

THE COLDEST DAY 119-year record broken, Delhi's max temp dips to  $9.4^{\circ}\,\mathrm{C}$ 

### STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Delhi is experiencing the coldest winter in over a century. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) declared Monday as a coldest day in the national Canital in 119 years with max-Capital in 119 years with maximum temperature dipping to 9.4 degrees Celsius at Safdarjung (official) observa-tory. The Regional Weather Forecast Centre (RWFC) has predicted no relief from cold wave on Tuesday.

Sixteen flights were divert ed and four cancelled at the Delhi airport on Monday due to heavy fog, an official said. Many trains were running late.

Citing 24 hours tempera-ture trend, the IMD said the Aya Nagar observatory record-ed day temperature at 7.8 degrees Celsius, followed by Ridge 8.4 degrees Celsius, Palam 9 and Lodi Road 9.2 degrees Celsius degrees Celsius.

Forecasting weekly weather for the national Capital, the RWFC has predicted rain on January 1, 2 and 3 while December 31 is still tagged as "cold wave" day. There will be no cold wave day. There will be no respite before January 3 as min-imum temperature will fluctu-ate around 3-4 degrees Celsius, while maximum temperature will be around 16 degrees Celsius January 1 onwards. Low visibility in Delhi and

National Capital Region (NCR) delayed thirty trains. Kuldeep



Srivastava, head RWFC, said the the coldest day today in last 119 years for December month as day temperature till 14.30 IST of day temperature was almost half of what is considered normal for this day of the year. "Today was the coldest day recorded for the December? Kuldeep said. Around 3.30 pm, the IMD announced that Delhi is likely to break previous records of cold as maximum temperature

today has been unusually fol-lowing a coldest trend with Safdarjung recording 9.4 degrees Celsius and Palam 9.0 degrees Celsius," IMD tweeted. On Monday, a thick blan-ket of fog engulfed Delhi and

was recorded 9.4 degrees Celsius. "Delhi is likely to record the minimum temperature set-tled at 2.6 degrees Celsius.

The visibility recorded by Safdarjung and Palam obser-vatories stood at zero metres at 8.30 am. Skymet, an indepen-dent weather forecaster, said one of the reasons for this is the fact that Delhi has been reeling under both cold day and cold wave condition. "The wind direction will change from north-westerlies to easterlies, which will give some relief to

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the people of Delhi. "But the speed of winds is expected to increase, which in turn would add up to the chill factor. Thus, complete relief is not in sight anytime soon," said the Skymet. It said the weather models

indicate chances of rain coupled with hailstorms on January 1 and 2 in the wake of a fresh western disturbance over the Himalayas.

## Navy bans smart phone, FB on job **Decision comes after seven** personnel held for espionage

Close on the heels of an espi-onage racket busted with-in its ranks and the arrest of seven sailors, the Indian Navy has banned the use of smart phones and Facebook by its personnel within naval establishments and on warships. The arrested sailors were honey-trapped and allegedly blackmailed through social media to pass on sensitive

"Directive on use of smart phones and social media for naval personnel were always there. The new instructions on smart phones are that these cannot be used within naval establishments and naval plat-forms. Social media, use of Facebook, is banned for all naval personnel," Navy sources said here on Monday. For messaging apps, instructions are expected to be issued shortly,

they added. The latest orders are in line with ensuring the security of information, officials said stat-ing the recent incident involving the seven sailors in Visakhapatnam has also been taken into consideration while arriving at this decision. "We do understand that this may come at the cost of some dis-comfort, however, the decision

is in the larger national inter-est, they added. The latest order comes days after the Andhra Pradesh Police along with the Navy intelligence unit and Central intelligence agencies arrested seven sailors, besides a hawala operator. The sailors were arrested from Visakhapatnam, Mumbai and Karwar naval establishments. They report-edly passed on unauthorised information about movement of warships and other opera-tional details through social media to a Pakistan handler. While Visakhapatnam has the Eastern Naval command

headquarters besides the sen-sitive submarine building centre where the nuclear sub-marines Arihant are under construction, the Western Naval command is based in Mumbai. The lone aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya's base is in Karwar, Karnataka.

