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Kamra to SC: Jokes can't make heavens fall, taking offence a national sport

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

STAND-UP COMEDIAN Kunal Kamra, who is facing contempt of court charges for tweets against judges and the judiciary, on Friday told the Supreme Court that his "tweets were not published with intention of diminishing people's faith in the highest court of our democracy" and that "the public's faith in the judiciary is founded on the institution's own actions and not on any criticism or commentary about it".

In an affidavit filed in response to the notice issued by a bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan, Kamra said "just as the Supreme Court values the faith the public places in it (and seeks to protect it by the exercise of its criminal contempt jurisdiction). it should also trust the public not to form its opinions of the Court on the basis of a few jokes on Twitter". He added that "the suggestion that" his "tweets could

#### The state government has CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 asked offices to stagger timings

**President: SC** has put farm laws on hold, **Govt to abide** 

Says 'dishonouring' of Tricolour and 'disrespect' to R-Day 'unfortunate'

#### LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

UNDERLINING THAT the government is "continuously making efforts to dispel the misunderstanding" over the new agriculture laws, at the centre of farmer protests that have rocked the Capital, President Ram Nath Kovind told Parliament Friday that

the Supreme Court has stayed implementation of the laws for the present and the government "respects the decision of the apex court and shall abide by it". Addressing the joint sitting of

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha at the start of the Budget session of Parliament – Opposition parties boycotted the address to show solidarity with farmers protesting against the new laws -President Kovind also referred to the storming of the Red Fort and vandalism on Republic Day. "My government has always

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NEARLY 10 months after regular

operations of the suburban train

services were shut down, the

Maharashtra government and

the Indian Railways have de-

cided to allow the general pub-

lic to travel by Mumbai local

trains during non-peak hours

while following Covid-19 norms.

MUMBAI, JANUARY 29



President Ram Nath Kovind in Parliament, Friday. PTI

respected freedom of expression and holding of peaceful agitations in a democratic set-up. However, the recent acts of dishonouring the National Flag and showing disrespect to the auspicious occasion of the Republic Day are unfortunate. While the Constitution gives us the right to freedom of expression, it is also expected that we abide by the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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Mumbai trains, all can board from Feb 1

**MASSIVE DIP IN** 

TYPHOID, H1N1,

**CASES IN 2020** 

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so that staff can avail the services

as well as overcrowding in trains

On Friday afternoon, the

No more commuter restrictions in

CITY

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can be avoided.



At a mahapanchayat called by the BKU in Muzaffarnagar on Friday. Abhinav Saha

### BJP chorus in west UP: Ghazipur mishandled, can boost movement

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE MOVE by the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh to get the farm protest site at Ghazipur vacated has the potential to revitalise the agitation against the Centre's new agriculture laws after the violence at Red Fort during Republic Day appeared to have dented its credibility, according to the ruling party's senior leaders in western UP and Haryana.

Maharashtra government wrote

a letter to the Chief General

Managers of both the Central

Railway (CR) as well as Western

Railway (WR) stating that all cat-

egories of people be allowed to

board the suburban trains start-

receiving the letter, Union Railway

Minister Piyush Goyal gave the go-

ahead and announced that sub-

urban train services would re-

sume for the general public

Within hours of the railways

ing February 1.

Friday reflected this mood. Speaking to The Indian Express, the leaders, including According to police estimates, there were over 10,000 particiseveral MPs, said that Thursday's pants - many BJP leaders acorder from the Ghaziabad administration and the heavy poknowledged that it was bigger lice deployment to evict the prothan the one called over the comtesters led by BKU leader Rakesh munal riots in 2013 - with theGIC ground packed with tractors, Tikait have inflamed the sentijeeps and farmers. ments of farmers, especially those from the Jat community There was heavy police dewhich carries significant politiployment outside the ground

cal weight in western UP, Haryana and parts of Rajasthan. The massive crowd at the mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar

Minor blast near Israel Embassy, note on spot suggests an Iranian 'link'

#### MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL & SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

A CRUDE bomb went off near the Embassy of Israel on Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Road in New Delhi on Friday evening, shattering the windscreens of three cars on the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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At the site of the blast on Friday. Anil Sharma

and on the streets, as Opposition

leaders from the Samajwadi

Party, Rashtriya Lok Dal,

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#### **ECONOMIC SURVEY 2020-21**

Spend more, there is space for fiscal impulse: Survey's **Budget guidance** 

Growth recovery will up tax collections, enable a sustainable fiscal path

#### SUNNY VERMA& AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

TWO DAYS ahead of Budget, the Economic Survey Friday pitched for an "expansionary fiscal policy" in 2021-22 to boost growth. It also advised the government to continue with structural reforms and significant privatisation of stateowned companies.

Tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha, the survey for 2020-21 emphasised that a stringent lockdown from March 25 to May 31 helped in breaking the chain of the pandemic's spread and preventing loss of lives. The subequent policy response helped in ensuring a V-shaped economic recovery, it said.

Calling for an expenditure push despite a fiscal slippage this CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

To assess equity, Eco Survey introduces a bare necessities index

#### **PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

INEQUALITIES IN access to bare necessities like drinking water, sanitation, hygiene and housing conditions continue to exist between urban and rural India despite "widespread" improvements in each of these aspects, the Economic Survey for 2020-21 has shown, using a newly constructed "Bare Necessities Index" (BNI)

The BNI builds on the idea of Thalinomics in the Economic Survey for 2019-20, through

**Growth antidote** for debt

THE SURVEY has a clear message for Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. There is no need to worry so much about high debt or a higher fiscal deficit as the nascent economic recovery needs expenditure support. Growth, in itself, will make debt sustainable in the medium term.

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which it had sought to examine

the access to food in the country.

cators on five dimensions – wa-

ter, sanitation, housing, micro-en-

vironment, and other facilities –

and has been created for all states

for 2012 and 2018 using NSO data.

The index classifies areas on three

levels of access - high, medium,

the need to focus on reducing

variations in the access to bare

necessities across states, be-

tween rural and urban areas, and

between income groups.

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The Survey has underlined

low — to bare necessities.

The BNI summarises 26 indi-



### What began with a student from Wuhan: glimmer at end of one-year Covid tunnel

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**AMITABH SINHA** PUNE, JANUARY 29



**ONCE UPON A** 

**BY CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA** 

might escape the pandemic with

only minor bruises, in the same

way that it had escaped the outbreaks of the SARS, Zika, or

Nipah viruses earlier. But this

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**COVID TIME** 

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BY THE time India detected its first case of novel coronavirus infection a year ago on January 30, 2020, the epidemic had spread to about 20 countries, and more than 170 people had already died

due to the disease. A 20-year-old from Thrissur, who was studying medicine in Wuhan, China, and had returned home a week earlier. was the first person in India to test positive. In the next four days, two more Kerala residents studying in China were found positive.

With no new cases emerging for almost a full month thereafter, there was hope that India



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#### President's address

laws and rules with equal sincerity."

The President's address, which reflects the views of the government, sought to allay apprehensions over the new laws. "My government wants to make it clear that the rights and facilities available under the system prevailing before the enactment of the three new laws are not affected in any way. Rather, through these agricultural reforms, the government has provided new facilities to the farmers and has empowered them."

With the government seeking to blunt Opposition criticism of the laws, he said: "After extensive consultation, Parliament approved three important farm reform Bills seven months ago, namely, The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation)Bill, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill. The benefits of these three important farm reforms have started reaching more than 10 crore small farmers instantly

"Appreciating the advantages that these reforms would bring to the small farmers, several political parties too had, from time to time, expressed their support. The discussions over these farm reforms in every part of the country for over two decades and the demand for these reforms at different fora were also reflected during the deliberations in the House."

There was a brief disruption during the address when Ravneet Singh Bittu, Congress MP from Punjab, stood up to protest and then walked out, shouting slogans. AAP's Bhagwant Mann made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the Central Hall, where seats were reserved only for leaders of parties and chairpersons of committees. Hanuman Beniwal of Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP), which exited the NDA over the farm laws, also protested. Beniwal joined MPs of SAD, another former ally of the BJP, in the protests.

Listing the initiatives of the government, the President, in his address, focused on farmers and agriculture.

"Our goal of an Atmanirbhar Bharat will be further strengthened by self-reliance in agriculture... My government decided to implement the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee report and in-

ers entering Red Fort and breaking barricades had given the Central government room to negotiate on its terms but the UP government's police action "seems to have put the party in a precarious situation".

In Haryana, meanwhile, several Jat leaders across the party lines have come out in support of Tikait and started marching towards Ghazipur, and the other border protest sites Singhu and Tikri.

Besides, several BJP leaders said, the resignation of INLD MLA Abhay Chautala in support of the farmers could put more political pressure on his nephew Dushyant Chautala, who heads the JPP which is a key ruling ally of the BJP. The BJP has 40 out of 90 seats, with Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala and his 10 MLAs holding the key to power.

Referring to the violence on Republic Day and UP's move, a party leader said: "What do we tell people in our constituencies? In many urban areas, people have got the counter narrative also... that the violence was the handiwork of the Government to break farmers' unity and defame the movement. People in villages ask why did the police have to take action while the farmers were protesting peacefully at the borders?"

Said a party MP from Haryana: "In fact, the police action has given a reason for protesters to revive the agitation in Haryana where things had come under control. It had so far remained a Punjab agitation, but that is no longer so."

Tikait's appeal was of particular significance because of the family's political legacy in UP's sugar belt. Rakesh Tikait is the son of the late Mahendra Singh Tikait who had spearheaded farmers' mobilisation in the northern states since the 1980s. The family wields considerable influence in western UP and heads the Baliyan Khap of 84 villages in the region.

Over the recent years, the BJP had managed to make inroads into the rural pockets of this region mainly due to the waning popularity of Ajit Singh-led RLD, and intensifying polarisation between the Jat and the Muslim communities. RLD leader and Ajit Singh's son Jayant Choudhary visited the protest site.

The anger against Thursday's police deployment and Tikait's emotional outburst -he alleged that the government will "destroy farmers and BJP's goons will attack the farmers with the police" -- also comes on the back of simmering anger over the delay in payment of sugarcane dues. In Haryana, Dushyant Chautala has so far managed to withstand pressure from within his party to take an aggressive stand against the BJP on the farmers' agitation. However, party sources described Abhay Chautala's resignation as a move to reclaim the legacy of family patriarch, the late Devi Lal. "Dushyant is already worried over the stance of some of his MLAs who want him to back the farm protests. If this situation worsens, it will lead to serious trouble for the BJP," sources said.

nomic activities as the rollout of Covid-19 vaccines gathers traction.

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

These estimated levels of growth would require significant central government and state spending, as private sector investment is yet to pick up pace. What is significant is that this path would entail a growth in real GDP by 2.4 per cent over the absolute level of 2019-20 - implying that the economy would take two years to reach and go past the pre-pandemic level.

#### Bare necessities index

"Government schemes such as the Jal Jeevan Mission, SBM-G (Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin), PMAY-G (Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana), may design appropriate strategy to address these gaps to enable India to achieve the SDG (UN Sustainable Development Goals) goals of reducing poverty, improving access to drinking water, sanitation and housing by 2030. There should be effective targeting of the needier population be they in urban or rural areas or across states." it has said. In 2018, access to bare necessities was the highest in states such as Kerala, Punjab, Haryana, and Gujarat, and lowest in Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Tripura, the Survey has said. In terms of urban-rural divide, all states barring Delhi, Punjab, Goa, Kerala, and Sikkim had medium or low access to bare necessities in their rural areas. In 2012, only rural Delhi had high access to bare necessities.

In 2018, the lowest access in rural India was recorded in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Assam, Manipur, and Tripura.

J&K, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Vlaharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Goa, Meghalava, and Arunachal Pradesh showed improvement in access to bare necessities in rural areas between 2012 and 2018.

By contrast, in urban India, no

muters in five districts namely Mumbai, Mumbai Suburban, Thane, Palghar and Raigarh. The decision to regulate the services on the nation's largest commuter train network has caused hardships to many residents of Mumbai's satellite cities, especially the poor. As businesses open many of the city's workforce who stay in faraway locations from commercial business districts in the city have seen their daily commute time double as they attempt to reach Mumbai.

#### Kamra

shake the foundations of the most powerful court in the world is an over-estimation" of his "abilities"

Kamra's affidavit also spoke of what he believed is a "growing culture of intolerance in this country, where taking offence is seen as a fundamental right and has been elevated to the status of a much loved national indoor sport", and said that "should powerful people or institutions continue to show an inability to tolerate rebuke or criticism, we would be reduced to a country of incarcerated artists and flourishing lapdogs".

Citing the case of fellow stand-up comedy artist Munawar Farooqui, who has been arrested on charges of hurting religious sentiments and whose bail application the Madhya Pradesh High Court rejected on Thursday, Kamra said, "We are witnessing an assault on the freedom of speech and expression with comedians like Munawar Farooqui being jailed for jokes that they have not even made, and school students being interrogated for sedition.'

"At such a time", Kamra said, he hoped that "this court will demonstrate that the freedom of speech and expression is a cardinal constitutional value, and recognise that the possibility of being offended is a necessary incident to the exercise of this right."

The affidavit, filed through Advocate Pritha Srikumar Iyer, did not offer any apology for the tweets and said that if the court concludes that he has crossed a line "and wants to shut down my internet permanently, then I too will write Happy Independence Day every 15th August just like my Kashmiri friends".

Kamra largely sought to portray his veets as "jokes" and said that some people

Seeking to explain the nuances of comedy, the affidavit said that "irreverence and hyperbole are essential tools for the comedic enterprise... Comedy does not permit an artist the luxury of articulating the basis of jokes through long, nuanced essays or measured prose. Brevity may not be a familiar concept for the legal community, but it continues to be the soul of comedy (and Twitter - with its 280 character limit)".

A bench of Justices Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M R Shah had on December 18 issued notices to Kamra and cartoonist Rachitha Taneja on pleas seeking contempt of court proceedings against them for tweets allegedly scandalising the top court.

On Friday, the matter came up before the bench which adjourned it by two weeks as the petitioner urged the court to post it to another day.

Appearing for Taneja, Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi wondered why the court had even taken cognisance of the matter. "Why has the court taken cognizance of this? She is a young girl of 25 years. Foundation of the court is much stronger. Criticism of court can never be contempt. There is a public perception why the case of a journalist was taken up for hearing during court's vacation," he submitted. "We agree with you, but everyone is doing it now," responded Justice Bhushan.

Justice Shah told Rohatgi that Taneja should file her response. "If you don't want to file reply, we will proceed. It is better you file the reply," he said. Rohatgi agreed to do so, following which the court adjourned Taneja's case by three weeks.

#### Pandemic

pandemic was very different.

The next set of infections, which emerged in the first week of March, spread rapidly. Within three weeks, India had to impose the most restrictive lockdown in the world; some called it the biggest lockdown in history.

Over the next few months, the infection numbers grew sharply and steadily, at one point resulting in the detection of nearly 1 lakh cases every day. India was on the verge of becoming home to the largest number of infected people in the world. More than 1.200 people were dving every day. Millions

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to his Israeli counterpart Gabi Ashkenazi soon after the incident and assured him of "fullest protection" to Israel's mission and its diplomats in India.

The bomb appeared to have been planted in a flower pot on the road divider, police said. A letter in an envelope addressed "to Israel Embassy ambassador" has been found at the spot, police sources said.

The letter contains a threat, and describes the explosion as a "trailer", the sources said. It also refers to two "Iranian martyrs", including Oasem Soleimani, Iran's most powerful general who was assassinated in a United States drone strike in January 2020, the sources said.

Earlier on February 13, 2012, Israeli diplomat Tal Yehoshua and an Indian driver of an Embassy vehicle were among four people injured after a magnetic bomb stuck to the vehicle went off in the capital.

An Iranian hand was alleged in that incident as well; Iranian officials had, however, denied the accusation.

Police on Friday evening took footage from two security cameras installed at one of the gates of the Embassy and opposite the building. "Forensic experts have found broken pieces of a cold drink can and ball bearings from the spot. Prime facie it appears that explosives and ball bearings were stuffed in the can. It was planted in such a manner that the impact was felt towards the road. The ball bearings hit the cars. Police have not found any device or battery at the spot," a source said.

Additional PRO (Delhi Police) Anil Mittal said a low-intensity improvised device went off outside 5 Abdul Kalam Road near Jindal House at 5.05 pm. The President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, and the three Service Chiefs were a few kilometres away on Rajpath at the time, attending the Beating Retreat ceremony.

"No injury to any person is there, nor was any damage to property witnessed except window panes of three vehicles parked nearby. Initial impressions suggest a mischievous attempt to create a sensation,' Mittal said.

Jaishankar said India was taking the indent "very seriously". "Spoke just now to Israeli FM Gabi Ashkenazi about the explosion outside the Israeli Embassy. We take this very seriously. Assured him of the fullest protection for the Embassy and Israeli diplomats," the Minister posted on Twitter. "Matter is under investigation and no effort will be spared to find the culprits," he said. On his part, Ashkenazi tweeted: "The Indian FM assured me that the Indian authorities are committed to the security of all Israeli diplomatic staff and will continue to act resolutely to locate all those involved in the explosion. I thanked him and promised full cooperation and any help required from Israel." Sources said Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla too spoke with his Israeli counterpart Alon Ushpitz, and the MEA's Secretary (Consular, Passport and Visa division) Sanjay Bhattacharyya spoke with the Israeli Ambassador in India Ron Malka. In a statement, the Israeli foreign ministry said all its diplomats and embassy staff in New Delhi were "safe and sound", and "there are no casualties and no harm was done to the [Embassy] building". Sources in the Indian security establishment said the bomb was made with "locally available" low intensity explosives, whose exact nature would, however, be determined only after forensic examination. "Given the importance of the day (29 years of India-Israel relations) it appears the idea was more to send a message than to cause any real damage. However, it is a properly made IED. It appears to be the handiwork of some selfstyled terror group or a lone wolf," a senior security establishment officer said. Sources said intelligence agencies had issued an alert on January 23 about a possible terrorist attack on Jews and Israelis from elements linked to the Islamic State. Delhi Police Commissioner S N Shrivastava visited the spot and told reporters that a case had been registered, and the matter was being investigated by the Special Cell. Officials said an alert has been issued at all airports, important installations, and government buildings, and enhanced security measures have been put in place.

creased the MSP to at least 1.5 times of the cost of production. Today, my government is not only purchasing record quantities at the MSP, but is also increasing the number of procurement centres," he said.

"Today, the food grain availability in the country is at a record high. In 2008-09, the food grain production in the country was 234 million tonnes, whereas in 2019-20, the production has increased to 296 million tonnes. During the same period, the production of fruits and vegetables has also increased from 215 million tonnes to 320 million tonnes." he said.

There was loud applause when the President referred to the farm laws, their benefits and the "wholehearted support" that the government received for its "developmentoriented policy" in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Only a few weeks back elections to District Councils in Jammu and Kashmir were held successfully for the first time after Independence. Large scale participation of voters has shown that Jammu and Kashmir is forging ahead towards a new democratic future at a rapid pace. Grant of new entitlements have empowered the people of the region," he said.

#### BIP chorus in west UP

Congress and Aam Aadmi Party joined the mahapanchayat and pledged to join the farm protest. The consensus was that farmers should be prepared to march in small groups to Delhi when needed.

Referring to the renewed mobilisation following the emotional appeal by Tikait against the police move Thursday, a BJP leader from western UP said: "The visuals of Tikait crying have stirred the community... for them it's like 'our son is weeping, let us go and support him'. This has prompted many from villages to march towards the protest site."

Some of the party's MPs from this region blamed the UP government for "mishandling" the situation. The Ghaziabad move can "revive the agitation in many parts of Haryana and potentially turn western UP into another protest hub," said a BJP MP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Other party leaders said visuals of protest-

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#### Budget

year, the survey, authored by Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy V Subramanian-led Economic Division, said, "... to sustain the recovery in aggregate demand, it is expected that the Government may have to continue with an expansionary fiscal stance...The calibrated approach adopted by India allows space for maintaining a fiscal impulse the coming year. The growth recovery would facilitate buoyant revenue collections in the medium term, and thereby enable a sustainable fiscal path."

After an estimated 7.7 per cent contraction in 2020-21, the Survey projects real GDP to record a 11 per cent growth in 2021-22. The nominal GDP growth has been estimated at 15.4 per cent, implying a 4.4 per cent inflation during the year.

The cover page of the twin-volume Economic Survey, showing "Covid warriors" joining hands to uphold India, has been devoted to all doctors, nurses, scientists, sanitation workers. It also captures the V-shaped recovery in the economy, reflecting its resilience. It has been delivered in an e-book format along with launch of a survey app.

The high 11 per cent growth rate estimated for 2021-22 is also partly because of the low base year effect, given the contraction projected for this fiscal. The Survey, however, describes the double-digit growth rate for the next year as "conservative estimates", and that it reflects upside potential that can manifest due to the continued normalisation in ecoshowed the lowest level of BNI in 2018. In 2012, urban areas of only Bihar and Manipur fell in the lowest BNI category.

#### Mumbai trains starting February 1.

The services will, however, be opened in a restricted manner with a person holding a valid ticket or pass allowed to board local trains till 7 am in the morning, between 12 pm and 4 pm and after 9 pm till the last local of the day.

The proposal said that the time between 7 am and 12 pm and 4 pm and 9 pm which are deemed as peak hours should be reserved only for essential services staff and those being permitted presently by the state.

Suburban train services were shut down on March 23 during the lockdown. The partial resumption of services was announced on June 15; however only those who were deemed to be essential service providers were allowed to board these trains after being allotted a special pass. Those who are presently allowed to board trains include essential services staff, state and central government staff, employees of nationalised and private banks, PSUs and pharma companies, lawyers and women commuters during designated hours.

The CR used to operate 1,774 services while the WR would operate 1,367 services each day before the pandemic. These services operate on an average frequency of around one every four minutes ferrying around 8 million commuters per day. At present the railways is running 2,985 services per day compared to 282 services in mid-June during the peak of the pandemic. In spite of the addition of services, due to the restrictions that the state had imposed on who could travel the railways is presently catering to only 18.5 lakh commuters.

For a linear city like Mumbai, the suburban train services play a vital role in facilitating the north-south movement of the city's workforce. The two suburban systems operated by WR and CR stretches 319 km. It facilitates the inter-district travel of comwho did not find his tweets funny had approached the court but "I believe there need be no defence for jokes".

"Jokes," he said "are based on a comedian's perception, which they use to make the audience that shares that perception laugh. These jokes are not reality, and don't claim to be so. Most people do not react to jokes that don't make them laugh; they ignore them like our political leaders ignore their critics. That is where the life of a joke must end. The truth about the attention economy is that the more attention one gives to criticism or ridicule, the more credible it appears to be."

Kamra said that "to believe any institution of power in a democracy is beyond criticism is like saying migrants need to find their way back home during an ill-planned, nationwide lockdown. It is irrational and undemocratic".

Kamra said that while judges "are amongst the most powerful people in our country", he believes that "constitutional offices -- including judicial offices - know no protection from jokes" and added that "I do not believe that any high authority, including judges, would find themselves unable to discharge their duties only on account of being the subject of satire or comedy"

The stand-up comedian said that his "language and style... are not with the intention to insult, but to draw attention to and prompt an engagement with issues that I believe are relevant to our democracy and which have also been raised in the public domain by more serious and learned commentators"

Kamra said that through his work, he attempts "to abide by comedy's tenet of comforting the afflicted, and afflicting the comfortable. Take. for instance, the joke 'Behind every successful Indian businessman there is a nationalised bank'. The humour attempts to blunt the grimness of the situation... Jokes like these at best make the comfortable squirm in their' plush chairs, even as they sit secure in the knowledge that a joke cannot make the heavens fall".

lost their jobs and livelihoods due to the lockdown. The massive movement of migrant workers, unexpected and unplanned, added to the tragedy

But a year later, as the epidemic continues to rage in several American and European countries, India seems to be on an irreversible path towards exit. The number of new cases has been declining steadily for over four months now, the downward progression remaining unaffected by the festival season, elections, or the easing of movement restrictions.

The average number of new detections every day has fallen to between 12,000 and 14,000. If it had not been for Kerala, which is now contributing almost half of all new cases in the country, this number could have been well below 10.000.

Active cases have come down from a high of over 10 lakh to just about 1.7 lakh now. Fewer than 150 deaths are being reported every day from across the country.

Such numbers were previously being reported in May and June last year, when the epidemic was still in the ascendant phase. The threat from new strains of the virus, which are causing havoc in some other countries, has not materialised in India.

Except for Kerala and Maharashtra, no state has reported more than 1,000 new infections in a day for the last 20 days. In fact, some of the worst affected states, including Andhra Pradesh and Delhi, are now reporting fewer than 200 cases a day. Deaths have come down to single digits in all states except Kerala and Maharashtra.

The impact of the vaccination drive, which began two weeks ago, would not be evident for at least two more months, but it would be crucial in ensuring that the current declining trend is not reversed.

#### Israel Embassy

#### road, police said.

No one was injured in the explosion, which took place on the 29th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Israel.

AMU student externed from Aligarh under **Goondas Act** 

#### **MANISH SAHU** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 29

THE ALIGARH district administration has issued an externment order against Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) student leader Arif Tyagi, banning him from the district for six months under the UP Control of Goondas Act.

The order was issued last week but Tyagi on Friday said that he received it two days ago.

Six cases were lodged against the 27-yearold final-year postgraduate student at the Civil Lines police station between 2018 and 2020 on several charges, including under IPC Section 153A (promoting enmity between two groups). A police officer said chargesheets had been filed in two cases while the investigation

was on in the rest.

Assistant Superintendent of Police, Aligarh City, Kuldeep Singh Gunawat said the Goonda Act was invoked based on the cases lodged against him. Tyagi has not yet obtained bail in the six cases, he said.

"Invoking Goonda Act against students and issuing an externment order are absolute harassment meted out by the district administration and police. All cases were lodged against me while I was protesting on the AMU campus. The protests were related to several issues, including the presence of a portrait of Pakistan founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah at AMU students' union office and against the CAA and the NRC. I got to know about the cases after I received a show-cause notice from the district administration asking why I should not be externed from the district," said Tyagi, who has unsuccessfully contested the elections for the post of vice-president of the students' union.

He added, "I have filed a petition before the Aligarh Commissioner against the externment order. If needed, I will also move the Allahabad High Court for justice." The Aligarh police report seeking to banish Tyagi says he is "reckless and frightful, and is a threat to the public".



# THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021 HF ( ITY

# SILVER LINING OF PANDEMIC CLOUD Huge dip in monsoon ailments cases in 2020, courtesy **Covid-19 hygiene measures**

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#### TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

IN A year of 11,125 Covid-19 deaths. Mumbai saw a steep decline in communicable infections caused by typhoid, gastroenteri-

tis, hepatitis A and E,

dengue and H1N1. In 2020, gastroenteritis cases dropped 67 per cent over the previous year, typhoid saw a 58.9 percent decline and H1N1 cases reported a significant 90.2 per cent drop. Deaths due to these infections also fell slightly. Only malaria cases rose from 4,357 in 2019 to 5,007 in 2020. Additional

Municipal Commissioner Suresh Kakani attributed the decline to "behavioural change" in people and improved habit of hand washing and hygiene. "Covid-19 led to extensive hand-washing exercise which prevented transmission of water-borne infections like typhoid and hepatitis A and E," he said.

Typhoid spreads from salmonella typhi bacteria through contaminated food or water and poor sanitation. An infected person can infect others if he/she does not wash his/her hands after excretion as the bacteria continues to shed through stool.

In slums, although water resources are scarce, the practice of hand washing picked up soon after the pandemic began. In 2019, 2,658 typhoid cases were recorded in Mumbai, maximum between June and October due to the rains, which fell to 1,092 in 2020. During the peak monsoon season, there were only 38 cases in August, 47 in September and 55 in October against over 250-300 cases recorded in the cor-

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responding months of 2019. Hepatitis A and E cases dropped from 1,534 to 263, an 82 per cent decline from 2019 to 2020. The viral infection also spreads through unclean hands of those infected and also through contaminated food and water. With social distancing norms in place from March to December, gastroenteritis cases fell by 67 per cent from 7,785 in 2019 to 2,549 in 2020.

The viral infection spreads through person-to-person contact, for instance a handshake with an infected person or through consumption of food prepared by him/her. Behavioural change in eating habits and restrained consumption of street food led to overall decline in gastroenteritis cases

H1N1 cases fell from 451 with five deaths in 2019 to 44 cases with zero deaths in 2020. While concerns have been raised over the possibility of low detection of other infections due to focus on Covid-19, ward-level medical officers said dispensaries did not notice a rise in monsoon-related ailments either. "This could be because the overall infectivity was lower or perhaps as people did not step out assuming they would be tested for Covid-19," a medical officer said.

The increase in malaria cases has been attributed to closed construction sites during the lockdown that became the breeding grounds for mosquitoes in monsoon. Metro construction sites also led to water stagnation and breeding of anopheles mosquitoes (carrier of malaria). Dr Rajan Naringrekar, insecticide officer at the Brihanmumbai

**Municipal Corporation** (BMC), said they were told by the National Vector Borne Disease Control

Programme to be extra vigilant for dengue since its cases were expected to further rise from 2019.

"Offices were shut during the lockdown, reducing the scope of breeding spots. We continued to destroy mosquito breeding grounds even during the pandemic in residential buildings. Our vigilance was higher than what it was in 2019, perhaps these factors could be responsible for reduction in dengue in 2020. But we expect dengue cases to rise again this year," Naringrekar said.

