," he said while batting for the need of setting up the AYUSH Export

61% people know one or more people who have succumbed to Covid infection, finds survey

With Covid 19 death tally in India crossing 1.41 lakh so far, a new survey found that 61 per cent people know of one or more people who have succumbed to the infection. Similarly, 44 per cent people know of one or more individuals who are likely to have died due to coronavirus but their deaths were not labelled as Covid deaths.

The survey was conducted via LocalCircles platform, a community social media platform. The survey also found that only 26 per cent of respondents said no one known to them or in their social network - family, leagues, neighbours, business associates, etc. - has died due to COVID-19 in the last eight

The first question in the survey asked citizens, "How many in your own social network (family, extended family, friends, colleagues, neighbours, business associates, etc.) have lost their life due to COVID-19 in the last 8 months?

According to the survey, responses from 9,524 citizens were received. Notably, 61 percent of the respondents have 1 or more individuals in their COVID-19. Further 26 percent voted, "No one lost their life and thankfully all recovered".

More than 16,000 responses were received from citizens across 208 districts of India. Of them, 69 percent respondents were men while 31 percent respondents were women. According to LocalCircles, 51 percent respondents were from tier 1, 24 percent from tier 2 and 25 percent were from tier 3, 4 and rural districts.

To gauge the extent of such cases, the survey asked people, "How many individuals in your own social network lost their life in the last 8 months, which was not declared COVID-19 deaths but it was likely related to

Responses from 6,392 citizens were received. Per the result, 44 percent people now have one or more individuals in their social network who likely lost their life due to COVID-19 but were not COVID-19 but were not declared as COVID-19 deaths. This assumes a lot of significance if the numbers are extrapolated. Now the seventhmost-affected country by active cases, third by fatalities, and second by total cases, India has added 2,45,512 cases in the past seven days.

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Good news for air travellers: IndiGo pays out 90% refunds

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

 ${f I}$ n case you are suffering from a single or all of Covid-19

virus despite showing Covid-19

weakness, cough, sore throat,

in Delhi has found after con-

ducting a study on such

those who are old aged, having work profile like health care

workers and having history of

contact with positive patients

were more likely to be infect-

experts observed that there is

no significant difference in

symptoms of Covid-19 positive

patients when compared with

those who reported negative results after RT PCR test was

that Covid-19' symptoms do

not indicate that the person is

suffering with the disease. Its

only after the RTPCR test, that

one can conclude about the dis-

ease," said lead author of the

study, Dr Jugal Kishore, Director Professor and Head,

Department of Community Medicine, VMMC and

"Our study has revealed

conducted on them.

In their study, the health

ed with the virulent virus.

They, however, said that



There is some positive news I for those air travellers who had booked flight tickets to travel via low-cost carrier Indigo during the lockdown period. Since the resumption of operations in May, the low cost carrier IndiGo on

Monday said that it has already paid out 90 percent refunds amounting to approximately ₹1,000 crore. According to IndiGo, the airline will disburse customer credit shells and refunds by January 31, 2021. IndiGo chief executive

officer Ronojoy Dutta said the

19 and the resulting lockdown tions to a complete halt by the end of March. "As our incoming cash flow dried up, we were unable to immediately process refunds for cancelled flights and had to create credit shells for the refunds that were due to our customers,

However, with the resumption of operations and a steady increase in demand for air travel, the airline"s priority has been to refund the credit shell amounts in an expedited manner, Dutta said. We are pleased to com-

mit that we will disburse the full 100 per cent credit shell 2021," he said.

India resumed scheduled domestic passenger flights on May 25 after a gap of two months due to the coronavirus lockdown. Scheduled international passenger flights continue to remain suspended in the country since March due to the pandemic.

However, airlines have been permitted to operate special international flights under the Vande Bharat Mission since May and under the bilateral air bubble pacts since July.

SC to hear next week plea of 94-yr-old woman seeking to declare 1975 Emergency as unconstitutional

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Monday said it would hear next week a plea filed by a 94-year-old woman seeking to declare as "wholly unconstitutional" the proclamation of emergency in 1975.

The plea, which has also sought compensation of Rs 25 crores from the authorities who had actively participated in the "unconstitutional acts", came up for hearing before a bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul. The bench, also compris-

Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Hrishikesh Roy, posted the matter for hearing on December 14.

The petitioner, Veera Sarin, has claimed in her plea that she and her husband were "victims of the atrocities inflicted by the then government authorities and others' during the period of emergency which was proclaimed minutes before the midnight of June 25, 1975.

The proclamation was revoked in March 1977.

The petitioner, in a genuine desire to bring about an end to the undemocratic nightmare, infamously known

as 'the emergency' seeks a peaceful closure, that can be brought only by an acknowledgment and declaration by the highest court of justice of the country in which citizens repose the highest level of confidence and faith, that the said incident was unconstitutional," the plea said. Sarin said that she and her

husband, who had a flourishing business of Gold Arts in Delhi at that time, were compelled to leave the country during emergency for fear of being thrown into jail for no justifiable reason, on the whims and wishes of government authority in a state where civil rights and liberties stood curbed."

The plea said later the petitioner's husband died and she had to face the legal proceedings initiated against him during the emergency. "The ordeals of the emer-

gency and destruction caused during the said period are being suffered till date by the petitioner. The petitioner and her family were made to run from pillar to post for the past 35 years to vindicate their rights and restore their prop-

erties," the plea said. The petition said that during that time, the petiThe plea said later the petitioner's husband died and she had to face the legal proceedings initiated against him during the emergency

tioner was "shunned by her relatives and friends" because of the illegal proceedings initiated against her husband and now she is seeking "closure to the trauma of her lifetime, which still resonates in her mind".

It alleged that even now, the movable properties including jewellery, artefacts, paintings, sculptures and other valuables have not been reinstituted to her family and she is entitled to be compensated for the acts done by the concerned authorities.

The plea referred to a December 2014 order passed by the Delhi High Court which had held that proceedings initiated under one of the legislations against the petitioner's husband were bereft of any jurisdiction.

PIL in SC for CBI status report in SSR death case



PIL was filed in the APIL was med ... on Supreme Court on Monday seeking direction to the CBI to submit a status report in Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput death

The plea, filed by advocate court passed an order for the CBI enquiry on August 19 and despite lapse of almost four months the probe agency is yet to conclude its investigation.

The CBI is not acting responsible in the present case and there is a delay in the conclusion of the investigation of the present case is bringing bad name to the administration of justice not only in our country but across the globe," the plea

It sought direction to the CBI to complete its probe within two months and submit a final report in the concerned

"Even in serious offences

like murder, the law stipulates

filing of charge sheet in 90 days

but in the present case the pre-

mium investigating agency has

failed miserably in their role

It said Rajput was found dead in mysterious circumstances and the probe was initially conducted by Mumbai

"On dissatisfaction being actor this Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation to conduct an enquiry in the mysterious death of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput," the plea

The PIL said that a fair, competent, impartial and speedy investigation is the need

Centre rushes med experts to Eluru after children hospitalised with unknown illness

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has rushed a three-member team of medical experts to Eluru in Andhra Pradesh after Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu spoke on Monday to Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan after many children were hospitalised with an undiagnosed illness in the past few days, the VP's Secretariat said.

The three-member team of medical experts to Eluru includes Dr Jamshed Nayar, Associate Professor (Emergency Medicine) from AIIMS, Dr Avinash Deoshtawar, Virologist, NIV PUNE and Dr Sanket Kulkarni, Dy Director, PH Expert from NCDC, Delhi.

The unknown disease has claimed one life and affected around 350 people so far. A majority of the victims are in the 20-30 age group. Around 45 children below the age of 12 years have been admitted. According to the district commissioner's report, the sickness is not contagious. People from areas where Eluru municipal's water distribution is not available also fell sick. Even those who drink only mineral water daily also fell sick, the DC said in its report.

The Andhra Pradesh health officials are trying hard to ascertain the cause of the mysterious illness, said a statement from the Government.

Defamatory remark against Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti: SC refuses to quash FIRs against Amish Devgan

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to quash FIRs against News 18 TV anchor Amish Devgan for his alleged defamatory remark against Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti during a show on June 15 but said he will get protection from any coercive action if he continues to cooperate with the probe.

A bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Sanjiv Khanna also transferred all FIRs filed against Amish Devgan in different states, including Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana, to Ajmer in Rajasthan.

The top court had earlier granted Amish Devgan protection from any coercive action in connection with the

Several FIRs were lodged against Amish Devgan for using a derogatory term for the Sufi saint in the news debate show called "Aar Paar" on his channel on June 15. Amish Devgan later tweeted an apology saying he was actually referring to Muslim ruler Alauddin Khilji and inadvertently ended up naming Chisti.

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He had told the top court that "none of the FIRs said that public order was being disturbed".

Senior advocate Manish Singhvi, appearing for Rajasthan, had opposed Amish Devgan's plea for quashing of the FIRs saying the investigation is the right of the police.

The top court, while granting interim relief to Amish Devgan, had also stayed the probe in the cases related to the telecast against the journalist. The journalist has said the plea concerned his life and lib-

FARM LAWS

Modi should roll back black farm laws: Gehlot

 $R^{\text{ajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot}} \\ R^{\text{ajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot}}$ Narendra Modi to listen to the leaders of farmers unions and resolve the impasse by rolling back the "black" farm laws.

"It is most worrying to see that our farmers are spending nights in cold weather on roads, while the government continues to ignore their genuine demands. PM Modi must intervene directly, listen to leaders of farmer unions and resolve the impasse," the senior Congress leader said.

"As more and more farmers are

joining the agitation from across the country and gathering at Delhi border at great inconvenience to the women and children, who are part of agitation too, the government must not delay paying heed to the welfare issues of the farmers, he added.

Gelhot said "the NDA government must shun its arrogance, insensitivity, adamant attitude and roll back the 'black' farm laws".

"The Congress party stands with our famers in ensuring the Mandi system, MSP continue, and farmers as well as farm lands are saved from big corporates,"

Akhilesh courts arrest, says can't muzzle farmers' voice

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav was put under undeclared house arrest on Monday morning and by afternoon he was arrested andtaken away by Uttar Pradesh

The arrest came as the numbers of party workers and supporters swelled outside his house and the former Chief Minister came out and sat on dharna outside the gates of his residence. "The government cannot muzzle the voice of farmers. If the police want to arrest me, am ready to go to jail.

"My party will continue to fight with the farmers for their welfare. The police have arrested and detained SP workers across the state.

"We are fighting to double the income of farmers, as earlier promised by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi," he told reporters. Minutes later, he was taken into custody by the police and taken to an undisclosed destination.

Just ahead of this development, the Bahujan Samai Party (BSP) also extended support to the call for Bharat Bandh, given by agitating farmers, who fear harm to their livelihood ever since the new agriculture laws were enacted by the

The Congress, Samajwadi Party, Aam Aadmi Party have already announced their support to the Bharat Bandh call.

BSP supremo Mayawati earlier tweeted that her party was supporting the Bharat Bandh call and urged the Centre to be sympathetic towards the farmers and consider their

passed the controversial Farm Bills announced mulling legal steps, Agriculture Minister V. S. Sunil Kumar on Monday said the Kerala government is all set to approach the apex court against the laws.

Thiruvananthapuram: Toeing the line of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi

Vijayan, who as soon as parliament

Kerala to approach SC against it

Kumar told the media that these Bills are against the interests of the farmers and the Kerala government would not implement them at any cost.

We will approach the Supreme Court and are prepared to face the consequences arising out of it. The Centre has no business intruding in the matters which comes under the state's jurisdictions," said Kumar.

The Bills -- the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 and the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020 -- were passed by both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. The state Advocate General is now busy preparing to file a petition before the apex court this week.

The lone Kerala leader from the BJP in the Union Cabinet -- Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan opined that the move is nothing but one with political overtures. He said the Bill is not "anti-farmers" but against the mid-dlemen. Incidentally in January this year, Kerala became the first state in the country to file a legal suit in the Supreme Court against the Citizenship -follow, 2019, follow, ing which other states also followed

Mamata asks BJP Govt to repeal laws or resign

. Adhikari.

PNS M KOLKATA

 $B_{\text{Mamata Banerjee on}}^{\text{engal Chief Minister}}$ Monday slammed the BJP, CPI(M) and the Congress for teaming up to bring down her Congress Trinamool Government

Calling the BJP a party of "Bhakshak" (predator) CPI(M) a "Rakshak" (facilitator of BJP) and Congress a "Takshak" (snake) she said that she would never let these parties to con-spire and let the saffron outfit capture Bengal and make it an anarchic state like Gujarat. "Remember we will not let BJP make Bengal a Gujarat. We

will not let you give rise to riots here," she said.

Stopping short of asking Prime Minister Narendra Modi to resign his post the Chief Minister said the BJP Government was tormenting the people from all sides and all walks of life adding the farm laws were the last in the line of its oppressive legislation. She said BJP Government "should immediately repeal the triple laws or resign from power," adding "it had no right to remain in power after sacrificing the rights of the

Reminding the people of her struggle at Singur and

Nadigram and her 26-day hunger strike Banerjee said, "I have not forgotten Singur, I have not forgotten Nandigram. I have full support to farmers," adding she had full support for the farmers' "causes."

Asking the people of Bengal not to fall in the trap of the "outsiders" (read the national leaders whom the BJP was bringing to Bengal) Banerjee called the BJP a "party of outsiders" adding she would "never allow the saffron camp of outsiders to take control of Bengal" and urged the people to resist any such attempt by the outsiders.

Taking a jibe at the leaders

of her party who were in touch with the BJP she said BJP was a "big identity card" showing which it was "breaking other parties." There were people who were black-mailing her ahead of the elections but she would never succumb to such blackmailing, she said in an apparent reference to recent alienation of powerful party satrap Suvendu

Incidentally neither Adhikari who recently resigned from his Cabinet post, his father and former Union Minister Sisir Adhikari and younger brother Dibyendu both TMC MPs too were not to be seen in the Chief Minister's function.

NCP slams BJP for misquoting Pawar's letter on APMC reforms TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

 $T^{he\ NCP\ on\ Monday\ hit\ out\ at\ the\ BJP}_{for\ "misquoting\ \&\ spreading\ fake\ information"\ about\ Shri\ Sharad\ Pawar}$ Saheb on letter by its party chief and then Union Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar to then Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit and Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan on the need to amend the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act to encourage private sector to provide alternative mar-

keting channels . Slamming the BJP for its "questionable" effort to portray on social media that its chief wanted to promote privatisation when the fact remained that the latter tried to build a broad consensus APMCs inviting suggestions for the implementation of the enacted legislation.

In a statement issued here, NCP's chief spokesperson Mahesh Tapase said: "The model APMC act 2003 was introduced by the Vajpayee Govt.

However many state governments were reluctant to implement it at that point of time. Shri Sharad Pawar Saheb after assuming charge as the Union Agriculture Minister tried to form a broader consensus amongst State Agriculture Marketing Boards by inviting suggestions for the implementation of the

"The benefit of farmers as per the model APMC act was explained to various state governments and many state governments came forward to implement the same," Tapse said.

Till date the farmers across the

country are benefitting from the implementation of the said act which was fine tuned by Shri Sharad Pawar Saheb to protect the interest of the farmers of the country," the NCP spokesperson said.

The NCP spokesperson charged that the new farm bill introduced by the Modi government during the previous session of the Parliament had raised several "doubts and insecurity" in the minds of the farmers regarding MSP and other issues "which the incumbent government has failed to address thereby leading to large scale protests & agitation by the farmers of the country".