The spy racket was busted on December 19 by the Andhra Pradesh Intelligence Pradesh Department in a joint opera-tion with the Navy code named "Dolphin's Nose." The police claimed the sailors, recruited in 2017, passed information like locations of naval ships and submarines after they fell into a honey-trap through social media in 2018.

**General Bipin Rawat named** first Chief of **Defence Staff** PNS 📕 NEW DELHI

As expected Army Chief General Bipin Rawat was on Monday night appointed the first ever Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). He will assume charge on December 31 when he retires as the Army Chief he retires as the Army Chief. Vice Chief of Army Manoj Mukund Naravane will take over as the next Army Chief. The CDS will have a tenure

of three years or will serve till the age of 65. Rawat will complete 62 years when he retires as the Army Chief. The Union Cabinet on Tuesday last week had approved the creation of the CDS. He will function as the Principal Military Adviser to the Defence Minister and head the new department of military affairs in the Defence

Ministry. Since Rawat is the senior most Service Chief, as the CDS he will first among equals among service chiefs. The CDS, who will draw salary equivalent to the Services Chiefs, will be responsible for rationalising weapons pro-curement procedures, besides integrating the operation of the armed forces. However, he will not exer-

cise any military command over the three chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force. Most of the developed countries, including the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council(UNSC) have CDS for ensuring jointness and synergy.

## Aditya makes it to dad's Cabinet, Ajit is Dy CM

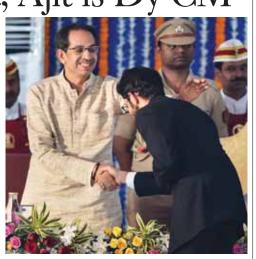
**Sanjay Raut's** brother misses berth as Maha **Cabinet size full** 

### TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Monday sprang a surprise by including his son Aditya Thackeray in his team and carried out his first full-fledged expansion of his Ministry by inducting Ajit Pawar as Deputy Chief Minister and 35 new Ministers in his Cabinet. With the expansion, the

Cabinet size has gone up to 43, the maximum for 288-member Maharashtra Assembly.

Ajit Pawar, who returned as the Deputy Chief Minister of the State for a record fourth time, and 35 Chief



Shiv Sena leader Aditya Thackeray greets his father and Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhay Thackeray after taking oath as a Minister during the swearing-in ceremony for State Cabinet expansion at Vidhan Bhavan in Mumbai on Monday

Deputy Chief Minister, the





other Ministers, including Aditya Thackeray and forme Minister Ashok Chief Chavan, were sworn into office by Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at an -taking ceremony held on the Vidhan Bhayan premises in

Of the Ministers who were number of Ministers in the administered oath by the Uddhav Thackeray Cabinet has risen to 43, including that 25 are Governor, of the Cabinet rank, while the of the Chief Minister. remaining 10 are Ministers Sena spokesperson Sanjay Raut's MLA-brother Sunil Raut

With the induction of 36 couldn't find a place in the new Ministers, including the Cabinet expansion.

Chief Minister Hemant Soren meets general public and supporters at his residence in Ranchi on Monday

Ratan Lal | Pioneer

## Idyllic Kolams speak their minds on CAA **Country's forest-tree cover rises** by 5K sqkm, Karnataka tops list

### KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

Agitations by political parties moments in the minds of ordinary people for fear of violence. The opposition against the Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 drawing thousands of people to rallies across Tamil Nadu is no exception as there is apprehension that the law and order may go havwire.

But the last two days saw the anti-CAA demonstrations in Tamil Nadu taking a new turn. There are no rallies holding up traffic or throwing normal life out of gear. The agitation has women as protagonists and they are using an age-old Tamil custom to give vent to their resentment against the new leg-islation. Kolams or Rangolis are the new tools employed by

the anti-CAA demonstrators. A day in the life of an ordinary Hindu family begins in Tamil Nadu with the lady of the house cleaning the courtyard or the entrance and decorating the area with Kolams made of white rice powder.

of State.