Dr Shashank Joshi, member of the Maharashtra Covid Task Force, while addressing a webinar in Harvard TH Chan school of Public Health on Thursday said coronavirus replaced several other infections endemic in Mumbai as viruses

fight for space in a geographical location. "Until 2019, we used to find beds in public hospitals overflowing with dengue, typhoid and other monsoonrelated illnesses. In 2020, while beds had been allocated for monsoon ailments, there were very few admissions." Dr Ioshi said.

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Two men arrested for molesting mentally challenged woman: Police

#### **SAGAR RAJPUT** MUMBAL, JANUARY 29

woman was allegedly molested at move her clothes. However, as they intent to disrobe), 506 (criminal intim-Mahalaxmi Race Course by two men known to her. The accused took her to the nearby stables on the pretext of giving her a birthday present, police said. According to the police, the incident took place at around 9 pm on Wednesday. "The woman is mentally challenged and plays with children in the area. On Wednesday, she cut her birthday cake at around 8 pm at her home after which she went to play with children. The two men approached her and started talking to her," said an officer.

to a secluded area near a stable where they allegedly started touching her in-A 32-YEAR-OLD mentally challenged that the two even allegedly tried to re- or use of criminal force to woman with

approached Tardeo police station and lodged a complaint. The police said they have registered a case under sections appropriately," said an officer, adding 354(A)(sexual harassment), (B)(assault

The two asked her to accompany them under the pretext of giving her a heard someone walking towards them, the accused escaped, the officer said.

birthday present. "The accused took her

The 32-year-old then went to her house and slept without eating her dinner. On Thursday, her sister noticed that she was not her usual self and had also skipped her meals. "Her 15-year-old sister tried talking to her but the woman did not tell her anything as the accused had threatened her. However, her sister managed to gain her confidence after

which she revealed the incident. She court on Friday and remanded in poeven told her the names of the culprits." lice custody till

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"The woman was not able to tell us exactly what had happened. So we sent her for a medical exam-

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## Second bail plea of Nagpada building owner rejected

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

A SESSIONS court rejected the second bail application of the owner of the Nagpada building that collapsed in August, leading to two deaths. The owner, Gufran Qureshi, applied for the bail after police filed a chargesheet in the case following the rejection of his first bail plea November.

Qureshi claimed that the contractor, who was carrying out repairs, was hired by the building's occupants and work began without him being informed. He also submitted that the building couldn't be repaired as it was a over 100vear-old structure and the redevelopment stalled due to an order passed by a small causes court.

On August 27, Noorbanu Oureshi(70) and her granddaughter, Arisha (12), died when a portion of a toilet block at the Mishra chawl building in Nagpada collapsed. Prosecution and intervenor, on behalf of the victims represented by lawyer Zain Shroff, opposed the application that demolition work began in the building from the first floor which led to the toilet's collapse on the two adja-

#### On Aug 27, Noorbanu Qureshi(70) and her

an officer said.

granddaughter, Arisha (12), died when a portion of a toilet block at the building collapsed

cent rooms where the victims were residing. "The repairs/demolition work started without taking any precautions though the accused was aware of the building's condition and also of the adjacent residential rooms. He knew the two persons were present in the rooms. These facts infer that the accused had the knowledge of the possibility of the toilet's collapse due to repair or demolition and death of the residents in the two

rooms," the court said. It rejected the contention of the accused that he cannot be booked on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder (Section 304 II) of the Indian Penal Code.

The court also took into consideration the submission of the intervenor that a kin of the accused had threatened the victims' relatives and hence, there is a possibility of tampering with evidence.

dertaking. Addressing the BEST staff through video conferencing, Thackeray lauded the BEST workers for their tireless service during the pandemic-induced lockdown

The new control room has been set up at the BEST Wadala depot which will help the transport administration track the location of buses and monitor activities inside the vehicles through the CCTV cameras installed inside. "We will centrally monitor all the BEST buses and traffic conditions of the city. In case of emergencies or any disaster, the control room will help coordinate with other agencies,

said a BEST official. In September 2019, BEST launched its mobile app - BEST Pravas. Commuters can track the buses on any route through this app and access features like emergency help and bus-stop alerts.

### 4 MAHARASHTRA

### Security stepped up at Jewish establishments

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

SECURITY WAS stepped up around Jewish establishments across the city after a blast was reported near the Israeli Embassy in New Delhi on Friday evening.

DCP Chaitanya S, spokesperson for Mumbai Police, said, "All necessary measures in terms of security at sensitive spots are being taken.'

A police team visited Chabad House in Colaba that was attacked during the 26/11 terror attack in 2008. While the spot generally has policemen outside, on Friday dog squads and armoured vehicles were deployed. A senior officer said that apart from Chabad House. security was also stepped up at the Synagogue at Kala Ghoda

where the area was sanitised and checked by policemen and dog squads.

An IPS officer said that all necessary measures are being taken in the areas where Jewish installations are located. The officer added. "We are also in touch with the Israeli Consulate officials and others.'

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said the security situation in Maharashtra was reviewed in view of the low intensity improvised device blast near the Israeli Embassy in New Delhi. "Reviewed the situation in the state holding discussion with the state's home minister and director general of police against the backdrop of the

blast outside Israeli Embassy. Issued instruction to strengthen the security apparatus in the state along with Mumbai and Pune," Pawar tweeted.

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The manual includes prac-

validation," the official said.

Apart from the updated ver-

will be put up before the CM."

#### Home dept refers back proposal to update state police manual, seeks clarifications updated manual.

#### **EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

THE PROPOSAL by Maharashtra Police to update the state police manual in November has been referred back to them by the state Home department, seeking certain clarifications for a few of the changes being sought. This was the first time since

the manual came into effect. in 1959, that an effort was made to weed out archaic procedures and include more relevant aspects, including modern-day crimes such as cyber offences.

"The proposal had been submitted to the state Home department, seeking several changes to the manual. The proposal has been referred back, seeking details about the changes being sought and the reasons behind the same. We will be working on that," said a police officer who wished to remain anonymous.

when arrests are to be made The move is likely to further among other things. delay the approval of the final draft of the three-volume

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Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Aaditya Thackeray at Charkop Metro depot, in Mumbai on Friday. Amit Chakravarty

# CM unveils first indigenously built rake to run on Metro 7, 2A

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

CHIEF MINISTER Uddhav Thackeray on Friday unveiled the first indigenously-built metro rake that will be run on metro line 7 (Dahisar East to Andheri East) and 2A (Dahisar to DN Nagar) when services on these lines commence from May 2021. The rake comprises six

coaches manufactured by Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) at its Bengaluru facility. The indigenously-designed rake has a stainless steel body, is equipped with CCTV surveillance and also ual sent for approval and a note has a facility for carrying passengers' bicycles in the coaches.

While its trials will begin in March and continue for a month. the commercial operations are likely to start from end of May.

BEML Limited, a defence public sector equipment manufacturer, had bagged an order worth Rs 3.015 crore from the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MM-RDA) for the supply of 378 metro cars (63 metro train sets of 6 Cars each) for Mumbai Metro corridors 2A and 7.

Apart from the first metro rake, Thackeray also inaugurated the branding manual, travel card

and the operation control centre at Charkop Metro depot and the receiving sub-station. "There

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The coaches have facility for carrying passengers' bicycles. Amit Chakravarty

was criticism that I was staying all (infrastructure) projects. Had I given the stay, the works would not have been completed," said Thackeray, adding that the projects were slowed down during the pandemic.

While the metro line 2A from Dahisar to DN Nagar is an 18.58km-long elevated corridor with 17 stations, built at an estimated cost of Rs 6,410 crore, the metro line 7 from Andheri (East) to Dahisar (East) is an 16.47-kmlong elevated corridor with 13 stations, built at an estimated cost of Rs 6,208 crore.

Thackeray further said that he does not deny the projects undertaken during the previous

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regime. "I am not denying the work undertaken during the previous government's tenure, nor have not cancelled the projects of the previous government. I am speeding them up so that they are completed at the earliest," he added. Urban Development Minister

Eknath Shinde said that the 35km-long metro lines will serve 13 lakh passengers from Andheri to Dahisar. "Our aim is to make the services operational on both the routes by May," he said.

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to receive 20-40 per cent of cen-

tral financial assistance (CFA) on

the cost of setting it up. The solar

power, so generated, can either

be used for captive consumption

of the premises or can be fed into

the grid and adjusted in the elec-

tricity bill. All premises with valid

and live electricity connections

can avail the scheme. Typically, a

1 Kilo Watt RTS plant required

share of electricity from non-fos-

sil fuel categories to 40 per cent

of total capacity by 2030, the cen-

tral government has launched a

program to promote solar power

Committing to increase the

about 10 square meter area.

#### SANDEEP ASHAR MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

TARGETING GENERATION of 38,000 MW of power through rooftop solar-powered (RTS) plants by the end of 2022, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has now tasked Maharashtra with setting up the highest number of new rooftop solar power plants in the residential sector under the centrally-sponsored Off Grid Rooftop Solar Programme.

According to information, Maharashtra has been allocated a capacity of setting up 500 MW of residential rooftop solar plants from a collective target of 1,667 MW assigned to 17 states and Union Territories under the central assistance scheme. Gujarat, which has been leading in solar power generation so far, has been allocated a target of augmenting residential rooftop solar plants by another 262 MW under the scheme, while Karnataka, another BJP-ruled state, has been allocated 300 MW.

be implemented by public displemented this with a program coms, state governments have to incentive grid connected rooftop solar plants. The Centre been asked to actively promote setting up of solar-powered has set a target of achieving 38,000 MW of RTS plants by plants on the rooftop of residential and commercial buildings. December 31, 2022. Of this 4,000 Under the Centre's scheme, a MW, roughly 11 per cent, will be housing society or an independin the residential segment. ent bungalow/house owner. in-Following the ministry's allostalling such plants, are eligible

cation, the state-run Maharashtra Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) will soon invite expression of interests from eligible companies interested in the installation. maintenance and repair of RTS plants. Sources said that an individual owner or a housing society will have the option to select one of the empanelled contractors, and pay only the amount remaining after deduction of the due central assistance.

Across India, the Centre has directed states to implement the incentive scheme through state-run discoms to avoid multiplicity of agencies, and make it easier for the consumers to access the benefit. Besides the obvious savings on the consumption side, RTS plants help in reducing transmission and distribution losses, and regulation of day time peak load.3

Want to resolve our disputes through mediation: Munde,

> filed a defamation suit in the HC seeking an order to protect his "right of privacy" and restraining a woman from posting his private pictures and videos on her social media accounts. "It appears that the defendant proposes to publish further materials, which are private in nature," the judge had noted in the December 16 order.

Munde's counsels had then apprehended that all these materials may be published, further violating the plaintiff's "right to privacy" and had sought protection ex parte (without hearing the other side).

"The relationship between the parties is admitted in the plaint and no attempt has been made by the plaintiff to distance himself from the said relationship, as set out in the plaint. What the plaintiff seeks to protect is his right of privacy as far as photographs and video recordings. Prima facie case is made out for limited protection," Justice Menon had noted on December 16.

In light of this, the HC had then allowed Munde's prayer for interim relief, and passed an interim order of injunction against the defendant woman restraining her from "distributing or publishing any private photo, private video or private audio-recording of the plaintiff or containing the plaintiff in any print, electronic or social media platform including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or WhatsApp,"

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#### MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

MAHARASHTRA MINISTER for Social Justice and NCP leader Dhananjay Munde and a woman with whom he was admittedly in a consensual relationship on Thursday told the Bombay High Court that they had decided to refer their disputes for mediation to resolve issues between them. Earlier this month, the woman's sister had given

a police complaint accusing Munde of raping her, but later withdrew the complaint.

Munde and the woman with whom he has two children filed their consent terms before the court on Thursday, after which the HC referred "disputes and differences" to the mediation of a former HC judge.

Experienced Person Wil A single judge bench of Justice Anil K Menon passed an order on January 28, after the counsels for both the parties told the court that

Besides senior ministers and leaders of the MVA alliance, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council Pravin Darekar was also present at the event. Fresh Chicken Trading N.E.C.C suggested price Big birds 67/- kg., Small

plants across the country. In the first phase, which was launched in 2015, the government had targeted off-grid small solar power Under the RTS programme to plants, But in March 2019, it sup-



#### **BRIEFLY** –

#### Restaurants can open till 1 am: Govt

The Mumbai: Maharashtra government on Friday issued a directive, allowing restaurants and shops to remain open till 1 am and 11 pm, respectively. Until now, restaurants were allowed to remain open only till 11 pm, while shops could remain open till 10 pm. "We are thrilled with the government's decision to allow restaurants to operate till 1 am. The extension will boost businesses and encourage several restaurants to reopen that continued to remain shut since Covid-induced lockdown," said Pradeep Shetty, senior vice-president of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Western India. ENS

#### **On-campus** court works to resume

Mumbai: Subordinate courts across the state will resume regular physical functioning from Monday. A notice was issued by the Registrar General of the Bombay High Court, saying all subordinate courts in Maharashtra, Goa and Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu will resume normal functioning ENS

#### **TRP CASE: MUMBAI POLICE TO COURT**

# **'Republic TV, Arnab** attempting to scuttle probe at crucial stage'

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and fair investigation as also ad-

ministration of justice," the po-

that WhatsApp chats seized dur-

ing the probe indicate "commis-

sion of offence", and "contain rel-

evant information that requires

further investigation, which

should not be shut out by way of

Denying allegation of "des-

peration to implicate petitioners

instead of probing the role of

other channels mentioned in

complaint," the affidavit said,

"The police are investigating the

role of the channels mentioned

in the complaint. As on date,

there is no material to indicate

culpability of India Today TV

Channel and further investiga-

Further, the police submitted

lice said in the affidavit.

present proceedings."

#### **OMKAR GOKHALE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

MUMBAI POLICE said ARG Outlier Media Pvt Limited, which runs Republic TV, and its editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami, are carrying out "vendetta" against the police force through their TV channels and that Goswami is "directly interfering and intimidating witnesses by issuing news releases".

Earlier this week, through affidavits filed before a division bench of Justice SS Shinde and Justice Manish Pitale, which is hearing a plea by ARG seeking quashing of the FIR in the TRP case, the police refuted allegations of "falsely implicating" employees of the petitioner. Mumbai police, through

tion is being carried out with re-Shashank Sandbhor, Assistant gard to many TV channels including India Today." The police Commissioner of Police, CID, Crime Branch, filed the affidavit also refused a plea by the petiin reply to the plea. "The investitioners to transfer the probe to the CBI and said the right does gations carried on so far prima facie indicate collusion between not lie with "the petitioners, who the officials of Broadcast have not yet been named as ac-Audience Research Council cused". (BARC) with others to manipuing to scuttle the investigation, late ratings," according to the affidavit. "The entire effort is to which is at a crucial stage, by have a 'media trial' wherein the making false and baseless allegations against Mumbai police," TV channels owned by ARG are given 'clean chit' and officials of the affidavit urged, seeking that

the Mumbai Police are shown in

bad light. Such a media trial is

Defending the press conferences held by the police after it unearthed the alleged scam, Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh, in his affidavit, said briefings were held as per the procedure and practice established in "sensitive cases".

On Friday, the bench remarked that parties in the case had been filing additional replies and affidavits at the "eleventh hour," making it difficult for the court to go through bulky case papers. "This way, it will go on for months. State will have to make this statement (protection from coercive action) every time. All pleadings have to be completed till February 9," three days prior to the next hearing, the court said.

The Maharashtra government, on Friday, through senior counsel Kapil Sibal assured the court that it would not take any coercive action against Goswami and other employees of ARG Outlier Media referred in the chargesheet filed by police till the next hearing on February 12. The court also continued an interim relief, directing police to summon employees of Hansa Research Group, complainant in case, for inquiry twice a week for a "reasonable time" till February 26.

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Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials to give a false statement.

Mishra in his plea filed on CHANDRAKANT January 27 stated that on Mishra, an accused-turned-ap-November 12, 2020, his stateprover in the alleged TRP scam ment had been recorded under case, has moved the Bombay Section 164 of the Code of High Court, seeking intervention Criminal Procedure (CrPC) by the in the plea filed by ARG Outlier Metropolitan Magistrate, Media Pvt Ltd that runs Republic Esplanade, Mumbai, which is TV, stating that he had been in the custody of the investicalled and harassed by gating agency, Mumbai police,

at present. On December 18, 2020, the ED summoned him to record his statement.

Accused-turned-approver moves intervention plea

On that day, Mishra visited the ED office where his statement was recorded by an officer "under threats contrary to the statement recorded before the Magistrate".

"The true and correct state-



performance in interview/test and last drawn CTC Sd/- State Project Director

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ment has not been recorded by the ED officer." the plea said.

Mishra said he is required to pro-

duce the "true and correct facts"

before the high court for the

"cause of justice" and sought to

allow his "just and necessary" in-

tervention plea which is likely to

be heard by the court on

February 12.

### **Funds for temple: Congress** wary of BJP's political gain

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

WARY OF the BJP leveraging the ongoing door-to-door drive to collect donations for the construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya for political gains, the Congress on Friday questioned the involvement of the ruling party and RSS workers in the process.

In Maharashtra, where it is sharing power with the Shiv Sena and the NCP, the Congress appealed to all donors to directly deposit their donations with the Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Tirth Kshetra trust, which is already conducting a mass contact and contribution campaign for the temple construction work in Ayodhya. Maharashtra Congress leader and party spokesperson Sachin Sawant demanded an inquiry by the state government into the funds being garnered by the BJP for this purpose. Just as Sawant cited past complaints raised by a section of Hindutva outfits, including the complaint.

#### Fadnavis donates Rs1lakh

Mumbai: Opposition leader Devendra Fadnavis on Friday gave a donation of Rs 1 lakh for construction of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya.

At a small function held at Fadnavis' official residence in Mumbai, Ramianmabhoomi Trust treasurer Govinddev Giri Maharaj was presented the cheque by the former CM. ENS

#### Dinesh Waghmare appointed energy secy

"The petitioners are attempt-

ARG's writ petition be dismissed

with exemplary cost.

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

IN A major rejig of the bureaucracy in the state's power sector, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Friday named Dinesh Waghmare, a 1994-batch IAS officer, as the state's new Energy secretary.

Waghmare, who was previously holding the charge of chairman and managing director of the Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company, will take over from Assem Gupta, who has been newly posted as the principal

secretary of the state relief and

has succeeded Kishor Raje

Meanwhile, Aseem Gupta

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rehabilitation department.

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#### At 14.8 degrees, Mumbai records season's lowest temperature

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

AT 14.8 degrees Celsius, Mumbai on Friday recorded the season's lowest minimum temperature. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Santacruz observatory recorded the minimum temperature to be three degrees below normal, while the Colaba observatory recorded a minimum temperature of 17.5 degrees Celsius, 0.2 degrees below normal.

As per the IMD's forecast for 24 hours, the minimum temperature is likely to drop further to 14 degrees Celsius, while the maximum temperature is likely to increase to 30-31 degrees Celsius. "The northerly winds have pushed the mercury levels down. There will be no large change in the temperature for the next 24 hours, but a gradual rise in it is expected in the coming days," said IMD.

Before Friday, the lowest minimum temperature of the season was 15 degrees Celsius on December 29 last year. The record for the lowest minimum temperature was on January 22, 1962, at 7.4 degrees Celsius. In 2020, the lowest minimum temperature recorded was 11.4 degrees Celsius, on January 7.

Nirmohi Akhada, over fund-collection drives organised by the BJP-affiliated outfits, party sources said the apprehensions that the BIP will use the drive to consolidate its own Hindu vote was behind the Congress's latest

Nimbalkar (2003-batch IAS officer), who has been newly posted as the Member Secretary of the Maharashtra

Pradhikaran, a charge he was already holding in an additional capacity.

### **MSCB FRAUD: PROTEST PETITIONS** Allegations against those holding high offices politically motivated: EOW

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

THE ECONOMIC Offences Wing (EOW) of Mumbai police said allegations naming those "holding high offices" in the protest petitions filed against the closure report it gave in the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSCB) case are "politically motivated". The EOW had last year filed a

summary report before the special court in Mumbai, stating that no criminal offence is made in the case where over 70 persons, including Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and other political leaders, were named.

The complainant in the case,

Surinder Arora, through his lawyer Subhash Talekar, had filed a protest petition against the EOW's closure report, stating that the probe was not impartially conducted since those named are from the state's coalition government. "The investigating agency was not concerned with anyone's political affiliation but were indeed concerned with the illegal acts if any committed by them constituting criminal offence. The allegations

made by naming persons hold-

ing responsible post and high of-

in its reply to the protest petition filed on Friday through special public prosecutor Ajay Misar. In its closure report, the EOW said no criminal offence is found in the bank's transactions as alleged, and has sought the case to be closed. It also countered the allegation in the protest petition that one of the prime witnesses in the case was an "interested witness". The EOW said the bank's managing director Ajit Deshmukh, whose statement was recorded at length by the agency, had worked at the bank's various departments for over 30 years and had expert knowledge about its working.

fices are baseless," the EOW said

....the approach of the protest petitioner is to fix the criminals first and then somehow connect them to the alleged crime. Thus, it is an obvious attempt to scandalise and malign the persons holding offices," the EOW reply said, calling the allegations "defamatory".

It also countered the allegation that the witnesses' statements were similar, claiming that the members of the investigating team were briefed by the main investigating officer regarding the specific queries to be sought details on.

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h)In case where the depositor(s) has opted for renewal of deposit through FD Total assets depositor(s) should submit a specific written request so as to reach the Company atleast 3 (three) business days before maturity date of the Deposit. The writte request can be submitted at nearest branch of the Company or sending by post/ courier to the Company or to the independent financial advisors or national distributors empaneled with the Company. No requests shall be accepted post Trade payable the above-mentioned period.

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#### C. Profits/Dividends:

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Profits of the Company before and after making provisions for tax, for the three financial years immediately preceding the date of the advertisement and the dividends declared by the Company in respect of the said years.

			(₹in Crore)	Borrowings (other than debt securities)	36,923
Financial Year	Profit (Standalone)		Dividend	Deposits	21,427
ended on	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	fter Tax	%	Subordinated debts	4,141
	Belole lax A			Other financial liabilities	669.
31.03.2018	4,056.36	2,646.70	200	Total financial liabilities	105,692.
31.03.2019	6,035.30	3,890.34	300		
31.03.2020	6,808.13	4,881.12	500	Non-financial liabilities	
				Current tax liabilities (net)	52
	f the management of the Comp			Provisions	78.
	naged by the Managing Directo			Other non-financial liabilities	367
	Board of Directors. The Managi			Total non-financial liabilities	498.
necessary powers for	managing the business and affairs	s of the Company.			
E. Names, address	ses and occupations of Dire	ctors:		Equity	
NAME	ADDRESS	00	CUPATION	Equity share capital	119.
				Other equity	31,693
Shri Rahul Bajaj (Non-Executive Director)	Bajaj Vihar Colony, Mumbai-Pune Ro Akurdi, Pune 411 035.	oad,	Industrialist	Total assets	31,813
Shri Sanjiv Bajaj	Bajaj Vihar Colony, Mumbai-Pune Ro	nad.	Industrialist		
(Chairman)	Akurdi, Pune 411 035.			Total liabilities and equity	1,38,003.
Shri Rajeev Jain	D-2, Ivy Glen, Marigold Premises, Ka	alyani	Service	Contingent Liabilities (Standalone)	
(Managing Director)	Nagar, Pune 411 014.				As
Shri Madhur Bajaj (Non-Executive	Bungalow No. 3, Bajaj Vihar Colony, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi,		Industrialist	Particulars	AS 31 March 20
Director)	Pune 411 035.				51 March 20
Shri Rajiv Bajaj	34/35, Yog Koregaon Park, Lane No.	2, Pune	Industrialist	Disputed claims against the Company not	44.
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#### F. Summarised Financial Position of the Company (standalone) as appearing in the two latest audited balance sheets:

(₹in Crore) 31 March 2020 31 March 2019 Cash and cash equivalents 674.53 240.00 4.83 171.76 867.18 1,13,417.08 20,138.98 349.51 95,181.26 10,370.41 381.61 1,35,623.87 1,06,980.35 204.57 847.61 1,016.16 211.98 99.38 2,379.70 1,519.52 1,38,003.57 1,08,499.87 LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Financial liabilities Payables 0.30 Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises -Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises 636.76 547.25 Other payables Total outstanding dues of micro enterprise 179.46 218.64 41,713.77 39,048.97 3.32 27.10 11.75 13,193.01 4,139.07 9.90 1,411.81 2.36 88,529.86 52.10 78.87 22.37 68.88 57.03 315.13 406.38

ii) The compliance with the directions does not imply that the repayment of Deposit is guaranteed by the Reserve Bank of India. iii) The deposits accepted by the Company are unsecured and rank pari passu with other unsecured liabilities. iv) The deposits solicited by the Company are not insured. v) The Financial position of the Company as disclosed and the representations made in the deposit application form are true and correct. The Company and its Board of Directors are responsible for the correctness and veracity thereof. The financia Directors are responsible for the correctness and veracity thereot. The inancial activities of the company are regulated by Reserve Bank of India. It must, however, be distinctly understood that Reserve Bank of India does not undertake any responsibility for the financial soundness of the Company or for the correctness of any of the statements or the representations made or opinion expressed by the Company and for repayment of deposits / discharge of liabilities by the Company. 1.69 K. The deposits shall also be subject to the terms and conditions as per the deposit application form. L. Deposits may be withdrawn prior to the date of maturity subject to the regulations of the Reserve Bank of India in this regard. Please note that premature withdrawal of Deposit (including death cases) is subject to the following conditions: a) Upto 3 months from date of deposit: Withdrawal is not permitted b) After 3 months but before 6 months: Interest shall not be payable ) After 6 months but before the date of maturity: The payable of the start of the lower than the rate specified for the period during which the scheme has run. In case of no rate being specified for the deposit period, interest rate payable shall be 3% lower than the lowest rate offered by BFL. M.The Business carried on by the Company and its subsidiaries with details of branches or units if any: 1. Business carried on by the Company and its branches I. Business carried on by the Company and its branches: Providing consumer finance ranging from vehicle loans, consumer durable financing, personal loans, loan against property, Home Loans, construction equipment financing, small business loans, loan against pseuties and infrastructure financing. The Company is having its Branches at Agra, Ahmedabad, Ahmedhagar, Ajmer, Akola, Akot, Akaputha, Allahabad, Ambala, Arnavati, Amreli, Amritsar, Anana, Anantyur, and Ankaleshwar, Asansol, Aurangabad, Bagalkot, Bidar, Bijapur, Bikaner, Bilsayan, Bohara, Bihwandi, Bhoyal, Bhubabad, Bharghad, Babardan, Bharuch, Bhatinda, Bharnagar, Bhila, Bhiwandi, Bhoyal, Bhubabad, Bagalkot, Bidar, Bijapur, Bikaner, Bilsayan, Bokara, Bolyan, Bosad, Calicut, Chailsgaon, Chandigarh, Chandrapur, Chennal, Chhindwara, Chikhil, Chiplun, Chitradurga, Chittaranjan, Chodpa, Cochin, Combatote, Cuddoner, Cuttack, Obaho, Dahod, Davangere, Dehradun, Dewas, Dhanbad, Dharapuram, Dharwad, Dhule, Dindigul, Duragpur, Etrur, Eode, Gandhilann, Goa, Cokak, Guberga, Guna, Guntu, Gwailor, Haldia, Halol, Hassan, Haveri, Himantagar, Hoshangbad, Hoshiarpur, Hospet, Hubli, Hyderada, Indore, Jabalku, Izadahti, Janjuu, Jalandhar, Jalgon, Jalpaiguri, Jammu, Jamnaga, Jamme, Jamshedgur, Jodhpur, Jiandhara, Jalgaon, Jalpaiguri, Calkak, Kannur, Kanpur Kayurthak, Aradi, Karaik, Karan, Kananagpapally, Karur, Karvar, Kathi, Khamgaon, Khandwa, Kharaghur, Kolar, Kollanpur, Kolara, Kolama, Kopergaon, Korba, Kota, Kotayam, Kunnol, Kuruk-Sherta, Latur, Lucknow, Ludhinan, Machilipatham, Madurai, Mandya, Mangalore, Mapuz, Margao Melsana, Mogaina, Baharika, Kannur, Kanurhan, Kanadya, Kanada, Kanada, Manada, Melahan, Mangalore, Mapuz, Janahara, Jamanga, Jammer, Jamshedur, Johanga, Jangan, Jaharan, Kanada, 
i) The Company has complied with the provisions of the directions applicable to it.

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Rajeev Jain, Managing Director DIN: 01550158

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# Away from Ghazipur, support pours in for Tikait at Muzaffarnagar event

#### **JIGNASA SINHA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

HOURS AFTER Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait made an emotional appeal at Ghazipur, thousands of farmers and politleaders reached ical Muzaffarnagar, more than 200 km away, for a mahapanchayat in solidarity on Friday morning.

Naresh Tikait, his brother, told The Indian Express: "I was shocked when I saw him crying. The Home Minister and his police are trying to scare him and want him arrested. I won't let that happen. I was going to leave for Ghazipur last night but then I got to know that farmers from different villages want to meet me and support the Tikaits."

After a video of the appeal circulated Thursday night, farmers from Uttarakhand, Haryana and different parts of Uttar Pradesh reached the Government Inter College ground in Muzaffarnagar to attend the mahapanchayat. According to police estimates, more than 10,000 people came in tractors and jeeps, raising slogans such as "Aansu ka badla khoon se" and "Jo na maane



At the kisan mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar. Abhinav Saha

jhande se, woh maanega dande

Satender Goyala, a sugarcane farmer from Soram village, said he came to Muzaffarnagar with 1,000 other farmers from his village. "I know the clashes at Red Fort were unfortunate but we know Tikait. He would never insult the national flag. Tikait is like my brother; I can't see him like

this. We will go to Ghazipur if Naresh asks us to.'