"The Modi government could not

form a broader consensus and has failed to satisfy legitimate apprehensions of the farmers and the entire Opposition," Tapase said.

50.08% voter turnout in Phase-IV of J&K DDC Polls

Jammu: The fourth phase of District Development Council elections has been conducted successfully in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir registering 50.08 per cent voter turnout, state election commissioner KK Sharma said on Monday

Addressing a press conference at the end of the polling State Election Commissioner KK Sharma said that Jammu division recorded an average voter turnout of 69.31% with Poonch District recording the highest percentage of 75.42% followed by Doda district with 75.03%. The lowest turnout in Jammu division was in Udhampur district which recorded 59.90%. The Kashmir average voter turnout with Ganderbal district recording the highest polling at 56.28 % followed by Baramulla District at 47.43% and Bandipora with around 45.22% polling.

He said a large number of people came out to cast their votes during fourth phase of District Development Council Elections 2020. Long queues were seen right from morning despite severe cold conditions in Kashmir Division and hilly areas of Jammu Division, he added.

He said the polling passed off peacefully across 34 constituencies of DDC including 17 in Kashmir division and 17 in Jammu division.

A total of 364527 voters (including 195206 males and 169321 females) voted to choose their representatives in their respective councils, the SEC said.

BJP man killed as workers clash with cops in Siliguri

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

BJP supporter was killed injured on Monday when the saffron workers clashed with the police during a rally at Bengal's northern city of Siliguri. While the senior BJP lead-

ership blamed the police for its worker's death the police denied charges saying the cause of the deceased BJP worker Ulen Roy would be known only after postmortem as the cops did not resort to firing or lathi charge as was alleged by the opposition

As a mark of protest the BJP has called North Bengal bandh on Tuesday which incidentally coincides with the Bharat Bandh called by the opposition parties showing solidarity with the farmers' protest against the farm laws brought Cut to Siliguri: All hell

broke loose after the police stopped hundreds of charging BJP workers who hurled brickbats at the cops, pulled down barricades and set fire to them, sources said adding the police fired tear gas shells and water cannons before baton-charging the protesters in a bid to chase them away. The BJP had earlier orga-

nized s march to Uttarkanya the second secretariat of the State Government situated in Siliguri. The police indiscriminately lathi-charged and tear-gassed our men who were organizing a peaceful rally to raise popular demands," said Bengal BJP Dilip Ghosh alleging the Trinamool Congress Government carried out the assault on peaceful protesters "much in Nandigram style as the police teamed up with the up with the President of India."

TMC goons who hurled country bombs from hidden places... The CPI(M) did this in Nandigram and other places before being thrown away by the people.
"Now the Trinamool has

become so overconfident that they too are resorting to state repression which will not be tolerated by the people at large. People are watching all these and will give a befitting reply in the coming elections.

Intermittent violence took place as the two sides clashed with each other at various places from Teenbatti More to Phulbari during which the victim sustained injuries, sources said. Doctors at the private hospital said that he was brought in a gasping condition with a number of small holes in his body that resembled pellet injuries. He succumbed to his injuries soon after.

and had been admitted to various hospitals, BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijaybargiya said adding how "I was saved by a whisker when a bomb dropped in the vicinity along with tear gas shells ... many of our workers were injured from lathi-blows and bomb splinters... it is a complete lawlessness here deserving a central rule," he alleged.

Darjeeling BJP MP Raju Bishta too said Bengal merited President's Rule alleging how the "Mamata Banerjee Government has taken away the minimum right to protest from the people. There is no law and order in the State ... the way the police and TMC goons teamed up to attack the protesting BJP workers leaves no other alternative ... but President's Rule and we will take this issue

Two minor girls hailing from Pakistan occupied Kashmir, who had inadvertently crossed

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

LoC and sneaked inside the Indian territory on Sunday,were repatriated at Chakan-da-bagh in Poonch on Monday. According to a Jammu based Defence spokesman Lt-

Col Devender Anand, "Two girls from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, Laiba Zabair aged 17 yrs and Sana Zabair aged 13 yrs of village Abbasspur, Tehsil

Forward Kahuta who had inadvertently crossed into Indian side in Poonch in the morning hours of 06 Dec 20 have been repatriated from Chakan Da Bagh crossing point on Monday". Before returning home Laiba Zubair in a video message said, "after Indian army jawans spotted them crossing the LoC they escorted them to safety and treated them well. They offered us food, warm clothes and comfortably accommodated us. We are thankful to them and appreciate their conduct". The custody of both the minor girls was handed over to Jammu and Kashmir police in Poonch. During preliminary inquiry the minor girls had revealed they were in a group of eight girls and lost their way after they took a break.

Two minor girls who crossed LoC repatriated to POK

According to official sources, "Both the girls belong to a poor family and have been staying in Abbaspur town for the past 10 years. Her grandfather namely Abdul Halaq was originally a resident of Srinagar and had exfiltrated in late 1980s.

Laiba Zubair claimed, "her mother and elder brother identified as Hamza were forcing her to marry another local boy, Babar, against her wishes. Babar was receiving training before getting recruited in the Pak army. Babar's family had given an assurance to Hamza that he too would be inducted in the army only after his sister would marry Babar. However, Laiba wanted to marry anotyer locsl boy identified Tariq r/o Peshawar. According to Laiba Tariq is currently serving in te

Pak Army and presently deployed at a forward post in Kahuta. Laiba also claimed she along with a group of her close friends had decided to run away from their native village and resettle in Tattapani to escape exploitation. Official sources said, "On 05 Dec 20 at around 6.30 p.m, the two girls along with 06 other girls left their house (as all of them were tortured by their parents and forced to marry against their choice) and decided to go to Tattapani via Ranger

Gurumurthy's book goes deep into love jehad

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KOCHI: The research article "Love Jehad: Loving for Religion" authored by S Gurumurthy in which he proved that love marriages are being used for Islamization of non-Islamic nations has given rise to a call by a senior RSS ideologue in Kerala for close cooperation between Hindus and

"While Love Jehad is a reality and is an ingrethe same could not be said about Christianity which has been always in synchronization with civil rights, democracy and personal freedom. It is time for the spiritual leaders of Hinduism and Christianity to work together for minimizing the impact of Love Jehad, so as to bring down the intensity of religious fanaticism," said K R Umakanthan, managing editor, Janmabhumi, the RSS mouthpiece.

Umakanthan's take has been widely welcomed by the Christian Church which itself is at the receiving end of Love Jihad in the state of Kerala. Christian Association for Social Action, un umbrella organization of major Church sects have been alerting the Centre as well as State Governments that Christian girls are being sub-

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jected to Love Jehad as well as sending them away to fight as jihadis in Islamic State. "Situation is really grave and beyond all expectations," said K T Thomas, former Supreme Court judge. He said he was all praise for the legislation enacted by the Uttar Pradesh Government banning Love Jihad as well as Love Marriage for Islamization.

when a Muslim man marries a non-Muslim woman. The same is the case with all kinds of inter-religious marriages. Provisions of the Special Marriage Act should be observed and followed diligently and no compromise should be made on this issue," said Justice Thomas, known for his uncompromising stance on laws and

Gurumurthy in his research paper, with input collected from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and even from studies held by Harvard University has warned of the dangerous trend of communal polarization as a result of Love Jehad. "There are hundreds of instances of families getting destroyed and communities getting polarized. The situation is deadly and explosive," writes Gurumurthy. PNS

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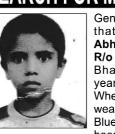
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Dated: 04/12/2020 Sarabjeet Singh

My clientess Shanti Devi W/o Sh. Anil Ravish Pokhrival Advocate

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Approximate Cost ₹26,05,316/-Earnest Money ₹52.100/-90 (Ninety) days from the date of issue of the letter of ompletion Period 45 days. Validity of offer ender papers issued by Sr.DEE/MEMU/SRE Dt. of closing /opening 21.12.2020 at 10:30 Hrs./thereafter Cost of tender document Free of cost.

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- Public procure order 2017 issued by Rly. board vide L. No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 Dt 16.03.2018 shall be followed.
- 5) The tender can be seen or upload on web portal as under Website Portal: https://www.ireps.gov.in

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PAPER WITH PASSION What's the rush?

SC reprimands Govt for aggressively pushing Central Vista project, withholds construction



s building a citadel as testimony to one's transformative legacy and power so important when the nation is going through its worst crisis brought on by the pandemic? Or is considered and reasoned opinion now a dispensable ritual in the rush to tick the boxes of jobs done, good or bad? May be the Narendra Modi Government thinks that it can make its priorities the nation's own, ignoring reality. So the Supreme Court pressed the much-needed pause button yesterday, literally rebuking the Government for "moving forward aggressively" on Delhi's Central Vista project, even before a decision could be taken on a slew of petitions chal-

lenging it. And though it allowed Modi to lay the foundation stone for the project, it categorically ruled out any construction or demolition in the demarcated area or any cutting of trees, the last so not advisable in a climate-challenged city like Delhi. The Government has justified the ₹1,000 crore project, that provisions for a new Parliament building and a do-over of the Central Vista, on grounds of adapting to the requirements of changed times. But the top court sensed the Government's real intent of making a power statement and curbed the adventurism, saying, "Just because there is no stay, does not mean you can start construction. We did not pass any clear stay order because we thought you are a prudent litigant, and you will show deference to the court." When Government counsel Tushar Mehta sought time to respond to the court's order that no construction or demolition could continue, the court insisted that he reply in five minutes on compliance. To that extent, the court played conscience keeper and made it amply clear that runaway ambitions could not be allowed to have their way when the timing and the spends are clearly inappropriate. It underlined that just because the Government considered its authoritarian and signature move as important, everybody shouldn't agree and fall in line.

The real intent of the argument that Lutyens' Delhi needs a makeover, particularly the Central Vista of the Rajpath, to create more spaces for a more streamlined operation of Ministry offices and freeing up more citizen-friendly spaces, is entirely political and in no way cultural or futuristic. It is quite unlike the French experiment with the Louvre though parallels have been drawn to it. When the glass Pyramid came up in the courtyard of the museum, ostensibly to free up spaces for an easier visitor movement, the then French President Francois Mitterrand was lambasted for creating "an architectural joke, an eyesore, an anachronistic intrusion of Egyptian death symbolism in the middle of Paris and a megalomaniacal folly." The oddity of its existence was such that critics and conservationists compelled the architects to tone down on drama, keep much of the rejig of the Louvre's internal map underground and stay away from the surrounding classical architecture. Of course, Mitterrand, an avid art lover, was thinking about keeping the Louvre relevant for generations than sealing a political legacy. Here, it is the latter taking precedence. The Government's move is about overwriting history with its own. Yet tradition's co-existence with modernity is encoded in our DNA and Delhi is the best testimony, where each successive ruler has sedimented through relics and monuments that have stood the test of time. And Delhiites have never denied heritage its place, be it Rajput, Islamic, European or colonial, making it a part of their living history, one where Lutyens' Delhi is a key chapter. And no argument holds before the elegance and classicism of the design — the green pavilions, perches, cupolas and the islands are the only democratic spaces where citizens can move and roam free, catching the afternoon sun in the middle of winter and the gentle breeze of a summer evening. No kiosk and retail space is needed here for it is precisely to escape those that Delhi families assemble here. Besides, being the first stretches to be locked down for security around Republic Day and Independence Day, they are anyway sanitised and cannot ever be a porous event space like Washington's National Mall. Redevelopment wouldn't mean more freedom to the masses. Considering the India Gate and now the war memorial respects martyred soldiers no less, do we need to scream our triumphalism and identity any louder? Shouldn't the Government be wiser to leave a legacy of policy and governance instead? Repurposing or modifying administrative offices within the shell of an existing facade and rejigging interiors are the done thing. But to change the skyline is quite the other. Agreed, there may be an increasing demand for land in the cities and the size of the Government means that its bureaucracy needs to be accommodated. Question is why can't they be relocated to a space where vertical growth is possible. The Rajpath has been our ceremonial pivot, providing a monumental, dignified and symbolic setting for governmental structures, museums and national memorials. Attempting to change it for no pressing reason, therefore, is like marginalising and eroding its placebased identity. Simply because of its historicity as a power statement. One that the current regime wants to overlay with its own definition of a monolithic and a neo-cultural India, as if we never had roots through millennia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi doesn't quite like the "Lutyens' world" and the power structures and codes embedded in it. But in the name of breaking elitism and freeing up space for people, one cannot justify political pointscoring. There are fruits of preservation; they serve as reminders of what was and where we need to go. There are only ruins of demolition, forcibly reconstructing the past to suit our ends. Besides, no amount of overwriting can erase the imprint of the city in our hearts. In the end, Delhi's soul gets damaged.

West Asian outreach

Arab nations are warming up to India and the Army Chief's visit will further strengthen ties



he visit of Army Chief, General MM Naravane, to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) should be welcomed by all who are keen for India's relations with the Arab world to improve. The Narendra Modi Government might have made 'Look East' a cornerstone of its foreign policy but the most dramatic improvement of ties in the past six-and-ahalf years has been with the Arab world. And as many Arab nations normalise their relationship with Israel, their one-time mortal enemy, India, a long-standing friend of Israel, can only be most pleased. Combined with the fact that Pakistan, which often found a steady hand of support in the Arab world, has seen its ties

with the two leading nations, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, deteriorate in the recent past, India can only look from the sidelines and be pleased at the state of affairs. Saudi Arabia is upset with Pakistan switching allegiance to Turkey as a leader of the neo-Islamic world despite feeding off Gulf largesse. The Saudis went so far as to recall a major loan from Pakistan and UAE stopped issuing visas to Pakistani citizens, However, with the Saudis and the Emirates involved in complicated politics in the area, particularly with Iran, overtly through a war in Yemen, and also internecine issues in Qatar, India will also need to thread a tightrope.

India has to maintain amicable relations with all sides because of both commercial and military reasons. Naravane as a representative of the Government must be careful. That said, India's improved relations with West Asia are here to stay for the medium-term with major nations having political stability. OIC member states have been drawn by India's compliance of rulebook diplomacy, respect its non-provocative gestures and scent its economic growth and wide markets. There's a new-found respect diplomatically after we held off China. Besides, India continues to provide skilled manpower to Arab nations. Of course, there is the challenge of how the incoming US administration will treat the area but one expects more of the same.