They draw Kolams in dif-ferent sizes, shapes and models. "It is a way to welcome gods, prosperity and happiness The expertise with which the Kolams are drawn is a measure of the devotion and dedication the lady has for gods as well as her house," said Vijayashree Ramesh, advocate and social activist.

However, many houses in Mylapore, Advar and even in Boat Club Roads spotted pro-CAA Kolams making it a Kolam war in Tamil Nadu. The season being Margazhi



Kolams drawn in front of the bungalows of Stalin and Kanimozhi in Chennai or Monday morning Pioneer photo

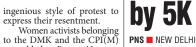
(the period from December 15 being followed only by believto January 15), extra care is taken to make big and beauti-ful Kolams. There is no need to ers in Sanatana Dharma. Since the law enforcing agencies got tough with the anti-CAA ralmention that this is a practice lyists, the latter devised an

assembled at Besant Nagar, high-end residential area and

started drawing Kolams with anti-CAA messages and slogans inscribed in them. Taken aback by the intruders who drew a kind of "surrealistic" Kolams in front of their houses, the residents opposed the art work because the contents were not in tune with tradition.

Following objections raised by the residents, the activists moved over to the

public road where they started drawing Kolams with anti-CAA messages. But the police detained them under the charges of disturbing public order and they withdrew for the day.



The forest-and-tree cover in the country has increased by 5,188 square kilometres in the last two years, but in the North-East it is on the decline. India is also on track to achieve its goal of creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5-3 billion tonnes under the Paris

Agreement, Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar

said while releasing the biennial India State Forest Report 2019. According to the report, the forest cover increased by 3,976 sqkm (0.56 per cent), while tree cover by 1,212 sqkm (1.29 per cent). The total forest cover of India is now estimated at 7,12,249 sqkm which



Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar speaks at the release of the India State of Forest Report 2019 in New Delhi on Monday PTI

is 21.67 per cent of the geographic area of the country. Delhi's total forest and tree cover has increased from 305.41 sqkm in 2017 to 324.44 sqkm. Delhi's total forest and

green cover is now 21.86 per cent of the total geographical

area (1,483 sq km), the report said.

The tree cover, which refers to small patches of less than 1 hectare outside forests, is estimated at 95,027 sqkm, which is 2.89 percent of the geographical area.

The top five States in terms of increase in forest cover are Karnataka (1,025 sqkm), Andhra Pradesh (990 sqkm), Kerala (823 sqkm), Jammu & Kashmir (371 sqkm) and Himachal Pradesh (334 sqkm).

However, the North-East did not show positive results as the current assessment showed a decrease of forest cover to the extent of 765 sqkm (0.45 per cent) in the region.



## **Steel City all set to welcome New Year in style**

### PNS JAMSHEDPUR

It is a brand-new reason for the is a brand-new year and a city's Generation Next to party. Unlike festivals where family get-togethers are the prime essence, most prefer heading out and partying hard with friends to say goodbye to the year passing by and welcome the new one.

Not surprisingly, clubs, and hotels are coming up with innovative and attractive themes and offers every New

Year to entice revellers On offer are unlimited food and drinks, belly dancing, goodies and passes, and dance contests and shows among other attractions. The market is also decked up with goodies to usher New Year 2020. The revellers are set to

shake off cold weather and a year defined by austerity to see in 2020 in style. There's a multitude of functions, products and parties on offer. Hotels and clubs in the city

are busy in decoration to cre-

celebrate New Year. While some have roped in dance troupes from Mumbai, others have invited DJs for livening up New Year bash. All are ready to serve delicious, mouth-watering food to their cus-

tomers too. Officials of Hotel Alcore said that the hotel is all set to welcome New Year with a bang this year. Enjoy luminous fusion night glow in the dark with a magnificent entertainment with top DJ's across India. The hotel is organising night on December 31 with