Heavy police deployment was seen outside the ground and on the streets. Leaders from the Samajwadi Party, Rashtriya Lok Dal, Congress and Aam Aadmi Party also joined the mahapanchayat, pledging to join the protest Farmers at the ground spoke

about Tikait's father, Mahendra Singh Tikait, among India's tallest farm leaders and former president of BKU.

Rajbeer Singh, a farmer from Sisauli, said, "My father and I have known the Tikaits for ages. My father participated in the protests with Mahendra ii in the 1980s. I won't let the BJP insult my brother. We are ready to go

**Rakesh Tikait** 

We will fight them back. We will stand along with farmers from Punjab, Haryana and UP." After the five-hour mahapanchayat, the farmers were sent back and told they would soon be required for the movement. They said they will wait for that call.

### Haryana khaps give call to send more protesters to Delhi

them from dharna sites.

the farmers understand why

they are being attacked at bor-

ders despite their peaceful

protests. Everybody knows at

the behest of whom the farmers

are being attacked at borders,'

says Dayanand Poonia, a farmer

Khap in a Jind village, social out-

fit head Tek Ram Kandela said,

"Farmers have already started

heading to Delhi as they are up-

set with the efforts to remove

them from dharna sites forcibly.

The only solution of the agitation

is repealing of three farm laws."

the ruling BJP, but has been ac-

tively supporting the farmer ag-

Red Fort, but farmers have noth-

Hisar district Friday moved to

Ghazipur border on feet to offer

he will have water only if the

same is brought from villages. A

group of 21 youths from our vil-

lage will reach Ghazipur mainly

covering the distance by run-

ning. A car and tractor will also

be taken with them as it is like

Dak Kanwar Yatra," said Kuldeep

Kundu, a resident of Pabra

ing to do with it," he claimed.

itation since beginning.

water to Rakesh Tikait.

Notably, Kandela belongs to

"We condemn the incident at

Meanwhile, a group of youths from Pabra village of

"Tikait has announced that

After a meeting of Kandela

leader from Bhiwani district.

#### **SUKHBIR SIWACH** CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

fighting alone for two months now. We won't let him go THE ESCALATING tension at Ghazipur and Singhu protest Jayant Chaudhary, former sites has ensured that a large PM Charan Singh's grandson, number of farmers from Haryana are now moving to also came to the stage and spoke Delhi borders to bulwark the on-He said the government going farmers' agitation at these

should stop labeling farmers as dharna spots Several khap panchayats in Farmers and locals cheered as he the state held meetings at different places in Haryana Friday to While several leaders said discuss the fast-changing develthey were ready to leave for opments. They gave a call to Delhi, Naresh told the farmers to farmers to move to Delhi in large "wait" and "move to Delhi in numbers from Saturday. Even on Friday, farmers moved to Delhi from Jind, Rohtak, Charkhi Dadri and other districts of Haryana.

There were protests too at several places in Haryana Friday, with the Jind-Chandigarh national highway being blocked at two places in Jind and Kaithal.

The same highway was blocked Thursday night too after the authorities tried to remove farmers from Ghazipur border.

A feeling has gained ground among farmers that now more efforts would be made to remove them from protest sites and to prevent these efforts, the number at these sites should be increased

Probably that's why more farmers have started sitting at toll plazas too where the protesters have managed free passage of vehicles for the past one month. After violence in Delhi on January 26, the agitators were on a backfoot with many leaving dharna sites at borders of the national capital. But efforts to remove protesters from Ghazipur apparently proved counter-pro-



village

Khap leaders hold a meeting in Rohtak Friday. Manoj Dhaka

#### Haryana govt suspends mobile Internet, SMS in 17 districts

ductive with farmers from **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** Haryana villages coming out in CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

support of Rakesh Tikait, who is THE HARYANA government leading the protesters at Ghazipur border. Not only this, Friday suspended with immediate effect mobile Internet and SMS farmers see the conflict between agitators and "locals" at Delhi in 14 districts and extended the borders as an attempt to remove same in three others till 5pm on January 30 "to prevent any distur-"Such tactics won't work as

bance of peace and public order". With this, only voice calls were now allowed in 17 of the 22 districts – Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal, Panipat, Hisar, Jind, Rohtak, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Fatehabad, Rewari, Sirsa, Sonipat, Jhajjar and Palwal.

"In exercise of powers conferred upon me by virtue of Section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 to be read along with Rule(2) of Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, I, Home Secretary, Haryana do hereby order the suspension of the mobile internet services (2G/3G/4G/CDMA/GPRS), all SMS services (excluding banking and mobile recharge) and all dongle services etc provided on mobile networks except the voice calls in the territorial jurisdiction of (these) districts," reads an order issued by Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Rajeev Arora.

The government move has come at time when people from across Harvana started moving towards Delhi's borders, especially Ghazipur, Tikri and Singhu, to extend support to the farmers protesting against the Centre's new agri laws.

"The ADGP (CID) has brought to my notice that provocative information and fake news on social media regarding ongoing farmers' agitation has been rampant in various districts and there is a likelihood of disturbance of law and order, public peace and tranquility by protestors, agitators, miscreants and anti-social elements," the order reads.

In the wake of the violence in Delhi on January 26, Arora on Tuesday had ordered to snap mobile internet services in the three districts, which are in close proximity of Delhi — Sonipat, Jhajjar and Palwal. The services will continue to remain suspended in the three districts.

#### **CBI conducts** surprise checks

#### what Pak wants: Amarinder violence during the farmers' agi-

What happened at Singhu is

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

STATING THAT he had been been warning for a long time that Pakistan will try to exploit the unrest over the farm laws to disturb Punjab's peace, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh Friday said central agencies should investigate into possible role of the neighbouring country in the recent disturbances and violence during the farmers' agitation at the borders of Delhi.

"What is happening and what happened at Singhu today is what Pakistan wants." said Amarinder.

"The central agencies should investigate into possible Pakistan role in the recent disturbances and

tation," he said. Condemning Friday's violence

at Singhu border, he urged the Centre to conduct a thorough probe to identify the "so-called locals" who had purportedly broken through tight security cordons to attack farmers and their property. "Were they really locals?," he

asked the chief minister, seeking a probe to identify the "troublemakers". "I can't believe local people

could have turned against the farmers like this. Miscreants might have been brought from other places by vested interests to foment trouble." he said, adding that locals calling the farmers "traitors" was not something he could believe to be true.

#### **HARISH DAMODARAN** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

RAKESH TIKAIT is a most unlikely adversary of the ruling dispensation at the Centre. The 51-year-old Delhi Police constable-turnedfarmer leader admits to have voted for the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. So did most in his Jat community-dominated village of Sisauli in UP's Muzaffarnagar district - not the least because of its candidate, Union minister Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, belonging to the same Baliyan Khap (clan) headed by Rakesh's elder brother Naresh Tikait.

The younger Tikait has also had a none-too-illustrious political career. He contested the 2007 UP Assembly elections from the Khatauli coa

port – only to finish a distant sixth.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, he

ers at New Delhi's Boat Club lawns

However, veteran journalist Harvir Singh felt that the contexts

to Delhi. We are anyway against

these farm laws. Tikait has been

"anti-nationals" and "terrorists".

Chaudhary Gulshan Rod, a

farmer from Uttarakhand's

down.'

about Tikait

hugged Naresh.

small groups"

were a period of relative prosperity for farmers, with improved crop yields from newly bred wheat and sugarcane varieties. There were government jobs whether in the Army and police or as schoolteachers and village level workers - even for those with basic education, which itself was cheap. "The BKU's agitations then were only to defend those gains," he said. The ongoing protests, by contrast, are by farmers who, having seen better times,

that than sugarcane. The Yogi Adityana government in UP, since it came to power in March 2017, has increased the state advised price (SAP) of cane by just Rs 10 per quintal to Rs 315-325. The SAP for the 2020-21 season has not even been announced despite mills undertaking crushing operations since end-October. On top of it, they owe farmers over Rs 12,000 crore against cane purchases

made in the current as well as the

There's no better symbol of

(every farmer cried and remembered his father and BKU founder Mahendra Singh Tikait)", said Rajvir Singh Mundet, a Shamli-

are today on a sliding path.

viral, "har kisan roya aur sabhi ko Mahender Singh Ji yaad aaya

in October 1988. are different.

The seventies and eighties

A breakdown, and the rise of farmer leader Rakesh Tikait

Haridwar, said, "More than 80 tractors left from our city to join this meeting. We are with Tikait. We saw his tears; he was being tortured and intimidated. These officials want to scare farmers.

### to rush to Delhi borders

Sukhbir asks party cadre

#### **NAVJEEVAN GOPAL**

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

WHILE ACCUSING the BJP of trying to "create a situation of confrontation at Singhu and Ghazipur borders through its carde", the Shiromani Akali Dal on Friday asked its party cadre to rush to the three farmers' protest sites on Delhi's borders in large numbers to boost the ongoing agitation.

During a media briefing in Delhi, SAD president Sukhbir Badal alleged that police were "bringing them (BJP cadre) forward, encouraging them and giving them full protection".

He added that "BJP's attempt to show that local people are against the agitators will cause harm and may lead to violence."

leader Rakesh Tikait and discussed ways to "shore up more strength and support for the farmers agitation in Delhi especially in view of the combined onslaught against farmers by the BIP and the

Centre." After the phone call with Tikait, Sukhbir instructed the Akali cadre to "rush to Delhi in even larger numbers than before to join their brethren on the Delhi borders and lend strength to the peaceful movement".

Sukhbir also dispatched an Akali delegation comprising senior party leader Balwinder Singh Bhunder, SAD Delhi unit president Harmit Singh Kalka and the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee chief Manjindner Singh Sirsa to the site of the farm-

ers dharna led by Tikait.

fought on a Rashtriya Lok Dal Sukhbir also spoke to farm (RLD) ticket from Amroha and lost his deposit.

Even in the current stir against the agricultural reform laws, the farmers from Tikait's BKU were, till quite recently, numerically less at the Delhi-UP Ghazipur border protest site compared to those mobilised by his rival V M Singh of the Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Sangathan. There are some who allege Tikait was actually "promoted" by the Centre to neutralise the more belligerent farmer

unions from Punjab and Haryana. But all that changed after Tikait's Thursday evening speech at Ghazipur, refusing to follow the local administration's orders to vacate the site and court arrest. As videos of his breaking down and threats of hanging himself if the farm laws weren't repealed went

MP to procure

grams, lentils,

mustard at MSP

alongside wheat

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh

Agriculture Minister Kamal Patel

on Friday announced that this

year, the state government will

procure grams, lentils and mus-

tard at MSP at the same time as

wheat. Registration for selling

produce at MSP will begin

February 1. while procurement

will start from March 15. he said.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

"With government announc-

with RLD chief Chaudhary Ajit Singh - with whom the Tikaits have shared a blow hot and cold relationship – personally calling up the same night and support also coming in from Jat leaders of neighbouring states.

based social worker and activist.

out of the agitation, Rakesh Tikait

has now become western UP's

undisputed kisan neta (farmer

His stock has further rise

Also, with V M Singh pulling

"That single emotional act – everyone saw his humiliation by a vindictive government as their own - has united our entire farming community... This never happened since 1987-88," added Mundet.

That was the time when Mahendra Singh Tikait launched a four-day dharna in Muzaffarnagar in January 1987 against the state government's hiking electricity tariffs by a third. This was followed one year later by a 24-day gherao of the Meerut Commissionerate (for increasing the official sugarcane price from Rs 27 to Rs 35/quintal) and, finally, the weeklong rally of half-a-million farm-

### Jan 26 violence: Editors Guild slams FIRs against journalists

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

A DAY after FIRs under sedition and other charges were filed against senior editors and journalists for reporting and tweets on the farmers' protests and violence across Delhi on January 26, the Editors Guild of India said "this targeting of journalists grievously violates and tramples on every value that our democratic republic stands for" and added that it is "intended to grievously hurt the media and prevent it from working as an independent watchdog of Indian democracy"

wheat will be taken care by the In a statement on Friday, the Guild said it "strongly condemns Food and Civil Supplies the intimidating manner in the Department, while mustard, grams and lentils will be procured way in which the Uttar Pradesh by the state marketing federation. and Madhya Pradesh Police have The announcement came registered FIRs against senior edhours after Patel met Chief Minister itors and journalists", including ENS current and former office-bear-

previous season. In UP, the real source of farmer anger - more than the Centre's three reform laws - is sugarcane. apart from the doubling of electricity charges, diesel turning around Rs 10/litre dearer in the last one year alone, and the collateral damage from the Adityanath government's stringent anti-cattle slaughter measures. And they have seemingly chosen Rakesh Tikait to lead their cause, like his father did three decades ago

Journalists, it said, "have been

ing the accounts pertaining to the

death of one of the protestors on

their personal social media han-

sources, which is "in line with es-

One of the FIRs was filed in

January 26.

practice"

#### ers of the Guild, "for reporting on the farmers' protest rallies and the ensuing violence that took place in the national capital" on

specifically targeted for reportdles as well as those of the publications they lead and represent" even as "several reports were emerging" from multiple tablished norms of journalistic Gautam Buddh Nagar on

Thursday against eight persons - Congress MP Shashi Tharoor; Rajdeep Sardesai of India Today Group; Mrinal Pande, National Herald; Vinod Jose, Anant Nath, and Paresh Nath of Caravan magazine, editor-in-chief of Qaumi Awaz Zafar Agha and one unnamed person.

Haryana: JJP, Jat leaders at FCI godowns back protest, appeal for farmers' rights

Haryana Assembly.

he will reach Ghazipur border on

Saturday to extend support to

Tikait. He said Haryana farmers

have always stood behind their

counterparts from across the

country. "I call upon all leaders to

rise above petty interests and ex-

tend support to peasants. We will

At least 50 MLAs in the 90-

agitation, some

member House of Harvana come

from farmer families. Amid the

Independent MLAs have with-

drawn their support to the the

Sombir Sangwan, said, "I called up

Tikait and told him that over 200

khaps will be reaching Ghazipur

on Saturday to support the agita-

tion. The government can not fool

the people anymore. I had stayed

in BJP for 20 years. I know how

they took police's help to scuttle

this agitation through backdoor".

former Haryana chief minister

Bhupinder Singh Hooda too ap-

pealed farmers to head to Delhi's

MP Deepender Hooda said rather

than harassing farmer leaders, the

government should accept their

demands. "It is extremely unfor-

tunate that people like Tikait are

being harassed. We condemn the

incident that took at Red Fort on

January 26, and demand that the

government get a high level in-

quiry conducted, identify and

catch the actual culprits,"

Deepender said.

Hooda's son and Rajya Sabha

Senior Congress leader and

One of them, Dadri MLA

Harvana government.

repeal these laws," he said.

ongoing

borders.

#### **VARINDER BHATIA** CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

COMPOUNDING THE problems for the ruling BJP-JJP alliance in Haryana, several leaders from the Jat community, including Deputy Minister Dushyant Chief Chautala's younger brother Digvijay Singh Chautala, on Friday extended support to Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait and several of them started marching towards Delhi's borders.

The protests, especially at Ghazipur border in Ghaziabad, got a fresh lease of life after farmers and rallied support for the movement following an impassioned appeal by Tikait.

Digvijay, also a Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) youth wing leader, termed Tikait as a "true patriot".

"Rakesh Tikait is the blood of country's eminent farmer leader Mahender Singh Tikait. Calling him a traitor or enemy of the nation is absolutely wrong. The government should rethink its words. He has always worked for the welfare of farmers. Farmers and people like Tikait are patriots in true sense," Digivijay said.

He said that if the governments "want to arrest somebody, they should catch hold of people like(Harvana BKU chief)Gurnam Singh Chaduni who misled the people and incited them for violence".JJP, the junior partner in the ruling alliance, is facing pressure from farmers and Opposition leaders who have been demanding that it snap ties with the BJP. Party leader and deputy CM Dushyant Chautala had earlier claimed that he will resign if he is unable to secure the MSP guarantee for farmers.

As the deadlock over the agri laws continues, the pressure on Dushyant to come out in support

#### **KANCHAN VASDEV** CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

JOINT TEAMS of CBI and vigiof farmers has increased further lance wing of Food Corporation following his uncle Abhay of India (FCI) Friday conducted Chautala who was the lone INI D surprise checks at 40 godowns legislator, resigning from the in Punjab and Haryana following complaints of irregularities in Abhay, meanwhile, said that storage of grains.

"There is no FIR in this connection. It is a preventive measure to rule out any irregularities. The nature of complaints (received) include inadequate storage of grains, damage to the grains," a CBI spokesperson said. In its first reaction, the Punjab

together fight for the rights of government said it is watching farmers and support this agitation whether the raids were a part of till the time we force the Centre to "hidden agenda".

The CBI started the operations late Thursday evening with the checks continuing at the time of going to press. The stateagency godowns leased to the FCI in eight of the 13 FCI districts were covered during the joint operation, a government source said. The CBI sleuths checked the quality and quantity of the central-pool foodgrain stocks stored in these godowns.

"They collected samples of wheat and rice pertaining to 2019-20 and 2020-21 procurement seasons," Punjab Food Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu said.

"Centre is most welcome to run the quality checks but if there was a hidden agenda to teach Punjab a lesson for the state opposing the Centre's farm laws, we are keeping a watch," he added.

The raids were conducted at 11 godowns of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation. These include five godowns at Khanna, four at Jagraon, one each at Mansa and Kapurthala. Others include those hired by state agency Pungrain situated at Patti, Fazilka, Ferozepore, Bathinda, Ajitwal Lehra Gaga

### Baghel seeks hike in rice procurement quota

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** RAIPUR, JANUARY 29

CHHATTISGARH CHIEF Minister Bhupesh Baghel has written to Union Food Minister Piyush Goel, requesting for permission to increase the quota of rice to be submitted under the central pool to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) from the state to 40 lakh metric tons "in the interest of the farmers" The Central government had

earlier decided to limit Chhattisgarh's quota of rice to only 24 lakh metric tons since the state government was paying farmers over and above the MSP under the Rajiv Gandhi Nyay Yojana.

In his letter, Baghel said the state had procured 90 lakh metric ton of paddy from 20.29 lakh farmers till January 28 in the Kharif marketing year 2020-21 and would face a loss of Rs 2,500



crore if the permission to increase quota is not granted.

of produce from tribal farmers 'residing in forest areas will be helpful in eradicating the Naxal problem", Baghel wrote, "Paddy farming is the main source of

registration of farmers holding forest rights has been done and the work of purchasing paddy has been done.

The CM also reiterated that in

the Kharif marketing year 2020-21, in-principle consent had been given to take 60 lakh metric tons of rice to the central pool from Chhattisgarh.



livelihood for the people of Chhattisgarh. In the Naxal affected areas (LWE) in the state,

ing MSP, the rates in mandis will go much higher than the MSP and

will benefit the farmers who can choose where they wish to sell their produce," said Patel. He added that the procurement of

the meeting of Food Secretaries of the Government of India for

### 7 GOVT & POLITICS

Accord strategic

sector tag to

pharma, says House panel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

HIGHLIGHTING THE need for

strong indigenous pharma com-

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives at Parliament House on Friday. Anil Sharma

# There should be discussions this session for meaningful results: PM

#### Prasad slams Oppn boycott, says President above political differences

#### LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

ON THE first day of what is expected to be a tumultuous Budget Session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called for debate and discussion on all issues that concern the people of India, keeping democratic values in mind. "The coming decade is sig-

nificant for India's progress. We have to remember the vision and dreams of the greats who fought for our nation's freedom. And, therefore, a golden opportunity has come before the nation to fast fulfill the dreams seen by the freedom fighters. There should be proper utilisation of this decade and, therefore, there should be discus-

sions and presentation of different views this session for meaningful results keeping in mind this entire decade," Modi said ahead of the beginning of the House session

marks come amidst tension at the Delhi borders where farmers unions are continuing their agitation against the contentious farm laws. Seventeen Opposition parties boycotted the President's address on Friday in solidarity with the

farmers. Slamming the opposition for boycotting the customary presidential address, Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad termed it as "unfortunate". He said as the symbol constitutional head of the country, the President is above political differences. He

trained guns on the Congress, alleging that its "arrogance" is the "real problem". He said the BIP never boycotted a presidential address to Parliament despite many "scams" during the

The Prime Minister's re-Congress-led UPA government. Union minister Prakash Javadekar also slammed the Congress, alleging that its existence over the past 5-6 years is based on a "false narrative" that the Modi government is against constitutional institution and values. The presidential address

> was briefly disturbed by Congress MP from Punjab Ravneet Singh Bittu, who raised slogans like Jai Jawan Jai Kisan in the central hall.

While addressing reporters, Prime Minister Modi also said the Union Budget, which is to be presented on Monday, should be seen as part of the series of economic packages, which he described as mini Budgets. "It's the Budget Session. Perhaps, for the first time in the history of India it happened that the Finance Minister had to come out with different packages. There were in fact four to five mini budgets in 2020. So this Budget also will be seen as a part of that series of Budget," he said.

In the session that is scheduled to conclude on April 8, with a recess from February 15 to March 8, the opposition is expected to target the government on a range of issues including farmers protests, economic slow-

down and the WhatsApp leaks of news anchor Arnab Goswami.

# Farmers' agitation will spread unless resolved soon: Rahul

#### MANOJCG NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

HAVING BOYCOTTED President Ram Nath Kovind's address to the joint sitting of Parliament, the Opposition on Friday demanded discussions on the farmers' agitation over three contentious farm laws and other issues in Lok Sabha, with senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi asserting that the government cannot suppress the farmers and the agitation will spread unless it is resolved soon.

Gandhi said what the government is doing to the protesting farmers is "absolutely criminal".

Referring to violent incidents at the Singhu border on Friday, Gandhi accused the government of "attacking" and "beating" the farmers and said it was "absolutely wrong" "What is being done to the

farmers is absolutely criminal. You are beating them, you are threatening them, bullying them, using the NIA and you are trying to discredit them. The government needs to talk to the farmers. It needs to give a solution to the farmers. And the only solution is repealing these laws and putting these laws into the waste paper basket," he told reporters at an AICC press conference.

"Government must not think that the farmers are going to go home. They are not going to go home. And my concern is that this situation is going to spread. We do not need this situation to spread. We need a conversation with the farmers and we need a

solution," he said. Earlier in the day, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla held a meeting with floor leaders of political parties. He also chaired a meet-



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at a press meet Friday. Anil Sharma

ing of the Business Advisory Committee, which allocated 10 hours each for debate on the motion of thanks to the President's Address and the discussion on the Union Budget. The Speaker sought the Opposition's cooperation for the smooth functioning

of the House. Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury told the Speaker that both sides should help each other to ensure smooth functioning. He said the Congress will raise the farmers' stir and other issues, whether he likes it or not.

At the press conference, Gandhi said the opposition boycotted the President's Address because "we didn't see the relevance of going there and we wanted to stand in solidarity with the farmers".

He called the farm laws no less than "theft" and said his party will continue to support the farmers.

Asked about the storming of the Red Fort, Gandhi said, "Is it not the job of the Home Ministry to stop them from entering the Red Fort? Who is responsible for

that? Why were they allowed to go in? Who allowed them? Ask the Home Minister. Also ask him what the idea behind allowing people to enter is.' "The person who has al-

lowed this to happen should resign, but, there is no way he is going to resign. I mean, the BIP doesn't take responsibility for its actions, so I don't expect him to resign," he said. Gandhi also targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying he is silent on the farmers' protest because he is working for a handful of industrialists for whom he had carried out demonetisation, rolled out GST and is now snatching from the farmers there future. "I want to tell the farmers...we are all with you." He said the farmers of the country are yet to understand the laws in depth. "The Prime Minister should not think that the agitation will stop there. I am telling you this agitation will spread from farmers to the cities... Because it is not just the

The Committee said farmers who are angry. There are India needs to have its lakhs of youth whose jobs have been snatched by these 5-10 own national air carrier people and the Prime Minister...

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# TMC's Rajib Banerjee resigns as legislator

Shah postpones Bengal trip over 'situation in Delhi'

#### **ATRI MITRA & RAVIK** BHATTACHARYA KOLKATA, JANUARY 29

ON A day that Union Home Minister Amit Shah was scheduled to visit West Bengal. Raiib Baneriee. Domiur MLA and former minister in the Mamata Banerjee Cabinet, resigned as member of the Legislative Assembly, triggering a fresh round of spec-



ahead of the crucial Assembly elections due

SC seeks Centre response to plea for uniform

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde issued notice on the plea by advocate

# adoption laws

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE SUPREME Court on Friday sought the Centre's response to a plea seeking uniform adoption and guardianship laws for all citizens irrespective of religious or gender differences.

ulation that he could be joining the BJP.

Shah, however, cancelled his visit late Friday, with the Bengal BJP citing "unavoidable circumstances" and the "situation in Delhi"

Bengal BJP leaders said they are trying for an alternative 'national leader' to attend the rally on Sunday at Dumurjola stadium in Howrah that Shah was to address.

Earlier, hinting at "surprises" during Shah's visit, BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said, "Bengal is standing on the edge of poribartan and many people from different parties are trying to join us. We have kept the doors open. We do not have the list here. Obviously there will be surprises during Amit Shah ji's public meeting."

According to party sources, former cabinet ministers. MLAs and leaders from Howrah, Hooghly and Nadia districts were likely to join the BJP at the January 31 rally.

Besides Rajib Banerjee, Baishali Dalmiya (Trinamool MLA from Bally, Howrah) and Prabir Ghosal (Trinamool MLA from Uttarpara in Hooghly) have publicly expressed their ire against the party. While some have resigned from their posts, others have been suspended by the party.

A week ago, Banerjee had stepped down as minister. Speculation was then rife that he may quit the ruling party to join the BJP in the state. When asked on Friday if he would join the BJP, Banerjee said, "In a democratic situation, I cannot work alone without the banner of a large political party. I will let you know if I take any decision. But so far, I have just resigned as a minister and an MLA. I have not resigned from the TMC yet."

Sources, however, said that after submitting his resignation to Speaker Biman Banerjee, Rajib Banerjee sent his resignation letter to the Trinamool Congress, resigning as a primary member of the party.

"Many good leaders are quitting the party because there is no scope for good work. I was insulted in the party. I want to continue to work for the people. One needs to join a party to do so. My first choice is the BJP," Baishali Dalmiya told the media.

"I have decided to choose a new path. I will contest the Assembly polls from Howrah. I cannot rule out the possibility," said Rathin Chakraborty, former Howrah mayor and Trinamool leader, when asked if he would be present at the BJP's Howrah rally.

The Trinamool, however, dismissed the political clout of these leaders. "With due respect to them, the names I hear have never come up through a mass movement. Now they are acting on a script," said TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh.

Ashwini Upadhyay and posted it along with another plea seeking uniform rules for divorce and maintenance for people belonging to all religions.

Upadhyay, in his plea said that under the prevailing adoption policy, Hindus have a codified law but Muslims, Christians, and Parsis do not.

"Adopted child has the right to inherit property under Hindu law but not under the Muslim, Christian and Parsi law. Adopted child by Hindus can become a legal heir whereas adopted child by Christians, Muslim, Parsis cannot," he pointed out.

He added the adoptive parents can be the natural guardians of the adopted son and his wife under Hindu Law, but not in Muslim, Christian and Parsi Law.

The plea also urged the court to direct the Law Commission to prepare a report on 'Uniform Grounds of Adoption & Guardianship' in three months.

## President address depicts picture of developing India under Modi govt: Nadda

#### **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

BJP PRESIDENT J P Nadda on Friday hailed the President's address ahead of the Budget session as "historic" and said it depicted the picture of developing India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said President Ram Nath Kovind shared the details of the work done by the Modi government for the prosperity of farmers, employment of labourers and youth, respect for women, health of the entire nation and making India self-reliant.

"The President's address to the first joint session of Parliament in the new vear and the new decade was historic. Despite a pandemic like corona, India, under the leadership of Narendra



Modi, neither stopped nor tired. The President told the country about these continuous efforts of the central government," Nadda said in a series of tweets in Hindi.

The entire world is applauding the Centre's efforts under PM Modi's leadership to keep 130 crore countrymen united during the pandemic, taking courageous decisions for strengthening national security and economy, and laving the foundation of public welfare, he said.

The BJP president further said that



In his customary address to the joint sitting of Parliament, Kovind strongly defended the three new farm laws saying their benefits have begun reaching 10 crore small farmers. He also condemned as "very unfortunate" the violence and the "dishonour" to the Tricolour during the protesting farmer unions' tractor parade here on Republic Day.

Without naming China, the President slammed the neighbouring country for its efforts to disrupt peace at the Line of Actual Control in "utter disregard" of bilateral relations and agreements.

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# 8 EXPRESS NETWORK

# Day after in Ghazipur: as convoys roll in, protest gets fresh impetus

#### SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

NAKUL CHAUDHARY parked his tractor near the Ghazipur protest site's main stage, whipped out a phone from his pocket and went live on Facebook: "Nand Kishor Gurjar, please pay us a visit today. We want to meet you since we couldn't meet last evening. The youth of Baghpat are eager to talk to you."

Gurjar, BJP's Loni MLA, had turned up at the protest site Thursday evening with a number

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of party workers and allegedly threatened the protesters, asking them to clear the area. And Nakul, a resident of Amrala village in Ghaziabad district, was struggling

to control his anger. "Now I regret returning home after the Republic Day kisan march. This time, we are not going back. They will have to pay the price of hooliganism." he said.