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Recipe for disaster

Before giving banking licence to corporates, the RBI must ensure a robust and fool-proof regulatory oversight architecture which it clearly lacks now



GOVIND BHATTACHARJEE

he nationalisation of banks in 1969 effectively ended the corporate dominance in the banking industry, with the Government taking control of 90 per cent of the total banking business in India. Now corporate houses may once again be allowed to enter the banking arena if the recommendations of the Reserve Bank of India's Internal Working Group (IWG) for reviewing corporate structure of private sector banks are accepted by the Government. The suggestions are rather sweeping and it is questionable if all the risks have been weighed carefully. There are two major recommendations; the first is to allow large corporate and industrial houses to own banks by amending the Banking Regulation Act 1949, and the second is to allow large non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) with 10 years' track record, including those owned by corporate houses and with an asset size of ₹50,000 crore and above, to convert themselves into banks. The recommendations are open for comments till January 15,

Some of the biggest industrial houses already own large NBFCs bigger than many medium-sized banks with more than a decade's track record. Besides HDFC with assets worth ₹5.6 lakh crore, there are Bajaj Finservice, Sriram Transport, L&T Finance Holdings, Indiabulls Housing, Tata Capital, M&M Finance holdings, Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company, Muthoot Finance and Aditya Birla, which fulfil the twin criteria. Their total assets would exceed ₹14 lakh crore (FY 20). There are also Governmentcontrolled NBFCs - for example, the one led by PFC with assets of ₹6.6 lakh crore, followed by REC with ₹3.2 lakh crore assets, LIC Housing Finance and HUDCO - which also fulfil the criteria; their total assets amount to around ₹14 lakh crore. For a COVID-battered and capital-starved banking sector reeling under mounting NPAs, such huge capital from private cash-rich ing, a consideration which probably weighed with the IWG. Private players were allowed into banking after 1993 and since 2016, NBFCs have also been allowed, but so far their responses have been tepid. One reason was the small cap of 15 per cent on the promoter's stake; this is



now proposed to be raised to 26 per cent in the long run over 15 years. But as Rajnish Kumar, the former chairman of SBI, said: "It will only work well when the system has three things in place strong ring-fencing for business interest, high-quality corporate governance and resolution framework for banks and finance companies." This is where the recommendations raise serious worries and have attracted widespread criticism, including from ex-Central bankers Raghuram Rajan and Viral Acharya, who called it a "bombshell" dropped

Historically, the RBI has always been cautious about issuing banking licences to corporates on account of the inherent conflicts of interest and poor corporate governance. The last two licences to IDFC First Bank and Bandhan Bank were given seven years ago after licences given to the Kotak Mahindra Bank and YES Bank, of which the YES Bank has now gone bust due to crony capitalism and ineffective regulatory controls and had to be

bailed out like all others. The global financial crisis had made the developed nations very cautious. In response to the 2008 global financial crisis, the US had adopted several measures, including enactment of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which introduced a raft of measures to regulate the financial sector and protect consumers. The islations, like the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to create an Investor Advisory Committee, an Office of the Investor Advocate and an ombudsman. It instituted regular reviews of conflicts of interest within investment firms by newly-created over-

sight institutions like the Financial Stability Oversight Council for identifying and improving systemic risks and especially to monitor designated Systemically Important Financial Institutions, which are deemed "too big to fail." Even these may not be sufficient guarantee against future malfeasance. Nothing of that sort hap-ened in India. Satyam happened

in 2009 and we were in deep slumber. An attempt to strength en corporate governance and give it a statutory authority was made only in 2013 in the new Companies Act by incorporating some key provisions of Clause 49 of SEBI's listing agreement. That these are hardly effective is evidenced by the unending series of frauds and scams, which have since broken upon the Indian banking scene, the regularity of which no longer surprises us. The weaknesses of the regulatory and oversight institutions and the multiple conflicts of interest along with crony capitalism have wrought havoc in the financial sector time and again. The IL&FS fraud dealt a body blow to NBFCs in India, exposing the risks a large NBFC poses to our financial system. Much of our NPAs have been the creation of super-fraudsters like Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi, Mehul Choksi, Rana Kapoor and their ilk who could manipulate the system with active support from important levers of power. In all these cases, the RBI's supervision course, the RBI was not alone to blame; the statutory auditors, often from the big four, and the credit rating agencies equally contributed to bypassing controls, throwing caution to the winds. If the growth of banks and

NBFCs continues unchecked

without an effective framework to correct asset-liability mismatches, the financial sector will remain vulnerable to risks and accidents, dragging the economy in a downward spiral. The continued failure of banks - the latest being the Laxmi Vilas Bank (LVB) – points to the gross inadequacy of the RBI's regulatory architecture, including its prudential norms. Even in the developed world, entry of large corporates into the banking sector is discouraged. The IWG has itself admitted that "the prevailing corporate governance culture in corporate houses is not up to the international standard and it will be difficult to ring-fence the non-financial activities of the promoters with that of the bank"; all the experts it had consulted,

Before allowing large NBFCs into the banking space, the RBI must ensure a robust and foolproof regulatory oversight architecture which it clearly lacks. The urgency being displayed by it to complete this process, therefore, legitimately surprises many and raises many unnerving worries.

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agreed with its recommenda-

The biggest concern of the RBI has always been to prevent connected lending and exposure between the banks and other related financial and non-financial group entities. It allowed large industrial houses to set up their own payments banks for the first time during 2015-16. Many like Mahindras had applied for licence. Of the 41 applications, only 11 got in-principle approval, and seven started operations by 2018. But the banking landscape in India is undergoing significant transformation, with all public sector banks to be consolidated

into only half a dozen large banks with balance sheet size of ₹10 lakh crore each, besides a handful of large private banks. Hence there may be better avenues for raising capital rather than putting the stability of the financial system at stake.

Indeed the stakes are too high to treat the matter so casually. First is the enormous risk in connected lending. As Rajan and Acharya have correctly noted, "The history of such connected lending is invariably disastrous - how can the bank make good loans when it is owned by the borrower? Even an independent committed regulator, with all the information in the world, finds it difficult to be in every nook and corner of the financial system to stop poor lending." Besides, the unintended consequence of concentration of economic and hence political and lobbying power in such corporate houses is likely to follow, giving a further boost to crony capitalism. Second is the excessive competition likely to result from the entry of corporates into banking, leading to erosion of profit margin of the existing banks and forcing them to lend to risky ventures and businesses. thereby further weakening the financial system. Ultimately, it is only the small investors who pay the price, as we have seen in the cases of Sahara, DHFL, PMC Bank, Yes Bank and LVB. Corporate governance is weak even in the largest private banks, as the case of ICICI Bank has demonstrated.

scape is littered with a highly complex web of numerous shell companies, front companies to big corporates they can lend to, opaque onshore and offshore ownership structures of companies and incestuous financial transactions between corporate entities, who can easily form a cartel to evade regulation and oversight. The RBI still does not have the institutional capacity to enforce regulation and exercise effective control – only recently it has introduced a separate regulatory and supervisory cadre to monitor systemic risks arising from the growing sizes and complexities of an intertwined and interconnected financial sector The question to be addressed before embarking upon any such misadventure is whether the regulator is adequately equipped to monitor millions of transactions versing every nook and corner of the globe, and follow the monetary trails of illegitimate deals.

The Indian financial land-

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The farmers are in trouble. They are forced to shiver in the cold. Let's help them during

Delhi Environment Minister —Gopal Rai



As the two biggest economies and permanent members of the UNSC. China and the US should enhance dialogue and ties

Chinese Foreign Minister –Wang Yi



I love Divine. He is one of the most phenomena artistes in India. I am looking forward to doing a song with him.



If I look back at how we played then in 2014 and how we play now as a team, I feel we have come a long way and have grown stronger

Hockey Forward -Lalit Upadhyay



TTER OR

Govt should assure farmers

Stand by the girl child

Sir — This is with reference to the article, "Girls please, not brides", published on December 7. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 is only on paper. In practice, it is talked about more in breach than in observance and is scarcely followed due to the crippling poverty in the country.

Now, the pandemic has worsened the situation for millions of underprivileged living in rural India and they are marrying off their girls early due to poverty and job losses, unmindful of the impact it will have on their lives, development and health. This abuse needs to stop, not just through the strict implementation of the Act but also by creating awareness and lending a helping hand to the poor as a community.

Moreover, our girls should be given free food in educational institutions so that the parents have one less mouth to feed. They should be given education free and trained for a vocation till they are financially independent. Now, the legal age of marriage for girls is likely to be revised from 18 to 21 years. It is a good idea. However, it will only work well in practice if our girls

he objective of the Bharat Bandh called today (December 8) by the farmers' organisations is to mount pressure on the Modi Government to repea the new farm laws enacted as part of its single-minded pursuit of neo-liberalism. The Government has made "corporatisation" its watchword. The new farm laws and labour laws are evidence that it is more interested in pursuing the interests of corporates than the interests of the farming community and the working class. However, the laws aimed at dismantling the State-regulated agriculture sector to pave the way for its monopolisation by corporate behemoths have met with stiff resistance from the farmers. Their protests are gaining traction among people cutting across political boundaries with each passing day The Government should think more in terms of how to ensure a reasonable standard of living for those who really drive the economy --- ordinary, decent, hard-working people --- than how to help the privileged rake in more profits. It should occur to it that food growers are wealth producers of the country in their own way and cannot be denied protection and left in the lurch.

The corporate-controlled media's scarce coverage of the protests does not make them any less momentous and historic and its vain attempt at rationalising and validating the laws doesn't make them any better. The farm-



ers' agitation, which is assuming the proportions of a people's movement, is an assertion of people's power seldom seen in post-Independent India. We fail to see the logic behind the proposition that the Opposition's support to the farmers' agitation against mortgaging agriculture to big agri-businesses will weaken it. The Government should remove its corporate blinkers and look at the farm laws afresh with an open mind to realise the truth of the farmers' cause. It should empathise with the farmers and factor in their concerns gracefully. There is honour and no loss of prestige in making a gesture towards public opinion and rectifying the situation.

G David Milton

the law in any way? The least we can do is help the underprivileged educate their girl children so that they can become financially independent one day and lead a more fulfilling life and contribute to the nation's economy. The hand that rocks the cradle indeed rules the world, but that hand has to belong to a selfreliant, educated and financially independent woman, not a minor deprived of food, freedom and education.

Let Central Vista be

Sir - Glad to read that the Supreme Court expressed anger over the way the Centre is "aggressively" going ahead with the construction work of the Central Vista and directed that no construction, demolition or felling of trees shall take place there. The people of the nation do not want the Central Vista to change and this project must be stopped, due to emotional, historical and environmental rea-

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tion, food and job support. Girls should be taught martial arts too, so they can be safe in the public and private space. Above all, the Women's Reservation Bill, which is all but forgotten, should be

are well-protected by free educa-

Save our girls

Sir — A pertinent point was raised in the article 'Girls please,

revived and translated into law.

Sravana Ramachandran

not brides.' We, as a society, may be against child marriage but do we do anything concrete to stop it? How can we just expect the law enforcement agencies to prevent child marriages and not do anything to help the keepers of

analysis

FIRSTCOLUMN

Who will the star pair up with?

In all probability, Rajinikanth is bound to have a secret or open understanding with the BJP as both need each other



KALYANI SHANKAR

Ill the BJP be able to rope in Tamil superstar Rajinikanth, who has announced plans to launch his much-awaited political party in January 2021? The actor is a phenomenon and will be a major factor in the forthcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly polls, scheduled for April-May 2021. He has chosen this time to make his political debut because there is a huge vacuum in the State after the demise of two former Chief Ministers and political heavyweights, M Karunanidhi of the DMK in 2018 and J Jayalalithaa of the AlADMK in 2016.

"It is the need of the hour. If it is not done now, it will never be done. For this, I urge the people to stand by me. Together we will bring change," the star-turned-politician tweeted this week. There has been speculation that he is inclined towards the BJP, though Rajinikanth has been rather coy about discussing his plans. The problem for the BJP is that if Rajnikanth's party decides to go it alone and contest all 234 seats, it will eat into the BJP's ally, the AIADMK's vote share more than that of the DMK (Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam). Rajinikanth's entry comes at a time when the incumbent AIADMK-BJP alliance, the DMK-Congress-Left Front, and another superstar Kamal Haasan have already firmed up their alliance. With the BJP's ambitious plans to expand in the South, is it possible for Rajinikanth to join the BJP-AIADMK combine? Have the elections become a game of arithmetic?

The megastar had been putting off entering politics since 1996, when the Congress first offered to make him its chief ministerial candidate to counter the then Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa. Since then, the Congress as well as the BJP have been wooing him. "The time to rewrite Tamil Nadu's destiny has come. There's a great need for change... it's now or never. Voted to power, we will change everything," Rajinikanth promised this week. Failing repeatedly to gain a foothold in Tamil Nadu, the BJP had been trying to goad the actor into entering politics, but he had resisted the party's overtures so far.

The BJP is handicapped, with no tall leaders at the State level, and would like to use him as its mascot. Being a megastar, he has the advantage of being a known face and has a huge fan following and clubs. He proposes to launch a spiritual party as opposed to the atheist Dravidian parties. It will be advantageous to the actor too, as the BJP is a disciplined party and has both manpower and money. The BJP would also help facilitate other things like registration of his new party and so on. So both think that they are natural allies.

Second, Rajinikanth does not have time to build a party before the polls. His fan clubs alone will not be enough. Though he had asked his followers to register their names on his website, you need teams for booth management and door-to-door campaigns and so on. The BJP has already loaned Arjun Murthy, head of the State BJP's intellectual cell, as "chief coordinator" of the new party, indicating what is to come. While the BJP has welcomed his entry, Deputy Chief Minister and AIADMK coordinator O Panneerselvam has also hinted at a possible alliance with Rajinikanth's party. Addressing a meeting in Theni this week, he said: "We welcome great film actor Rajnikanth's decision to enter politics. In politics, anything can happen. If there is an opportunity, an alliance will be formed."

Rajinikanth, too, has some challenges to face. First of all, the field in Tamil Nadu already has two strong Dravidian parties the DMK and the AIADMK, who share a combined vote bank of 50 per cent. The other, smaller, but significant regional players such as the PMK (Paattali Makkal Katchi) and actor Vijayakanth's DMDK (Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam) are in the line-up too. Second, the star has some health problems as he had undergone a kidney operation and might not be able to withstand a rigorous election campaign. Third, so far there is no clarity on whether his party will fight next year's Assembly polls in Tamil Nadu independently or strike an electoral alliance. Fourth, in a caste-ridden State, forward castes, such as the Mudaliars, have divided their loyalty between the two Dravidian parties for long. As for the dominant castes, the Gounders have Chief Minister E Palanisamy of the AIADMK, the Thevars have O Panneerselvam, the Vanniyars have Dr Ramadoss and the Scheduled Castes have the VCK (Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi). Vijayakanth's DMDK, the Vaikoled MDMK (Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam), the two Left parties and actor-turned-politician Hassan's Makkal Needhi Maiam share the caste groups. The minorities go with the DMK or the AIADMK. Parties such as the CPI (M), the CPI, the VCK and the MDMK are aligned with the DMK coalition.

In all probability, Rajinikanth is bound to have a secret or open understanding with the BJP as both need each other. The problem for the actor will be who to attack during the campaign, the Centre or the State Government? Many indications are that the star will lean towards the BJP.

(The writer is a senior journalist)

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Checks and balances

Crony capitalism has also happened in public sector banks. There is a dire need to strengthen regulatory oversight to guard against irregularities in running all banks



→he recommendation of an Internal Working Group (IWG) set up by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to allow industrial houses to own banks — if they meet the criterion — has invited strident criticism from experts, including the former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan. Asking how a borrower could also be a lender, they have debunked the idea, stating that this would have debunked the idea, stating that this would lead to misdirected lending, mostly to entities belonging to the industrial house that owns the bank. This apprehension is valid but the misuse of public money can happen in any bank, irrespective of the ownership. For instance, in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) till now, businessmen patronised by the ruling establishment managed loans on conthe ruling establishment managed loans on considerations other than merit. In private banks, too, the situation is no different, as amply demonstrated by the failure of Yes Bank, which is not owned by an industrial house. There is a dire need to strengthen regulatory oversight to guard against irregularities in running banks. The IWG recommends allowing promoters to hold 26 per cent equity stake in a steady state or after 15 years (up from the existing norm of 15 per cent) from the start, when it should be a minimum of 40 per cent of the equity for the first five years. It suggests taking a sympathetic review of whether industrial houses should be allowed to own banks if they meet the criterion. And considers allowing Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) with assets of over ₹50,000 crore, and in operation for over 10 years, to convert to banks, whether or not they are owned by industrial houses.