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कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन ENT FUND ORG NISATIO 150 प्रेस विज्ञप्ति कार्यालय-स्थल भाड़े पर लेने के लिए बोली लगाने का आमंत्रण श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली के अंतर्गत कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि संगठन, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, राँची, विधिमान्य स्वामियों / मुख्तारनामा धारकं से जिला कार्यालय, देवघर के कार्यालय खोलने के लिए 1500 वर्गफीट से 2500 वर्गफीट माप के आवासीय परिसर के लिए मुहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित करती है इच्छुक व्यक्ति 10/01/2020 को अपराहन 05:00 बजे या उससे पहले उपर्युक्त पते पर सहायक भ०नि० आयुक्त (प्रशासन) को दरसूची जमा कर सकते हैं। दिए हुए तारीख के पश्चात् प्राप्त दरसूची पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा। ह0/- क्षेत्रीय भविष्य निधि आयुक्त (प्रशासन) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, राँची, झारखण्ड No. JH/RO/RNC/Admn.-II/CT/Press Release/2019/ Dtd.: 30.12.2019 ю, Office of the Executive Engineer MINOR IRRIGATION 2. **DIVISION GUMLA** Very Short Tender Notice e-Procurement Notice Singal bid System Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/GUMLA - F2- 42 / 2019-20

1.	Name of the work	Construction of Three Span Puliya at Chitarpur to Khorha Road, Chitarpur Nala, Block- Chainpur, District-Gumla.
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 49.025 Lakh
3.	Time of Completion	3 Month
4	Date of Publication of Tender on website	03.01.2020 2.00 PM
5.	Last date/Time for submission of bids	09.01.2020 up to 5:00 PM
6.	Name & address of office Inviting tender (e- Procurement Officer)	Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division- Gumla. Karamtoli Road, Gumla.
7.	Contact no. of e- Procurement officer	9431383699
8.	E-Mail ID	eemidgum@gmail.com
9.	Helpline number of e- Procurement cell	0651-2491232