That, in a nutshell, was Ghazipur Friday. Young, loud and angry -- and determined to "avenge" the "tears" shed by Rakesh Tikait, the chief of Bhartiya

protests at Ghazipur, which is one of the three main sites of the agitation at Delhi's borders against the Centre's new farm laws. The visuals of Tikait breaking

down while criticising the district administration's order asking protesters to vacate appeared to have turned the tide for the agitation after the Republic Day violence.

"For the BJP, only those Hindus who are their members are patriots, everyone else is a traitor. Now we want their MLA to come and meet us," said Ankur Chaudhary, Kisan Union (BKU) and face of the a protester.

In videos that went viral from UP to Haryana and Punjab Thursday night, Tikait had, in an emotional outburst, alleged a "conspiracy against farmers" and that "BJP's people have been posted along the road to attack" the protesters.

The day after, youths arrived in the hundreds in convoys of cars and tractors through the day, pushing the administration on the backfoot.

By Friday morning, many security personnel had left the site. "The UP government has said from the beginning that we will

find a solution by talking to farmers. Everything so far has been done in accordance with it. Tightening of security vesterday or today was done to see that no rowdy element enters into the protest to disturb the atmosphere," said UP ADG (Law & Order) Prashant Kumar.

Kulveer Singh, a resident of Moradabad, was among those who reached in the morning. "Around midnight I woke up and checked the phone and saw the video clip. I felt suffocated and immediately rode out on my scooter," he said.

**CENTRAL RAILWAY** 

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## Violence erupts first time in Singhu: cops watching, 'locals' target farmers

arrested were farm protesters.

Around noon, the group of

men gathered near GTB

Memorial at the Delhi-Haryana

border and raised slogans, ask-

ing protesters to vacate the area

Republic Day. Police said they

were from nearby villages of

Singhu, Narela, Bawana, Alipur

crossed the barricades and started

arguing with farmers, demanding

that the agitation be lifted and the

road cleared. The argument spi-

ralled into violence before police

resorted to teargas and lathi

charge to bring the situation un-

der control. Aman Dabas, the hus-

band of BJP councillor from Put

Khurd village, Anju Devi, was part

of the group, and said he and 10

others from the village had gone

to the protest site as they were

'unhappy and angry" over the vi-

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Asked why the group was al-

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barricade, a senior police officer

said the men "wanted to hold

talks and were allowed to move

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#### ASHNA BUTANI, **JIGNASA SINHA** & ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

FOR THE first time since November 26, when the sit-in started there, violence erupted at the farm protest site in Singhu.

In full view of police who kept watching, an estimated group of 200 got past three layers of security barricades Friday, claimed that the farmers' agitation had affected their livelihood, and damaged tents and shelters while clashing with farm protesters. The farmers alleged that they were attacked at the

behest of the BJP to disrupt the protest against the Centre's new farm laws. With both sides throwing stones at each other, Delhi Police later said 44 people, including a 22-year-old man who allegedly attacked a subinspector with a sword, were arrested. Sources told The

Indian Express that all those S.E.RAILWAY - CORRIGENDUM Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. e-Tender/2021/4, dated 18.01.2021 in Tender No. E-KGP-South-04-2021 published earlier by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), S. E.

Railway, Kharagpur. In the above tender, Date of Opening should be read as 01.03.2021 instead of 20.02.2021. All other contents will remain same. (PR-500/C)

#### **WESTERN RAILWAY** CANCELLATION NOTICE

Tender notice no. BCT/20-21/308 dtd. 08.01.2021 Date of Opening: 02.02.2021 Due to Amendment in tender document reasons, the above tender should be treated as CANCELLED D-0612

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sons have also been arrested." it said in a statement. Delhi Police tweeted a photo of a man raising a sword, with police personnel in the frame, and the caption: "SHO Alipur, Delhi intervenes between riot-

ing protesters (MKSC faction) and local Singhu villagers, who had gone to register their protest against the happenings on

Republic Day-2021 and continued loss of ordinary livelihoods for over two months.

### 37-year-old scientific officer of BARC dies by suicide

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

A 37-year-old scientific officer from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) allegedly died by suicide on Thursday. He hanged himself to the ceiling fan using a towel.

#### and saving they would not toler-Police said the ate any insult to the Tricolour in

a reference to the violence on deceased, identified as Anuj Tripathi, had a quarrel with his wife on Thursday around 9.30am over their children's food

> Trombay police, who have registered a case of accidental death, said the incident took place at Anu Shakti Nagar, a residential complex meant for BARC employees.

The police added that the deceased, identified as Anuj Tripathi, had a quarrel with his wife on Thursday around 9.30am over their children's food.

"Since the incident took place soon after the fight, we believe that it must be the reason for him to end his life," an officer said, adding that no suicide note was found at the spot.

Around 10.53am, Tripathi hanged himself to the ceiling fan using a towel, the police said. Tripathi was rushed to the

sword injuries" when he was at-BARC hospital with the help of tacked by a farm protester, and five other police personnel were his neighbours and was proalso injured. "Accused Ranjeet nounced dead before admission. Singh, 22, has been arrested

#### Recover dues from **3 PSUs: Panel to FCI**

New Delhi: A Parliamentary panel Friday directed Food Corporation of India (FCI) to make efforts to recover dues worth Rs 105.40 crore from three public sector undertakings-MMTC, STC and PEC, FCI has informed that the MMTC matter has been referred to Food Ministry, and the matter of STC and PEC is being pursued, the panel's report placed in Lok Sabha said. PTI

#### BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTRE Human Resource Development Division

Invites applications from Engineering Postgraduates for admissio DDFS, formerly known as DGFS-PhD for pursuing PhD under the aegis of HBNI commencing from August, 2021 via Screening into Selection Interview through a pen-paper examination. Only online applications will be accepted from Candidates with M.E/M.Tech Degree in Mechanical, Chemical, Metallurgical/Materials, Electrical, Electronics Computer Instrumentation & Nuclear Engineering Fellowships of ₹60.000/ per month besides House Rent Allowance and medical facilities as pe GOI rules. Annual contingency grant of ₹40,000/- is also available.

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Construction of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak 3) Center at Badlapur Taluka Ambernath, Dist-Thane. (Construction of Garden), Estimated Cost (Rupees) :- Rs. 34,25,204/-

Construction of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Center at Badlapur Taluka Ambernath, Dist-Thane. (Construction of Entrance Gate), Estimated Cost (Rupees) :- Rs. 42,19,441/-

E-tender download period Dated :- 01.02.2021 to 08.02.2021. E Tender opening date Dated :- 11.02.2021. All information about the E-tenders is available on

following web sites.

कार्यालय ज्ञापांक 83 दिनांक 12.01.2021 के NIT No. UDHD/MMC/14/2021 Date 12/01/2021 से "Request for Proposal for selection of consultants for Preparation of Detailed PROJECT REPORT (DPR) FOR Renovation and Beautification of Municipal Corporation office Building & Park, Marine Drive & park beside Koel River & Water Boddies Restoration & Beautification in Medininagar Municipal Corporation" निविदा निकाली गयी

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Subject : To provide "Consultancy & Architectural" services for constructing Film Studios and ancillary structures in Filmcity.

Bids for the above subject were invited from interested parties from 04.01.2021 to 28.01.2021. But, it has been brought to the Corporation's notice that due to technical problem, some bidders could not participate in the online tender process. So, as per the request of prospective bidders, in order to ensure a transparent and competitive environment, the bidding date is extended by 15 days upto 12.02.2021 at 5.30 p.m. It is requested that all bidders make note of this fact.

Interested bidders are requested to submit their bids vithin the given time period. To apply please see

# workshop of ELW/BSL by installing RO water plant. 2) Estimated Cost ₹ 7,20,000- (Rupees seven lacs Twenty thousand four hundred only). 3) Completion period: 36 Months. 4) Last Date & time for closing of uploading of tender 22.02.2021 at 15:00 hours. 5) Website particulars: http://ireps.gov.in. 6) Notice Board location & Address OWhere complete details of tender care be , Where complete details of tender can be een) Office of the Chief Workshor

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> > Director, DNP Ltd.

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2	01200165A	FOG Signal detonators	03-FEB-2021
3	06205181A	ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPIC SYSTEM	03-FEB-2021
4	11200637A	12V, 70AH VRLA LEAD ACID	03-FEB-2021
5	11204204	Single Core E-beam Irradiated cable of size 25 Sq.	04-FEB-2021
6	21200764	POH Kit for Main Compressor	05-FEB-2021
7	11200377	BATTERY CHARGING TERMINAL	05-FEB-2021
8	26201451	MOTOR CONTRACTOR OF 1500 AMPS	05-FEB-2021
9	15214371	LOW MAINTENANCE LEAD ACID CELLS	08-FEB-2021
10	21200805	36 MONTHS POH KIT FOR ELGI Compressor	08-FEB-2021
11	21200026	HELICAL SPRING FOR AXLE BOX	09-FEB-2021
12	21200788	Kit for Couplers of Escorts	09-FEB-2021
13	21200798	LATERAL Damper for secondary air suspension	09-FEB-2021
14	26201160	Set of Labyrinth and bearing cap Driving	09-FEB-2021
15	26201301	METALISED CARBON STRIPS	09-FEB-2021
16	11200999A	VARNISH	11-FEB-2021
17	15210144	CARBON CONTACT FOR Q RELAYS	11-FEB-2021
18	15210156	SILVER CONTACT	11-FEB-2021
19	21200743	POH KIT for Limiting Vave	11-FEB-2021
20	44210010	SIDE FRAME KEY	11-FEB-2021
21	90206353A	EP brake unit for BG AC emu motor	11-FEB-2021
22	90215062	Supply & Commissioning of panel as per IEC-61439	12-FEB-2021
23	90205714B	Supply & Installation of Twin bin	12-FEB-2021
24	90206133B	EMU Motor coach bogie with bolster	12-FEB-2021
25	11200586B	VRLA TYPE 120 AH Capacity Batteries	12-FEB-2021
26	21200781	HELICAL SPRING FOR AXLE BOX	12-FEB-2021
27	44210224	SIDE FRAME FRICTION LINER	15-FEB-2021
28	44211054	TOP HOUSING FOR CONTACT SIDE BEARER PAD	15-FEB-2021
29	04200266A	BRAKE BEAM WITHOUT BUSH	17-FEB-2021
30	44211051	POLY RING	17-FEB-2021
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### EXPRESS NETWORK 9

# From next week, 2 crore frontline workers in line for Covid vaccine

#### **KAUNAIN SHERIFF M** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE CENTRE has directed states to begin vaccinating frontline workers along with healthcare workers from the first week of February onward, senior Health Ministry officials said.

The direction came as India completed vaccinating 33 lakh healthcare workers against the novel coronavirus on Friday.

"Our Co-Win system has stabilised. Yesterday we conducted 5.2 lakh vaccinations in a single day. Today again we will cross the 5 lakh mark. The system has accelerated, and that speed has stabilised. Also,

we have sufficient quantities of

vaccines. Therefore, vaccina-Co-Win platform, officials said. tion of both groups will move simultaneously," a senior Health Ministry official said.

cated to states that "further augmentation" of Covaxin and Covishield stocks will be made through "subsequent releases of vaccine doses"

line workers (FLWs) who will now be vaccinated include personnel from state and central police forces, the armed forces, home guards, and civil defence organisations, and prison staff, disaster management volunteers, and municipal workers.

"The database of FLWs has been uploaded by states/UTs in collaboration with respective The Ministry has communiline ministries and as on date. database of more than 61 lakh

FLWs has been uploaded on Co-Win," Dr Manohar Agnani, additional secretary in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, wrote to the states. The estimated 2 crore front-

that more than 33 lakh healthcare workers had been administered the vaccine so far. "4,40,681 beneficiaries were vaccinated till 7 pm today, the fourteenth day of nationwide Covid-19 vaccination. Final reports would be completed for Like the healthcare workers,

the bulk beneficiaries list has already been uploaded on the

tion to states, Agnani said: "As you are aware, the pan India Covid-19 vaccination drive initiated on 16 January, 2021, aims to cover healthcare workers and frontline workers in the initial phase. As on 29 January, 2021, we have been able to vaccinate a total of 29.28 lakh HCWs and the efforts put in by the states and UTs is appreciable. The Ministry said on Friday

"I request you to kindly direct the concerned officials to initiate requisite planning and review for initiating vaccination of FLWs along with HCWs from first week of February, 2021. Your unstinted support is prerequisite to achieve the desired acceleration and impact of the Covid-19 vaccination drive.

# Economic survey suggests revision of CIP to reduce food subsidy bill

the day by late tonight," it said.

In his detailed communica-

"The CIP of wheat and rice for

revised since the introduction of

the Act in 2013 from Rs 200 per

quintal in case of wheat and Rs 300

per quintal in case of rice. On the

other hand, the economic cost of

wheat for FCI (Food Corporation of

India) operations has increased

from Rs 1908.32 per quintal in

#### **HARIKISHAN SHARMA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

OBSERVING THAT the food subsidy is becoming "unmanageably large", the Economic Survey 2020-21 has recommended the revision of Central Issue Prices (CIP) of foodgrains released from the central

pool, which have been unchanged for the last several years. "The food subsidy bill is becoming unmanageably large. While it is difficult to reduce the economic cost of food management in view of rising commit-

ment towards food security, there is a need to consider the revision of CIP to reduce the bulging food

#### subsidy bill," said the survey. The CIP is the price at which the government makes available

foodgrains for beneficiaries of the Rs 450/quintal). For both these cat-National Food Security Act, 2013 egories, there has been no change and other welfare schemes to the since April 2016. states from the central pool. NFSA beneficiaries has not been

For instance, the CIPs of rice, wheat and coarse grains are Rs 300 per quintal, Rs 200 per quintal and Rs 100 per quintal respectively under NFŜA, Ŵid-Day Ŵeal Scheme, and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). It has been unchanged since 2013, when the NFSA came into effect. The CIP is higher for other wel-

2013-14 to Rs 2683.84 per quintal fare schemes (rice Rs 565 per quinin 2020-21," said the Survey. tal, wheat Rs 415 per quintal and "Similarly, the economic cost coarse grains Rs 300 per quintal). It of rice has increased from Rs

2615.51 per quintal in 2013-14 to is even higher for Tide Over allocations -- rice Rs 830/quintal, wheat Rs 3723.76 per quintal in 2020-Rs 610/quintal and coarse grains 21." it said.

"Further, the NFSA provides a wider coverage than the erstwhile TPDS. These all taken together has resulted in the rise in food subsidy," it added.

The government had budget food subsidy at Rs 1,15,570 crore for the current financial year against the revised estimate of Rs 1,08,688 crore last year.

The survey has suggested the revision of CIP at a time when the three farm laws, brought by the government, have been opposed by the farmers and the opposition parties. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

UP court allows 2015 case against BJP leader to be withdrawn Lucknow: A local court in UP's Kushinagar district has allowed the administration to withdraw a

Singh, at present the UP Gau Sewa Ayog vice-chairperson,

was a leader of the Hindu Yuva Vahini, an outfit started by current Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in 2002. He had won the Assembly polls from Ramkola in Kushinagar in 2007. In 2015, the former MLA and

other leaders were part of a protest against police and district administration after allegations that police had assaulted two people and extorted money from them.

MANISH SAHU

'Second birth': Kutch man back home after spending 13 years in Pakistan jail

had no formal education, told The

Indian Express at his home in

Allaiya Vandh area of Nana Dinara.

from the Indo-Pakistan border.

August, 2008, while grazing his

herd of cows. "A scorpion stung

me and I felt giddy. I lost my di-

rection. Next morning, around

10.30 am, Pakistan rangers caught

me, telling me I had intruded into

their country. They took me to

hospital and after my condition

improved, they handed me over

to Inter Services Intelligence (ISI),"

him for six months, Ismail said,

"They wanted me to confess that

I was an Indian spy but I refused

as I was not one. I told them that

Allah was my protector and that

I would prefer death over telling

a lie... Then, they offered to let go

of me if I worked for them, which

three daughters was kept in a

Pakistani military facility in

Sindh province for three years

before a court convicted him of

espionage and sentenced him to

five years imprisonment in 2011.

FULL REPORT ON

The father of five sons and

was out of question."

Adding that the ISI tortured

said Ismail. son of a farmer.

Nana Dinara is around 50 km

Ismail had gone missing in

#### **GOPAL KATESHIYA** NANA DINARA (KUTCH), JANUARY 29

**RESIDENTS OF Nana Dinara and** surrounding villages on the India-Pakistan border in Gujarat's Kutch district erupted in joy and a festive mood prevailed as Ismail Sama, the cattle-herder who went missing in 2008, returned home on Friday after spending 13 years in a Pakistan jail.

Relatives flocked around Ismail as he got out of the car driven by his step-brother Junas at around dusk. Emotions ran high as the 50year-old embraced his sons.

Minutes later, he was led to a local mosque where a huge crowd cheered him. He was seated in the middle of circles formed by young and old.

"After the Pakistan Rangers caught me and intelligence agencies tortured me, suspecting me to be an Indian mole. I thought I may never return... I didn't even dare think about home, as that would make me sad and drive me mad, as happens with many Indians held in Pakistan. I used to pray to Allah and he answered my prayers. Coming back home is second birth for me." Ismail, who has



# EXTENSION OF 11 PAIRS OF

Western Railway has decided to extend the run of following 11 pairs of special trains, of which

5 pairs will originate/terminate over Western Railway and 6 pairs will pass over

Wes	tern Railway. The details are	given below:
TRAIN No.	& DESTINATION	EXTENSION DATES
02921	Mumbai Central - Surat (Flying Ranee Superfast Daily Special)	Upto 31.03.21
02922	Surat - Mumbai Central (Flying Ranee Superfast Daily Special)	Upto 31.03.21
02979	Bandra Terminus - Jaipur (Superfast Tri- Weekly Special)	02.02.21 - till further notice
02980	Jaipur - Bandra Terminus (Superfast Tri- Weekly Special)	01.02.21 - till further notice
05270	Ahmedabad - Muzaffarpur (Weekly Special)	Upto 27.03.21
05269	Muzaffarpur - Ahmedabad (Weekly Special)	Upto 25.03.21
05560	Ahmedabad - Darbhanga (Weekly Special)	Upto 02.04.21
05559	Darbhanga - Ahmedabad (Weekly Special)	Upto 31.03.21
05564	Udhna - Jaynagar (Superfast Weekly Special)	Upto 28.03.21
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### Music univ proposed in Mumbai: Govt appoints committee

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

FOUR MONTHS after state Higher and Technical Education Minister Uday Samant announced a plan to set up the first government-run music college in Mumbai, to be named after legendary musician Deenanath Mangeshkar, the minister on Friday announced that a study committee has been appointed under the chairmanship



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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020	

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	Quarter ended			Nine mon	Year ended	
Particulars	December 31,	September 30,	December 31,	December 31,	December 31,	March 31,
Faiticulais	2020	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Unaudited					Audited
Revenue from operations	75,653.79	53,530.00	71,676.07	161,166.85	198,575.01	261,067.97
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	4,590.02	(819.55)	1,350.98	(2,416.48)	(1,196.24)	(7,708.54)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	4,167.39	(814.67)	1,349.92	(2,831.01)	(1,267.03)	(10,579.98)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	3,222.21	(343.28)	1,954.51	(5,505.29)	(1,303.98)	(10,975.23)

six-year-old criminal case against former BJP MLA Atul Singh and others for allegedly blocking a road during a protest against the alleged assault and extortion of two people by the police. Last March, the state government had ordered of-

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ficials to withdraw the case.



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STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES								
CASES (JAN 28) TOTAL								
Chhattisgarh*	6,451	3,04,319						
Kerala	5,771	9,11,363						
Maharashtra	2,889	20,18,413						
STATES REF	ORTING MAXIN	IUM DEATHS						
	DEATHS (JAN 28) TOTAL							
Maharashtra	53	52,178						

Chhattisgarh\* 35 3,682 Kerala 19 3.730

Data as on January 28, released by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Indian Council of Medical as well. As such, trends based on daily numbers are only indicative and not defini

#### TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE NUMBER OF VACCINATIONS (JAN 29) 4,40,681

Total: 33,68,734

**EVENTS AFTER** 

29,746

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7,42,306

of renowned music director Pandit	
Hridaynath Mangeshkar.	
The state services and had an	

The state government had an nounced its plan to set up the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar International Music University last year, on the 91st birthday of veteran singer Lata Mangeshkar, after whose father the music school will be named.

On Friday, at a press conference held at the YB Chavan auditorium near Mantralaya, Samant announced the committee also includes singers Usha Mangeshkar and Adinath Mangeshkar and stal warts from the field of music such as Shivkumar Sharma, Zakir Hussein, AR Rahman, Suresh Wadkar and Shankar Mahadevan, among others. The course curriculum for graduate and postgraduate courses for students wanting to pursue a career in music will be designed by the committee.

The music university, affiliated to Mumbai University, will also offer courses in Indian classical and western classical music, sound engineering and music productior and it will have state-of-the-art facilities, the government said in a statement issued on Friday.

The committee is expected to submit a report to the state gov ernment in three months, in which it will advise the government about the land, the building, the hostel, the equipment and the estimated cost of these. In its report, the committee will also state the courses that the university will offer, their duration, the faculty requirement and the job opportunities available to students graduating from the university.

In a video message, Lata Mangeshkar thanked the government for announcing the committee and said that students from the music university would make India proud on global platforms.

Ĥridaynath Meanwhile, Mangeshkar said that late Shiv Sena supremo Bal Thackeray had discussed setting up a music university with him on many occasions. He said that since Thackeray was himself an artist. he was keen on setting up a music university in the state.

lit	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after share of Profit/ (Loss) of joint ventures and associates)	2,941.48	(307.26)	1,755.88	(5,809.76)	(2,111.48)	(11,975.23)
n-	Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the period	6,489.23	3,398.01	10,479.52	(5,996.34)	3,194.88	(470.76)
ne 🛛	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of ₹2 each)	719.54	719.54	719.54	719.54	719.54	719.54
ar 🛛	Reserves excluding revaluation reserve						62,358.99
st	Earnings per share (EPS)						,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
t-	A. Ordinary shares (face value of ₹2 each)						
er	(a) Basic EPS ₹	8.07	(0.87)	5.02	(16.25)	(6.37)	(34.88)
ill	(b) Diluted EPS ₹	8.04	(0.87)	5.00	(16.25)	(6.37)	(34.88)
~	B. 'A' Ordinary shares (face value of ₹2 each)	0.04	(0.07)	5.00	(10.23)	(0.07)	(04.00)
ce   m	(a) Basic EPS ₹	8.17	(0.87)	5.12	(16.25)	(6.37)	(34.88)
n-	(a) Dasic EPS ₹	8.14	(0.87)	5.12	(16.25)	(6.37)	` '
n-	(b) Diluted EPS	0.14	()	Not annualised	(10.25)	(0.37)	(34.88)
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ıl-	EXTRACT OF AUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIA	- RESULTS FO		ER AND NINE M			,
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sh		2020	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
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u-	Revenue from operations	14,630.60	9,668.10	10,842.91	26,985.57	34,195.30	43,928.17
te	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	• • •	(1,165.69)	(1,019.96)	(3,849.31)	(2,401.36)	(4,616.42)
to	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	(600.54)	(1,212.05)	(1,023.85)	(4,002.85)	(2,341.51)	(7,127.34)
e-	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	• • •	(1,212.45)	(1,039.51)	(4,041.13)	(2,418.58)	(7,289.63)
ed	Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the period	(437.59)	(1,141.36)	(984.95)	(3,733.19)	(2,485.34)	(7,668.35)
of-	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of ₹2 each)	719.54	719.54	719.54	719.54	719.54	719.54
nd	Reserves excluding revaluation reserve (as per balance						17,668.11
n-	sheet of previous accounting year)						
n	Earnings/(loss) per share (EPS)						
a-	A. Ordinary shares (face value of ₹2 each)						
a	(a) Basic EPS ₹	(1.77)	(3.37)	(3.01)	(11.23)	(7.08)	(21.06)
	(b) Diluted EPS ₹	(1.77)	(3.37)	(3.01)	(11.23)	(7.08)	(21.06)
to	B. 'A' Ordinary shares (face value of ₹2 each)						
V-	(a) Basic EPS ₹	(1.77)	(3.37)	(3.01)	(11.23)	(7.08)	(21.06)
ch 🛛	(b) Diluted EPS ₹	(1.77)	(3.37)	(3.01)	(11.23)	(7.08)	(21.06)
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ne	The above Standalone results include the Company's proportionate sh Automobiles Private Limited. Below are supplementary details of Tata I		expenditure in its t	wo Joint Operation			nited and Fiat India

#### DETAILS OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS EXCLUDING INTEREST IN JOINT OPERATIONS

Particulars		Quarter ended			Nine months ended		Year ended
		ecember 31,	September 30,	December 31,	December 31,	December 31,	March 31,
		2020	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
		Audited					
Revenue from operations (₹ in	crores)	14,629.28	9,496.86	10,687.78	26,604.43	33,409.54	42,963.03
Profit/(loss) before tax (₹ in	crores)	(713.22)	(1,320.12)	(1,112.89)	(4,271.79)	(2,514.81)	(7,313.57)
Profit/(loss) after tax (₹ in	crores)	(700.49)	(1,285.26)	(1,114.42)	(4,221.98)	(2,548.20)	(7,453.98)

Note

The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on January 29, 2021 The Statutory Auditors have carried out an audit of the standalone results and a limited review of the consolidated financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2020.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarter and nine months ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly Financial Results are available on the Company's website at www.tatamotors.com/investor/results-press-releases/ as well as on the website of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd at www.nseindia.com and BSE Ltd at www.bseindia.com.

Tata Motors Limited

CEO & Managing Director

Guenter Butschek

Mumbai, January 29, 2021



# For detailed timings of the halts of respective special trains, please visit www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

 Only passengers having confirmed tickets will be permitted to board these special trains.

 Passengers are advised to adhere all norms, SOPs related to COVID-19 during the boarding, travel and at destination.



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#### <u>† TIME EXTENSION</u> NIT No.93/PR/JBVNL/2020-21

For Selection of "Service Agency for Engaging & Managing Urja Mitras (Meter Readers) for Operationalization of Android based Smart Mobile (With Printer), Photo Spot Energy Billing System in Electric Supply Area, Dumka"

Timelines for participating in the all the above e-tender is detailed below :						
Sl. No. Event Timelines						
i	Last date & time of receipt of bid documents (Online)	Upto 04/02/2021 at 18:00 Hrs.				
ii	Last date of physical submission of Tender Fee & EMD	Upto 08/02/2021 at 13:00 Hrs.				
iii Due date for opening of Technical Bid (Part-I) 08/02/2021 at 18:00 Hrs.						
	Bid uploading / opening will be through e-tendering n	orms only. The complete Tender				

documents can be downloaded through website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in Bidder may contact help desk of e-Procurement system at the following web address: www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in **Contact Officials:-**

**General Manager (Revenue)** 

General Man	ager (Revenue)- 8987504018
Electrical Executive	e Engineer (Revenue) – 9661842194
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सीएसआईआर – केन्द्रीय चर्म अनुसंघान संस्थान CSIR - CENTRAL LEATHER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंघान परिषद् Council of Scientific & Industrial Res अडयार, चैन्नै, तमिलनाडु Adyar, Chennai – 600 020, Tamil Nadu मार Telephone : 91 – 44 – 24437162, 24437193, 24437420. <del>ई. गेल</del> Email :sp **GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE** No. 28(05)/2020/Pur 30th January, 2021 Director, Central Leather Research Institute, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020, INDIA, (CLRI) hereinafter known a "Purchaser" invites sealed bids from Original Equipment Manufacturers. Foreign Principals and Indian Agents o Foreign principals, Authorized distributors of Original Equipment manufacturer for procurement and installation of items listed below in two bid format (Cover 1 – Techno-commercial Bid, Cover 2 – Financial Bid). The tender is open for local suppliers in terms of Make in India, Order No. P-45021/2/2017-PP (BE-II) dt 16th September, 2020 and Non-local suppliers (those not meeting the local content, Foreign OEM, Foreig principals or their authorized Indian agents) Single/ **Bid Security** SI. Tender Ref No. **Description of items** Qty Double bid (EMD) 3D Foot scanner with 2D planter 30 Nos Bid securin surface imaging 28(05)/2020/Pur Double Bid declaration Software for statistical analysis 30 Users T-137 (Annexure V Brannock Device **30 Nos** 

#### Tender Closing Date : 1st March, 2021 upto 12.00 P.M. (IST)

Tender Opening Date : 1st March, 2021 at 3.00 P.M. (IST) A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 11.00 a.m. on 5th February 2021 at Heritage Hall, CI BI Chennai.

All Interested bidders are requested to attend. Modification if any in the Tender Document after the Pre-Bid Conference would be hosted on www.clri.org only

> CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASE (For & on behalf of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)

#### GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU MADURAI CORPORATION TAMILNADU SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) E-Procurement Notice**

(One Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement) NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Ref. Ma.Po.1/ TNSUDP Package 1

The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed below.

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedures agreed with the World Bank. Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the World Bank's Guidelines Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011.