These suggestions need to be read in a certain context. Already, after a prolonged tussle, the banking regulator had allowed promoters of the Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) to maintain their stake at 26 per cent despite the 15 per cent norm (originally named Kotak Mahindra Finance Limited, it was the first NBFC in India to convert into a bank in February 2003). This prompted promoters of other private sector banks, who had lowered their stake to 15 per cent, to demand that they, too, should be allowed to increase it to 26 per cent. For instance, the Hinduja Group of IndusInd Bank made the appeal. Therefore, by allowing promoters of all private banks to have 26 per cent stake, the IWG has taken the logical step forward.

The 15 per cent threshold was anomalous, as desired skin in the game. Hence, the much-needed seriousness and commitment would be less. As a result, the management and governance of the bank could suffer. A study by the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), India, shows that this may well be the case. An analysis of old private sector banks done by the BCG illustrates that boards, where equity ownership is diversified, can take control of a bank and start to direct its operations in a less than optimal manner. The Catholic Syrian Bank and the Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) are good examples of this. In fact, 12 old private banks are laggards in respect to technology and risk systems and have not grown their share from four per cent of the assets of the system."

Even so, for a promoter to initially start with 40 per cent shareholding as per the existing guidelines and then bring it down to 15 per cent (after the efforts during the initial difficult phase have borne fruit and the operations have stabilised), relegating him to a minor player, is unfair. No wonder, the KMBL promoter pleaded with the RBI to allow it to retain a higher shareholding, which the latter agreed to. The apex bank should implement



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and the Bank of India to 26 per cent. In THE LANDSCAPE the follow-through, the Centre has OF POTENTIAL already initiated the process to reduce its holding to 51 per cent in the next 12-18

Realising that the market may not have the appetite for it, the RBI thought that letting corporates in could help raise the prospects. There are several corporates with deep pockets who can buy the shares of PSBs, thereby enabling successful divestment and at the same time, help the Government garner resources to rein in the fiscal deficit in the current difficult year (it is aiming to garner about ₹43,000 crore). For this to happen, the regulator has to take a policy decision to allow corporates to own a bank. This is precisely what the IWG has done. But this has invited criticism from experts who say that instead of being based on due diligence and assessing viability of the project, the bank will give loans keeping in mind what the owner wants. Put simply, this will be tantamount to the use of public money for unjust enrichment of the corporate. This undoubtedly needs a vigilant architecture. In PSBs, for instance, businessmen with political

handle that, there is a dire need to strengthen regulatory oversight and the RBI should make proactive intervention on "real-time" basis to prevent mismanagement and irregularities — instead of continuing with the present practice of bolting the stable after the horses have

India needs more banks with adequate capital buffer to meet the credit requirement of a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25 (funding on such a mammoth scale can't be done with equity capital alone). In view of this, and considering that the Government wants to open up even PSBs to the private sector (look at the decision to reduce its shareholding in six top PSUs to 51 per cent), there is a dire need to expand the landscape of potential investors. The involvement of large industrial houses could be of great help in this endeavour.

Accordingly, the Government should only consider the IWG's recom-

mendations after incorporating safeguards to address issues of "connected ending" by amending the BR Act. All banks, which have other group entities, should be held by Non-Operating Financial Holding Companies

eminent sense. However, there is a case for raising the bar even further to say,

over $\overline{5}$ 0,000 crore, and in operation for over 10 years, to convert to banks is in sync with the RBI's stance all along. The only change mooted now is to permit NBFCs owned by industrial houses to bly went by the fact that there are a number of well-run NBFCs owned by industrial houses who can be good candidates for converting to and running a bank.

The group has also batted for "harmonisation" of various licencing guidelines to ensure that relaxations (or for that matter, tightening of rules) given at different points of time are applicable to all entities, irrespective of when the licence was given to each. Some important recommendations provide for a "clear" and "consistent" definition of holding by a promoter (use of paid-up voting equity share capital is prescribed as the right metric); maximum share holdings of 15 per cent by non-promoters uniformly for all, banks not to carry out any activity permissible within the bank, through a separate subsidiary; pledging of bank shares and so on. The RBI should build in checks and balances.

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Erratic temperatures spell economic doom

Before climate change delivers the fatal blow, India must respond with effective counter-measures to protect lives and livelihoods



s India experiences a colder than usual winter, public opin-Aion is firmly set on the premise that the Coronavirus-driven lockdown reduced pollution levels, thereby resulting in a season that's more spirited than the previous ones. However, nothing could be further from the truth. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has already sounded an alert to the effect that the winter of 2020-21 will be colder than usual due to the La Nina conditions prevailing in the equatorial Pacific Ocean. La Nina is the cooling phase of the El Nino southern oscillation cycle in the equatorial Pacific

Ocean as opposed to the warming El Nino phase. As if confirming the IMD's predictions, Delhi has already witnessed its coldest November in 71 years. But miseries brought on by the cold may be the least of our concerns compared to the economic impact that lies in wait for India in the wake of these erratic temperature changes.

The IMD predicts an uneven distribution of minimum and maximum temperature levels in various parts of India, which could lead to a higher variance between night and day temperatures. This, in turn, would impact farming in the Rabi season. Especially the wheat crop which is the main cereal that is grown in northern and central India.

Other crops that stand to be impacted are soy and corn. In south India, a major cash crop, coffee, which is extremely sensitive to temperature variations, is expected to suffer unduly thanks to these weather-related anomalies. These developments on the agricultural front can wreak havoc in the form of sudden spike in food prices and cause unexpected financial

turbulence for the farming community that is already facing multiple diffi-

The economy would eventually suffer the ripple effects of the agrarian crisis, the adverse impact of climate change, coupled with setbacks on account of COVID-19.

The latest Mckinsey Global Institute (MGI) report has presented unsettling facts that point towards dwindling economic prosperity due to the havoc unleashed by climate change. The report states that there is a risk of \$200 billion to India's GDP by 2030 due to a sharp reduction in outdoor working hours triggered by the increase in ambient temperatures. What are currently considered as unsafe outdoor temperatures to work in will increase by a whopping 15 per cent by 2030, directly impacting productivity and eventually the per capita income of the nation. This is because outdoor work has immense relevance for the economy. As of 2017, it contributed to nearly 50 per cent of the GDP. It drives 30 per cent of the GDP growth and



ensures employment for nearly 75 per cent of the labour force or nearly 380 million people in India. Hence, climate change-driven spike in temperatures can put up to 2.5 to 4.5 per cent of the GDP at risk.

In fact, it is estimated by the MGI report that nearly 160 to 200 million people bear a clear five per cent possibility of being exposed to lethal or fatal heatwaves as early as 2030. As temperatures rise, so do the costs of air conditioning. It is estimated that by 2030, a massive \$110 billion would be required as capital costs for improving the air conditioning infrastructure. Urgent remedial measures are needed to avert much of the problems before 2030. Although some situations have surpassed the stage of remedy, all is not lost yet. The authorities must have concerted plans in place that are able to mitigate the forthcoming threats. Gradually shifting of outdoor working hours coupled with movement of capital and labour out of the designated high temperature hotspots will go a long way in reducing the adverse economic impact that is being predicted. Moreover, all the current ongoing

infrastructure and developmental projects must have a critical component of climate change adaptation consideration built into them. This sensitivity will reduce the carbon footprint of these projects and will in turn help avert extreme outcomes in the form of spiraling heat output signatures.

Yet another aspect that needs urgent attention while in the pursuit of ensuring a safe climate for the future is the state of our energy supplies. The

average hydel power plant dams that are currently operational in the country are decades old and the constant exposure to the elements, not to mention the ever-present interaction with water, is taking a toll on their structure. The future presents a scenario where rising temperature would mean more melting snows and glaciers, which in turn would increase the water load on these dams. An immediate assessment is required as to how these ageing concrete structures would hold up to this increased onslaught of water and still deliver. This is essential because the need for gradual decommissioning of the coal-fired power plants can no longer be a long-term strategy but is in fact a short-term urgent requirement if the erratic temperatures need to be reined in before 2030. Erratic temperatures are here to stay. But before they deliver the fatal blow, India has to respond decisively with effective counter-measures in order to protect lives and livelihoods.

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NO SUSTAINABLE TOURISM STILL

Though development along the Lakeside was regulated till the 1990s, the chaotic transition to democracy was misused to construct right up to the banks of the lake in Nepal. The growth of water hyacinth indicated deterioration of water quality. The tourist destination has now slowly realised the urgency of seriously dealing with its self-destruction.

(*The Himalayan* editorial)

AHEAD OF BIDEN'S PRESIDENCY

China calls for reset of its troubled ties with US

called for a reset of its troubled ties with the US under the incoming administration of President-elect Joe Biden to rebuild mutual trust and end months of hostility between the world's two largest economies.

President Donald Trump's four-years in power is regarded as the worst phase in US-China relations as the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) headed by President Xi Jinping struggled to deal with Washington under an unpredictable American leader.

"The top priority is that both sides should work together to remove all kinds of disruptions and obstacles, and achieve a smooth transition in China-US relations," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said during a video meeting with business leaders from the US-China Business Council. "At the same time, based on

the direction of mutual benefits for our two peoples and countries, we need to strive to restart dialogue, return to the right track and rebuild trust in this next phase of relations," he was quoted as saying by the Hong Kong-based South China



Morning Post.

Trump, a Republican, pushed aggressively on all aspects of US-China ties, including with his relentless trade war, challenging China's military hold on the disputed South China Sea, its constant threats to Taiwan and branding coronavirus as 'China virus' after it emerged from Wuhan in December last year.

The Trump administration also lobbied hard with allies against Chinese telecoms giant Huawei, sanctioning Chinese officials over human rights abuses in Muslim-majority Xinjiang. Earlier this month, Biden, a Democrat, confirmed that he

moves" to lift the punitive tariffs that the Trump administration has imposed on imports of Chinese goods before a full review of the existing phase one trade deal and consultations with US allies, dampening China's hopes that it would be able to renegotiate the trade agreement with the new US administration.

A Write-up in official media here, however, say Biden's tenure could usher in a "buffering period" for already-tense China-

tunity for breakthroughs in resuming high-level communication and rebuilding mutual strategic trust between the two

Outlining his eagerly awaited China policy, Biden in a recent interview with The New York Times said that the "best China strategy" was to get all tra-ditional US allies in Asia and Europe "on the same page"; which will be his major priority "in the opening weeks" of his presidency.

Trump cementing death penalty legacy up to Biden inaugural

Chicago: As Donald Trump's presidency winds down, his Republican administration administration is throttling up the pace of federal executions despite a surge of coronavirus cases in prisons, announcing plans for five starting Thursday and concluding just days before the Jan 20 inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden. If the five go off as planned, it will make 13 exe-

resumed putting inmates to death after a 17-year hiatus and will cement Trump's legacy as the most prolific execution president in over 130 years. He'll leave office having executed about a quarter of all federal death-row prisoners, despite waning support for capital punishment among

cutions since July when the both Democrats and Republicans.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Attorney General William Barr defended the extension of executions into the post-election period, saying he'll likely schedule more before he departs the Justice Department. A Biden administration, he said, should keep it up.

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police were following a car car-

Iran says US 'got the message' on tense exchanges in Gulf

Tran said on Monday it was rioriof his behaviour in the Persian Gulf, after the top US Navy official in the region said his forces had in the region said his forces had reached a state of deterrence with Iran after months of regional attacks and seizures at

"We are happy that the other party has got the message and made its behaviour more respectful," Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh told reporters. He said the US military is the "main source of tension" in the region and that Iranian forces have always acted professionally.

'Unfortunately, the US has often had an unprofessional approach toward Iran's navy," he said.

He was responding to Vice Adm. Sam Paparo's remarks, delivered at a conference in Bahrain on Sunday.

Paparo, who oversees the Navy's 5th Fleet based in Bahrain, said the two sides had reached a state of "uneasy deterrence" and that he had a "healthy respect" for Iran's regular navy and the naval forces of its Revolutionary Guard.

Tensions remain high over the Islamic Republic's nuclear program after President Donald Trump withdrew the US from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers and imposed heavy sanctions on Iran.

The killing of Iran's top general in a US drone strike in Iraq in January pushed the two countries to the brink of war, with Iran responding with a missile attack on US forces.

Giuliani tests Covid positive

Washington: Rudy Giuliani, Trump, has tested positive for COVID-19, becoming the latest person in the US president's inner circle to be infected by the deadly virus.

Giuliani, 76, has been taken to the Medstar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington DC, according to US media reports.

The news of the former mayor of New York testing positive was first tweeted by President Trump on Sunday.

The president and his team have been criticised for shunning COVID-19 safety guidance. Trump, 74, was tested positive in October.

Trump, a Republican, who is yet to concede defeat in the November 3 presidential election, tweeted: "Get better soon Rudy, we will carry on!"

Giuliani has been leading the Trump campaign's legal challenges to the 2020 election won by former vice president Joe Biden, a Democrat.

In a tweet, Giuliani thanked well-wishers for their messages, and said he was "recovering quickly". Giuliani is considered at high risk for complications from the coronavirus due to his age, CNN reported.

Hong Kong police arrest 8 over university protest

Hong Kong: Hong Kong authorities on Monday arrested eight people in connection with an unauthorised protest at a university campus last month, police and local media said, amid a widening crackdown on dissent in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

The arrests were reportedly made in relation to a demonstration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in which over 100 people protested a decision to hold graduation ceremonies online. Such ceremonies are often used as a way for students to express political views.

Some protesters had called for Hong Kong's independence, and held up signs that read

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'Liberate Hong Revolution of our times," which are considered to have secessionist notions and are outlawed under the city's national security law.

Police said they arrested eight people for an unauthorized protest and inciting secession, but did not specify who they were or whether the

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arrests were related to the university protest.

Arthur Yeung, a graduate from the university who also ran in the city's district council elections last year, is suspected to be among those arrested. A post on Yeung's Facebook page said he was arrested at his home on Monday morning.
Two district councillors,

Isaac Lee and Eason Chan, were also arrested, according to posts on their respective Facebook pages. The eight arrested are currently being investigated by national security officers, according to local newspaper South China Morning Post, which cited unnamed sources.

Venezuelans wait for results from boycotted congress vote

AP ■ CARACAS

Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro's socialist party was poised to gain control of the National Assembly, the country's last major independent institution, in congressional elections boycotted by the main opposition coali-

Official results had not yet been released by late Sunday night, but analysts they say are a near-foregone conclusion with the vote largely shunned by rival candidates and declared a sham by the US European Union and several other nations.

former US envoy to the United Nations, on Monday opposed President-elect Joe Biden's plan Members of the Iranian parliadeal, saying the Trump administration's sanctions on Tehran deprived the regime of the money it needed to harm

The Iran deal is only as reliable & trustworthy as the partner who signs the agreement & Iran is neither of those.

um, sponsor terrorists & call for Israel & America's destruction.

New York Times, Presidentelect Joe Biden had expressed his desire to rejoin the Iranian nuclear deal, which was one of the key foreign policy accomplishments of the previous Obama Administration. PTI

Defenders Front, early Monday morning. police with guns and swords, threatening the officers' safety,

he said. "The officers then took firm and measured action so that six died from the group of 10 people," he said at a news conference. He did not give further details of the violence.