Executive Engineer P.R.223017 Minor Irrigation(19-20)-D

	223017 Minor Irrigation(19-20)-	<ul> <li>Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>4.4 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated</li></ul>	to the best of the information of the	ing nuisance under the influ-	A few days carrier areas of the fails, fild added.
	Office of the Exec	utivo Engineer	undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any e		ence of alcohol," Saurabh added.	
			proclamation		Rural Superintendent of	े े मिलगीत
	MINOR IRR		<ol> <li>(a) The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is as perice.</li> </ol>	er details	Police (SP) Ranchi, Rishabh	Solution Interesting
	DIVISION	GUMLA		Reserve Price EMD	Kumar Jha, on Sunday said, "I	POWERGRID
·	Very Short	Tender Notice	Details of Immovable Properties All that piece and parcel of land corresponding to Residential House measuring		have visited Dasham Fall which	
	e-Procurem		1992.96 sq. ft. standing upon land measuring 3 Katha equivalent to 4.95 Decimal	Rs. 49,60,000/- Rs.4,96,000/-	is the most popular picnic spot	NOTICE
		oid System	being Holding No.793/P 18 in Ward No.4 (Old), Ward No.33 (New) recorded under		of this area. A large number of	Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and
Ton		MID/GUMLA - F2- 41 / 2019-20	Khata No.36, Plot No.61, marked as Plot No.61/9, situated at Village -: Hesal, Janak Nagar, P.S. Sukhdeonagar, Survey Thana No.202, District - Ranchi,		people gather here for picnic.	CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2019 for i) Truing up of
Ten		nstruction of P.C.C.Road in Jairagi	standing in the name of Certificate Debtor No.1 & 2 namely Satish Giri and Vijeta		Some people drowned in the	Transmission tariff for 2014-19 tariff block and ii) Determination of Transmission tariff
		in colony at Praveen sahu Home to	Girl vide Registeration Sale Deed No.14089 dated 17.06.2010.	1	Some people drowned in the falls while taking selfie despite	for 2019-24 tariff block for Petition 1: Various assets under Transmission system associated with Krishnapatnam UMPP - PART B. Petition 2: For Asset 1: 765 kV
1.		Mokendo Thakur Home under	6. The interested bidders are required to deposit EMD not below the Res		clearl warnings. With a view to	Line Bay and 240 MVAR Switchable Line Reactor at Jabalpur Pooling Substation for
		Dumari Blpock District-Gumla	Card, Identity Proof, Address Proof etc. and in the case of Company, o	opy of resolution passed by the Board	stop it the local committee at	765 kV S/C Jabalpur-Bina cktIII (IPTC), Asset 2: 765 kV Line Bay and 240 MVAR
2.		Rs. 21.951 Lakh	Members of the Company or any other documents claiming represen latest by 03.02.2020 before:4:00 PM in the office-of the Recovery C	tation/attorney of the company also,	the fall installed barricading at	Line Reactor (Non-switchable) at Bina Sub-station for 765 kV S/C Jabalpur-Bina ckt III (IPTC), Asset 3: 765 kV Line Bay and 240 MVAR Line Reactor at Jabalpur PS and
3.	Time of Completion	3 Month	they shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 11	.00 AM to 12.00 Noon on 05.02.2020.	dangerous places and the	765 kV Line Bay and 330 MVAR Switchable Line Reactor at Dharamjaygarh Sub-
5.	Date of Publication of		In case, bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the au	ction, the closing time will automatically	department has instructed local	station for ckt.#3 of 765 kV D/C (ckt.#3 & #4) Dharamjaygarh - Jabalpur PS
4	Tender on website	03.01.2020 2.00 PM	get extended for 5 minutes.		police stations to maintain vigil	Transmission line (IPTC), Asset 4: 765 kV Line Bay and 240 MVAR Line Reactor at Jabalpur PS and 765 kV Line Bay and 330 MVAR Switchable Line Reactor at
	Last date/Time for		<ol> <li>The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be Rs.1,00,000/- i 'amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.</li> </ol>	n the event of any dispute ansing as to the	on the dangerous places."	Dharamjaygarh Sub-station for ckt.#4 of 765 kV D/C (ckt.#3 & #4) Dharamjaygarh -
5.	submission of bids	09.01.2020 up to 5:00 PM	<ol> <li>The unsuccessful bidder shall take EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Of</li> </ol>	ficer II. DRT. Ranchi/CH Bank i.e. IDBI Bank	Jha further said, "The local	Jabalpur PS Transmission line (IPTC) under "Line Bays and Reactor Provisions at
_	Name & address of		Ltd., Main Road Branch,. Ranchi immediately on closure of the e-auction sale pr	oceeds.	police stations have been asked	POWERGRID Sub-stations associated with System Strengthening common for Western Region and Northern Region" in Western Region.
	affina Institute tandan	Executive Engineer	<ol> <li>The successful/highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/Pay Or adjusting the EMD, favouring :Recovery Officer - II, DRT, Ranchi', in R.P. No.56</li> </ol>	der for 25% of the bid/sale amount after	to monitor the crowd and keep	<ol> <li>The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (1) Madhya</li> </ol>
6.	(e-Procurement N	Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla.	this Tribunal failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.	2010, IN WORKING day 1.8. by 04.00 PM WIT	a watch. The security would be	Pradesh Power Management Company Ltd, (2) Madhya Pradesh Power