- Bidders from India should, however, be registered with the Government of Tamilnadu or other State Governments/Government of India, or State/Central Government Undertakings. Bidders from India, who are no registered as above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided they get themselves registered by the time o contract signing, if they become successful bidders. **Bidders are** advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section Clause 4) and minimum gualification criteria (Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to gualify for the awar of the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 of the World Bank's Guideline's setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- The Commissioner invites online bids for the construction of works detailed below in the table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the works indicated therein.
- Bidding documents are available online on www.tntenders.gov.in from 30.01.2021 to 20.02.2021 at free of cost
- For submission of the bid, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the Certifying Authorities authorised by Government of India for issuing DSC. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement in this Project, may obtain the same from the website www.tntenders.gov.in A non-refundable fee of Rs....... (Inclusive of tax) is required to be paid (to be submitted) along with other documents listed in paragraph 9 below) before the opening of the bid i.e. before 22.02.2021. The mode of payment shall be in the form of DD drawn in favour of The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation payable a Madurai, from any scheduled Bank.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of the amount specified for the work in the table below, drawn in favour of The Commissioner, Madural Corporation Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. Procedure for submission of bid security is described in Para 9.
- Bids must be submitted online on www.tntenders.gov.in on or before 15:00hours on 22.02.2021 and will be opened online on 24.02.2021 at 15:30 hours. Any bid or modifications to bid (including discount) received outside e-procuremen system will not be considered. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids.
- Ref no- 86 The bidders are requ d to submit (a) original demand drafts towards the cost of bid document and registration on e

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Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute Ranchi-834008

Dated- 29/01/2021 Ranchi,

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procurement website (if not previously registered); (b) original bid security in approved form; and (c) original affidavil regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document with **The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation**, **Aringar Anna Maligai, Madurai 625002, Tamilnadu** before the opening of the Bid i.e. before **22.02.2021**, either by registered post/speed post/courier or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive and will not b opened

- 10. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 10.02.2021 at 15:00hrs. at the office of The Commissioner. Madurai Corporation clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in TB Clause 7.4 o 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to download the bidding document prior to the pre bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under this contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting.
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Package No	Name of Work	Bid Security * (Rs.)	Cost of Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion
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I	Renewal of B. T. Road and Providing B. T. Road in Ward No. 5,6,8,9,19,21 & 22 Madurai Corporation under Package No.1. (at Krishnapuram Colony 6th & 7th Street & Cross Street, Moovender Street & Cross Street, Sathyamoorthy 6th, 7th Street & Cross Street, Jeyaraj Nagar Main Road, Meenakshi Nagar Main & Cross Street Vivekandha 1st Street, Old Vilangudi Main Road (From Kannan Departmental Store to Sengol Nagar 3rd st JN), Paramasivan Street, Nehru Nagar Main & Cross Street, Muniyandi Kovil 3rd Street, Periyasamy Konar 1st cross street (N) & Periyasamykonar 1st cross street (S), DSP Nagar 1st Street, DSP Nagar 2 <sup>rd</sup> Street, DSP Nagar 2nd Cross Street, DSP Nagar 3rd Street, DSP Nagar 3rd Cross Street ('S' side), DSP Nagar 4th Cross Street ('S' side), DSP Nagar 4th Cross Street ('S' side), NSP Nagar 4th Cross Street ('S' side), NSP Nagar Main & Cross Street)	4,08,178	Nil	6 Months
II	Renewal of B. T. Road and Providing B.T. Road In Ward.27, 33, 35, 36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45 - Zone-2) Madurai Corporation under Package No.2 (at Anantha Raj Nagar Main & Cross street Aringar Anna Street, Jawahar street, Kakkan street, Thiruvapudaiyar Kovil Agraharam West & South street, Mudaliar 1st & 2nd street, Suyarajyapuram 3rd, 5th & 7th street, Mariamman Kovil street, Bose Veethi Ambrose street, Pandian street, Kamala 2nd street,Kamarajar 1st street, Sarojini, street, Tamukkam Park Road, Ilango Aadikalar street, Meenakshi street, Sankar Nagar Main & Cross street)	4,09,025	Nil	6 Months
Ш	Renewal of B .T Road in Ward No 53,66,57,59,60,61,63,64 Madurai Corporation under Package No.3 (at Salai Pilliyar Kovil Street, Annai Chandra Kulanthai, Annai Chandra Mathi, Kavimani Street, Thirumaghal Street, Hazeera Street, Rajeev Gandhi Nagar Main Road & North Cross Road, Anuppanady Main Road, Anuppanady North Street, Parasakthi Nagar Main Road, Vasuki Street, Kaveri Nagar Main Road, Government Higher Secondary School Main Road, 1st,2nd,3rd,4th and cross streets, Nalla Muthu Pillai Street and New Formation of B.T Road at Malligai Street, Mullai Street, Flower Market Opposite Road,kumar store cross street in Ward No:61 (Plot.no.4174,4162,4120,4134,4118,4102,3612,3597), East Street)	4,09,513	Nil	6 Months
IV	Renewal of B. T. Road In Ward No 76, 93 & 100 @ Zone – 04 Madurai Corporation under Package No.4 (at Surface @ Madakkulam Burial Ground To Madakkulam Main Road Roja Nagar Junction, Annai Meenakshi Nagar 1st, 3rd Street And Cross Street, Periyar Nagar East Main Street And Cross Street, Palanganatham Main Road From UPHC To Railway Gate Junction ,Sekkilar Street And Avvaiyar Street Nehru Nagar, Yeirikarai Street And Cross Street In Velmurugan Nagar, NehruNagar Main Road, Kenat Nagar Main & Cross Street, Gandhiji Main Street And 8 Cross Street, Duraisamy Road And Meenakshi Road, Santhanam Road, Rajan Road, Byakar 2nd Mettu Street And 4th Mettu Street And 7 <sup>th</sup> Mettu Street, Arasinar Colony and Yogiyar Nagar Cross Street)	4,04,048	Nil	6 Months
V * <b>B</b> i	Renewal of B.T Road in Ward No 77, 80, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97 & 99 @ Zone- 04. Madurai Corporation under Package No.5 (At Surface @ Rathinapuram Main Road, Venkatachalapuram CC Road, Ponmari Nagar Main Road & 1st, 2nd Cross Street, North Perumal Maistry Street, Kalaingar 2nd Street, Kovalan Nagar 1st Street, Rajam Nagar 1st & 2nd Street, Alagiri Nagar 1 <sup>st</sup> Street & Cross Street, Devar Nagar Main Road, Ramanashree Garden Extn. Streets, Church Street, TVS Lakshmi Nagar Cross Street, Mottaiarasu Main Road, Thiyagarajar colony 1st Street & 2nd street, Street, Nagar, Krishna Street, Kaveri Main and Cross, Harvey patti hr sec school road, Harvey patti Park to Nilayur Jn, Hervey patti D.no 58 to 60, Hervey patti pumping Station to nagammal kovil, Devi Nagar Main Road)	3,98,412	Nil	6 Months
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SI. No.	Name of the work	Estimate Cost in	EMD
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1	Construction of RCC Drain to Secondary Darin from Puilu Complex to Irshath Manzil Nilaya in Jaladarshini Layout in <b>Ward No. 18,</b> Radha Krishna Temple.		1,98,000/-
2	Construction of RCC Box Drain to Secondary Darin from Sri Maruthi Nilaya to Garuda Nilaya in Jaladarshini Layout in <b>Ward No. 18,</b> Radha Krishna Temple.	99.00	1,98,000/-
3	Construction of RCC Drain to Secondary Darin from Irshath Manzil Nilaya 8th Cross, Jaladarshini Layout in <b>Ward No. 18,</b> Radha Krishna Temple.	99.00	1,98,000/-
4	Improvements to Roads and Drains at Venkatachalanagara HIG Colony in <b>Ward No. 18,</b> Radha Krishna Temple.	100.00	2,00,000/-
5	Improvements to Roads and Drains at Sanjaynagar and Surrounding areas in <b>Ward No. 196</b> , Sanjaynagar.	52.00	1,04,000/-
6	Improvements to Roads and Drains at UAS Layout and Vinayaka Layout and Surrounding area in <b>Ward No.</b> <b>19</b> , Sanjaynagar.	99.00	1,98,000/-
7	Improvements to Roads and Drains at AECS Layout, NGEF Layout and Central Excise Layout and Surrounding area in Ward No. 19, Sanjaynagar.		1,98,000/-
8	Drilling of Borewell and Providing Pipelines in Gangenahalli and Surrounding areas in <b>Ward No. 34</b> , Gangenahalli.		1,60,000/-

Calendar of events: (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement website https:// eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 04.02.2021 (2) Pre bid meeting will be held on 05.02.2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, 2nd Floor BBMP Building, J.C. Nagara Main Road, Munireddy Palya Bengaluru. (3) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is 18.02.2021 up to 4:00 p.m. (4) Technical Bids wil be opened on the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in in the office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division on 19.02.2021 at 4:30 p.m. (if possible). (5) Date of opening of Financial bid is on 20.02.2021 at 11:00 a.m. if possible Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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# Helping co-operative banks grow

'Loksatta', the sister publication of The Indian Express, organised a co-operative banking conference to discuss the ways to face the challenges posed by the changes in banking regulation law by the central government and the restrictions on dividend and returns on equity capital by the Reserve Bank of India.

The conference witnessed the presence of Union Minister for Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari and the Chairman of Maharashtra Urban Co-operative Banks' Federation, Vidyadhar Anaskar along with various experts from the co-operative banking sector. The speaker of Legislative Council, Mr Ramraje Nimbalkar also graced the occasion. The conference was arranged via video conferencing. Excerpts from the brainstorming sessions that took place among the dignitaries from the co-operative banking sector:

#### Nitin Gadkari

Union Minister

S ON date, there are as many as 1,482 urban co-operative banks operating in the country of which 58 banks are multi-state. The total amount of deposits in these banks stands at around Rs. 4.84 lakh crore. In addition to this, there is a large network of credit co-operative societies. These are very useful for small borrowers. The co-operative societies contribute immensely to the economic development of the country.

The flaws found in functioning of some of the co-operative banks lead to change in the rules and regulations. If the co-operative banks render best and timely services to the customers, deal in a transparent manner and have corruption-free administration, it will ensure their big progress. The cooperative banks should pull themselves up and be ready to compete with nationalised and private banks.

Around 8-10 agriculture-based industries in India hold the major share in the country's GDP. Their present annual turnover of Rs 80,000 crore can be in-

creased to 5 lakh crores. India's yearly import of fuel amounts to around Rs. 8 lakh crore. The country's production of paddy, maize and sugarcane is more than their demand within the country. This leads to lesser sale of these crops. Consequently, the rate offered is less than the minimum support price which translates into loss for the farmers. Last year, our country exported around 60,000 lakh tonnes of sugar for which the Centre gave a subsidy of Rs. 6,000 crore. A subsidy of Rs. 6 per kilogram was granted in the current year. This is not economically feasible. The land under sugarcane cultivation is increasing and it is leading to sugar factories producing more than what is needed and this is causing a major setback for the states. The factories don't even have enough funds to pay for the purchase of sugarcane. This calls for the banks to check the economic viability of the projects before granting financial assistance. They have the responsibility to direct them towards the production of ethanol and other products. People do not accept anything unless proven to be beneficial and this applies to all the sectors. Hence, in



(Centre) Union Road Transport & Highway and MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari with Vidyadhar Anaskar, President, Maharashtra Urban Cooperative Bank Federation along with Uttam Joshi Of Thane Bharat Sahakari Bank Ltd; Nandini Kulkarni of Dombivli Nagri Sahakari Bank Ltd; Madhusudan Rajpurkar of Abhyudaya Co Op Bank Ltd; Vaijinath Shinde and Ashish Modani of Osmanabad Janta Sahakari Bank Ltd

these changing times co-operative banks have to prove their worth and importance by means of innovation and efficiency.

The discussions about the privatisation of co-operative banks are underway since 1993. But the Centre or the Reserve Bank of India has never imposed any compulsion on these banks. States like Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka have a wide network of co-operative sector compared to the other states. Nevertheless, around 60-70 MPs including the Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah are in some way or the other related to the co-operative movement.

There is a negative image of the co-operative movement at the level of central government, co-operative department, the Reserve Bank of India and NABARD at New Delhi as well as in the bureaucracy.

A few bad examples have been instrumental in imprinting a negative image on the minds of the policy makers. But it's not fair to jump to conclusions on the basis of these examples. This leads to having a negative mindset while making the policies and regulations for the co-operative sector. For this to happen, the co-operative banks should make efforts to create a positive image on the policy makers and the Centre. They should present their problems in Parliament through the MPs associated with the co-operative movement in Maharashtra and other states and endeavour to find a solution . In democracy, the various methods in parliamentary affairs are the

#### Highlights from the speech of Mr Nitin Gadkari

■ Co-operative banks should compete with the nationalized and private banks and prove their worth

Administrators should be appointed to check the performance of banks main weapons to solving problems. These should be used. In addition to it, presenting of the problems in the co-operative banking sector on the right platform and at the right time will surely lead to their being addressed.

In today's times, communication, co-ordination and presentation are very important. So, I am ready to serve as a "Brand Ambassador" to take the problems of the co-operative sector to New Delhi and also at the Co-operative and Finance Department of the central government, the Reserve Bank of India, NABARD and at state level. The organisation or apex body of cooperative banks should have an office in New Delhi and should take their problems to the policy makers and endeavour to solve them in a systematic manner. For this, experts and retired officers from the banking sectors should be roped in to present the successful performance of the co-operative sector before the policy makers in New Delhi at regular intervals. Otherwise, the

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like that of "PMC Bank" will present a negative impression and all the banks will suffer because of the oppressive restrictions.

This calls for the need to present the positive aspects of the co-operative banks before the policy makers and it will help in creating a good image of the co-operative sector.

Co-operative banks and credit societies grant financial assistance to the poor and the common man so as to help them earn their living and as such help the economy of the state and nation. The co-operative sector of Maharashtra has contributed immensely to the financial and social progress of the state and nation. Therefore, the Centre's policy is to support the co-operative sector and increase its reach. So, the fear that the co-operative banks will perforce be converted into private banks is baseless.

Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Mr Amit Shah are well aware of the role and importance of the co-operative sector.

This is the reason why the efforts made by the Reserve Bank, if any, to convert the co-operative banks into private banks have been curbed time and again. The Centre's policy is to support the co-operative sector and co-operative banks will not be converted into private banks.

So the co-operative banks should face the ever-rising competition fearlessly. Many renowned and competent banks are rendering quality service. Hence, best customer service, keeping NPA in check, restricting malpractices and cautious disbursement of loans along with transparent transaction will help banks progress immensely.

### Privatisation of co-operative banks must not take place

#### Vidyadhar Anaskar

Chairman, Maharashtra Urban Coperative Banks' Federation

SINCE Independence, and since the first five-year plan itself, Maharashtra al-

privatise the co-operative banks. This poses the danger to co-operative banks and eventually the co-operative sector might become extinct.

Out of the 1,540 banks in India, 906 banks have deposits less than Rs 100 crore. The Rebanks without their consent? Should those not willing for it get their deposits back? We have to take into account that the welfare of depositors and members is like a religion for the co-operative sector. With this in view, is it fair to push these banks into adopting the

#### Questions raised at the Conclave

negative examples

**Vaijinath Shinde** (Osmanabad Janta Sahakari Bank Ltd.) *Our bank has a network in many states and is earning good profit every year. Still, we are not allowed to disburse the dividend to our members and our pleas for the permission to the Reserve Bank of India falls on deaf ears. Many disputes, though trivial, are pending with the Collector for years to gether. How can the bank function while we are being cornered from every direction?* 

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plead for them at Mumbai and New Delhi so as to present their side before the policy makers effectively. Its lacuna is palpable. You should present your problems effectively and improvement should be done to it from the very level of formation of language itself. It is imperative to impress that all of you from the co-operative sector are united by means of Co-ordination, Good Communication and Co-operation. If you want to see the desired results, you have to put in equally positive efforts.

ways looked at co-operative sector as a golden mean between private and government sectors. Since that period, the Urban Cooperative Bank policy of the Reserve Bank of India has always been dependent upon the policy and viewpoint of the Centre. That is the reason why the Centre cannot concede to the attempts of the Reserve Bank of India to privatise the co-operative banks.

During the tenure of the then Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi, a policy of "Small, but Many" banks was in force. That paved the way for the establishment and expansion of many co-operative banks. They played an important role in improving the rural economy and the lifestyle of common man. But with the passage of time, people's deposits were jeopardised due to bad administration or the financial irregularities in a few banks. This eventually led to the fall in the number of banks.

In 2004, the then Finance Minister Mr P Chidambaram took initiative and the Centre adopted the policy of "Less, but bigger Banks". Since then, the Centre and the Reserve Bank of India too harbored a negative attitude about co-operative banks. The Reserve Bank of India has been trying to smash the network of co-operative banks as and when possible. As a result, the number of cooperative banks in India has reduced to 1,540 today from 2,104 in the year 2003.

In an effort to create lesser but bigger banks, the Reserve Bank of India has plans to



serve Bank of India has made its criterion of financial competence more stringent to root out these banks. But this sector, known for its fighting spirit, has proved its mettle by adopting to the change in a short span of time.

According to the statistics of the Reserve Bank of India itself, the number of banks having the Capital Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) of more than 12% is 1,348, while the number of banks having the

Capital Adequacy Ratio of less than 9% is only 44. At the national level, the gross NPA of these banks is 7.10%, while net NPA is 2.69%. On the other hand,

the commercial banks have NPA of 9% and 5.2% respectively. In this background, it has become impossible for the Reserve

Bank of India to reduce the number of co-operative banks on this criterion, and hence, it is planning to convert these banks into commercial banks.

Accordingly, all the facilities extended to the banks having a turnover of more than Rs. 20,000 crore were withdrawn and they are being lured with the promise that they will get these facilities back if they convert to commercial banks.

Many restrictive conditions regarding loans have been imposed on small banks. Also, the Reserve Bank of India is making it tough for these co-operative banks by imposing conditions regarding Managing Board, Salaried Chairman, etc. Coopertive banks are bearing most of this brunt.

Co-operative banks are being pressured to convert into small finance banks. But it has to be taken into consideration that many customers deposited their amounts in the co-operative banks on the basis of their trust in the members and the love of co-operative sector. Looking at this, is it morally and lawfully

right to transfer their deposits to commercial

principle of maximum profit and converting them to another religion, so as to say?

While reducing the number of banks, it seems that the Reserve Bank of India's agenda seems to be to do away with only the co-operative banks. Members of co-operative banks are their owners. It is their lawful and constitutional right to get a share in the profit of the institution. It is not right to snatch

it away.

Nevertheless, the Reserve Bank of India has banned the distribution of dividends. The shares purchased by members cannot be returned. This means that the members have invested their share capital in the co-operative banks, but they have no right to get any returns now. As far as disbursement of loan

is concerned, there are rules and restrictions only for co-operative banks. Since 2000, there is no permission for any new urban co-operative and since the year 2006, no cooperative bank has been granted permission to open new branches.

Looking at this scenario, how can people stay with co-operative banks and how can these bank take on the commercial banks if they do not receive any share capital?

A few months ago, the Reserve Bank of India has mandated that the dividend payable to the members be spent for the expansion of banks which will strengthen the economy of the nation. As many as 1,541 urban co-operative banks in the country have a share capital of Rs 13,000 crore of which the share capital of around 1,125 A and B category banks is around Rs 9,000 crore. Given the dividend of 10%, this amounts to Rs 900 crore. How can a meagre amount like this be enough to strengthen the economy of the nation? In addition, the claim seems ridiculous that the disbursement of 70% of this amount, i.e. Rs 630 crore, will give impetus to the economy! **Gadkari:** The restriction on refund of share capital and disbursement of dividend is unfair. This makes us think as to why anyone will invest in the co-operative banks. This is inconsistent with the fundamental principle of banking. I will discuss this matter with the Reserve Bank Governor. In addition to this, the leadership of the bank should be able to decide the scope of their problems and whom to approach for their redressal. The problems of the multi-state banks should be taken to the National Federation or the Registrar of Co-operative societies at the Centre, not to the Collector.

**Madhusudan Rajpurkar** (Abhyudaya Co Op Bank Ltd.) Centre has made amendments to the Banking Regulation Laws and the control of the Urban Co-operative banks has totally been given to the Reserve Bank of India. With this in view, is it really necessary to have a Board of Management composed of external persons in addition to the Board of Directors for the functioning of the bank?

**Gadkari:** The very purpose of the amendment in the Banking Regulation laws is the empowerment of Urban Co-operative banks. Exactly what amendments need to be made for this empowerment has to be put forth in a systematic manner from your side first. Government's policy is to support the co-operative sector. You have to make proactive efforts for coordination and communication. Efforts should also be made to classify the exact nature of problems and take them to the Registrar of Co-operative societies or in case of multi-state bank, to the Registrar of Co-operative societies at the Centre, and in case of rural sector, to NABARD and the RBI.

#### Uttam Joshi (Thane Bharat Sahakari Bank Ltd.)

If at all an amendment to the Co-operative Banks regulation was to be introduced, there are many bodies in place for the same, like NAFCUB — the supreme organisation of Co-operative Banks at the national level and the Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks in Maharashtra, which has the largest number of co-operative banks. Discussions should have taken place with them and by bringing together the Reserve Bank of India's senior officers representing the co-operative banks. Had it taken place, many of the problems would have been addressed taking into consideration the root cause and they would have been included in the regulations. It's never too late. Isn't it possible to bring the above three components together and make the desired changes in the regulations?

**Gadkari:** Basically, it's utmost necessary to form a group of experts working in the co-operative sector with a view to

**Nandini Kulkarni** (Dombivli Nagri Sahakari Bank Ltd.) There are some positive aspects in the amendments done to the Banking Regulation law, but they have not been able to reach to the co-operative banks. On the contrary, there is an ambiguity about the amendment in the law. There is confusion as to who and how they will be brought about. It's very difficult for the co-operative banks to face this confusion and uncertainty for long. For them, it's a question of life and death. At Centre, Minister for Agriculture is the in-charge of the co-operative sector. Isn't it possible to create an independent cabinet rank for the same? In addition, will not many problems be solved in a speedy manner if an independent officer having a soft corner and in-depth knowledge of co-operative sector is appointed in the Union Finance Ministry level?

**Gadkari:** The ground reality is that the problems of co-operative banking sector do not reach the Centre effectively. I have played the role of a mediator at three meetings that took place between the Union Minister for Agriculture Mr Narendra Tomar and the delegation of co-operative credit societies from West Maharashtra. This is an exception and otherwise, I am not aware of the times they presented their problems without their being addressed to. If it is so, I promise to follow up problems that have remained unaddressed.

#### Abhay Matey (Janata Sahakari Bank Limited, Pune)

There is little scope for the Urban co-operative banks to increase the share capital and there are many hurdles to it. Now that the Reserve Bank of India has gained total control over the co-operative banks by means of the amendment in the law, there is a need on part of the Reserve Bank of India to think about it and issue the necessary guidelines. Moreover, with the Reserve Bank of India itself monitoring, is there a justification for the appointment of the Managing Board?

**Gadkari:** This issue is of utmost importance. For this, it is important to create a unanimity among all the participants from the Urban Banks about the Managing Board and their role. One group supporting it and other opposing won't do. The responsibility of vindicating the co-operative banks lies solely on the people working responsibly in this sector. It's our responsibility to set a model of transparent, responsible, corruption-free functioning and management. We need to be self-disciplined and self-regulated so as to curb the efforts of unscrupulous tendencies.

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- ROBERT PEEL

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# WITH FIR AND FAVOUR

Weaponising the law to book farmers government had engaged with, throwing IPC at journalists, is not policy. It won't work

FTER THE EVENTS of January 26, crucial distinctions are at risk of being lost sight of as the law is sought to be weaponised -- by criminalising the protesting farmer and targeting the journalist. Certainly, the law was broken by a section of participants in the tractor march who deviated from designated routes to wreak violence at various sites in the national capital and forcibly entering Red Fort. They must be brought to book. There is a detailed FIR which calls for meticulous investigation. But equally unambiguous is the fact that the miscreants are not the movement. And that an agitation which maintained the calm for months, and caused hurt to no one else - several farmers lost their lives in the course of the sit-in at Delhi's borders - cannot and should not be discredited by the actions of a few for some hours on one day. By indiscriminately naming in the FIRs farm leaders who have been negotiating with the Centre over 12 rounds of talks - of the over 40 leaders, more than 30 have been named - the Delhi Police, under the Home Ministry, is tarring the agitation opportunistically and unfairly. It is also tying the government's hands.

For, the farmers' agitation has articulated real anxieties that have gathered around the Centre's three farm laws. These laws bring in long-overdue reform, they will help pare down inefficiencies and hold the promise of making farming more remunerative. But these past few months have shown that there is much work to be done to persuade the farmers themselves of their benefits. Now, the Supreme Court's decision to pause the laws (even as it raises questions about the court overstepping the line), before the Centre's own offer to put the laws on hold for 18 months, provides space for negotiations to continue. But who will join the panel the Centre has proposed if among those targeted and defamed for the January 26 violence are all those who sat at the other side of the table? And if they are taken out of the equation, what happens to the real grievances in a state where the spectre of hardliners looms over a political vacuum?

Another critical distinction is being fudged by the police cases filed in Uttar Pradesh against journalists for "misreporting" and "spreading disharmony". Their alleged crime, relating to inaccurate accounts of the death of a protester, was an error that calls for soulsearching within. When large sections of the media are seen as untrustworthy, unquestioning and partisan, and when their legitimacy is sought to be undermined by populism and majoritarianism on one side and the no-rules world of social media on the other, the onus is on the media. To protect their space and their professional standards with the only tools at their disposal: Fair and accurate news-gathering. That said, for the police especially UP police, with a record scarred by encounters and which has yet to live down that shameful night when it cremated a rape victim without her family's consent - to slap charges of sedition and criminal conspiracy against journalists is bizarre. This is a troubling moment. Much depends on the Centre finding the way out and forward - one that acknowledges the restraints on its own power, one that protects freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution and one that includes listening to the farmers. Filing FIRs, throwing the IPC book at critics, can never be policy in a democracy.

# THE CASE FOR GROWTH

The Economic Survey argues for higher public spending as a means to attract private investment, boosting economy



HE ECONOMIC SURVEY 2020-21, the annual flagship document of the Ministry of Finance, has presented a realistic assessment of the prospects of the economy in the upcoming financial year. The Survey expects India's economy to grow at 11 per cent in 2021-22, in line with the International Monetary Fund's latest assessment which pegs growth at 11.5 per cent. While this may turn out to be a conservative estimate – economic activities could gather momentum as the vaccination drive gains traction – a rapid rebound should not be mistaken for the economy coming out of the woods as the recovery continues to be uneven. But, even accounting for this revival, the economy will take almost two years to cross the pre-pandemic GDP level. With the government's approach in both - containing the pandemic and dealing with its economic fallout - coming under criticism, the Survey has mounted a forceful defence of the measures adopted. Marshalling evidence, by drawing on epidemiological and economic research, it estimates that imposing an early, stringent lockdown "restricted the COVID-19 spread by 37 lakh cases and saved more than 1 lakh lives". On the policy response, while there was a strong argument for ramping up the scale and size of cash transfers to the vulnerable sections and greater government support to the economy in addition to the government's approach of focusing on necessities – food, liquidity measures, and forbearance - the Survey has doubled down on the government's conservative approach, arguing that given the supply side shocks, reflating the economy through government expenditure would have led to runaway inflation. Notwithstanding that, the Survey has now come out strongly in favour of higher government spending. The arguments for doing so are overwhelming. With private investment likely to remain risk-averse, and considering that fiscal multipliers are higher during economic slowdowns, greater public spending can help crowd in private investments, give a fillip to growth, provided that the composition of expenditure pivots towards capital spending. This call for counter-cyclical fiscal policy should not be construed as a leeway for fiscal irresponsibility. While there are concerns over the sustainability of higher debt levels, the Survey notes that it is higher growth that provides the key to the sustainability of debt for India. Hopefully, this argument will translate into actual policy in the budget. As the Survey notes: "The risks from doing too little are much more than the risks from doing too much."



The real darkness on horizon is the turn Indian democracy is taking, almost as if it is on road to perdition

The real desecration

#### PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

WHEN THE DUST settles on the events of Republic Day, one conclusion will be palpably clear. The logic of the state's political strategy is to find any pretext for social division and state repression. The immediate elite reactions to the unruly and shameful scenes in the wake of the farmers' protest in India's capital, especially at the Red Fort, were two-fold. The first was to feign shock and horror, and to channel everyone's inner nationalism and get them to rally behind the cry of order. The flying of the Nishan Sahib flag at the Red Fort, as inappropriate as it was, was treated as an existential threat and national desecration. The second was relief that the unruly scenes now delegitimised the farmers' movement, broke the momentum of the protests and would protect the agriculture bills. India's problem is solved.

But this attitude should not disguise the fact that we were all trying to find a respectable way of expressing our deep authoritarianism and unleashing another round of repression. The leaders of the farmers protest will be targeted with all the national security arsenal that the state has used in previous protests, from Bhima Koregaon to the Citizenship Amendment Act. This includes using the National Investigation Agency (NIA), detention, state harassment, and encouraging mobs to target legitimate protestors. For instance, Yogendra Yadav is already experiencing this at more levels than one can imagine; it is remarkable that people like him, our true patriots, still keep the democratic faith. The real perpetrators of disorder will not be punished while those exercising the right to democratic protest will be demonised. States like UP will unleash their arsenal of state lawlessness in the name of law and order. But the worse is: We will all cheer for authoritarianism.

The scenes at the Red Fort may have been disturbing. But the real darkness on the horizon is not the protest, or the turn it might have taken. It is the turn Indian democracy is taking, almost as if it is on the road to perdition. For almost two months, the farmers' protests were not just peaceful but a model of disciplined civic expression and cultural articulation. Dozens of farmers died in the cold. There was no outrage anywhere compared to the outrage we saw on the flag. They were demonised.