An official of the Islamic Defenders Front, Ahmad

kill 6 supporters of firebrand cleric Jakarta: Indonesian police Shabri Lubis, gave a different account, saying that Shihab and his family were heading to

followers of a firebrand cleric who returned last month from a place to deliver a sermon and that guards traveling with them a 3-year exile in Saudi Arabia after criminal charges against had been shot. him were dropped, officials said, prompting fears of more "On their way to the sermon location, the group was intercepted by unknown peo-Jakarta Police Chief ple that we strongly believed Muhammad Fadil Imran said were part of an operational

Indonesian police

rying 10 supporters of Rizieq Those unknown people Shihab, the leader of the Islamic stopped and did the shooting of the family guards," Lubis said in a statement. The followers attacked the Imran said police had been

group to stalk and harm him.

scheduled to interrogate Shihab on Monday morning over an alleged violation of coronavirus health regulations during his daughter's wedding reception on November 14, and they had received information about plans for a mass mobilization of his supporters at Jakarta police headquarters during his

questioning.



Romania's Opposition Social Democrats win national polls

AP ■ BUCHAREST

 $R^{
m omania's}$ opposition Social Democrats have taken a surprise lead over the governing National Liberals after a parliamentary election but appear less likely to emerge on top in what promises to be prolonged post-election wrangling to form a new coalition government.

With 95 per cent of ballots counted Monday, the pop-

ulist, corruption-prone and fiscally reckless Social Democrat Party (PSD) had around 30 per cent of the vote, with the reformist centerright National Liberal Party trailing them by about 5 per

The progressive USR-Plus alliance, which has pledged not to be part of any Social Democrat-led government, won about 15 per cent of the

Australia bushfires killed or harmed more than 60,000 **Koalas: Report**

Sydney: More than 60,000 koalas were killed, injured or displaced in Australian bushfires last summer, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has estimated, in what it called a deeply disturbing number for a species already in trouble.

Last summer's bushfires, which Prime Minister Scott Morrison has dubbed Australia's "black summer", also killed 33 people and razed over 24 million hectares (59 million acres) in the country.

Nearly 3 billion native animals would have been in the path of the bushfires, the WWF Éven before the fires, koala habitats had

been in rapid decline due to land clearing for agriculture, urban development, mining and A 2016 report by a panel of koala experts

had put the koala population in Australia at 329,000 but there have been bushfires annually since then, reducing the number further. "That (60,000 figure) is a devastating num-

ber for a species that was already sliding towards extinction in Eastern Australia. We cannot afford to lose koalas on our watch," WWF-Australia Chief Executive Dermot O'Gorman said in the report. South Australia's Kangaroo Island was the

worst-hit area for koalas, with some 40,000 koalas impacted by the fires, the WWF said. Nearly 11,000 in Victoria and 8,000 in New South Wales (NSW) were also affected. A NSW parliamentary inquiry in June con-

cluded after a year-long inquiry that koalas in the state could become extinct by 2050 unless the government immediately intervened to protect them and their habitat.

The WWF aims to double the number of koalas in eastern Australia by 2050. The plan includes a trial of drones to disperse seeds of eucalyptus trees which provide both food and shelter for koalas, and the establishment of a

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whith reference in this office tender holds delevation, dated of 1.12.2020 issued for the work of "Hiring of full body Truck (Carrying capacity-9T) at Coach Care Centre, Delhi Sarai Rohilla for two years, following changes have been made in the Tender Notice Clause 1 of The contractor shall provide The contractor shall provide road worthy total 2 nos. trucks of Tata/Ashok Layland/Eicher/ road worthy total 1 no. truck of Tata/Ashok Layland/Eicher/ Mahindra or other similar make,

NORTHERN RAILWAY

1st CORRIGENDUM

With reference to this office tender notice of even no. dated 01.12.2020 issued fo

Coach Care Centre, New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin.

work (page 21 of 34 of Tender

Janasanyog No. CF/3091/20

Others terms and conditions will remain same No. 197-S/185/Hiring-Truck/DEE/20/MC-IV Date: 04.12.2020

Mahindra or other similar make,

of 9 Ton carrying capacity for

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE



General Public is hereby informed that one lady Namely: Sangeeta, D/o: Unknown, W/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 35 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue Colour Suit and Salwar has been found on 08.11.2020 in JJ Colony Bawana, Delhi where she was roaming in PS Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 70A, Dated 08.11.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the

missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing lady please inform the undersigned Web-site: http://cbi.nic.in

E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi Ph.: 011-27787592, 27787593 & 70650324 DP/632/ON/2020

HALEY OPPOSES BIDEN'S PLAN **TO REJOIN IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL**

Washington: Nikki Haley, the Iran continues to enrich urani-

American military.

America," Haley tweeted.

In an interview to The

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely Khushi Aggarwal @ Gauri, D/o Shri Prabhat Aggarwal, R/o H. No. 160, Gali No. 1, Gopalpur, Village Timarpur, Delhi, Age: 18 years 1 month, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Unknown, Identification: Cut Mark on right hand has been missing from her home since 26.11.2020 at 1.30 pm. In this regard a DD No. 54A, dated 26.11.2020 has been registered at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi.

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in Ph.: 011-24368638,24368641 Fax: 011-24368639

P.S. Timarpur, New Delhi Ph.: 011-23812734, 23814421

Appeal for Identification

In this regard DD No. 9, U/s-174 CrPC, Dated 03.12.2020 has

been lodged at Police Station, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Any clue



DP/778/N/2020

from Amritsar on 03.12.2020.

DP/764/N/2020

General public is hereby informed that one person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: Approx. 25 Years, Height: 5'8", Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Lean, Hair: Long, Tattoo: Written "Bebe Bapu" in Punjabi, "MOTA" & "FATHE" in English and design of Pistol and two cartridges all on right forearm. Wearing: White vest and blue jeans. Blue sweat shirt was lying near the dead boy, Place of Recovery: Found dead in sleeper bus with Registration No. JK 02 CL 8880. Bus reached at ISBT Kashmere Gate, Delhi

come to notice please inform undersign. P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi fund to encourage landowners to create koala Ph.: 011-23967889, 23968730

Markets maintain record run on vaccine progress

FINANCE, FMCG STOCKS SPURT

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Domestic equity indices sprinted to fresh lifetime highs on Monday as investor sentiment got a lift after Pfizer and Serum Institute applied for emergency use authorisation for their COVID-19 vaccines in

Robust buying in finance, FMCG and banking counters offset weak global cues and a depreciating rupee.

Rising for the third straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex soared 347.42 points or 0.77 per cent to its fresh closing peak of 45,426.97, after touching a record intra-day level of 45,458.92.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 97.20 points or 0.73 per cent to an all-time closing high of 13,355.75. It touched its record intra-day peak of 13,366.65 in early trade. The Nifty has now made fresh lifetime highs for five straight

Hindustan Unilever (HUL) was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, jumping 3.09 per cent, followed by Bharti Airtel, HDFC, ITC, ÍndusInd Bank, SBI, Sun Pharma, ONGC, Tech Mahindra, L&T and ICICI Bank.

On the other hand, Kotak Bank, Nestle India, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance and HDFC Bank

were among the laggards, dropping up to 1.37 per cent.
Vaccine major Serum Institute of India (SII) on Monday said it has applied to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for emergency use authorisation for the AstraZeneca-Oxford the AstraZeneca-Oxford COVID-19 vaccine in the

Earlier on Saturday, the Indian arm of US pharmaceutical giant Pfizer became the first company to seek a similar approval from India's drug regulator for its coronavirus vaccine in the country, after securing such clearance in the UK and Bahrain

"News of progress in the COVID vaccine and healthy inflows by FIIs helped markets to continue the upward trend... We are seeing buying interest emerging on every dip, thanks to rotational participants across the sectors. "Technically, Nifty could face a hurdle around 13,450. The stock-specific trading approach is yielding decent returns so far and we suggest continuing with the same. Also, keep a close watch on global markets and upcoming domestic macro data for cues," said Ajit Mishra, VP Research, Religare Broking.BSE telecom, FMCG, healthcare, oil and gas, industrials, teck and capital goods indices climbed up to 2.78 per cent, while consumer durables and realty closed with losses. Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices rallied up to 1.30 per.

Rupee drops by 10 paise to

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US dollar

The rupee dropped by 10 paise to settle at 73.90 against the US currency on Monday due to a rebound in the dollar in overseas markets following geopolitical

73.90 against

The dollar recovered from two-and-a-half-year low on Monday after reports that the US was preparing to impose sanctions on Chinese officials, increasing the risk of geopolitical tensions.

Concerns over a Brexit trade talks as the EU and the UK were still trying to address major differences to avoid a no-deal exit by yearend supported the dollar sentiment. At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit witnessed a volatile trading session. It opened at 73.79 and rose to an intra-day high of 73.70 in the first half.

The local unit, however, lost momentum and dropped to a low of 73.96 before closing at 73.90 a dollar, registering a decline of 10 paise over its previous close

Growing up in India made me build inclusive digital economy, says Pichai

IANS I NEW DELHI

Alphabet and Google CEO Sundar Pichai on Monday stressed that growing up in India amid poor access to a computer or a phone set him on a course to build a more inclusive global digital economy and empower the next billion people.

Speaking at the Singapore FinTech Festival, Pichai said that the question of inclusion and opportunity is

deeply personal to him.
"Growing up in India, I didn't have much access to a computer, or a phone. To make a call, I had to wait in long lines to use a shared phone with everyone else.

"So when our family finally got our first rotary phone, it changed our lives for the better, and it set me on a course to help bring technology to more people around the world," he emphasised.

He said the digital inclusion can be achieved first by accelerating progress in closing the digital divide, which means expanding connectivity, financial inclusion, and digital skills.

"Second, by deepening partnerships between governments and business, which means building on the new collaborations we've seen during Covid," he said.

Pichai mentioned how Google Pay is helping India bridge the digital divide.

The company launched Google Tez, now Google Pay in India in 2017.

"At the time, my home country was still largely a cashbased society. Since then, digital payments services have helped reshape how transactions are made. They've increased financial inclusion by making payments simple and seamless for over a hundred million Indians," Pichai

"People are using Google Pay to do everything from send money home to their families and split the check for dinner. Kirana store owners are using it to pay their business expenses, as well as receive pay-ments from their loyal customers". People in India complete more than three billion digital transactions a month, two thirds of which are taking place outside India's biggest

Digital payment transactions across Southeast Asia are set to almost double to \$1.2 trillion by 2025.

Markets, transport services to remain open on Tuesday: CAIT, AITWA

Traders' body CAIT and the All India Transporters Welfare Association on Monday said markets across the country including in Delhi will remain open on Tuesday and transport services will also remain operative, notwithstanding the "Bharat-Bandh" call given by protesting

Thousands of farmers protesting against the Centre's new agri laws for the past 11 days here have called on people to join their "Bharat Bandh" or nation-wide shutdown call on Tuesday in large numbers.

Issuing a joint statement, the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) and All India Transporters Welfare Association (AITWA) said traders and transporters will not be participating in the Bharat Bandh called on December 8. "Commercial markets

across the country will remain open and business activities will take place as usual whereas the transport services will also remain operative on December 8," the joint statement said.

CAIT President B C

Bhartia, Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal and Pradeep Singal and Mahendra Arya, Chairman and President of AITWA respectively, stated that so far no farmer organisation or farmer leaders have approached them seeking support for "Bharat Bandh".

Trade unions lend moral support to farmers' call for 'Bharat Bandh'

New Delhi: A joint platform of ten central trade unions has extended its moral support to the 'Bharat Bandh' call by farmer organisations on Tuesday. The unions would not go on strike or abstain from work but support the farmers' agitation. They would wear black batches while on duty, stage protest after or before working hours and also hold rallies after or before their

work schedules. The unions went on a nationwide strike on November 26 to protest against the recently

passed labour codes as well as farm laws, among other issues.nd Mazdoor Sabha Harbhajan Singh Sidhu told PTI that the joint forum would extend moral support to the farmers' agitation but would not go on strike because a notice is required to be served for the purpose. However, he said the members of the ten central trade unions would wear black badges, stage protest peacefully and also hold rallies after or before their work schedule.

Jet Airways may resume operations next year: Jalan-Kalrock consortium

The consortium of UAE-I based businessman Murari Lal Jalan and London's Kalrock Capital - which has won the bid to revive Jet Airways - on Monday said it expects to start operating the airline by the summer of 2021.

The consortium is awaiting the NCLT and other regulatory approvals, including

reinstatement of slots and bilateral traffic rights by the civil aviation ministry and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).It is also planning to launch dedicated freighter services once the carrier takes off the ground again. The committee of creditors (CoC) has already approved the airline's revival plan submitted by the con-

sortium in October.

VP to inaugurate largest global entrepreneurship summit today

IANS HYDERABAD

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu will on Tuesday inaugurate the world's largest entrepreneurship summit being organised by The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE).

To be held virtually, the event will continue till December 10, non-stop for 60 hours across global time zones.

TiE, the world's largest network of successful entrepreneurs and professionals, will be hosting the 'TiE Global Summit 2020' through an online platform due to Čovid-19 pandemic as there are travtions the world over.

The summit will focus on issues faced and challenged by entrepreneurs, provide a platform for funding, insights into strategies to grow and scale business with focus on new start-up ideas, investments in

Northern Railways

Travel Advisory to

In view of revised timings

of some train services

 D^{ue} to operational reasons, the timings / stoppages of

some trains have been revised

from 01.12.2020 and onwards.

Therefore, rail passengers are

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(or) National Train Enquiry

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IRCTC website (or) approach-

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of rail passengers so as to

ensure a safe and hassle free rail

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start-ups, pitching tactics to help start-ups attract b2b and b2c businesses and scaling strategies to grow their business

According to organisers, this is the world's largest entrepreneurs summit ever held. It is expected to have 50,000 attendees.

The registrations have already crossed 32,000.

The summit will be attend-

ed by over 200 global investors who have potential ability to invest about \$250 to \$500 million to fund the most suitable entrepreneurs.

Union Road Transport Gadkari, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejirwal, Telangana's IT and Industry Minister K.T. Rama Rao and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will address the inau-

Maha parinirvan divas of Bharat Ratna BR Ambedkar observed in metro railway



Kolkata: The Mahaparinirvan Divas of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. of Departments, other officers Ambedkar was observed in and staff of Metro Railway 07.12.2020 instead of 6th December as that date was a closed holiday.In this connection, Shri Manoj Joshi, General Manager, Metro Railway paid homage to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, architect of our Constitution by garlanding his photograph at

Parul

P.S. Samaypur Badli, Delhi. Ph. No. 011-27854757, 27854799

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Name: Parul, Gender: Female, Age: 23 years, Height:

5'3", Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Built: Normal.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing lady

Wearing: Red colour suit-salwar and slippers on her feet.

General public is hereby informed that a

lady namely Parul, D/o Deshpal R/o

H.No. 485, Gali No. 12, Jeewan Park,

Siraspur, Delhi has been missing since

06.08.2020 from her house. In this

regard, DD No. 52-A dated 07.08.2020

has been registered at P.S. Samaypur

Badli, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been

made by the local police to trace out the

missing lady but no clue has come to

light so far. The description of the

kindly inform SHO/Samaypur Badli, Delhi.

missing lady is as under:

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641

Fax: 011-24368639

DP/630/ON/2020

Metro Rail Bhavan in a solemn function today. Principal Heads Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by garlanding and offering floral tributes to him.