	Officer)	Karamtoli Road, Gumla.	10. The successful/highest bidder shall deposit through Demand Draft/Pay Ord		further beefed up on January 1,	Transmission Company Ltd (3) Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kandra Vikas Nigam
	Contact no. of e-		Ranchi <sup>®</sup> in R.P. No.564/2018, the balance 75% of the sale proceed before the R	ecovery Officer - II, DRT, Ranchi on or before	when at least 10,000 people will	Ltd, Indore (4) Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd, (5) Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd., Mumbai (6) Gujarat
7.	Procurement officer	9431383699	15 <sup>th</sup> day from the date of auction. of the property, exclusive of such day or if the the first office day after the 15 <sup>th</sup> day along with poundage @ 2% up to Rs. 1,00		visit the five waterfalls in the	Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd (7) Electricity Department, Government of Goa, Panaji (8)
8.	E-Mail ID	eemidgum@gmail.com	amount over Rs. 1,000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT, Ranchi. (In case of deposit	of balance amount of 75% through post, the	rural places of the district. All	Electricity Department, Administration of Daman & Diu, Daman, Vadodara,
1.1	Helpline number of e-	0651-2491232	same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).	shall be so cold after the large of freeh	the concerned police stations	(9) Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board, Raipur, (10) KPTCL (11) APTRANSCO (12) KSEB (13) TNEB (14) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (15) APEDCL
9.	Procurement cell		<ol> <li>In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property Proclamation of Sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, ma the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfield all claims to the pr </li> </ol>	y, if the undersigned thinks fit be forfeited to	have been asked to continue	(16) APSPDCL (17) APCPDCL (18) APNPDCL (19) BESCOM (20) GESCOM
Note	e :- Only e-Tenders will be a	accepted. Further details can be	the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeited all claims to the pu	operty of to any part of the sum for which it	patrolling near the spots." The department has also	(21) HESCOM (22) MESCOM (23) CESC (24) Electricity Department,
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	aanaan ee aa kibur	Executive Engineer	<ol> <li>The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot provided the less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to declared.</li> </ol>	line/acceptance of the highest bid when the	sought support of local villagers to provide safety at picnic spots	Sterlite Technologies Limited, New Delhi (28) Adhunik Power & Natural
P.R.2	223016 Minor Irrigation(19-20)	<ul> <li>Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla.</li> </ul>	price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so.		The SP said, "With the	Resources Limited, Kolkata, (29) Corporate Power Limited, Jharkhand, (30)
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		ecutive Engineer	<ol> <li>The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found anytime without assigning any reason.</li> </ol>	i unreasonable or posipone the auction at	to provide safety for females	DNH Power Distribution Corporation Limited.
	MINOR IR	RRIGATION	Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at Ranchi on this 24" day	of December, 2019.	and girls because a large num-	2. Tariff details:
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-	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 18.411 Lakh	विधान सभा आम चनाव-2019 के क्रम में 26-सिमरिया (अ०जा०) एवं			200
3.	Time of Completion	3 Month	विधान समा आम चुनाव-2019 के क्रम में 26-1समारया (अ०जा०) एव 27-चतरा (अ०जा०), विधान समा निर्वाचन २०१९ लिए निर्वाचन लडने वाले	<u>-: प्रेस</u> 1	विज्ञप्ति :-	a) 2019-24 Block Triff to 2010 24 block
4	Date of Publication of Tender	03.01.2020 2.00 PM	27—चंतरा (अ०जा०), विधान समा निवाचन २०१९ लिए निवाचन लड़न वाल अभ्यर्थियों के निर्वाचन व्यय लेखा जमा करने हेतु एकदिवसीय Facilitation Training		किया जाता है कि C&D Waste (	DOCO 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24
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	Construction of the Constr	Executive Engineer	प्रगण विभाव कार्यक्रम स्थान समय निर्वाचन व्यय लेखा जमा करने		भवन निर्माण का मालवा सडक	of the applicant at www.powergridindia.com.
6.	Name & address of office		ानवाचन व्यय लखा जमा करन			
6.			हेत एकदिवसीय Facilitation		A/ \A	4. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff
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	Inviting tender (e- Procurement Officer)	Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla. Karamtoli Road, Gumla.	Training Programme समाहरणालय 11.00 Account Reconciliation प्रयोहन से			contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4 <sup>th</sup> floor, Chandralok
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lavish food and blasting music. The hotel has planned a grand year – end that would serve up entertainment shows and lavish buffet dinner with a leading DJ's from Mumbai, dance troupe and sizzling dancers. Like every year this New Year celebration. Mouthwatering food and music will be the fragrance of SALE PROCLAMATION RECOVERY PROCEEDING No.564 of 2018 IN CASE NO. O.A. Case No.223 of 2016 PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 1993