The language of order, and the pieties of the flag in which it is wrapped by the state and the media, is not about order at all. The language of order is partisan to the hilt. It is weaponised to crush dissent. It is used to empower repression. It is used to desecrate the spirit of constitutional values. But it gives even the supposedly most liberal amongst us the perfect pretext to rally behind the government once again. It gives a pretext to appease our consciences that we can ignore the systematic repression of civil liberties, the runaway crony capitalism, and the frightening communalism of the state, the criminalising of dissent, the desecration of federalism and the collapse of institutions.

They were subjected to the standard argument of the state, that they were secessionist Khalistanis. The NIA was freely used to hang a sword over them. All the institutions of the state that could have acted as redressal mechanisms, from Parliament to the Supreme Court. abdicated their core duties. But the farmers were not provoked. You may argue that the protest is still largely by farmers from Punjab. You may also disagree with some of their positions. But the government's position has been even more of a travesty. Even if the movement is largely based in Punjab, we know that it is a deep and genuinely state-wide movement. Does deep existential discontent in Punjab need not be constructively addressed, and in good faith?

Instead, what we have got is the usual pattern of the BJP's "heads we win, tails you lose" political strategy. First, take an intransigent position that does not address the core of the grievance or contemplate reasonable constitutional solutions - wear the movement down, use the existence of the movement to shore up your credentials as a strong state. But when the time comes, use the movement as a pretext for further crackdowns, strengthening the arbitrary powers of the state, and position yourself as the custodian of nationalism against all powers. Find the perfect occasion for doing so. In every movement, this script has been followed.

But the most disturbing part of the Republic Day was not the events; it is the way our repressive instincts were channelised. The media acted as nothing short of the unquestioning cheerleader of the state, hiding behind pieties of the flag and feigning concern for the front-line policemen. If they were genuinely concerned about the sorry condition of the frontline policeman, they could have asked tough questions - like why do our political masters, including the home minister, put frontline policemen in an impossible position by not doing their political jobs? There were no tough questions about the circumstances that may have led to the disorder. Was there an element of state collusion, a false flag diversion? These are questions that need to be asked. There were complete double standards. Let us for a moment grant that elements of the protest went unruly; youth groups joined it that were not the core of the movement. But if this unruliness can delegitimise the legitimate grievances of farmers, then Hindutva - a movement that has led to more intentional blood spilling, collateral damage, and vigilantism than anything - should have been delegitimised a long time ago. If a few unruly scenes can delegitimise Punjab farmers, put in abeyance any rational discussion of the real problems of agriculture, one would have hoped that lynchings and violence would be more than sufficient reason to put "love jihad" laws and cow protection laws in abeyance.

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# **INTERPRETER OF BIHAR'S MALADIES**

Unravelling the enigma of the state was Shaibal Gupta's calling

### **BICKERING TO THE END**

#### 'Doomsday Clock' is closer to apocalypse than ever. It is the parochialism of nation-states in the face of oblivion

N 1947, ANOTHER metaphorical Midnight Hour was put in place: The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists - a non-profit organisation and publication peopled by scientists - developed the symbolic "Doomsday Clock", setting it at seven minutes to Midnight. Midnight, back then, stood for how close humanity was to annihilating itself in a nuclear holocaust. In 2021, the species is closer to than ever to that dystopic tryst with destiny. In the last two years, homo sapiens have been just "100 seconds away" from a human-made, self-obliterating catastrophe.

The dangers to society have not come from the great dictatorships - in 1984, there was no Orwellian 1984. In 1991, with the Cold War over for a year, the clock was 17 minutes from Midnight, the farthest it has ever been. That optimism, it turns out, was misplaced: The end of the battle of ideologies did not lead to an end to nuclear weapons. What has really pushed the clock close to the brink - and kept it there in 2021 - is the parochial, profit-seeking and often petulant ways in which governments have handled the pandemic and their refusal to engage meaningfully with the threat of climate change.

It is not the Bomb or the pandemic that poses the greatest danger. The way our world may well end "is not with a bang", as TS Eliot put it. He was wrong, though, about it going out in "a whimper". Given the lack of united purpose in the face of global threats, the lines of Hollow Men might need paraphrasing: This is the way the world ends/Not with a bang but a bicker.

#### N K SINGH

NO ONE CAME closer to unravelling the enigma that Bihar is than Shaibal Gupta, the noted social scientist and economist who passed away on Thursday. I had known him for a long time, when he was just completing his PhD in economics in the early Eighties and, thereafter, as a faculty of the A N Sinha Institute of Social Studies in Patna.

People often ask, in a lighter vein: How is it that Biharis prosper outside Bihar while the state continues to languish? Embedded in this query, of course, are the contradictions between the fabled glory of ancient Bihar and a state which today has the lowest per capita income in the country and a poor record on multiple development parameters. Shaibal tried to unravel this enigma.

In doing so, he was trying to understand the state with the most untapped growth potential in the country - rich in water, human resources, agricultural possibilities and several prospects of diversifying its economy. Shaibal's writings sought to enlighten us better on what may be loosely called "the roots of Bihar's backwardness". They highlighted the imperative of reversing discriminatory decisions of the past and the need for the Centre to play a more active role in enhancing and supporting larger public outlays.

Shaibal had many firsts to his credit. First and foremost, was his contribution as an institution builder. This was in a state where credible institution making had remained frozen in time. He was among the He was trying to understand the state with the most untapped growth potential in the country — rich in water, human resources, agricultural possibilities and several prospects of diversifying its economy. Shaibal's writings sought to enlighten us better on what may be loosely called 'the roots of Bihar's backwardness'.

first to realise that Bihar needed an academic institution of high quality. As the founder and member-secretary of the Asian Development Research Institution (ADRI) in Patna, he sought to bridge this gap. He was the first to undertake this initiative to create what has come to be regarded as Bihar's only credible and serious research organisation.

Second, his ability to extend the reach of Bihar-centric institutions to global centres of excellence. I worked actively with him in forging a credible relationship with the London School of Economics (LSE). Shaibal's active engagement with Robin Burgess, the co-director of the International Growth Centre (IGC) at LSE, led him to establish the IGC's footprint in Bihar. This was entirely his contribution. Providing institutions with international outreach is what lends them continued relevance and provides long-term credibility to statecentric research organisations.

Third, his advocacy. He was among the first to seek and articulate a coherent economic policy for according a Special Category Status (SCS) to Bihar. He realised that ending Bihar's endemic state of neglect required proactive central intervention and support. He became a zealous advocate of SCS to Bihar much before the dialogue changed from an economic issue to an elusive political quest. Following these efforts, the Centre constituted a high-level committee for evolving a Composite Development Index for the states headed by then RBI governor, Raghuram

Rajan. Shaibal was an active member of this committee, which came to the conclusion that while Bihar was at the bottom with respect to multiple development indicators, it could not be accorded SCS status. He took the audacious step of submitting a note of dissent, setting out why the committee's recommendations fell short in terms of logic and economic rationale. This note is an integral part of the committee's recommendations.

Fourth, Shaibal played a key role in enabling Bihar's first annual economic survey. As deputy chairman of the Bihar State Planning Board, I endeavoured to revive the state's planning and research institutions. As director of the Centre for Economic Policy and Public Finance (CEPPF), set up with the support of the Bihar government, he played a key role in ensuring the publication of this annual survey. This has facilitated greater understanding of the evolving economic dynamics of the state and its performance on multiple development parameters.

Finally, I recall with fondness and nostalgia my decades of close association with Shaibal. He was always passionate about the causes he worked on. He demonstrated this in every forum whether in Patna, Delhi, London or the United States. He was consumed by a passion for Bihar and sought to unravel and address the enigma of Bihar.

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Assam DIG arrested THE ASSAM GOVERNMENT has made its intention clear in no uncertain terms by arresting the state's DIG Hiranya Kumar Bhattacharya under the National Security Act. Bhattacharya is an alleged sympathiser of the agitation on the foreigners' issue. Professor Lakhinandan Bora of the Assam Agricultural University was also arrested under the NSA. Oil supplies from the state to the refinery in Barauni in Bihar have resumed. The developments signal that the hardliners in the Union cabinet on the Assam issue have won at a time when the resumption of talks between the agitators and the Centre was looking imminent. While re-

sumption of oil supplies was always on the cards, the arrests, especially that of Bhattacharya. took everyone by surprise. The DIG, who is on leave, has apparently been taken to Ranchi.

#### CONGRESS LEADER

LAXMI NARAIN INDURIA, general secretary of Madhya Pradesh Congress (I), has been sacked. Induria belongs to the Vidya Charan Shukla group, which has been complaining to the Centre against Chief Minister Arjun Singh. He along with several other MLAs and MPs from Madhya Pradesh have been camping in Delhi to seek a meeting with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

#### ASIAD WOES

THE COST OF the Asian Games may soar to Rs 700 crore taking into account the cost of flyovers, hotels, roads, railway lines. A hush-hush government study has revealed that the work on the main stadia is running behind schedule and there's a possibility that the games could be postponed by a year. Opposition parties are not too happy about holding the games in Delhi, but they don't want to appear churlish by starting an agitation. The Lok Dal, however, is determined to protest against the games. When the Janata government approved the Asian Games proposal, the estimated cost was around Rs 250 crore.



### JANUARY 30, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

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# Consolidating the recovery

The Economic Survey has set the stage for promoting local production and consumption, laying out the path for a V-shaped rebound



SACHIN CHATURVEDI

FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA Sitharaman tabled the Economic Survey 2020-21 in Parliament on Friday, focussing on the basic tenets of development – Atmanirbhar Bharat in Covid times, going beyond "nudging", shifting from entitlementbased approaches to an entrepreneurship-based policy framework. The Survey also revisits some of the fundamental issues that lopsided development strategies have posed for India and other developing countries such as growth and inequality, and debt sustainability.

Last year, the Economic Survey focussed wealth creation, promotion of probusiness policies and strengthening of trust in the economy. This time, the focus is very much on the efforts to "find its way from the darkness of lives vs livelihoods to the glow of saving lives and livelihoods." Digitalisation and technology have occupied an important place in both parts of the Survey.

As it happens, the Economic Survey analyses the broad trends at the macro level and the profiling of the initiatives across various economic activities like infrastructure, agriculture, industrial production, employment, prices, exports, imports, foreign exchange reserves as well as in social sectors like health, education, etc. This year, as the document shows, the focus is predominantly on the recovery path after initial derailment and the losses suffered by the Indian economy due to the pandemic. The recovery is expected to follow a V-shaped path. There is also the evident rush for making India a \$5-trillion economy by 2024. The Survey brings together various relevant factors that have both a short and long-term impact on the economy and the budget.

The Survey advocates countercyclical fiscal policies based on the premise that growth leads to debt sustainability, the implications of which augur well for raising additional resources for welfare spending. This also takes into account that India's foreign exchange reserves are sufficient to take care of India's cumulative public and private debt. In such matters, assessments by credit rating agencies are fundamentally flawed, considering India's strong creden-

tials on both the willingness and the ability to repay loans.



the country. This has been evident in the transformative approach adopted in the Swachh Bharat Mission and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative that integrated behavioural insights. Another powerful idea has been using technology to run and monitor welfare schemes. This was prompted by the success of the MGNREGA that leveraged the full potential of the JAM trinity. Keeping in view the future slowdown in the demographic dividend and progressive shift towards an ageing society in some states, the Survey made some valuable recommendations towards schooling, public expenditure on healthcare and raising the retirement age.

This year's Survey focuses on enhanced public healthcare spending and demonstrates how effective it has been in slashing out-of-pocket expenditures in the recent past. It also shows the brilliant performance under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) and the improved outcomes in states that have implemented the programme. Health sector outcomes have also received a strong boost from improvements in basic parameters like water and sanitation, housing, micro environment and other facilities. With focus on basic needs, the Survey has brought back national attention on the fundamental developmental paradigm. The idea of analysing inequalities in times of recovery is a reassuring premise to move on with.

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#### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Though the ban on the festival benefits the religious right, it is worth asking at what cost Punjab's citizens are being made to relinquish Basant - where once the advent of spring was celebrated with colourful skies, now the passage of time is marked by the gloomy, grey horizon of smog.". -DAWN

# Bapu's ideals for young India

Mahatma Gandhi's core values – the need to rise above casteism, communalism, regionalism and provincialism - should inspire youth today



#### M VENKAIAH NAIDU

ON THE SOLEMN occasion of Martyrs' Day, I, along with my fellow-countrymen, pay homage to the sacrifices made by Mahatma Gandhi and countless other revered nationalists, whose names remain etched in gold in the annals of history for their heroism and courage in freeing India from British rule. Today, let us pause for a moment to rededicate ourselves to the core values which Bapu stood for - most importantly, the need to rise above casteism, communalism, regionalism and provincialism of any kind - and commit ourselves to the ideal of non-violence.

It is worth repeating that Mahatma Gandhi, as he spearheaded the freedom struggle, drew inspiration from and acted with conviction on the principle rooted in our ancient tradition - ahimsa or non-violence. This ideal inspired great men across the world, including Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela. Gandhiji also served as an inspiration to Albert Einstein, Barack Obama, Pearl Buck and Steve Jobs, among others. Bapu successfully weaponised truth, satyagraha and peace in his helmsmanship of India's struggle for independence, marked by tidal waves of peaceful protests.

On the occasion of Martyrs' Day, duty impels me to recall the names of some of the front-ranking patriots of our great nation, nationalists who sacrificed their lives to liberate the country from the shackles of colonial rule - Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru and Chandrashekhar Azad. What is the common thread that binds these great sons of India who marched to the gallows with a smile and an unwavering commitment to the cause of the country's freedom? They, along with thousands of their compatriots, placed the nation before the self, valued freedom over slavery and oppression, and rose against the might of the British empire. Their lives stand as a testament to their indomitable will and the courage to practise the ideals which they preached, embodying Bhagat Singh's immortal words that "the sword of revolution is sharpened on the whetting stone of ideas".

India today is poised at the cusp of an unprecedented trajectory of growth. Therefore, utilising the opportunities at hand to translate their dreams into reality and drawing inspiration from the past, today's youth must harness their energy to power the country forward. They must transcend narrow sectarianism and other divisive social barriers and be guided in their life's journey, in a manner of speaking, by Swami Vivekananda's stirring call, "Arise, awake and do not stop until the goal is reached". For one's life to acquire substance, one must be driven by a purpose larger than one-

self. Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak had wisely counselled that "each one of us will have to subordinate himself to the larger good". There is no higher task than that of nation-building to which each individual must seek to contribute in his own way, however modest it may seem.

The freedom which we enjoy today is the result of the toil and countless sacrifices made by thousands of sons and daughters of this great nation. In committing themselves to this mission with spirit and grit, they rose above all other social divisions and barriers. This fact serves as a reminder to us that for centuries, India has been a repository of wisdom, anchored in the conviction of vasudhaiva kutumbakam (The whole world is one family). With resilience and resolve, they carried forward the torch of our great nation's guiding philosophy, which has been the underlying message of the Rig Vedic verse, "Ekam sat. vipraah bahudhaa vadanti (Truth is one, but the sages call it by many names)".

Let us take a moment on Martyrs' Day to recollect the fact that our great heroes gave up their youth and sacrificed their lives to give us a better India. They were stirred by a sense of selfless nationalism. The youth of today must emulate their lives and engage themselves wholeheartedly in serving the nation while scripting the story of India's success. As Mahatma Gandhi aptly remarked: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." With ingenuity and innovation, the nation's youth should chart the course of India's development, lending impetus to the concept of vocal for local.

I would like to remind my fellow-countrymen that Gandhiji's emphasis on khadi and village industries during the freedom struggle has special relevance today - a Bharat that is atmanirbhar or self-reliant is the Bharat of Bapu's dreams. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us a number of valuable lessons, foremost among them being atmanirbharta, which became synonymous with self-esteem. We saw for ourselves, how industrialists, technologists, innovators, scientists and researchers rose to the occasion with missionary zeal during the lockdown, manufacturing thousands of products from ventilators to PPE kits, from medicines to vaccines to finished products in a variety of areas. It is clear that marked by a transformed mindset, the Atmanirbhar campaign has set India firmly on the path of development and national pride.

Martyrs' Day is an occasion to remind us of the fact that thousands of brave soldiers, some prominent, many obscure, had walked on the thorny path of resistance fighting for India's freedom in the epic struggle spearheaded by Mahatma Gandhi. While recollecting their immeasurable contribution, and paying homage to their memory, I would like to add that it is our duty to ensure that their sacrifices have not been in vain. Their austerity, forbearance, asceticism, spirituality and self-effacing spirit of sacrifice should serve as a fountainhead of inspiration to all of us. Jai Hind!

multi-sectoral

The Survey should have focussed on a new narrative for trade. Apart from explaining the missing value chains and integration with South and Southeast Asia, the survey should have analysed the high cost of tariffs when 38 per cent of our exports are import-dependent. The impact of COVID-19 on the global economy was exceptionally sharp and developing countries, including India, faced less of it due to prudent domestic trade policies. India relaxed its commercial policies in the post-lockdown period to allow the external sector to grow. The upturn in the merchandise exports became much stronger than in imports. Besides trade, FDI inflows and the accumulation of foreign exchange reserves has been remarkable this year. It is expected that India will emerge as an important link in the global value chain sector which has been visibly disrupted by the pandemic.

for promoting local production and consumption, exploring resilience and inter-

The Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) scheme is a major initiative to boost inclusive economic growth and employment opportunities in the country, with a total outlay of Rs 111 lakh crore expected to be spent during 2020-25 in diverse infrastructure projects in sectors, including energy, roads, urban infrastructure and railways. These projects would go a long way in invigorating India's competitiveness in the world economy.

The Economic Survey has set the stage

National

If we consider the last two Economic Surveys, the introduction of new concepts and approaches has been quite evident. For instance, in the Survey for 2018-19, the idea of "nudge" helped provide recognition of the importance of social behaviour change for any policy to succeed. We have noticed the power of articulation and persuasion coming from the highest political office of

wealth creation, entrepreneurship, and financial markets in the economic development and aspirations of the country, and discussed in detail the facilitating role of the government. The Survey took recourse to India's economic history to suggest that it has never been antithetical to ethical wealth creation and invoked texts such as Kautilya's Arthashastra and Thiruvalluvar's Thirukkural.

nal strengths. The inspiration for a thorough Indian approach in policymaking has obviously been nurtured and guided by the political leadership - the most recent manifestation has been in the form of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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# Once upon a Covid time

Today marks a year of India's Case No. 1. Five lessons for the future

#### CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA AND RANDEEP GULERIA

WHAT IS THE place for a single year in the history of a nation? A lot, if it was 2020. A year ago, on January 30, 2020, India's first confirmed case of Sars-CoV-2 (then called novel coronavirus 2019 or 2019-nCoV) was reported. Till the fourth week of March 2020, though India had reported only a few hundred confirmed cases, experts using a "modeling-based study" projected that the country could have hundreds of millions of cases and a few millions of deaths by July 2020.

In the year that is now behind us, the virus, the pandemic and related interventions changed many things around us. For most, daily routines were disrupted. The lockdown and other pandemic responses resulted in reduction of economic activities, the loss of job opportunities, economic slowdown and caused hardship to every citizen. The migrants walking across highways became the disconcerting and defining image of challenges faced by people during the pandemic. People tested positive for the virus were discriminated against and stigmatised. Frontline workers, while out for contact tracing, were abused and attacked. The "infodemic" became a major hurdle in effective response to the pandemic.

This period also witnessed an unprecedented high-level policy discourse on the need to strengthen the Indian health system and boost public health services. The health workers toiled against all odds to defeat the virus. COVID-19 specific services such as testing, contact tracing and treatment facilities were scaled up. Within the country, production of personal protective equipment (PPE) coverall, testing kits, and ventilators was

ramped up and self-sufficiency achieved. Multi-sectoral and multi-agency collaborations were formed to mount a joint response. Researchers and scientists joined hands to develop new testing kits, to conduct clinical trials on treatment regimens as well as vaccines. Citizens internalised COVID-appropriate behaviour in their routine. In early 2021, two SARS CoV-2 vaccines were licensed in India and vaccination has started. The COVID-19 vaccines manufactured in India are being used in a number of other countries as well.

A year since India first confirmed COVID-19 case, the country has reported nearly 10.7 million confirmed cases and 1,53,000 deaths. This, by any count, is not a small number but, as a whole, the COVID-19 situation in India has not been as bad as it was projected and better than many countries (if we compare in terms of per million). However, the fight is not over yet. The emergence of new strains in many countries is a cause of concern. A fresh surge in Manaus. Brazil, in spite of high sero-prevalence in the city, is a warning that the virus cannot be taken lightly and that the pandemic is far from over.

While we will ultimately win in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic, the victory will be incomplete if the lessons are not learnt and then acted upon.

Diseases have social and economic impact, with the poor, marginalised and vulnerable populations often being the worst affected. In the COVID-19 pandemic, it was the marginal and informal sector workers whose sources of income decreased, and many of whom lost jobs. Children's education was adversely affected. Women had difficulty in accessing rou-

tine health services. The ongoing pandemic has reportedly widened inequities and Oxfam has termed COVID-19 as "the inequality virus". India as a country, aiming for "Antyodaya" (upliftment of the weakest in the society), needs to urgently increase investment on strengthening its health systems. Government investment on health has potential to address various types of inequities, alleviate poverty, prepare the country for future epidemics and pandemics, and can help accelerate economic growth. That is the first learning.

Second, the need for strengthening India's health system had received the highest level of political attention during the early part of the pandemic. This needs to be sustained and followed through. A stronger health system is possible when interventions are done in various areas, including governance and leadership, health financing, service provision and delivery, health infrastructure and workforce, medicines, diagnostics and vaccines and health information system. Merely increasing hospital beds or getting additional ventilators would not be sufficient.

Third, keeping society healthy requires a broad range of health services - preventive, promotive, curative and diagnostics and rehabilitation. This is possible by transforming the hospital-dominated "medical care" system into a "health system" which delivers both medical (curative and diagnostic) as well as public health (preventive and promotive) services. This is possible through setting up community clinics and strengthening the primary healthcare system in both rural and urban areas. Fourth, increased spending on health, by

both states and the Union government, should be prioritised and earmarked for the primary health care and public health services. There is need for a specialised cadre to deliver public health services and preventive health interventions as well as strengthening public health laboratories and disease surveillance systems. The provision of mental health services needs a boost, as does the health data and information system. Tele-consultations can be effectively used to this effect.

Fifth, sustain the three-way partnership between policymakers (elected leaders as well as administrators), technical experts (medical and public health experts) and community members, which has been formed for pandemic response. This would be essential to ensure that health policies are evidence informed, effectively implemented and services widely used by the community. People's participation and community engagement has been vital to pandemic response and need to be sustained.

The victory in this fight against COVID-19 pandemic is assured. However, the real victory would be when the learnings are used to create a stronger healthcare system in India, which will provide accessible, available, affordable and guality healthcare services to the last person in the society. Our actions will determine the place of 2021 in the history of the nation.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### A VICTIM'S TRAUMA

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Letting down the vulnerable' (IE, January 29). The stay by the Supreme Court on the High Court order has prevented the gross violation of justice. The matter of sexual assault of a child must be looked at in a broader context and proportionate punishment in such cases should be determined not by skin-to-skin touch but the impacts of such acts on a minor, so as to set a deterrent. The High Court erred in understanding the toll it takes on a minor who is a victim of such acts.

Arayan Khare, Ujjain

#### HOLLOW POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Fighting words' (IE, January 29). Of late, we have seen poll canvassing descend to new lows and "name calling" is very much a part of the game now. While this playing to the gallery may garner eyeballs in the visual media as it hits the opponents below the belt, it also speaks volumes about the hollowness of the entire political process.

Kamna Chhabra, Gurgaon.

#### DYNASTY ON TRIAL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The other Amma' (IE, January 28). The original Dravida movement was piloted by ideologically-spirited men who led by their sheer charisma. It was the DMK, after the split in the kazhagam, that went dynastic. For this reason alone, Sasikala rumoured to still have access to party funds – may yet not matter in the

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AIADMK. Should the party do well in the assembly elections, Tamil Nadu could find its future politics no more driven by dynasts.

R Narayanan, Navi Mumbai

#### **CLIMATE INEQUALITY**

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The ecological is political' (IE, January 28). Climate change creates an ethical dilemma where poor countries, island nations and poor people in general, would be facing most of the brunt of the adverse impacts of a warming world while rich and developed nations would be able to mitigate these impacts. The latter have made the greatest contribution to global warming. Oscar-winning Korean film Parasite rightly showed this dilemma when the people of low-lying areas lost their homes but the richer section faced nothing of the kind.

Abhishek Verma, Sultanpur



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#### SIMPLY PUT

# A year with Covid: peak behind India

The decline in numbers looks terminal, but the end may be still some distance away, and it is not yet clear how long immunity will last. Tracing India's journey to the peaks in case counts and deaths, followed by the decline.

#### **AMITABH SINHA** PUNE, JANUARY 29

ONE YEAR after the first case of coronavirus infection was detected in the country, India is staring at a possible early exit from the pandemic that has already claimed more than 1.5 lakh lives, caused massive economic disruption and resulted in loss of livelihoods for millions of families. Although between 12,000 and 14,000 new cases are still getting detected every day, the decline in the numbers does look terminal, having continued for more than four months now.

Scientists and health experts say while the worst may be behind us, we are still quite a distance from the end. Epidemics usually have a long tail, and it might be several months before the numbers come down to zero. There is an additional threat: Scientists still do not know how long immunity against the disease, gained either through natural infection or vaccination, lasts. Short-term immunity would mean the risk of re-emergence remains. That is the reason scientists and health authorities have been insisting that people must continue to wear masks and follow the simple rules of physical distancing.

#### Daily cases

This has been the most tracked number during the pandemic - the number of people found infected with the virus every day. India has followed an unusually smooth bell-curve, with a well-defined peak (Figure 1). The numbers rose exponentially in the initial couple of months, slowed down a bit due to the lockdown, reached a peak in the middle of September, and then began a decline that has continued for the last four months. The outbreak in India, in effect, began on March 2, with the detection of two cases, one in Delhi and the other in Hyderabad, even though three infections had earlier been detected in Kerala between January 30 and February 3. At its peak, India had been reporting over 90,000 cases every day, the maximum being 97,894 on September 16. At that time, no other country had reported more than 75,000 cases in a day. After that, of course, the United States went much beyond that number, consistently reporting more than 2 lakh cases every day since December.

Brazil went past 80,000 a day while the UK recorded more than 60,000 cases in a day.



Unoccupied beds at a Covid care centre in Ahmedabad. Nirmal Harindran

Some European countries – Spain, Italy, France - also registered their maximum single-day count in November and December. The epidemic followed very different trajectories in these countries. The United States, and countries in Europe, for example, experienced multiple waves with no sharply defined peak. The curve in China, on the other hand, had a sudden and a dramatic end.

Even within India, states have had very different trajectories. Maharashtra is the only major state to have had a curve similar to that of the country as a whole. Delhi has had three distinct waves with very sharp peaks, while Kerala started slowly but is having an unusually flat and extended peak.

India's curve of daily cases, ironically, is very similar to what the trajectory of an epidemic would look like if it spread in a uniformly distributed population without any intervention to contain it.

#### Daily deaths

India's first coronavirus-related death was reported on March 12 last year, when a 76year-old man from Kalaburgi in Karnataka, who had returned from Saudi Arabia a few days earlier, died in a government hospital. The man was asthmatic and suffered from hypertension.

The deaths, not surprisingly, have followed a trajectory similar to the daily detection of cases (Figure 2). At its peak, more than 1,000 deaths were being reported from across the country every day. On September 15, a total of 1,290 deaths were reported, which remains the highest single day casualty figure. In the last couple of months, the United States has reported more than 3,500 deaths in a day on several occasions. Even the United Kingdom has reported more deaths than India's peak. There is usually a lag of a few days in re-

porting of deaths. Also, states often bunch together unreported deaths from several previous days, leading to unusual increases. On June 16, for example, Maharashtra reported more than 1,400 deaths, while Delhi reported 437 deaths, both a result of a data cleaning exercise. That led to an unusual spike in the graph. Similarly, Tamil Nadu reported 522 deaths on July 22, which shows up as another spike in the curve.

As of January 28, more than 1.54 lakh coronavirus-related deaths have been recorded in the country. In the last few days, the death count has been mostly below 150.

India's current case fatality ratio, or the deaths as a percentage of total number of confirmed infections, stands at 1.44, well below the global average of 2.15. But considering that a far greater number of people would have been infected, though not detected, the actual fatality ratio would be much lower than that, even if accounting for some underreporting in the deaths as well.

#### Active cases

This is the number of people who are currently sick and yet to recover from the disease. This is the effective burden on any country's health system, and also the potential spreaders of the disease since those who have recovered would no longer transmit the virus to others.

Active cases have also followed a trajectory very similar to the daily new cases, and peaked almost simultaneously (Figure 3). At its peak in September, India had more than 10 lakh active cases. But there has been a steady decline after that, and as on January 28, there were a little more than 1.71 lakh cases, an almost 85% decline from the peak. This is the number of active cases that previously existed around June 20 last year.

Since September 17, there have been fewer than 15 days when the number of new cases has exceeded the number of people being declared to have recovered from the disease. On every other day, more people have recovered from the disease than have fallen sick. As on January 28, more than 97% of the people in India who were known to have been infected with the virus had recovered from the disease. About 1.4% of the infected people died of the disease, while the rest are currently sick.



#### **FIGURE 2: DAILY DEATHS**



#### **FIGURE 3: ACTIVE CASES**



#### **EXPERT EXPLAINS**

C VID -19 VACCINE TRACKER

Red Fort and Delhi symbols and

narratives of power down the ages

### J&J single-shot vaccine found 66% effective in phase 3 clinical trials

IN YET another promising development on Covid-19 vaccines, Johnson & Johnson announced on Friday that its single-shot candidate has been found 72% effective in the US: 66% effective overall at preventing "moderate to severe" Covid-19; and 85% effective in preventing severe disease across all regions studied, 28 days after vaccination in all adults 18 years and older.