All Metro staff and officers fondly remembered the works of Babasaheb and his outstanding contribution for the cause of the society

clue has come to light so far.

kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in

011-23015218

Fax: 011-230111334

Ph.: 011-23014046

Foreign fund inflows lift key equity indices, financial stocks rise

Mumbai: Healthy foreign fund inflows, along with strong buying support for the financial sector stocks as well as positive global cues, lifted the key Indian equity indices on Monday.Both the two key indices '-- NSE Nifty50 and S&P BSE Sensex -- reached new record intra-day highs. The S&P BSE Sensex rouched a record intra-day high of 45,458.92 points, while the Nifty50 on the National Stock Exchange touched new reord high of 13,366.65 points.

Furthermore, the Indian markets received healthy foreign inflows of Rs 3,792.06 crore.Buying was witnessed in media, PSU bank, pharma, infra and FMCG stocks

However, global shares fell on Monday as growing risks of a no-deal Brexit that hit the pound hard and fresh Sino-US tensions led traders to take profits from higher levels in

General public is hereby informed that

one girl namely Chandni D/o Ganesh

R/o House No. 75, Kishore Jaat Ka

Makan, Near Pancham Halwai Wali

Gali, Village-Badli, Delhi. Age: 16 yrs,

Height: 4'6", complexion shallow, face

round, strong build. Wearing light green

T-shrit & coat and hawai chapple in feet is

missing since 15.11.2020 from her house.

P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi

Ph.: 011-27854757, 27854799

unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **Jitender** S/o **Munna** residence is

unknown about 35 years of age was found

unconscious/ill condition near B Block Mahavii

Mandir in the area of PS Geeta Colony, Delhi or

25.11.2020. He got admitted to Rajan Babu TB

Hospital, Kingsway Camp Delhi. During the treatment Doctors declared him dead. In this

S.H.O.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

In this regard a FIR No. 777/2020 dated: 17.11.2020 U/s 363

IPC has been registered at PS Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Sincere

efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl, but no

Any person having any information or clue about this girl may

Visually impaired's talent on display at Medha 2020

New Delhi: The National Association for the Blind-Delhi (NAB-Delhi) and Golden Shine Cultural Welfare Trust jointly organised MEDHA 2020, an event showcasing talents of visually impaired, along with national awards ceremony to commemorate World Disability Day 2020. "We are very pleased to part-ner with NAB and Golden

Shine in furthering their endeavour in building awareness, education and sustainability movement towards a world inclusive and accessible for and with persons with disabilities," said Sumi Gupta, director, TATSAT Foundation.

Notice Inviting e-Tender No. SSA/Esstt/EPB - III-IV/357/2020/3218

Date: 05.12.2020 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam (Samagra Shiksha) invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed exercise book manufacturers for the supply of Evaluation and Practice Books for class -III&IV (Single Line, Plain and Square Line).

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in by

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/ scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed

Sd/-Executive Director, SSA, Assam

NORTHERN RAILWAY

No.: CIID/DLI/Stacking/Tender/2018 The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-tender for the contract of Management of Stacking of Parcels at Delhi Junction Railway Station (PF 20 outward Parcel Godown and Machchi Godown) for three years. The details are as unde Tender Opening Date: 08/01/2021

S.		Station category	Type of work	Total Area (in sq. Mtr)	Advertised Value/Reserve price for one (1) Year (in Rs.)	Total Reserve price for Three (3) years (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Tender cost including GST @ 18% (in Rs.)	Tender No.
1	Delhi Junction Railway Station (PF 20 outward Parcel Godown and Machchi Godown)	A-1	Management of Stacking of Parcels at Delhi Junction Railway Station (PF 20 outward Parcel Godown and Machchi Godown)	2909.02	2,03,77,686	6,11,33,058	12,22,700	11,800	CIID- Stckng- DLI- PF20- Dec20

nterested bidders may please visit official website for E-tendering i.e. <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> for further details and submitting the tender nnortant Note:-Bidders who wish to participate in the e-tendering will have to procure class-3 valid Digital Security Certificate (DSC) as

per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can procure this certificate from any of the certifying authority of Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA). Government of India. Details of certifying authorities can be obtained from www.cca.gov.in. The bidder has to register (if not registered earlier) with www.ireps.gov.in using DSC to participate in tender process

Detailed procedure for registration, system requirements and bidding are also available on <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u>.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR Telefax :- 0194-2496089, Email Id:- xenmhchdk@yahoo.in

Gist of e-tender NIT No: MHCHD/TS/2020-21/215/e-tendering Dated: 05.12.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor, J&K State e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from Valid A class civil contractors registered under Govt. departments/ Registered company already registered under relevant Companies act for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work: Construction of Sump Cum Pump House for Fire Fighting System at Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs) :- 55.76

Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees) :- 2000 Earnest Money (in Lacs of Rs):- 1.11 Time of completion (in Days):-60 Position of AAA/funds:-Available

1. Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from 07-12-2020 (18.00 hrs) downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 07-12-2020(18.00 hrs). 2. Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web

site from 08-12-2020 (10.00 hrs) to 16-12-2020 (15:00 hrs) in two (02) covers. 3. Opening of Bids:- The bids received up to due date and time shall be opened on

17-12-2020 at 15.00 hrs or any other date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar. Sd/- Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar No. DIPK-10066/20 Dated:-07.12.2020

DP/293/SHD/2020

in the Sabji Mandi Mortuary for Identification

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers

Police Station Geeta Colony Delhi. Dead Body of deceased is kepi

P.S. Geeta Colony, Delhi Ph.: 011-22506665,22508164

His physical description is as under:-Sex: Male, Age: 35 years, Height: 5'6" ft., Complexion: Shallow Built: Thin, Wearing: Black Colour Hyneck and Back Colour Jersi Black Colour Jacket and White Colour Payjama.

Mob. No- 7065036026

SEARCH FOR MISSING APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION General Public is hereby informed that a

SHO



person namely Firoz Khan, S/o Sh. Nawab Ahmed, R/o H.No 1851, Gali Pattey wali, Suiwalan, Delhi, Age: 38 vears, Built: Thin, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: Grey colour jersey/sweater and blue colour jeans pant, slipper in his feet has been missing from his home since 18.11.2020 about 06.00 am. In this regard a DD No. 38A, dated 01.12.2020 has been registered at P.S. Chandn Mahal, Delhi.

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in Ph.: 011-24368638,24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/530/CD/2020

P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi Ph.: 011-23279338/23271751 8750870423

regard a DD No. 32-A, dated 04.12.2020 has been registered at

Chiari

Kidney&Covid

Chronic kidney disease is the leading risk factor for hospitalisation from Covid-19, says a study of electronic health records. The researchers analysed the records for association between specific clinical conditions, including kidney, cardiovascular, respiratory and metabolic conditions, and Covid-19 hospitalisation. Overall, chronic kidney disease was most strongly associated with hospitalisation



DOCYARD DR SMITA KAPOOR GROVER

Consultant Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

VISION EYE CENTRES, NEW DELHI



Watch out for kid eyes



Eyes are a window to the world and any damage to or weak-ening of these vital structures especially at a young age can determine the difference between a life of normalcy and fulfillment and a lifetime of misery and dependence. From the time of birth to early childhood and adolescence, eye care for children must be a special focus of families and paediatricians. Yet, India has the dubious distinction of not only having the largest number of blind in the world, but also possibly the largest number of blind children with estimates ranging between 1.6 to 2 million. Although blindness in children is a reflection of general health and nutritional deficiencies, there are many eye-related conditions arising either congenitally or due to complications during birth that lead to a child turning blind.

Traditionally, corneal clouding and scarring were considered the most common causes of childhood blindness in India. Studies in the early 2000s concluded that refractive errors constituted the biggest cause of childhood blindness followed by retinal degenerations, corneal opacities, congenital eye anomalies and amblyopia in that order. More importantly, it was treatable refractive error that constituted one-third of the cases of blindness among children. One-sixth cases were due to preventable causes such as Vitamin A deficiency and amblyopia post-cataract

The remaining cases of childhood blindness were found to be a result of congenital eye anomalies and retinal degeneration.

Another study has found

uncoordinated or hypermetropia.

Although there is no treatcross eyes at birth. parents must visit a can be staved on. Were times, introduction of corrective glass-

It is known that children have myopia to be the cause of one-third of refractive error cases followed by astigmatism and

This is because it ment yet available for generelated ocular conditions such takes time for as microphthalmos and anophcoordination thalmos which lead to blindbetween eyes to errors can indeed be treated develop. However, and therefore any possible if it is persistent, blindness on account of them can be staved off. Mere timely paediatric es or lenses for children ophthalmologist depending on the degree of severity can go a long way in preventing blindness among

nearly one-third of children impacted. Similarly, nutritional blindness among children can be averted by timely administration of Vitamin A doses to children according to their age.

Deficiency of Vitamin A can lead to a range of eye conditions: from xerophthalmia (incapacity to produce tears) leading to severe dryness of the cornea and conjunctiva and nyctalopia (night blindness) to keratomalacia (clouding and softening of the cornea) which can lead to corneal rupture and permanent blindness. Congenital cataract can cause blindness but this can be prevented if treatment is undertaken at an early stage. After surgical removal of cataract, use of spectacles and patching can reverse the amblyopia.

Given the enormity of the problem, blindness among chil dren can be addressed at the following levels

First, at the family level, parents must be able to identify early signs of a disorder in the eye. It is known that children have uncoordinated eyes or cross eyes at birth. This is because it takes time for coordination between eyes to develop. However, if there is persistence of cross eyes, parents must visit a paediatric ophthalmologist. Cross eyes can be corrected by spectacles, exercises or surgery. In terms of preventive treatment, timely Vitamin A supplements should be administered to children as well as moth ers post-delivery and children should be immunised against measles. Food rich in Vitamin A, leafy vegetables and milk must be consumed. Also, it is better to avoid any home treatment without consulting an ophthalmologist.

WARMFOODS

PARNSNIPS: The Parnsnip is a root vegetable closely related to carrots. It contains high levels of minerals like potassium, calcium, magnesium, manganese,

phosphorous, zinc, and iron. They have an impressive range of vitamins, including

folate, thiamin, pantothenic acid, Vitamin B6, C, E, and K. They also have high levels of fiber, water, and protein.

tant health benefits of parsnips include their ability improve heart health, enhance

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and boost the immune system.

Parsnips also enhance vision,

ed with other roast vegetables digestion, reduce boiled and birth defects, aid in weight loss, mashed with carrots and

to braises or stews; use in stir fries, salads, pies, soups, soufflés. Parsnips can be includ-

parsnip cake is similar in tex-

ture to carrot cake

promote growth, boost oral

and skin health, prevent dia-

betes and cancer, as well as

drates, sodium, and calories.

They also contain poly-acety-

lene antioxidants such as fal-

carinol, falcarindiol, panaxadi-

chips or wedges; chop and add

Parsnips make delicious

ol, and methyl-falcarindiol.

They have low carbohy-

strengthen brain health.

liquids.

of UTI.

malformation is one of the rare birth defects and reports suggest that its prevalence is only in one in a thousand births in the last decade. DR SK RAJAN tells you the symptoms to look out for and the treatment

egardless of the cause, conegardless of the cause, congenital disorders or commonly known as birth defects usually result in disabilities which may affect physically, intellectually or cause developmental delays. While such complications may hamper the quality of life of the child for life-long, timely intervention may help in timely intervention may help in curbing down the symptomatic complications and improve the functional outcomes.

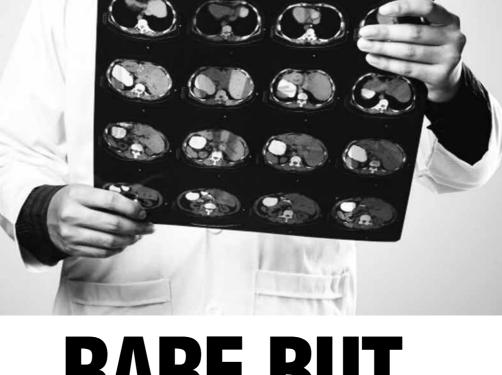
Chiari Malformation is one such defect which is majorly a congenital defect which may or may not present its symptoms until early teenage. It is a structural defect in the cerebellum part (which is responsible for controlling body balance), where the brain tissues extend into the spinal canal abnormally. This defect usually triggers its progression from the fetal development stage.

While the majority of the cases of Chiari malformation occurs during fetal development, only in a few cases the condition may be acquired at later stages of life when excessive amounts of cerebrospinal fluid may drain out due to some reason (injury/infection

Attributing to a plethora of reasons including genetic mutation, improper diet during pregnancy by the mother due to lack of essential nutrients, trauma during pregtoxic substance etc, the bony space at the base of the skull remains abnormally small. This in turn exerts pressure on the cerebellum blocking the flow of the CFS which surrounds and helps in protecting the brain and spinal cord

Prevalence and identification This condition is considered to be one of the rare birth defects, and

various reports suggest that its prevalence is only one in a thousand births in the last decade. But with advancement in technology and diagnostic imaging techniques, the condition may have been under-reported. In most of the congenital cases, the new born do not have any visible symptoms or the symptoms become prominent



RARE BUT

around their adolescence, which make the exact estimation of this defect extremely difficult. For sporadic reasons, this defect is known to affect females more than male.

This complication can be lassified into four categories:

Type I: The prevalence of this type of malformation is the most common among children, where only the lower part of the cerebellum (excluding the brainstem) extends into the opening at the base of the skull, which usually has opening only for the spinal cord. This is the only type which can be acquired.

Type II: This type is usually a consequence in children born with spina bifida (split spine defect). Also known as the classic Chiari Malformation, in this both, the cerebellum and the brain stem extend into the opening.

rare case, is the most serious form, as it involves herniation and protrusion of the cerebellum and the brain stem into the opening which has a great potential to cause severe neurological defects.

Type IV: Being the rarest of all the other types, this type of malformation involves an incomplete/ underdeveloped cerebellum and is sometimes associated with exposed parts of the skull.

While birth defect in the spine (spina bifida) is a common reason, yet other conditions associated with the Chiari Malformation can be excessive build-up of the cerebrospinal fluid(hydrocephalus), cyst development in the central canal of the spinal cord mation, the treating doctors

(syringomyelia), disorder in the spine which is progressive that leads to the attachment of spinal cord to the bony spine, or other spinal curvature deformities like

Depending upon the type and severity of the malformation, the symptoms may vary from person to person. While some may be present with no symptoms until late adulthood, others may have persistent symptoms in the early child-hood itself.

Symptoms:

The most common symptoms include:

- Complications with body balancing and coordination
- Poor vision
- Mild to severe episodes of headaches ■ Weakness in the muscles and

numbness

suffering from this condition do not even know until the malformation is diagnosed accidentally. But in its severe form the patient may undergo severe pain in the lower back of the head connecting to the

neck. This intensifying pain trig-

gers with any activity that exerts

pressure in the brain such as sneezing or coughing. Unlike Type I, congenital patients with Type II develop excess CSF accumulation which causes debilitating pain during bending, coughing or sneezing, constipated bowel movement, or

Is it treatable? - Yes! Upon suspicion of the malfor-

strenuous physical activities.

involves inspecting the proper functioning of the spinal cord and cerebellum. If the person has proper and normal body balance, motor skills, sensation, reflexes, this condition may be ruled out for further diagnostics. On the contrary, other diagnostics like CT scan and MRI may be used to identify the condition with preci-

require physical examination to

confirm the condition which

If the symptoms are not persistent and do not hinder with the quality of life, then treatment may

not be necessary.
While surgery remains the last resort to correct the functional outcomes or curb down the progression of the damage rate to the nervous system, the surgery aims to relieve the pressure on the brain and spine, and re-establish

Various surgical interventions

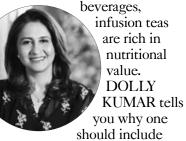
Decompression surgery of the brain stem opening — this procedure requires to surgically remove a minor portion from the bottom of the skull or spinal column to rectify the irregular structure, and creates additional space for the proper circulation of the CSF.