IDBI Bank Ltd., Retail Asset Centre, Main Road, Ranchi Vs Satish Giri & Others' Satish Girl, S/o Dhanlal Girl, R/o Sushila House, H. NO.517/A, Mohalla:-Abadganj,VVard No.24,. S.P. Kothi

- Daltonganj:-822101 and also at sushila Minerals, Near Haridas Public School, Jorkat, Daltonganj:-822101. Vieta Giri, W/o Satish Giri, R/o Sushila House, H. No 517/A. Mohalla:- Abadoani Ward No 24, S.P. Kothi I
- altonganj:-822101 and also at sushila Minerals, Near Haridas Public School, Jorkat, Daltonganj:-822101. Whereas you have failed to pay the sum of Rs.28,78,636.00 (Rupes Twenty Eight Lacs Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Six Only) payable by you in respect of Recovery Certificate in O.A. Case No.223 of 2016 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Ranchi along with the interest and costs payable, as per the certificate
- And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the attached property menti sfaction of the said certificate
- Schedule below in seusedoon of the said continues. And whereas as on the 24.12.2019 there will be due there under a sum of Rs.28,78,636.00 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lacs Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Six Only)along with pendentelite and future interest 10% per annum simple rests from 31.07.2011 till full and final realization of the claim besides cost of Rs.48,000/- (Rupees Forty Eight Thousand Only), asper the certificate.
- Eight inclusions of any aspectate contractant. Notice is hereby given that in the absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by <u>e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding"</u> through the website https://drt.auctiontiger.net.on.05.02.2020 between 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon with extension of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon if required.

For further detail contact: Office of the Recovery Officer — II, Debts Recovery Thounal, Ranchi contact No. 0651 2214021 and Sri Ranjan Bhushan, IDBI Bank Ltd., Retail Asset Centre , Main Road, Ranchi, Contac

The sale will be of the property of the certificate debtors above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabil and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule a

- The property will be put up for the sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to he
- ized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with re aainder. The sale also be stopped if, before any lost is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the sale ed in the said cert interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisf
- Instance costs (installing cost of the safe) in sentence to include a control of the safe of provide provide the that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned. No officer of other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The s 4.3 subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule of the Income tax Act, 1961 and the rules mad
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our celebration.

The event will not only be fun filled but will also give an opportunity to participants to enjoy the delicacies of exotic buffet dinner, complimentary welcome drink and veg and

non-veg starters. Steel city's first open roof restaurant and lounge SKY 180? at P&M Hi Tech City Centre in Bistupur is also offer-ing range delicacies fir the New Year.

'This complete new genre of service lines clubbed with an unique amalgamation of varied cuisine lines from January 1. across the globe is going to bring in a renaissance of gastronomic and culinary renditions in this beautiful City of Steel. Chefs here have extensively travelled across cities and countries to bring in the best in class and techniques to satiate the taste buds of connoisseurs. Be it the American Western or Italian or our very own highway Dhaba cuisine the menu is an exciting one,' noted an official.

Meanwhile, clubs like United Club, G Town Club, Beldih Club, Telco Club and

decked up for the occasion brations for the New Year in Plans are to organise special dinner party and music shows our club premises. However food and music would be the to welcome the New Year. part of our celebrations," said 'Like every year this year an official of United Club.

## Entry of heavy vehicles prohibited on NY plying of heavy vehicles while the Mango traffic police strength has been increased to **PNS** JAMSHEDPUR

 $E^{ast\ Singhbhum\ district}_{administration\ and\ city}$ ensure that heavy vehicles are police have jointly planned an not allowed entry to city from either Dimna roundabout or action plan for convenience of picnickers and New Year rev-elers on December 31 and Pardih roundabout along the NH-33.