The vaccine, developed at J&J's Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies, will be the first single-dose vaccine introduced for commercial use, once cleared for emergency use. All other vaccines currently being administered require a booster second dose to trigger a robust immune response. J&J plans to file for US Emergency Use Authorisation in early February, and is expected to have the product ready to ship immediately following authorisation.

J&J is using its flagship AdVac vaccine platform , which was also used to develop and manufacture European lanssen's Commission-approved Ebola

vaccine regimen and construct its Zika, RSV, and HIV investigational vaccine candidates. Janssen's AdVac vectors are based on a specific type of adenovirus one genetically modified so that it can no longer replicate in humans and cause disease.

The phase 3 trial is being conducted in eight countries across three continents - with 44% (19,302) of the participants in the US, 41% (17,905) in Central and South America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru) and 15% in South Africa. Nearly onethird (14,672) are over age 60.

"Efficacy against severe disease increased over time with no cases in vaccinated participants reported after day 49," J&J said. It said the candidate demonstrated "complete protection" against Covid-related hospitalization and death, 28 days post-vaccination. "There was a clear effect of the vaccine

on Covid-19 cases requiring medical intervention (hospitalization, ICU admission, mechanical ventilation, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), with no reported cases among participants who had received the Janssen Covid-19 vaccine, 28 days postvaccination," J&J said.

On safety, J&J said that overall fever rates were 9% with Grade 3 fever in just 0.2%. "Overall serious adverse events (SAEs) reported were higher in participants who received placebo as compared to the active vaccine candidate. No anaphylaxis was observed," J&J said.

#### AstraZeneca in Europe

On Friday, AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine was recommended for conditional marketing authorisation (CMA) in the European Union. The EU an-

nounced that following a renewed request from the European Commission on January 27, AstraZeneca has agreed to publish a redacted contract signed between the two parties on August 27.

The announcement comes after AstraZeneca had announced it would only be able to deliver a fraction of the vaccine doses agreed upon for the first quarter. It claimed there were production problems at its European plants.

According to the contract, all EU member states can purchase 300 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, with an option for a further 100 million doses, to be distributed on a populationbased pro-rata basis; the contract also allows the member states to donate their doses to lower and middle income countries or to re-direct them to other European countries.

On Friday, the European Commission said it welcomed the company's commitment "towards more transparency in its participation in the rollout of the EU Vaccines Strategy".

**KAUNAIN SHERIFFM** 



NEWSFEEDS ON Republic Day were dominated by scenes of protests on the ramparts of the Red Fort. The climax of what newspapers referred to as the "storming", "breach", or "raid", was the raising of the Nishan Sahib on the pole normally reserved for the hoisting of the national flag by the Prime Minister

on Independence Day. Many symbols came together in these images – a massive anti-government protest, a site intimately connected to an annual national event, and the pennant of a religious community. What did this act signify? What are the narratives of power and its subversion that have lived on in the popular imagination, to come to the surface in a moment of conflict?

To unravel some of these strands of meaning, one must go back in history, to a time centuries before the Red Fort was even constructed.

#### 'Capital of Hindustan'

Before the 13th century, Delhi – or 'Dilli' - was, politically speaking, a moderately significant town. It was for long the capital of the modestly sized kingdom of the Rajput Tomar dynasty. By the mid 12th century it was conquered by the Rajput Chauhans who, however, ruled from Ajmer.

It was the conquest by Ghurid Turks in the late 12th century that put Delhi on the map as a centre of power. As the capital of the Sultanate, Delhi gradually developed an aura of power - in the popular imagination, it came to be associated with a dominant power in the subcontinent. Babur, having defeating Ibrahim Lodi at Panipat in 1526, headed for Delhi, which he described as "the capital of all Hindustan", even though the Lodis had ruled from Agra for the previous two decades.



Nehru addresses the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort in 1947. Express Archive

#### Seat of Mughal power

During the first century or so of Mughal rule, Agra was the capital for longer than Delhi. Still, the Mughals continued to be seen as rulers of Delhi. A Sanskrit inscription from 1607 refers to Akbar as "Dillishvara", the lord of Delhi, though he had ruled from Delhi for a very short time. In a Persian inscription dated 1621 on the Salimgarh Bridge adjoining the Red Fort, Jahangir, who never reigned from Delhi, was described as "Shahanshah e Dehli", the emperor of Delhi.

It was only in the reign of Shah Jahan (1628-58) that the Mughal connection to Delhi was given concrete form, with the founding of the city of Shahjahanabad and the inauguration of its palace citadel, the Red Fort, in 1648. From that date to the end of Mughal rule in 1857, Delhi would be the formal capital of the Mughal empire.

There was another important feature of the Delhi of these two centuries. From the 13th century, the capital had been located at a number of different sites – Mehrauli, Kilugarhi, Siri, Tughlaqabad, Jahanpanah, Firozabad, and Dinpanah. Now it came to be settled permanently in Shahjahanabad, with the emperor's seat being in the Red Fort.

#### Coveted political prize

The significance of Delhi and the Red Fort was thrown into sharp relief by political de-

velopments in the 18th century, once the Mughal empire started on the long road to decline. Erstwhile Mughal provinces such as Bengal, Awadh, and Hyderabad broke away, and new forces like the Sikhs and the Marathas arose. Not only did the Mughal territories shrink, the Mughal emperor became increasingly ineffectual even within them. Yet, such was his symbolic significance as the source of legitimate sovereign authority that many of these new states, including a newcomer, the East India Company, continued to rule in his name, and to issue coins in his name until well into the 19th century.

The control over the emperor and of Delhi was, therefore, a prize worth fighting for. Safdar Jang, the Nawab of Awadh, fought a civil war in an attempt to keep his position as Prime Minister of the Mughal emperor. The Sikhs had their ambitions, and came up to the walls of the city in 1783 before retreating. The Marathas met with greater success the following year, when Mahadji Sindhia became the power behind the throne. Finally, the East India Company defeated the Maratha forces in 1803, and went on to control Delhi and the emperor for the next 54 years.

In the popular imagination, legitimate rule was associated with the Mughal emperor to the extent that when the country broke out in revolt in 1857, the mutinous soldiers made their way to Delhi, seeking his leadership.

When the revolt in Delhi had been crushed, the British army occupied the Red Fort and the officers drank to their Queen's health in the Diwan-e-Khas, where the Mughal emperors had held court. It was in this same hall that Bahadur Shah was put on trial, convicted, and exiled. Nearly ninety years later, in 1945-46, the memory of that trial foreshadowed another historic trial in the fort – that of the personnel of the Indian National Army, which generated an immense wave of nationalist sentiment in the run-up to Independence.

#### Symbol of the nation

With the coming of Independence, it was necessary that the site of the Red Fort, over which the British colonial government had sought to inscribe its power and might, be symbolically reclaimed for the Indian people. It was for this reason, that after the first hoisting of the national flag at India Gate on August 15, 1947, the next day, the Prime Minister hoisted it on the ramparts of the Red Fort – this was to then become India's lasting Independence Day tradition.

In the context of a site marked by power and authority, and acts of challenging and reclaiming that authority, what is the significance of a group of predominantly Sikh farmers raising the flag of the Khalsa? History books tell us that when the Sikhs made an incursion to Delhi in 1783, they turned away from the walls, not entering the city. The incident is remembered very differently in Sikh hagiographies. Sikh legend says that the armed Sikhs occupied the Red Fort and unfurled the Nishan Sahib, demonstrating their victory over the Mughal throne. This account, itself contested, has fuelled more recent events such as the celebration of an annual Fateh Divas at the Red Fort since 2014, supposedly marking the anniversary of the events of 1783. The similarities between Fateh Divas and the events of January 26 may be deceptive. While one celebrated a victory over an empire that was seen by the Sikhs as oppressive, the other was clearly a challenge to the authority that controls the site today.

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#### MEANWHILE ELLA EMHOFF GETS MAJOR MODELLING CONTRACT

One week after the Miu Miu coat she wore at US President Joe Biden's swearing in went viral, Ella Emhoff, the 21-year-old stepdaughter of Vice President Kamala Harris, became the newest face at IMG Models, one of the world's most prestigious modelling agencies. The agency works with such famous faces as Karlie Kloss, Alek Wek and Ashley Graham.



**Refugees ahead of their** relocation to the island of Bhasan Char. AP

#### BANGLADESH

#### More Rohingya refugees sent to remote island

Dhaka: Bangladesh moved another group of Rohingya Muslims on Friday to a remote island in the Bay of Bengal, despite concerns over the risk of storms and floods lashing the site, even as some refugees despaired of finding solutions to their plight. The denselypopulated south Asian country wants to transfer to the island a tenth of the 1 million refugees living in ramshackle border camps after they fled violence in neighbouring Myanmar. Five ships moved 1,776 Rohingya and their belongings, with more set to be moved on Saturday for a two-day total of more than 3,000. They will join 3,500 Rohingya already there since early Dec. **REUTERS** 

#### **INDONESIA** Aceh province publicly canes two gay men

**AUTHORITIES** IN Indonesia's Aceh province publicly caned six people accused of breaching Islamic law, including two men who received 77 lashes for having a same sex relationship, in a punishment Human Rights Watch called "public torture". Aceh is the only province in majority-Muslim Indonesia to follow Islamic law, and this was the third such caning since Aceh outlawed homosexuality in 2014. The province, on the northern tip of Sumatra island, also poses caning for crimes

# **WORLD** J&J's 1-dose vaccine offers protection but fuels concern about virus variants

Vaccine has 72% efficacy in US, but only 57% in S Africa where a more contagious variant is driving cases

#### CARLZIMMER, **NOAH WEILAND &** SHARON LAFRANIERE **JANUARY 29**

JOHNSON & JOHNSON said on Friday that its one-dose coronavirus vaccine provided strong protection against Covid-19. offering the US a third powerful tool in a race against a worldwide rise in virus mutations.

But the results came with a significant cautionary note: The vaccine's efficacy rate dropped from 72 per cent in the US to 57 per cent in South Africa, where a highly contagious variant is driving most cases. Studies suggest that this variant also blunts the effectiveness of Covid vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Novavax. The variant has spread to at

least 31 countries, including two cases documented in the US this week. Johnson & Johnson said it

planned to apply for emergency authorisation of its vaccine from the US Food and Drug Administration as soon as next week, putting it on track to receive clearance later in February. "This is the pandemic vaccine

that can make a difference with a single dose," said Dr Paul Stoffels, the company's chief scientific officer.

The company's announcement comes as the Biden administration is pushing to immunise Americans faster even as vaccine supplies tighten. White House officials have been counting on Johnson & Johnson's vaccine to ease the shortfall. But the company may have as few as seven million doses ready when the vaccine is

#### **MEXICO'S DEATH TOLL BECOMES THIRD HIGHEST IN WORLD**

MEXICO'S CONFIRMED coronavirus death toll surpassed India's on Thursday to become the world's third-highest, after months in which President Andrés Manuel López Obrador downplayed the virus as his government scrambled to control it. As of Friday morning, Mexico had recorded 155,145 coronavirus deaths during the pandemic, according to a New York Times database. That is about 66,000 less than the official death toll in Brazil, the hardest-hit country after the United States. Hospitals nationwide, particularly in Mexico City, are straining to provide beds and

authorised, according to federal health officials familiar with its production, and no more than 32 million doses by early April. The variant from South

NYT

ventilators.

Africa, known as B.1.351, could make the vaccine push tougher. Given the speed at which the variant swept through that country, it is conceivable that it could make up a large fraction of infections in the US by April and therefore undermine the effectiveness of available vaccines.

The two vaccines approved by the US government have been found to be less effective against the B.1.351 variant in clinical trials, a development that has unsettled federal officials and vaccine experts.

Republicans condemned Trump,

but now they are seeking his help

WHO EXPERTS BEGIN FIELDWORK IN WUHAN: A convoy carrying a WHO team of researchers arrives at a hospital in Wuhan. The team visited the hospital where China says the first Covid-19 patients were treated more than a year ago as part of the experts' longawaited fact-finding mission on the origins of the coronavirus. The WHO team members and Chinese officials earlier had their first in-person meetings at a hotel, which WHO has said were to be followed by field visits in Wuhan. AP

### EU clears AstraZeneca's vaccine Moves to block firm from sending doses outside the bloc

#### THE NEW YORK TIMES BRUSSELS, JANUARY 29

THE EUROPEAN Union on Friday announced plans to effectively halt any attempt by AstraZeneca to move vaccine doses manufactured in the bloc to other countries unless it first meets its supply obligations to the bloc's 27 member states.

The move, the latest escalation in a dispute between the bloc and the pharmaceutical company over reduced supplies, came as the European Union's drug regu-

coronavirus vaccine for use across

AstraZeneca said this month that it would significantly cut its promised delivery supply of the jab to the EU as of mid-February. That pitted the bloc against Britain, a former member, which has been receiving a steady flow of vaccine doses from AstraZeneca since approving it well ahead of the EU, in early December.

The AstraZeneca vaccine was developed in cooperation with Britain's University of Oxford. The EU accused the pharmaceutical

company of using its promised doses to serve Britain, despite having paid the company about \$400 million in October to help it scale up its capabilities and produce

doses ahead of authorisation. The policy announced by the European Commission on Friday will ask all pharmaceutical companies manufacturing coronavirus vaccines in factories within the bloc – currently Pfizer and AstraZeneca - to submit paperwork alerting the European authorities of any intention to move their products to non-EU countries.

# UN, West voice alarm amid coup fears in Myanmar

**SHOON NAING &** POPPY MCPHERSON YANGON, JANUARY 29

THE UNITED Nations and Western governments voiced alarm on Friday over threats by Myanmar's military that have stirred fears of a coup in the aftermath of an election the army says was fraudulent.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was following with "great concern" developments in Myanmar, where the army said it would take action if complaints about the election are not addressed. An army spokesman had declined to rule out the possibility of seizing power.

Australia, Britain, Canada, the European Union and United States, and 12 other nations, in a separate statement urged the military to "adhere to democratic norms".

Talks between the civilian government and army failed to ease tensions ahead of parliament's opening on Monday, a ruling party spokesman said as pro-military protesters gathered in two cities.

Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy(NLD)won a resounding victory in the Nov.8 poll, only the second election deemed free and fair by international observers since the end of direct military rule in 2011.

But allegations by the army of widespread voter fraud, which the electoral commission denies, have led to the most direct confrontation yet between the civilian government and the military. The country's constitution re-

serves 25% of seats in parliament for the military, which has demanded a resolution to its complaints ahead of Monday, when parliament is set to convene, and has refused to be drawn on

whether its MPs will show up. The commander-in-chief, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, told military personnel Wednesday that the constitution should be repealed if it was not abided by, citing previous instances when charters had been abolished in Myanmar. REUTERS

Senior General Min Aung

Military's

at stake?

ELECTION OBSERVERS and

Mvanmar's election commis-

spread fraud in the 2020 vote.

claims that the election was

fraudulent comes after the

party that it backed won only

33 of the 476 available seats.

which won a second term in

the election. is set to attempt

to amend the Constitution to

reduce the military's powers.

Analysts say the military has

threats to make it clear that it

does not intend to give up the

vast powers that it still enjoys

having been dissolved in 2011.

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Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD,

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The military's continued

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Hlaing, Commander-in-

Chief of the Myanmar

Armed Forces

EXPLAINED

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

Washington expresses outrage at Pak top court's order to release Omar Sheikh

SAJJADHUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, JANUARY 29

PAKISTAN AUTHORITIES on Friday filed a review petition in the Supreme Court against the ac-



the kidnapping and murder case of Pearl and ordered his release, a judgement denounced by the American journalist's family as "a complete travesty of justice". The apex court cleared Sheikh

agency ISI and al-Qaeda following the September 11, 2001 terror strikes. He was kidnapped in Karachi, the capital of Sindh, and

Ahmed Omar

beheaded days later. "The United States is deepl



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such as theft, gambling and adultery. **REUTERS** 

#### **RUSSIA**

#### Navalny's 'Putin palace' film goes past 100 million YouTube views

AN ONLINE video made by jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny alleging that President Vladimir Putin is the ultimate owner of an opulent palace, something Putin has denied, has been viewed more than 100 million times, YouTube data showed on Friday. Navalny, who is serving a 30-day jail stint for parole violations he calls trumped up, released the video last week in an effort to encourage people to take to the streets to demand his freedom. REUTERS

tack on the US Capitol. By Thursday, he was seeking his political support.

JUST TWO weeks ago, House

Republican leader Kevin

McCarthy declared Donald

**JILL COLVIN** 

JANUARY 29

A private meeting between the two men at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort signalled a remarkable turnaround in the former president's stature among elected Republicans. In the immediate aftermath of the insurrection Trump inspired, the idea that he would enjoy any sort of kingmaker role in his post-presidency seemed highly unlikely. But following an initial wave

of condemnation, Republicans appear to be warming toward Trump, fully aware that his supporters are poised to punish anyone who displays disloyalty. With that in mind, party leaders are working to keep Trump in the fold as they focus on retaking the

House and Senate in 2022. "United and ready to win in '22," McCarthy tweeted after their meeting. Both he and Trump issued statements outlining their pledge to work together to help Republicans win back control of the House and Senate in 2022.



House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, just days after declaring Trump culpable in the Jan 6 attack on the US Capitol, met the former president at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida on Thursday

The realignment with Trump comes as those who have crossed him continue to feel the burn. Trump ally Matt Gaetz, R-Florida, spent the day in Wyoming trying to take down Rep. Liz Cheney, the No. 3 House Republican, who voted for Trump's impeachment. Amid the backlash, Senate Republicans largely made clear this week that they have no intention of convicting Trump.

Trump has not been seen in public since he disappeared behind the well-manicured hedges at Mar-a-Lago last Wednesday, a half-hour before his presidency ended. He has spent his days consulting with aides and defence lawyers as he prepares for his historic second impeachment trial. Yet even the impeachment trial, once seen as an opportunity for Senate Republicans to purge Trump from the party by barring him from ever running for office again, is now being used as a rallying cry to reunite the party against Democrats. Instead of debating whether he is guilty of "willfully inciting violence against the government of the United States," Republicans have instead attacked the process, arguing that it is unconstitutional to try a president who has already left the White House.

Despite the Capitol riot, polls show Trump remains deeply popular among Republican voters - many of whom now consider themselves more closely aligned with him than the party. AP

quittal of British-born al-Qaeda terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and his three accomplices in the 2002 kidnapping and murder case of American journalist Daniel Pearl, hours after the US expressed outrage over the deci-

sion terming it as an "affront" to victims of terrorism. The review was filed by the



Sindh government in the Supreme Court after its appeal against the acquittal verdict of Sindh High Court(SHC) was dismissed by the top court on Thursday.

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed appeals against the acquittal of Sheikh in

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

Pearl, a 38-year-old South Asia bureau chief for The Wall Street *Journal*, was visiting Pakistan to report on Islamist militant networks in the country and on the links between the country's powerful spy

concerned by the Pakistani Supreme Court's decision to acquit those involved in Daniel Pearl's kidnapping and murder and any proposed action to release them,' said a statement by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken. "We are also prepared to prosecute Sheikh in the United States for his horrific crimes against an American citizen," the statement said.

### UK offers HK citizens route to citizenship, angers China

YEW LUN TIAN & WILLIAM JAMES **BEIJING, LONDON, JANUARY 29** 

BRITAIN ON Friday hailed a new visa offering Hong Kong citizens

a route to citizenship after China's crackdown but Beijing said it would no longer recognise special British passports offered to residents of the former colony. Britain and China have been bickering for months about what London and Washington

say is an attempt to silence dis-

China says it will no longer recognise special British passports offered to residents of Hong Kong

sent in Hong Kong, though Beijing says the West's views are clouded by misinformation and an imperial hangover.

Britain says it is fulfilling a historic and moral commitment to the people of Hong Kong after

China imposed a tough new security law on the city that Britain says breaches the terms of agreements to hand the colony back in 1997. "I am immensely proud that we have brought in this new

route for Hong Kong BN(O)s to live, work and make their home in our country," Prime Minister Boris Johnson said, referring to a special British National Overseas (BNO) passport.

But China and the Hong Kong government hit back by saying neither would recognise the BNO passport as a valid travel

This has completely changed the original nature of BNO," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a regular briefing. Beijing's decision not to recognise the travel document is largely symbolic as Hong Kong residents would not normally use their BNO passports to travel to the mainland. A BNO passport holder in Hong Kong can still use their Hong Kong

passport or ID card. REUTERS

document from January 31

"Britain is trying to turn large

numbers of Hong Kong people

into second-class British citizens.

### Former head of state-owned asset management firm in China executed in graft case

#### **ROBERT D MCFADDEN** JANUARY 29

CICELY TYSON, the stage, screen and television actress whose vivid portrayals of strong African American women shattered racial stereotypes in the dramatic arts of the 1970s, propelling her to stardom and fame as an exemplar for civil rights, died Thursday. She was 96.

Her death was announced by her longtime manager, Larry Thompson.

In a remarkable career of seven decades, Tyson broke ground for serious Black actors by refusing to take parts that demeaned Black people. She urged Black colleagues to do the same and often went without work.

She won three Emmys and many awards from civil rights and women's groups, and at 88 became the oldest person to win a Tony, for her 2013 Broadway role in a revival of Horton Foote's The Trip to Bountiful.

At 93. she won an honorary Oscar, and was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame in 2018 and into the Television Hall of Fame in 2020. She also won a career achievement Peabody Award in 2020.

In the 1960s, there were few substantial roles for talented, relatively unknown Black actresses



IN DECADES-LONG CAREER, SHE REFUSED PARTS THAT DEMEANED BLACK PEOPLE; WON OSCAR, EMMY

Cicely Tyson, actress who shattered stereotypes, dies at 96

like Tyson. But in 1972, in a film called Sounder, she found what she was looking for: a leading role with dignity. It was as Rebecca, the wife of a Louisiana sharecropper (Paul Winfield) who is imprisoned in 1933 for stealing food for his children.

**Cicely** Tyson has won accolades for performances on the stage, screen and television. AP

"The story in Sounder is a part of our history, a testimony to the strength of humankind," Tyson told The New York Times after receiving rave reviews and an Oscar nomination for best actress. "Our whole Black heritage is that of struggle, pride and dignity.'

In 1974, Tyson stunned a national television audience with her Emmy Award-winning portrayal of a former slave in the CBS special The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, adapted from the novel by Ernest J. Gaines.

29 films; at least 68 television series, miniseries and single episodes; and 15 productions on and off-Broadway. After a three-decade absence

from Broadway, Tyson returned in 2013 in a production of The *Trip to Bountiful*, playing Carrie Watts, an old woman, conceived as a white character, who yearns to see her hometown before dying. Her performance won the Tony. Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards.

In January 2021, when she was 96, her memoir, Just as I Am, appeared, and in a prepublication interview with The New York Times Magazine, she was asked if she had any advice for the young.

"It's simple," she said. "I try always to be true to myself. I learned from my mom: 'Don't lie ever, no matter how bad it is ... You will be happier that you told the truth. That has stayed with me, and it will stay with me for as long as I'm lucky enough to be here." NYT

#### JOE MCDONALD **BEIJING, JANUARY 29**

THE FORMER head of a Chinese state-owned asset management company was executed Friday on charges of taking bribes in an unusually severe penalty for a recent corruption case.

Lai Xiaomin of China Huarong Asset Management Co., was among thousands of officials snared in a long-running anti-graft campaign led by President Xi Jinping. Others including China's former insurance regulator have been sentenced to prison.

Lai, 58, was put to death by a court in Tianjin, east of Beijing, the government announced.

The Second Intermediate People's Court of Tianjin ruled in January that death was justified because Lai took "especially enormous" bribes to make investments, offer construction contracts, help with promotions and provide other favours.

Lai asked for or collected 1.8 billion yuan (\$260 million) over a decade, the court said. It said one bribe exceeded 600 million yuan (\$93 million). He was also convicted of embezzling more than 25 million yuan (\$4 million) and starting a second family while still married to his first wife.

Lai "endangered national financial security and financial stability," said a commentary on the state TV website.



She was a vegetarian, a teetotaler, a meditator and, from 1981 to 1989, wife of jazz trumpeter and composer Miles Davis.

Tyson eventually appeared in

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THE GOVERNMENT has

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GOLD RUPEE OIL SILVER **68,410** ₹48.376  $\odot$ ₹72.96 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market: gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2300 ISI

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### ECONOMIC SURVEY 2020-21

**R&D** PUSH **PRIVATE SECTOR SPENDING** 

## **CEA:** Need thrust from businesses, 'reliance on jugaad' hurts innovation

#### **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

INDIA'S PRIVATE sector needs to step up its expenditure in research and development (R&D) as well as innovation to compete with the top 10 economies of the world, the country's Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), Krishnamurthy V Subramanian, said in the Economic Survey for 2020-21.

"Mere reliance on 'jugaad innovation' risks missing the crucial opportunity to innovate our way into the future. This requires a major thrust on R&D by the business sector. India's resident firms must increase their share in total patents to a level commensurate to our status as the fifth-largest economy in current US dollar," Subramanian noted.

For India to scale up and match the level of the top 10 economies in terms of the expenditure on R&D, the private sector in the country needs to increase spends from 37 per cent to 68 per cent, the CEA said. The country's gross expenditure on R&D for 2020-21 stood at 0.65 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which was less than onethird of the funds spent by top 10 economies of the world, who spent between 1.5 and 3 per cent of GDP on R&D.

Of the total expenditure on R&D done in India. more than half was done by the government. Despite this, India's gross domestic expenditure on research and development (GERD) remained low, the Economic v note "India's business sector needs to rise to the occasion and significantly ramp up its gross expenditure on R&D to a level commensurate to India's status as the fifthlargest economy in GDP current US dollar. This requires boosting business sector contribution to total GERD from 37 per cent cur-

### **GROSS SPENDS ON**

R&D FOR 2020-21 The country's gross expenditure on R&D for 2020-21 stood at 0.65 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which was less than one-third of the funds spent by top 10 economies of the world

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rently, to close to 68 per cent - the average business contribution in GERD of other 10 economies, top

Subramanian noted. Apart from the necessary boost to private investment in R&D as well as innovation across various sectors, India also needs to improve its standing in the total number of patent applications filed in the country.

For example, in the current fiscal, between April and November 2020, all companies, excluding startups, filed roughly 38,000 applications, of which about 15,000 were granted.

riod between April and October, startups in India filed 1,100 applications for patents but none were approved.

ups in India filed more than 3,500 applications for trademai recognition none of them was granted approval between April and October 2020. The number of patent and trademark applications filed by Indian startups over the past five financial years has increased, but there is a lack of corresponding approvals on both parameters, the Survey noted.

# **HEALTHCARE: INCREASE SPEND FROM 1% TO 2.5-3% OF GDP Raise govt spending to cut** Sovereign ratings: 'More transparent' out-of-pocket expenditure

#### **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE ECONOMIC Survey has backed the 2017 National Health Policy's pitch for more than doubling public spending on healthcare, arguing that it can halve the out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure on healthcare for Indians. The Survey has also proposed the establishment of a regulator to mitigate the market failures stemming from "information asymmetry" that leads to "suboptimal" quality of care in the healthcare sector. Comparing India's spend on

healthcare with countries like Indonesia, China and Thailand, the Survey concluded the country could "substantially" reduce the OOP share of overall healthcare spends to 30 per cent from 60-65 per cent currently. This would happen if it increased its public spending on healthcare from 1 per cent of GDP, at present,



**Chief Economic Adviser** Krishnamurthy Subramanian in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

#### to 2.5-3 per cent.

This is important, given that India has "one of the highest" levels of OOP expenditure in the world, according to the Survey.

It also said the government neighbouring countries It added, at the same time, the needed to "seriously" consider a

sectoral regulator to regulate and costs of treatment are not only supervise healthcare, "given the "uniformly higher" in the private information asymmetries that sector, the differences are "humake unregulated private entermongous" for in-patient treatprise suboptimal in healthcare." ments of severe illnesses like can-This recommendation comes in cers (3.7x), cardio (6.8x), injuries the backdrop of the private sec-(5.9x), gastro (6.2x), and respirator's dominance in the country's tory (5.2x). total healthcare provision -As per the Survey, following around 74 per cent of outpatient

the pandemic, a "key" portfolio decision that healthcare policy must make is about the relative importance placed on communicable versus non-communicable diseases. While Covid is a communicable disease, the Survey warned the next healthcare crisis could possibly be "drastically different". The Survey, which has pulled up India for its underperformance in healthcare access and quality compared with other Low and Middle Income Countries, added India still needs to improve "significantly" on metrics like maternal and infant mortality despite the improvements it has made so far

process needed ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU **Bias issue** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

STATING THAT India's sovereign credit ratings do not capture the fundamentals of its economy, the Economic Survey 2020-21 called for a more transparent methodology for credit ratings making it less subjective. Even as changes to India's sovereign ratings have not had major impact on market performance, rupee value against dollar or on G-Sec yield, the survey said it can impact FPI inflow

into equity and debt instruments. While Moody's has assigned a sovereign rating of Baa3, S&P has assigned a BBB(-) rating to India, both of which are the lowest investment grade rating awarded by the agencies. The survey pointed that India is a clear outlier on several parameters, with its rating significantly lower than mandated by the efparameter.

ever be pro-cyclical and can af-

subjective and better attuned to reflect economies' fundamentals," said the Economic Survey. "India's willingness to pay is unquestionably demonstrated through its zero sovereign default history," said Chief Economic Adviser

**INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY CODE** India still lagging on some key indicators of dispute resolution

#### **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE ECONOMIC Survey 2020-21 said that the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) is facing significant challenges due to litigation by various parties and a lack of ad-

equate judicial infrastructure. The Survey noted that the legal system was the single most important method of dispute resolution and that India was still lagging on a number of key indicators on resolution, including time taken for enforcement of con-

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half of the year," it said.

tracts and cost of litigation.