Spinal Laminectomy — In this procedure, a part of the arched bone roof In the spinal canal is removed to increase the canal size and reduce the pressure on the nerve roots and spinal cord.

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INFUSED WITH GOODNESS

Unlike other caffeine-laden



them in their routine

Apart from being popular as one of the country's leading exports, tea plays an integral role in Indian society. Our love for the beverage surpasses trade figures. For us, tea sets the tone for a hearty conversation. In fact, most of us begin our day with a cup of freshly brewed tea. After all, it gives us that refreshing zap of energy and much-needed warmth while hanging out with friends on a cold day.

However, various studies also link the consumption of highly caffeinated drinks with several unwanted health concerns. So, how to turn your tea into a cup of holistic

Well, let's take you into the amazing world of infusion teas. An infusion tea is obtained by steeping

An infusion tea is obtained by steeping flowers, fruits, spices, roots, and leaves of a particular plant in hot or cold water to extract its beneficial properties and aromas. They are a tasty and healthy spin to your regular tea and wholesome to incorporate into your deily life. into your daily life.

Fresh brew infusions or tea blends are for individuals who want to improve their health organically. Unlike other caffeineladen beverages such as coffee, infusion teas are caffeine-free and rich in nutritional value. Infusions have multiple health benefits that can help with pain reduction, relaxation, improved digestion, a stronger immune system, among others. Here is how these infusions help you:

Sleep inducer and helps against insomnia: We know that a high intake of caffeine is bad, especially before bed, as the caffeine content makes your mind wide awake when your body seeks some rest. So what can we substitute as our bedtime drink to get a sound sleep? Rose infusion is the answer. It has a delicate flavor and alluring aroma and has been used for peace and relaxation since time immemorial. Rose petals also contain flavonoids and anxiolytic compounds that induce sleep.

Soothing and relaxing properties: Chamomile tea finds its origin in ancient Egypt and Greece and is known for its healing properties. It is known to alleviate sleep problems, menstrual cramps, muscle twitches, sore stomach, as well as anxiety and stress. It has a sweet intoxicating fragrance with a light and earthy flavor. This makes it the perfect hot beverage after a long and

Helps in improving metabolism: The goal to lose weight, or say, staying fit stays on top of our minds. The good news is that you can accelerate your weight loss by drinking some of your favorite beverages. Instead of reaching for sugary sodas or dangerous weight loss pills, simply pour yourself a cup of infusion tea and sip your way to a robust metabolism, which is a key to overall well-being.

Helps strengthen immunity: Building immunity is a vital task, especially, during times like these when there is a heightened risk of illnesses. Most of the infusion teaspossess catechins and theaflavins, to some level. Both these components could help in fighting viruses on the cellular level, thereby strengthening immunity.

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Parent company of Gaia

DadiKaKehna

Urinary Tract Infection is common if one fails to drink plenty of water. However, women are more prone to such infection. ROSHANI DEVI shares easy home remedies that can help ease the pain and discomfort



rinary Tract Infection priority if you don't want to or UTI can be extremely painful and uncomfortable for people of all ages. The burning sensation while relieving yourself or frequent visits to the washroom, tised. You can carry a are all symptoms toilet seat sanitiser

Here are a few tips that can help to keep the infection at bay. Water is life:

Keeping yourself hydrated is the key to not inviting UTI. Drink plenty of water and other

Never skip your washroom break: As weird it may sound, but it is essential to respond to the Nature's call and relieve yourself at regular intervals. Do this on

catch this nasty infection. Maintain hygiene: Keep good care of hygiene, especially if you have to use public washrooms. Make sure the area is clean and sani-

causes infection.

Cranberries work by pre-

venting bacteria from

adhering to the urinary

tract, thus preventing infec-

tion. A glass a day can help.

your skin soft, supple, healthy& to be on the safe glowing. Fret not, be ready to com-Increase bat these winter skin issues with Vitamin C a tweak in your regular skincare intake: Vitamin

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et's welcome the change.

Let's welcome the Carry Though everybody prefers

cool & pleasant weather, win-

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some challenges like dullness,

itchiness, chapped lips and

parched skin. So, it is time to

take a little extra effort to keep

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er gels & soaps containing nat-

regime can help you welcome the season with a glowing skin pared to SLS which are milder

PLABITA SHARMA tells you how a tweak in your skincare

Welcome the change

Winters can be harsher than summers for your skin.

to opt for moisturiser that

Sun protection: Most of us are unaware that the winter UV rays are equally damaging as the summer sun. UVA is always present and can penetrate deeper into the skin damaging elastin & collagen resulting into premature ageing. Sunscreen is an important preventive healthy habit that should be maintained all the

year. Choose a sunscreen that provides broad-spectrum protection and has anti-ageing **Moisturising:** It is advised properties. Remember to re-

helps the skin to heal, hydrate and lock in the benefits. You may opt for moisturisers based on your skin type. If you have dry skin try rich cream or oil based whereas combination to oily skin can go for light weight gel based moisturisers. Ensure to always moisturise your skin to keep it healthy and fine line free. Opt for ingredients that has hyaluronic, glycerin or Vit E to form the skin protective barrier.

Lip care: Lip skin is very thin and delicate and is often the first sign to feel the weather change. To keep your lips smooth and plump look for soothing and healing ingredients like shea, Vit E, hemp and sunscreen. Avoid licking and peeling theskin with your teeth or finger. Instead scrub it off gently and apply balm or but-

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apply sunscreen every three-

four hours to help maintain an

feet: The skin on your hands &

feet has fewer oil glands mak-

ing the moisture to evaporate

quickly. Make sure to use a gen-

tle exfoliator and apply a mois-

turisers that heals & seals the

Care for your hands &

INBRIEF

onger working hours, additional household chores, ✓increased screen time and higher levels of stress and fatigue have been something that all of us have been trying to combat in the past few months. When coupled with a reduction in me-time, selfcare and moments of unwinding, this shift in our lifestyles has had an unhealthy effect on our skin.

Presenting OxyBlast, a seven step in-salon facial that is now available at home in the form of a DIY single use kit. Specifically designed to provide an instant solution to skin that has lost its radiance and glow. Available for just ₹300 on Nykaa and Amazon.

Benefits:

Oxygen for your skin: Backed by science, this one of a kind facial provides your skin with a 'blast' of oxygen to revitalise and regenerate the skin by boosting cellular function and giving you visible radiance The goodness of anti-oxidant

ingredients: The anti-oxidant ingredients help in protecting the skin from everyday aggressions pollution, UV-induced damages and oxidation, fruit enzymes exfoliate dead cells to reveal fresh radiant skin and Vitamin E hydrates and nourishes the skin while aloe vera powder help in soothing



Alia begins shoot for Rajamouli's RRR

Actor ALIA BHATT on Monday began shooting for her forthcoming multilingual, multistarrer

RRR, directed by **SS Rajamouli.**The *Baahubali* filmmaker on Monday retweeted a tweet originally posted by the film's official Twitter page to announce Alia joining the shoot. It reads, "A very warm welcome to our dearest #Sita, the supremely talented and beautiful @Aliaa08 on to the sets." In the film, Alia will play a character called Sita. The film stars actor Ajay Devgn, Telugu actors Ram Charan and Jr NTR in central roles.



'I am thrilled that our little labour of love, Shakeela is all set to release this Christmas. I am so excited

about the film in which I've worked with the talented, Richa Chadha. I have a beautiful role. I play an actor for the first time in my career. I have always wanted to play an actor on-screen and bring out the idiosyncrasies of artists on screen.'

—Pankaj Tripathi

Singer **ARMAAN** MALIK might collaborate soon with rapper DIVINE.

Armaan said, "I really love Divine. He is one

of the most phenomenal artistes in India. He is creating a hip-hop scene here, so I am really looking forward to doing a song with him. We have talked a bit in the recent past and have thought of collaborating. It's just about the right song now, so I am waiting for collaborating with him on an amazing song.

The young singer sees the win as "a step forward" in the journey that he's on.

Downey, Cheadle honour Boseman

Actor ROBERT DOWNEY JR and **DON CHEADLE** paid tribute to late Hollywood star and Marvel co-star Chadwick Boseman for his enduring legacy.

Black Panther star Boseman, who died in August after a fouryear battle with colon cancer at

43, posthumously received the Hero of the Ages honour at the 2020 MTV Movie & TV Awards.

> 'The moment you first saw him on screen or had the opportunity to meet him in person, his energy and intensity was undeniable, Downey Jr said. "There was

something special about Chadwick Boseman. He truly embodied what it meant to be a superhero," he

The right dose s the world awaits the vaccine for As the world awaits the vaccine for COVID-19, the unprecedented novel Coronavirus continues to rage on. While most lockdown restrictions have been lifted and the country has inched Consuming too much kadha may have adverse closer to normalcy, plethora of information on combatting the spread of the

effects. Experts say we must understand the strength of each ingredient and the frequency of its intake



lessness, he was pale and his hemoglobin levels were low. On investigating, it was noted that he was consuming four to five glasses of kadha on a daily basis, for the past five months." He added that, "The patient mentioned that his stools were black in colour for the last two months and that he believed that toxins were being excreted, as a result of the kadha. Hence the patient prolonged his visit to the hospital, till such time he felt excessive fatigue.'

While individuals continue to be inundated with social media messages

about homemade recipes or supplement marketers advocating vitamins and other immunity boosting alternatives, here's a reminder that there is no such magic pill or potion. Most often, these are offered to the family in a bid to safeguard them against COVID but what needs to be understood is that people react differently to it. As a rule of nature, anything consumed in the right manner and quantity will reap benefits. However, if consumed recklessly, it could be dangerous.

Profuse use, particularly by those who have comorbidities, patients who are on blood thinners or medications for chronic diseases, it could be dangerous, increasing the risk of bleeding tendency. Depending on the bleeding location, whether the brain or the intestine, the case criticality could range from normal to life threatening.

Consuming warm concoctions in excess could lead to side effects such as ulcers or superficial bleeding in the mouth. Condiments in homemade concoctions generate excessive heat in the body and could cause nose bleeding; it upsets the esophagus causing esophageal erosion, it also causes Gastro-Esophageal Reflux affecting digestion. When digestion is affected, this could potentially impact one's immunity.

Components in ingredients like turmeric and aloe vera, if used in

excess could harm the liver, which further increases the chance of being diagnosed with Jaundice. This may also cause bleeding in the organ which could lead to life threatening liver fail-

ure or injury.

Arsenic Album is another commonly used immunity booster. If used in limited and supervised quantities it could be beneficial to one's health; however, if used in excess it could harm the kidneys, liver or brain, at times leaving a patient unconscious due to arsenic toxicity and in need of critical

Excess Vitamin D increases the calcium content in the body leaving a person irritable and sometimes unconscious. Spike in blood and urine calcium levels due to high Vit-D levels causes nausea, dehydration, giddiness among other fluctuations. It is important to note that when consumed in small quantities and under medical guidance of your physician, these ingredients are harmless.

Serious consequences are faced when there is an imbalanced intake; be safe, be aware. Speak to your physician before beginning your course of homemade kadha's, understand the role of each ingredient and the frequency at which it is to be had; don't be reckless

with the passing away of neo-tantric abstraction-ist and printmaker extraordinaire Dipak Banerjee, India loses a pedagogue and brilliant artist who wove into his work the principles of 'Purusha Prakriti' and the traditional nuances of Indian miniature painting.
Banerjee breathed his last in

virus, preventing potential infection, and

safeguarding oneself through the con-

sumption of certain DIY immunity

boosting concoctions is making rounds

on social media. However, experts are

noting a surge in side-effects amongst

people who are consuming these home-made 'kadhas'; the issue being repeat-ed and high dose consumption of these

COVID-19 scare has prompted widespread consumption of *ekadha* (herbal concoction) that usually

includes ginger, lemon, garlic, turmer-

sive consumption of homemade

'kadha's', Dr Sanjay Shah, General Physician, Fortis Hospital, Mulund

recalls a peculiar case. He says, "In a

young patient, bleeding was spotted

post-operatively; upon investigating the matter and detailed assessment of his

medical history, we found that the

patient was consuming a homemade *kadha* in large quantity. This had led to

internal bleeding". Another patient was

brought in to the ER with acute breath-

Talking about the impact of exces-

ic, pepper, aloe vera or berries.

home remedies.

Kolkata on November 26. As a young artist, who graduated from Government College of Art, Kolkata, his first job for the Handicraft Board was to collect different cultural motifs. He used to copy motifs engraved on the walls of temples in Kolkata. From the little bylanes of Kolkata's temples and Kalighat elements, Banerjee got a prestigious scholarship from the French government and left for Paris in 1965. He studied printmaking under the famed William Hayter of Atelier 17 as well as Krishna Reddy.

MODERN MANDALAS

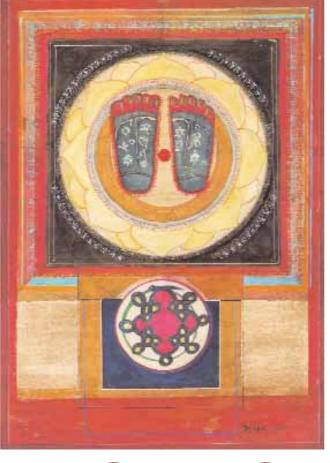
In 1990s Delhi, he used to have a show at Gallerie Ganesha annually. His intaglios were like modern *mandalas*, a medley of geometry and symbolism. The tantric elements and the motifs of Indian miniatures all meshed into meticulous variations that exuded a deep spirituality.

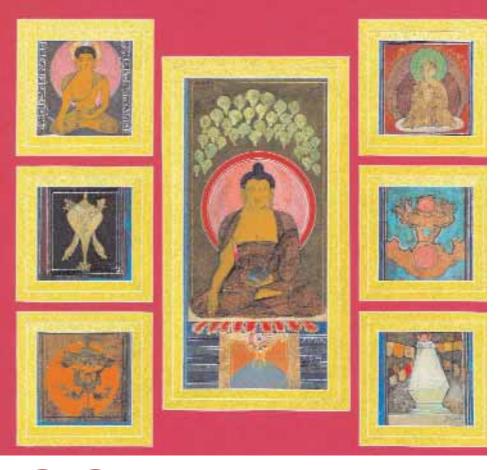
To gaze at a Dipak Banerjee print is to be drawn into a kingdom that seeped into your soul. His command of a free fluidity of lines and the warmth of colour zones all became a precise permutation of in-depth exactness and balance of choreography. His Vishnupada, Chausath Yoginis them an antique aura that is unseen in today's world.

He said during one of his shows in Delhi, "I am not a practicing tantric but I gradually moved to the tantric mode of selfrealisation during my many explorations. In my collection of temple motifs, I was unconsciously gaining an album of tantric symbolic motifs like Purusha Prakriti, Vishnu, Sahasra, Nathji and Kundalini, which presented the spiritual dynamics of content in ancient Indian art. So you could say that the journey which began in Paris got its final direction through the lanes of Benaras."

EARTH SONGS IN SPIRIT

After returning from Paris in 1967, Banerjee taught for years at Benaras Hindu University. As a pedagogue at the department of printmaking in BHU, he was among the finest. His attention to detail and the earth-toned colours talk about the spiritual and the sublime. Ornamentation in linguistic alphabets became the norm in his work. The gods and goddesses appeared as miniature divinities settled into the cosmic





graphies. His modernist inter-

pretation was born of a voice both local and universal. Within

the symmetry of his lines, we

glimpse a thematic exactitude floating in the flow of colours,

into the realms of spiritual

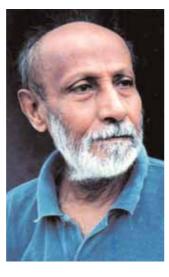
Rooted in a larger allegory of

luminosity - both in terms of

abstraction.

DE TO DESI

With Neo-tantric abstractionist, printmaker and artist DIPAK BANERJEE's passing away, UMA NAIR recalls how his works created a medley of geometry, symbolism and spirituality



realm of his design dynamics.

Sometimes his works included a series of mandalas which involved designs like a circle within a square and a square within a circle. These variations made his works iconic. Within the dictums of tantric symbolism, he found an intense expression of evocative elegance. His work was a quest that transcended beyond space and time, and was a communion with the Absolute.

Banerjee stood among the neo-tantric practitioners in India - stalwarts like Ghulam Rasool Santosh, Biren De, and Sohan Qadri. In his works, we can observe a lexicon that distilled the rootedness of Vedic sciences. His perfection of creating multihued colourative etchings showed

his richness of repertoire and a controlled construction of the narrative. His last exhibition was held at Sanchit Art in 2017 in

For him, Tantra was more than just a motif. It was a perspective that conveyed the proverbial image of the omniscient. Juxtapositions and islands of luminosity were of an incandescent idiom. His understanding of the realms of the chakra went deep into exploring the mathematical nuances of absolute knowledge.

COLOUR AND COSMOS

His universe lay within the symmetric and geometric patterns of tantric symbols rooted in Hindu, Buddhist and Jain iconoNo. SSA/Esstt/EPB-V/358/2020/3216 Date: 05.12.2020 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam (Samagra Shiksha) invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed exercise book manufacturers for the

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Bannerjee leaves behind a suite

of spiritual wonders. He brings

alive the words of the great

abstractionist Wassily Kandinsky

soul is the piano with many

strings. The artist is the hand

that plays, touching one key or

another purposively, to cause

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Nazim S/o Chhote Khan R/o H. No. 4412, Gali No. 7, Ajeet Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case E-F.I.R. No. 23562/20, u/s 379/411/482/34 IPC registered at P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said Nazim could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Nazim has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Nazim is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 29.01.2021.

Sh. Anubhav Jain Metropolitian Magistrate-05, Room No. 316, Shahdara District,

DP/283/SHD/2020 (Court Notice) Karkardooma Court, Delhi

It's been a fruitful year: Chandan

Actor Chandan Roy Sanyal is One of the few performers to have shone to the fore with the digital boom in the entertainment industry. With a strong background in theatre, there is a method to the actor's madness and his body of work goes to show that he's a character chameleon.

In the course of his career, Sanyal has been appreciated for a string of performances. The latest one to have won him tremendous acclaim is for the role of Bhopa Swami in Prakash Jha's Aashram Chapter 2. The actor played the role of the right-hand man of Kashipur Waale Baba Nirala. In the much loved crime series, he's a mercenary who silences his detractors in a matter-of-fact way



Jha's digital foray has marked acclaim began for him with the a turning point in the actor's 2009 caper thriller film Kaminey

career trajectory. The streak of and his Bengali debut, the 2010

recognition for his performances in the 2012 Bengali drama film Aparajita Tumi and as an insomniac artist in the 2013 romantic drama *Prague*.
Says Chandan, "*Aashram* gave

He then went on to receive

film Mahanagar@Kolkata.

me a special identity as an actor. I'm grateful that the year turned out so fruitful for me with such amazing and unique projects. Currently, I'm in the middle of finalising some super exciting projects and I can't wait to sink my teeth into different roles and collaborate with the greats of the industry."

His act as Swapan, a paralysed overlord in Kaali Season 2 and as a husband looking to rekindle his married life in Forbidden Love are some of his other notable perfor-

India target T20 whitewash Green's ton overshadows Indian bowlers

¬he series pocketed and their confidence restored, . India would eye nothing less than a clean sweep when they take on an Australian side significantly weakened by injury blows, in the third and final T20I at Sydney Cricket Ground on Tuesday.

Skipper Virat Kohli and his main protagonist of the white-ball leg, Hardik Pandya, will feel a sense of deja vu given that the script has panned out exactly like 2016 when the team got walloped in the ODIs but came back strongly to rout the Aussies 3-0 in the T20I series.

After a couple of crushing defeats in the first two ODIs, the Indians have turned a corner starting with the final ODI in

Even the absence of a whiteball pro like Ravindra Jadeja didn't have an impact during their convincing six-wicket win in the series-clinching second T20 on

What will boost the Indian team's morale manifold is the fact that it had the confidence to rest both Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah, relying on a troika of pacers, who between them haven't played even 40 games collectively.

India's new white-ball sensation Thangarasu Natarajan has had a superb initiation in international cricket with Australian batsmen still finding it difficult to read him.

As Pandya so rightly put it, Natarajan's spell and the 10 runs that Australia failed to



score became the difference between winning and losing.

The difference between both teams during the last game was the batting of the two teams during the middle overs.

Australia lost a bit of momentum after stand-in skipper Matthew Wade was dismissed while his opposite number Kohli played some outrageous shots after the Powerplay up the ante.

Shreyas Iyer's induction in place of an injured Manish

Aus vs India (3rd T20) Live from 1:40pm IS SONY TEN 1, 3 & SIX

Pandey also worked well for the visitors.

The only glitch in an otherwise solid show was Yuzvendra Chahal's rare off-day. Not having a sixth bowling option meant that Kohli was forced to have his premier leg-spinner complete his quota.

For Australia, the absence of

regular skipper Aaron Finch, David Warner, Mitchell Starc, play out of their skins to stop the İndian juggernaut which has started rolling.
A 3-0 win would be the per-Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood did have an impact

fect booster shot for it before the all-important Test series.

In case of Australia, while a thrashing would impact them a lot but they would try and look at it from a different perspective - most of their Test specialists will not have the scars of a clean sweep when they take on India under the lights at the Adelaide Oval, starting December 17.

Senior pros Umesh Yadav and Ravichandran Ashwin staked strong claims to be included in India's playing XI for the first Test with impressive performances against Australia A, which scored 286 for 8 on the second day, riding on Cameron Green's unbeaten

Australia now have a 39run lead after India A declared their innings at 247 for 9 in the first hour of the second day, with skipper Ajinkya Rahane remaining unbeaten on 117.

With Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah being automatic choices, Umesh (18-3-44-3), fighting for third pacer's slot, certainly looked more penetrative compared to Mohammed Siraj (19-4-71-2) with the new ball.

The 'Vidarbha Express' removed both rival Test team openers Will Pucovski (1) and Joe Burns (4) in his third and fourth over with the new ball to make initial inroads.

Ashwin (19-2-58-2) also did his Test chances no harm.

For Australia A, the giant all-rounder Green continued his rich vein of Sheffield Shield form with an unbeaten 114 off 173 that had 10 fours and a six.

He showed good tempera-ment against the Indian attack while adding 104 runs for the sixth wicket with his national skipper Tim Paine (44) after being reduced to 98 for 5.

Another 49 for the eighth wicket with paceman Michael Neser (33) ensured that Australia A recovered well from a batting collapse.
India started well with the



Australia A batsman Cameron Green celebrates after scoring hundred **CA/Twitter**

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new ball as Umesh maintained a good channel outside offstump as Pucovski trying to cut a back-of length delivery gave a simple catch to Shubman Gill at point.

Burns edged one that moved a shade away to wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha behind the stumps.

Skipper Travis Head (18) and Marcus Harris (35) then added 55 runs to steady the innings before Siraj got into the act, cleaning up the Australia A skipper in the 21st over.

Siraj, who is also trying to seal a place in the Tests, troubled Harris (35) a lot with semi-new ball before Ashwin ended his stay with Rahane snapping one in the slip cordon.

The experienced off-spin-

ner was again in action in the 31st over when he trapped Nic Maddinson (23) with a delivery that kept straight.

Green and Tim Paine then scripted another recovery act to take Australia A to 186-5 at tea.

After the break, Umesh peppered Paine with bouncers with one hitting him on the helmet. The strategy worked as Paine pulled one only to be brilliantly caught by Prithvi Shaw at backward square leg, ending their 104-run stand.

Siraj then got his second scalp in the 67th over, removing James Pattinson (3) but Michael Neser (33) frustrated India A before being run-out in 80th over.

Green, who was dropped on 24 by Hanuma Vihari in second slip and then on 78 by Wriddhiman Saha, completed his hundred with a four in the

Smith will do great job as captain: Wade

PTI SYDNEY

ustralia's stand-in T20 skip-Aper Matthew Wade on Monday said batting mainstay Steve Smith, who has "plenty of say" in how the team is driven on the field, would do a "great job" if he is given the leadership role again. Wade took over the captain-

cy reins for the second T20 on Sunday after Aaron Finch picked up an injury in the opening game.
Asked about Smith, who

lost the captaincy role because of his role in the 2018 ball-tampering scandal, Wade said the team has a lot of options and they include the batting star.

"We have so many good captaincy but we have got Smith, we have got Moises (Henriques), who captains his BBL team. We have guys with a lot of experience, there is a lot of discussions among the seniors but we are all working together," Wade said.



"It is not me driving the field, obviously Finchy (Aaron Finch) is our captain and we all work together when he plays well. So Smith has plenty of say, he has been a great captain for great job if he gets an opportunity," he added.

Coach Justin Langer said Australia's T20 against India on Sunday was too early for Steve Smith to regain the captaincy.

"Of course, we talked about a number of things," Langer told

Fox Sports, when asked if Smith was considered. "We've got so many options. Steve has done a brilliant job in the past. There's probably a bit of a process we need to go through until he through that." Langer added: "When the

English crowd gave him a standing ovation at The Oval last year talk about earning respect ... he's doing all the right things to show leadership without a title

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AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said he had "goosebumps" as fans returned to Anfield on Sunday, roaring the Premier League champions on to a comprehensive 4-0 win against Wolves. The Reds have not had the

although three of the five did

play in the first T20I that India

the part as an opener in the two

games and one would expect Marcus Stoinis and Glenn

Maxwell to shoulder more

responsibility as senior players.

experience bowlers will have to

But Australia's thin-on-

D'Arcy Short hasn't looked

comfortably won by 11 runs.

chance to play in front of their supporters since they ended their 30-year wait to be crowned English champions in June. But they made up for lost time, swaggering to a comfortable win as the 2,000 fans per-

avirus restrictions sang the club anthem "You'll Never Walk Wolves showed glimpses of a threat early on but the result was rarely in doubt once Mohamed Salah had given the

mitted to attend due to coron-

through the first half. Second-half goals from Georginio Wijnaldum, Joel Matip and a late own goal from Nelson Semedo underlined Liverpool's superiority as they joined leaders Spurs on 24

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ବଳରାମ ଯୋଜନା

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୨. ଏହି ଯୋଜନା ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ମିଳିତ ଦେୟ ଗୋଷ୍ପୀ (ସର୍ବନିମ୍ମ ୫ କଣ)ଙ୍କୁ ବ୍ୟାଙ୍କ ସର୍ବାଧିକ ୧.୬୦ଲକ୍ଷ ଚଙ୍କା ଫସଲ ରଣ

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୫. ଯେଉଁମାନେ କୌଣସି ଆନୁଷାନିକ ଅର୍ଥନୈତିକ ସଂઘାର ରଣ ଖିଲାପକାରୀ ଥିବେ ସେମାନେ ମିଳିତ ଦେୟ ଗୋଷୀର ସଭ୍ୟ

୬. ଏହି ବଳରାମ ଯୋଜନାରେ ୨୦୨୦-୨୧ ବର୍ଷରେ ଖୋର୍ଦ୍ଧା ଜିଲାରେ ୩୪୧୧ ଟି ମିଳିତ ଦେୟ ଗୋଷୀ ଗଠନ କରାଯିବା

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"The game, the atmosphere, was so nice I had goosebumps," an emotional Klopp told the BBC. "They started 'You'll Never Walk Alone' — really nice. I never knew it could feel that good. This started in February

and we were waiting to get normality back. Normality is good — I don't think we appreciated it as much. It was very, very touching." The home fans had some-thing to cheer in the 24th

minute. There did not appear to

be much danger when Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson sent a long ball over the top into the Wolves penalty area. But Wolves captain Conor Coady, who used to be on Liverpool's books, got his calcu-

lations wrong. The ball came off fire home left-footed. Wolves were awarded a

penalty in the dying minutes of the first half after Mane was adjudged to have fouled Coady. But VAR ruled out the spot-kick after the TV replay showed

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Fans return to Anfield for big win

there had been no contact.

Wolves searched for a way back into the match in the early stages of the second half and Coady found himself in a threatening position in the Liverpool box before Fabinho whipped the Seconds later, Liverpool

were charging forward again on the counter-attack, towards the Kop. Henderson played a long ball which Wijnaldum collected before producing a measured, curled finish into the top lefthand corner of Rui Patricio's net. Liverpool put the result beyond doubt in the 67th minute when Salah's inswinging cross was met by Matip, who headed in from close range. By now the home side were in total

Liverpool's fourth goal came

when substitute Trent Alexander-Arnold, returning from injury, produced a delicious cross from the right which was turned in by Nelson Semedo for an own goal.



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Director of Geology, Odisha

Williamson joins Kohli at No 2

Pak squad clears fifth Covid test

The touring Pakistan squad has returned negative in a fifth

I round of Covid-19 tests and will now be able to leave their

managed isolation on Tuesday, subject to clearance from the health ministry, New Zealand Cricket said on Monday. The 53-member Pakistan team was denied the right to train while in managed isolation in New Zealand after eight mem-

bers of the touring squad had tested positive for Covid-19.

"This is to advise the Pakistan squad's fifth and final day

"As a consequence, and pending final Ministry of Health approval, the squad will leave managed isolation tomorrow and

12, Covid-19 tests have all been returned as negative," NZC said

fly to Queenstown, where they will train ahead of the T20 and

Test series against the BLACKCAPS."

PTI DUBAI

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson on Monday moved up a rung to join his Indian counterpart Virat Kohli at the second spot in the latest ICC Test rankings for batsmen. On the other hand, West

Indies captain Jason Holder conceded his top ICC Test allrounder's ranking to England star Ben Stokes after an unimpressive outing against New Zealand in the first Test which his team lost by an innings and

Australia's Steve Smith, with 911 points, kept his hold on the pole position in the batting charts ahead of Kohli and Williamson, who hit a matchwinning double hundred against the West Indies in

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in a statement.



India's Chesteshwar Pujara remained seventh on the list ahead of Stokes (8th) and England captain Joe Root (9th) respectively.

Ajinkya Rahane (11th) and

Mayank Agarwal (12th) have both dropped a place each.



New Zealand opener Tom Latham entered the top-10 at the 10th position.

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1	Total No. of Works		01 (One) No. Civil works			
2	Estimated Cost put to tender		Approximately Rs. 86.13 Lakh			
3	Tender Paper Cost		Rs. 10,000/- (Non Refundable)			
4	Class of Contractor	:	'B' & 'A' equivalent Grade / Class			
5	Period of Completion		120 days			
6	Availability of Bid Documents and receipt of bid through online	:	From 10-00 A.M of 15.12.2020 to 5-00 P.M of 05.01.2021 in the website (<u>www.tendersodisha.gov.in</u>)			
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