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**GDP RETURN TO TREND PATH** 

care and 65 per cent of hospitali-

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observed that the quality of treat-

ment in the private sector "does

not seem to be markedly better"

when compared to the public

sector. Citing expert findings that

a "large proportion" of deaths in

India manifests more due to poor

quality of healthcare than insuf-

ficient access, the Survey said

India's proportion of deaths due

to poor quality care was "signifi-

cantly higher" than other coun-

tries in the world, including

At the same time, the Survey

this sector in urban India.

The Survey notes that the Centre's response recognised that a lockdown would lead to gains: lives saved and a V-shaped recovery, supported by a vaccination drive



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V-shaped recovery hinges on vaccination drive



V-SHAPED RECOVERY IN H2:FY2020-21 IN MOST SECTORS CONSTITUTING GVA

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Net exports likely

to be in negative

New Delhi: With gradual re-

covery of economic activity

from Covid-19, net exports

are expected to re-enter the

negative territory in the sec-

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the Economic Survey. "Expo-

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5.8 per cent and imports by

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The country's net exports

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#### **BRIEFLY** — **Recoverv** hopes fail to lift mkts

Mumbai: The Economic Survey's projection of V-shaped recovery failed to boost markets. as the Sensex fell 589 points to 46,285.77, while Nifty lost 183 points to hit 13,634.60 on Friday. Meanwhile, Wall Street indices fell on Johnson & Johnson's vaccine data. As of 11:08 am EST, Dow Jones fell 1.32 per cent to 30,198. ENS

#### Tata Motors Q3 net rises 68%

New Delhi: Tata Motors' third quarter consolidated net profit rose 67.52 per cent to Rs 2,941.48 crore. PTI

#### Union Bank sees ₹727 cr profit

Mumbai: Union Bank of India's Q3 standalone net profit fell to Rs 727 crore.**ENS** 

#### On debut, IRFC shares fall 4%

New Delhi: Debuting on Friday, Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC) shares fell by 4 per cent. PTI

# GDP growth rate for FY20 revised downwards to 4%

**Fiscal deficit** 

soars to 145.5%

Real GDP

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#### **ENSECONOMICBUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE ECONOMY recorded lower growth of 4 per cent in 2019-20, as against 4.2 per cent growth estimated earlier, the first revised estimates released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Friday showed. The NSO also revised up the GDP growth rate for 2018-19 to 6.5 per cent from 6.1 per cent.

The downward revision in the GDP growth rates for the previous fiscal implies that the GDP contraction for 2020-21 will narrow from

New Delhi: The government's fiscal deficit soared to Rs 11.58 lakh crore, or 145.5 per cent, of the Budget estimate at the end of December 2020, mainly on account of lower revenue realisation. PTI

the 7.7 per cent decline, as per the first advance estimates released on January 7.

ondary, and tertiary sectors have been estimated as 3.3 per cent, (-)1.1 per cent and 7.2 per cent, as against growth of 2.2 per cent, 5.8 per cent and 7.2 per cent, respectively, in the previous year.

It would also have implications

for the GDP growth rate for the

next financial year, which is pro-

jected to record double-digit

growth due to the low base effect.

growth rate for 2019-20 have

come on account of revision in

growth rates for manufacturing

and construction sectors. GDP

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The major revisions in the GDP

#### Govt paves way for DFI Core sector output shrinks

#### **ENSECONOMICBUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE GOVERNMENT proposes to set up a new development finance institution(DFI) for infrastructure financing through the introduc-

tion of The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Bill, 2021 in the Budget session. The government proposes to regulate cryptocurrency through introduction of The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021. "To set up a new DFI as a New Delhi: The output of eight core infrastructure sectors contracted for the third month in a row by 1.3 per cent in December 2020, dragged down by poor show by crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel and cement sectors.

by 1.3% in Dec

The core industries had expanded 3.1 per cent in December 2019, according to the provisional data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry Friday. ENS



- SUPPLY OF HOSIERY CUTTINGS/BANIAN BITS (WHITE) AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI TENDER No. 048/SAL/PUR/2020-21.
- SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI TENDER No. 049/SAL/PUR/2020-21
- SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE TESTING OF (STAND ALONE – TROLLEY MOUNTED) BUNDLE BANDING MACHINE AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER No. 050/SAL/PUR/2020-21.
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#### last suspended the initiation of insolvency proceedings against companies for defaults occurring after March 25, 2020, with the aim of preventing otherwise viable businesses from facing liquidation due to the economic downturn

ports and imports - had turned positive in the first half of the year due to a sharp contraction of 29.1 per cent in imports. ENS

caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Survey noted that the number of outstanding corporate insolvency cases under the IBC de-

clined between March and December due to resolution of some pending cases and the suspension of insolvency initiation.

#### PUNIAB ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY 3 SOLAR PASSIVE COMPLEX PLOT NO. 1 & 3, SECTOR 33-D, CHANDIGARH, Ph.: 0172-3163338, 3663382

National Invitation for Expression of Interest from the interested Project Developers to participate in the selection process for setting up of Waste to Green Energy Project of suitable capacity on Build, Operate & Own (BOO) basis Punjab Energy Development Agency, (PEDA) (A Govt. of Punjab undertaking) Invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from the interested Project Developers/Co-operatives to participate in the

selection process for setting up of Waste to Green Energy Project of suitable capacity including CBG Outlet (Dispensing unit) & renewable energy activities on Build, Operate & Own (BOO) basis on 2.5 acre of allotted land at Tajpur Dairy Complex, Sector-32, Tajpur Road, Ludhiana.

The Developers can utilize Cattle dung /Vegetable waste / Poultry droppings/Municipal Segregated Green Waste/Agro-waste/other Organic waste as per Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India, guidelines suitable for production of Biogas/CBG as per BIS specification laid in IS 16087:2016 as updated from time to time. Distribution of piped CBG can also be an option. The piped CBG can also be supplied to the colony, the Company/Firm/Co-operatives can incorporate with the Govt. of India Gobar Dhan Scheme into the project.

The scope of work includes design, supply, erection commissioning and complete setting up of the plant, operate 8 maintenance with their own investment of developers on Build Operate & Own basis under the NRSE Policy-2012. The 2.5 acre of land meant for biogas plant shall be provided on lease basis as per the provisions of the NRSE Policy-2012.

The discussions meeting will be held on 9.2.2021 at 12.00 noon in the office of Punjab Energy Development Agency The interested parties can give a presentation if required. Out of box ideas are welcome to convert waste into green energy.

The complete proposals comprising company information capabilities, experience in the Biogas/ Bio-CNG sector technology tie up, technology write up, certified operation data from existing plants and other important information which the developers would like to provide be e-mailed to davindersingh@peda.gov.in with copy to mpsingh@peda.gov.in upto 17.2.2021.

It may be noted that there is proposal of the Government for shifting of dairies from Tajpur Dairy Complex to outside the Municipal Limit Ludhiana.

PEDA can cancel/annul the EOI process without assigning any reason and will not be liable for any cost incurred by the companies. Submission of EOI does not construe any right in ayour of the Company.

> **Chief Executive Officer** PEDA





provider, enabler and catalyst for infrastructure financing and as the principal financial institution and development bank for building a

supportive ecosystem," the list for legislative business for the ongoing Parliamentary session stated. Though details are not available, the proposed DFI is expected to be used to finance social and economic infrastructure projects

identified under the National Infrastructure Pipeline. The Indian Express reported in September last year about the government's intent to set up a new DFI for longterm infrastructure financing.

# Dane comes for doubles duty

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### Baroda-Tamil Nadu in Mushtaq Alifinal

**BRIEFLY** –

Ahmedabad: Baroda rode on skipper Kedar Devdhar's 64 and bowlers' impressive show to beat Punjab by 25 runs and enter the final of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, here on Friday. Put into bat at the Sardar Patel Stadium, Baroda posted 160 for 3 and then restricted Punjab to 135 for 8. Half centuries from skipper Devdhar (64 off 49 balls) and twodown Kartik Kakade (53\* off 41 balls) laid the foundation for Baroda's total. Meanwhile, KB Arun Karthik led Tamil Nadu into their second successive final with an unbeaten 89 to set up a sevenwicket victory over Rajasthan. BRIEF SCORES: Rajasthan 154/9 (A Menaria 51, A Gupta 45, M Mohammed 4/24) lost to TN 158/3 (A Karthik 85\*) by 7 wickets; **Baroda** 160/3(KDevdhar 64; K Kakade 53\*) beat Punjab 135/8 (Mandeep Singh 42\*, G Mann 39; L Meriwala 3/28, NRathva 2/18) by 25 runs.

#### Liverpool beat Spurs 3-1 to revive faltering title defence

London: Roberto Firmino ended Liverpool's 483-minute goal drought in the Premier League to set the champions on their way to a 3-1 win over Tottenham and revive their faltering title defense. Trent Alexander-Arnold and Sadio Mane also netted as Liverpool ended a five-game winless run in a league it dominated so resoundingly last season. While Liverpool moved to fourth within four points of leader Manchester City, Jose Mourinho's Tottenham is eight points adrift in sixth after its first defeat in 2021, albeit with a game in hand. AP

#### Ibra, Lukaku get away without bans

Milan: Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Romelu Lukaku were each given one-match suspensions by the league on Friday following their spat in the Italian Cup, with no bans added on for further disciplinary reasons. Ibrahimovic's suspension is because of the two yellow cards and his subsequent sending off during Tuesday's game, while Lukaku's suspension is for accumulated cards. There was a huge argument and head-to-head clash between Ibrahimovic and Lukaku before halftime and both players were given yellow cards. The spat between the former Manchester United teammates continued after the whistle and a furious Lukaku had to be restrained. AP Olympic medallist Boe hired to help Indian pairings take the next stride on the big stage

#### **SHIVANI NAIK** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

FOR TAKING the next step forward in Indian badminton's doubles journey, the national association has roped in 2012 London Olympics silver medallist Mathias Boe as coach. The Dane, known for his tactical acumen, is expected to build upon the strides taken by Ashwini Ponnappa, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on the international circuit, helping add nous to their games.

While the Tokyo Olympics and Huelva World Championships later in the year are immediate targets for India's doubles pairings, Boe will go beyond mere shaping of stroke-play and skills honed by successive Indonesians, and plunge into court-craft to counter the top pairings of the world.

While discussions were on for a few weeks, Boe will also be expected to shepherd the next line of young doubles shuttlers to ensure there's more than just two pairings on the top circuit. Propping up women's doubles and ensuring Ashwini can achieve her stated goal of playing right into the Paris Games will also be high among his responsibilities.

#### A lot on the plate

Speaking to The Indian Express in November 2019 right before the pandemic, Boe had touched upon the contours of his doubles philosophy, after having extended sessions with Shetty in Mumbai.

Taking off from the Premier Badminton League where they played on the same team, the 40-year-old has struck a good working relationship with one half of India's Olympics-bound top pairing, and will need to plug the gaps in their personal games - Chirag's defence, Satwik's workload management and Ashwini's occasional errors at crucial junctures. Grooming MR Arjun-Dhruv Kapila, the promising jun-

ior pair, will be the future challenge. Speaking back in 2019, Boe had explained what he brings to the table: "Malaysia and Indonesia have extremely good technique. They can do strokes from court which they make look really simple, but it's extremely hard. Danes, European players are generally tactically better. Korea - normally physically stronger, they can run further, smash harder.'

#### **Kevin-Marchus high wall**

Boe will be expected to hit the ground running, and help Satwik-Chirag start reversing a 0-8 head-to-head against the Indonesian top pair, the busybee "Minions" - Kevin Sukamuljo Sanjay and Marcus Gideon. Stressing that Indians play a simi-



Known for his tactical acumen, Mathias Boe is expected to build upon the strides taken by Ashwini Ponnappa, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on the international circuit. Reuters

lar game to the World No 1s, Boe had said Kevin's otherworldly skills at the net and their pedigree make it a tough challenge.

"When you are up against Kevin, it's relatively easy to look quite stupid on court because he can just do some things that you don't expect him to do and that you can't really practise daily. So you are not used to the sort of pressure he is putting on you," Boe explained.

"The times I've beaten Kevin and Marcus is to have a more defensive style against them, make them work, make them a little tired and see if you can push forward a little and control the serve and receiving game and then eventually kill it. But is not easy task. It sounds a lot easier than it actually is," he had said.

While Satwik has tended to step forward and has developed a neat net game, Boe commenting on their early avatar had said that a Plan B was still necessary. "When their Plan A is running and Chirag can intercept at the net, and Satwik can kill from back, they are really strong. When they can play their 100 per cent, they can challenge anybody. But also, when their Play A is not running, their Plan B is something they still need to pick up a little bit

It's pretty natural for young players. When I was Satwik's age, I also played two events. Then I skipped it after few years because I could also benefit from mixed doubles. I think I was ranked as high as No. 4 in the world in mixed. So, it's definitely something that can help you. But you need to focus on one event, and when you feel the time is right, you take a call."

MATHIAS BOE, ON SATWIKSAIRAJ BEING EOUIPPED TO PLAYING BOTH EVENTS

and be more consistent when they can't play their 100 per cent. That is what makes the difference in top pairings," he had said right after their fruitful European swing that season

#### The big decision

One of the most crucial calls that Boe will need to facilitate is deciding whether Satwik ought to focus on men's doubles or

straddle the mixed event as well. While as a fellow player in 2019, Boe was of the opinion that Satwik should focus on one event. Ashwini-Satwik's results in Thailand have been very promising, and jettisoning mixed for Olympics (they are far off in qualification) is a tougher dilemma.

Speaking then, Boe had said, "That's up to Satwik himself and the coaches of India. My opinion is you shouldn't play two disciplines. To be the best in men's doubles, or in mixed, you need to fully focus on that... One thing is that daily you only practise the things you need in your discipline. And the other thing is you come out and have two matches to play. It's too much, it's too easy to pick up injuries."

However, Boe would understand that at 20, Satwik is equipped to playing both events.

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# Serena, Nadal, Halep win at Adelaide exhibition

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS** ADELAIDE, JANUARY 29

SERENA WILLIAMS was preparing to play Naomi Osaka at an Adelaide exhibition tournament on Friday. But first things first – after 14 days in quarantine because of the COVID-19 pandemic regulations in Australia, the 23time Grand Slam singles champion took her daughter to the zoo. Williams said she'd been crossing off the 14 days of quarantine on a calendar, having spent the time with her threeyear-old daughter Olympia.

"We went to the zoo," Williams said of her first movements outside of quarantine. "I am so glad it's over because to be in a room (for so long) with a three-year-old and being her best friend is definitely difficult, especially after training and working out. "Honestly, I would-n't trade anything, spending hours and hours and hours with her was really fun."

The visit must have been a good pre-match tonic for Williams. She beat Osaka 6-2, 2-6, 10-7. Both players showed obvious signs of rustiness, hitting set-up winners out of play or netting relatively easy shots.

Thanks every one for having us. We honestly haven't played in front of a crowd for over a year, it's been a really long time, so this is really cool," Williams said.

She acknowledged the tough 14-day quarantine restrictions that were in place to allow the Australian Open to take place beginning Feb. 8. "Thanks for trusting us with your laws, (it) was great," Williams added. "We were so happy just to be here, and now it's worth it."

No. 2 Rafael Nadal beat U.S. Open champion Dominic Thiem 7-5, 6-4 to open night play in Adelaide on hard courts at Memorial Drive. In an on-court interview following his win, the oft-injured Nadal had a deadpan response when asked how he stays so younglooking at the age of 34. "You are not in my body," Nadal replied, smiling.

Second-ranked Simona Halep beat No. 1 Ash Barty 3-6, 6-1, 10-8 in the final match of the night. It was Barty's first match in 11 months due to coronavirus-related travel restrictions and her decision not to defend her 2019 title at last year's delayed French Open.

Earlier Friday, top-ranked Novak Djokovic missed the start of his scheduled exhibition match against emerging Italian talent Jannick Sinner, who was Nadal's quarantine practice partner. Djokovic got treatment for a blister on his right hand, leaving Sinner to play Filip Krajinovic, but the eight-time Australian Open champion arrived on court at the start of the second set to cheers from the crowd.

Krajinovic won the first set 6-3 and Djokovic the second by the same score to give the Serbian tag-team victory.

#### OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis **DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL** 8.27 CRITTERS UNTIL THEY GET BORED, I GUESS. LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) There's a great deal in favour of high ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) THUMPA There is no pressure THUMPA which is making it THUMPA impossible for you standards but, also, on some occasions at to accomplish anything you want, outside of least, much to be said for your own self-doubt and lack lowering your sights to a more

#### CROSSWORD 4341





#### ACROSS

- Crush the spirit (6)
- 4 No bad feeling? (8)9 Had a nibble at a piece of food that's not so good(3,3)
- 10 Ham in a roll, as one might say (3,5)
- 5 Disregarded except by the United Nations? (12) 12 Sound rule for bad weather (4) 6 Vagrant who needs nothing 13 He's wicked and may be fined more than a warm place (4)7 It's used to sort out a difficult

DOWN

Bribes bounders to reform (8)

2 Rides out perhaps but is

unlikely to win (8)

3 A slap on the wrist (4)

problem(6)

however(6)

in the field (5)

hesitation(6)

(8)

(6)

8 The direction doesn't matter.

11 Courtesies heard in court (5,7)

16 A record number of contestants

15 Meat and chips we hear (5)

18 As it grows up it grows down

21 Stays to give personal support

22 A life of anxiety followed with

26 Turn up the gas ring to cook it

27 Up to work with the plough (4)

19 Said and done in making a complaint(8)

- (5)14 Turn pale - possibly guilty (4) 17 They're called on to help with current problems (12)
- 20 It has the military stamp on it (66)23 Right, there's nothing to jabber about (4) 24 Unqualified to make a statement(5)
- 25 Not unlike a spill of ink (4) 28 Chairman of North Sea organisation(8)29 Minimum investment for swimmers?(6) 30 It moves slowly to get up to the centre(8)

31 Mixes up a signal and gets into a row(6)

Solutions Crossword 4340: Across: 1 Spoof, 4 Barmaid, 8 Elf, 9 Entrechat, 10 Violate, 11 Opals, 13 Sports, 15 Offend, 18 Purse, 19 Mission, 21 Carpenter, 23 Ice, 24 Summary, 25 Mason, Down; 1 Sheaves, 2 Off-colour, 3 Freda, 4 Bather, 5 Reel off, 6 Ash, 7 Dates, 12 Aperitifs, 14 Theresa, 16 Dungeon, 17 Smithy, 18 Pacts, 20 Scrum,

#### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. One must\_\_\_\_like a hero to\_\_\_ like a merely decent human being. - May Sarton (5,..6)



May Sarton Answer: One must **think** like a hero to **behave** like a merely decent human being. SOLUTION: WAIVE, NINTH, BOUGHT, INVOKE



#### CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



#### MARVIN by Tom Armstrong







Difficulty Level 2s 9 Instructions 1 To solve a Sudoku puzzle, 2 every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the 3 nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes. 7 6 2 Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;



# SOLUTION SUDOKU 4367

5	4	8	2	3	7	9	1	6
1	7	3	6	4	9	8	2	5
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7	9	1	5	2	8	6	3	4
4	1	7	9	5	2	3	6	8
2	8	5	3	6	4	7	9	1
6	3	9	7	8	1	5	4	2

of focus. Your stars advise you to put creative and romantic matters first and work in a spirit of co-operation and compromise.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) At last the planets are giving you a bit of attention. In the first instance this means that a log-jam should shift at home, enabling vou to make the most of family conditions and domestic developments. Second, you'll be able to continue with an intriguing romantic ambition.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Ninety percent of your planetary patterns are still favourable, auspicious, enjoyable and thoroughly pleasant. That leaves ten percent making for an intense and serious-minded approach, which will

a threat or a promise. The disappeared beneath the more days to prepare your

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

grow ever more insistent as

the hours pass.

In amongst the domestic and responsible influences, lies a lunar pattern urging you to throw yourself into passion and pleasure with abandon. Can you loosen your inhibitions enough to truly enjoy yourself? Perhaps you can, but there could be a cost - emotional as well as financial.

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

There is a strong chance that longterm family hopes and domestic plans could take a rapid leap forward. In fact, you may be surprised by the suddenness of various events. A social engagement, which was postponed some time ago, will soon be rescheduled.

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Money still lies at the centre of everything, so show a little

understanding if someone close seems bent on spending in an extravagant fashion. It will do you good to talk about your feelings, especially now that the air seems to have been cleared.

realistic level. That way you'll be able to give others the benefit of the doubt and everyone will be much happier.

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Loved ones have made you thoroughly miserable at times, but sorrow can be so sweet. There's something wonderfully sentimental in vour character and, believe it or not, you can relish the downs as well as the ups. It's all part of life's rich tapestry.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

It doesn't matter whether something that surfaced recently was seen as point is that, whatever it is, it's waves again, giving you a few ground. You can afford to take a fairly relaxed view just as long as everything you do is totally above board.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Go for a sociable

weekend, or do some overtime. In other words, stay active in the big, wide world. As far as family affairs are concerned, it seems to be the extended circle which is important rather than immediate relatives. And, in love, it is time to mend fences and build bridges.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

You are about to make a pleasing discovery, the importance of which may not be clear for some time. In fact, now that Mars is behaving itself, a new world will open up before vou. Enjov yourself! And give yourself all the time you need to catch up with everything that's

happened in the last six months.

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) There are more

forces at work behind the scenes

than even you realise. You may, if you wish, leave material affairs on autopilot and indulge a few of your famous mystical fantasies. You can't bow to reality all the time! Come on, Pisces - own up to being a dreamer.





3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;

5s = Very Hard; 6s =

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# **18** Sport

# Nauman, Yasir spin Pakistan to seven-wicket win over South Africa

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS** KARACHI JANUARY 29

SPINNERS NAUMAN Ali and Yasir Shah rattled South Africa to help Pakistan win the first Test by seven wickets inside four days on Friday. Nauman, a 34-year-old left-arm spinner making his Test debut, returned 5-35 and Shah took 4-79 to dismiss South Africa for 245 in the second innings before lunch on day four.

It set up a small target of 88 and despite Anrich Nortje's (2-24) twin strike in one over, Pakistan reached 90-3 before tea in 22.5 overs. Azhar Ali remained unbeaten on 31 while Fawad Alam raised the victory with a boundary off left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj.

It was only Pakistan's fifth victory in 27 test matches against South Africa, which had won at the same venue when it last toured in 2007. Nauman and Shah shared 14 wickets in the match as South African batsmen struggled against spinners in both innings.

The win also earned Babar Azam success in his first test as Pakistan skipper. Babar was due to lead the side in the last series in New Zealand but missed it due to a fractured thumb.

Nortje clean bowled Abid Ali (10) and then had Imran Butt (12), playing his first test, caught behind before Maharaj had Babar (30) trapped leg before wicket when only two needed for victory.

Pakistan had been in control since taking a 158-run first-innings lead, when its lower order rallied from 27-4 to reach 378, helped by Alam's gritty century.

South Africa resumed Friday on 187-4 and things immediately got worse for the tourists when fast bowler Hasan Ali bowled night-watchman Maharaj with the first delivery of day four.

Captain Quinton de Kock, who fell to a reckless shot in South Africa's first innings of 220, failed for the second time against the spinners. The tourists were just 34 runs ahead when de Kock offered a regulation catch in Shah's second over to give Abid Ali his third catch in the innings

Nauman then got into the act by having George Linde (11) caught at leg slip as South Africa's lower order struggled to read the leftarm spinner on a turning track.

Nauman wrapped up the innings by claiming the last three wickets off his successive overs. Temba Bavuma resisted for nearly two hours to score 40 off 93 balls before he was the last man dismissed when he attempted a



Nauman Ali, the 34-year-old debutant spinner, took 5-35. AP

sweep against Nauman and was adjudged lbw.

South Africa struggled against the spinners on the fourth day pitch, adding just 58 runs for the loss of six wickets as Nauman (34 years, 111 days old) became the oldest test bowler in 72 years to take a five-wicket haul in an innings on test debut.

The second test begins at Rawalpindi from Feb. 8. Both teams will then play in a three-match Twenty20 series at Lahore from Feb. 11-14.

#### 'Soft dismissals cost us'

South Africa's captain Ouinton de Kock put down his team's defeat to soft dismissals, saying his players had enough time to adjust to the slow nature of the pitch here.

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

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

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

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

BRIEF SCORES: Pak 378 and 90 for 3 (Azhar 31\*, Azam 30, Nortje 2-24) beat SA 220 and 245 (Markram 74, van der Dussen 64, Nauman 5-35, Yasir 4-79) by seven wickets

# Net gains from Down Under

Tyagi went to Australia to bowl in practice, but the experience and exposure will help immensely

#### **NIHAL KOSHIE** NEW DELHL JANUARY 29

AFTER THE historic series win at Brisbane, India's stand-in skipper Ajinkya Rahane made a special mention of two players who didn't play any of the Test matches. During his speech in the dressing room, Rahane spoke about the comeback win being a 'massive moment' in Indian cricket. In the latter half of the video clip uploaded on Twitter, Rahane highlighted the contribution of chinaman bowler Kuldeep Yadav and upcapped young fast bowler Kartik Tyagi.

"Kartik, you were fantastic," Rahane said as the entire team clapped. The words were an acknowledgement of the 20-year-old's contribution as a net bowler during the two-month tour held in a strict bio-bubble.

Tyagi says he has lost count of the number of overs he bowled in the nets of the Indian team. "I can't put a number to the number of overs," Tyagi says. But the praise from the skipper he will remember. For someone working hard in the shadows, it was heartening.

"The main thing was we went to Australia and we beat Australia. I was present there. When he (Rahane) mentioned my name, it was a very proud moment. To be part of that team was a dream. And I hope that in the future, I will also be able to bowl India to wins in matches," Tyagi says.

#### Mind like a sponge

The youngster from Dhanaura in Hapur has been on the road for five months. He went from one bio-bubble to another; from the IPL in the United Arab Emirates to Australia. After making his IPL debut for Rajasthan Royals, Tyagi was drafted into the India squad as one of four net bowlers. Two of the four, Ishan Porel and Kamlesh Nagarkoti, had injury issues, while T Natarajan ended up making his international debut in all three formats during the tour.

The rate at which injuries were piling up as the matches progressed, Tyagi would have been in line for a Test cap, but the team management went for those with more experience in domestic cricket. Tyagi had a mind like a sponge during the tour and observed how the experienced bowlers trained, how they executed plans. The advice he received from all quarters was 'priceless'.

"How to plan for a session, how to set fields, how to bowl to a field. I learnt so much by watching, listening and talking. I spoke to

Bumrah, watching Pat Cummins bowl or Mohammed Siraj making his debut was a great experience.(Ilearnt)The importance of being patient and sticking to the plan. Two of the best teams in the world are playing Test cricket, you are present, watching and listening and seeing so many things. I could not have asked for more. How the team discussed all the plans and then how it played out in the ground. was so inspirational," Tyagi says.

#### Quick for his age

The former India Under-19 player made headlines when he took four wickets against Australia at the junior World Cup last year. He impressed one and all with his pace, upwards of 140kmph, and a mean inswinger. Though topping speed gun readings gives him a thrill, he says he has added a less-fancied but effective tool to his armoury - control.

"I tried to bowl at one spot (in the nets). Consistently hitting a line or a length is important at the highest level. I have played in the Under-19 World Cup and the IPL. I have realised

that being consistent and patient is the key in Test cricket. That makes a huge difference. You need to bowl at a spot even if wickets are not coming," Tyagi, who has modelled his action on Brett Lee's, says

The only game he played on tour was a practice match against Australia A before the Test series. When he hit opener Will Pucovski on the helmet, which resulted in the batsmen suffering a concussion, Tyagi says he did not feel great.

"We have to try and get the batsmen out, but if you hit a batsmen and he is hurt then you don't feel good."

Pace has been an asset for Tyagi. Former India opener WV Raman was impressed by the speed at which a 16-year-old Tyagi bowled during a camp in Dharamsala.

"I remember seeing Kartik Tyagi at an Under-16 camp in Dharamsala. His pace stood out even then. Very fast, which isn't normal in that age-group as fast-twitch muscles tend to develop later. But I remember him being really quick. A natural," was Raman's observation from a few years ago.

#### Ready for the grind

Tyagi's father Yogendra, a farmer, puts it down to the tough training he put his son through in his early days. A strip of land in his village was turned into makeshift nets.

"Sometimes hundreds of deliveries during a single practice session. In winter, he used to train when it was coldest and in summer under the afternoon sun. The idea was to bowl in the harshest weather so he toughens up," Yogendra told this paper last year when his son was making waves in the Under-19 World Cup.

Bowling fast is about having the right 'attitude' is how Tyagi puts it. "If in my mind I want to bowl fast, I will be ready to bowl fast in the nets. I will keep putting in effort. My mindset will define, to an extent, how fast I can bowl.'

When he returned home from Australia, Tyagi rested for a day. On the second day, he went to an academy located six kilometres away from his home in Hapur and started bowling. Tyagi knows if he can add control to go with his pace, he would transition from the nets to the centre wicket.





After the series win, India captain Ajinkya Rahane made a special mention of Kartik Tyagi in a dressing room speech. Instagram everyone I could," he says. "Talking to (Jasprit)

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