Meanwhile, administration A police official informed that they have decided to enforce curb on entry of heavy issued a circular for deployment of trained divers associated with various NGOs and civil vehicles to prevent mishap on defence unit near water points city roads as heavy vehicles carwhich are thronged by picrying industrial goods ply with nickers. Though we had already speed to meet their deadlines to various industrial units located issued circular for deployment

in the city. The no entry curb of magistrates along with stat-ic police force to ensure law and will start from 6 am (morning) of December 31 and continue order at picnic spots and acting till 2 am (wee-hours of January on the directive of the East Singhbhum deputy commis-1) and will again be enforced from 6 am (morning) of sioner () we have decided to January 1 till midnight. depute divers near water bod-All the five traffic police ies to prevent any drowning incidents," said an official.

officials have been asked to stop

Security beefed up at picnic spots for New Year

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The district police have made elaborate security arrangements in view of New Year revelry in and around the State Capital to prevent untoward incident on the occasion.

"The police constables, including lady cops as well as policemen dressed in civil attire have been deployed at Rock Garden and also in the adjoining Kanke Dam area where maximum number of people pay visits on New Year. The cops have been directed to patrol their respective areas to ensure safety for women revellers," said Ranchi City Superintendent of Police Sourabh.

"We will ensure random checking of drunk driving with breath analyzers. This is aimed at preventing the people, especially the youngsters from caus-



these places during the picnic season the district police assured that it will deploy women police force at all the spots as there are numerous cases of molestation and eve teasing reported during this time of the year."

Department of Tourism and Police Department had jointly held a meeting to chalk out strategies to conduct peaceful celebration of new year. During the meeting it was decided to enforce a complete ban on liquor consumption at the local A few days earlier areas of the falls, Jha added.



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## **JMM-Cong-RJD Govt to work on CMP**

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 $T^{
m he newly}$  appointed ministers in Hemant Soren cab inet, Rameshwar Oraon and Alamgir Alam—both from Congress quota – on Monday said that the three allies in the Government will soon constitute Common Minimum Programme (CMP) for successful implementation of poll promises made by the three

parties. Lohardaga MLA and State Congress president Rameshwar Oraon said, "This Government believes in working. We will implement all the poll promises made in our manifesto. The government action was visible on Sunday when the cabinet decided to drop all cases lodged in Pathagadi and CNT/SPT violators.

The Congress leader also said that apart from withdraw-ing cases in Pathagadi and ing cases in Pathagadi and CNT/SPT violators, the gov-ernment has decided to fill up all vacancies in the Jharkhand

State Cabinet Minister and Congress leaders Rameshwar Oraon and Alamgir Alam being felicitated at the state party office after a press conference in Ranchi on Monday

Government in the next six months. Oraon said, "We will go through the vacancies in all departments based on which

they will be filled. Also if necessary the government will cre-ate new vacancies so as to pro-vide employment opportunities

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to youths." Till vacancies are not filled the government has decided to give unemployment allowance to jobless young peo-

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ple and release pending scholarship to students.

The JMM, Congress and RJD alliance decimated BJP in Assembly election winning 47 seats. The Hemant Soren government which took oath on Sunday also enjoys the support of three JVM(P) MLAs along with independents. The BJP which fought the election alone after parting ways with AJSU managed to win only 25 seats against its target of mission 65

On the issue of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the proposed pan-India National Register of Citizenship (NRC), another minister Alamgir Alam said, "The government will never ment NRC in state. While imple in Jharkhand at present there is no need to have CAA?

also gains importance as recently, Chief Minister Hemant Soren had said that if Alam, the Pakur MLA said, "In Jharkhand there is no requirement for NRC and in even one person from his state (Jharkhand) is uprooted due to this connection our party's stand is very much clear." The minister's observation assumes the amended legislation (CAA), then it will not be implemented.

**New coalition** 

Govt's plan to increase OBC quota may invite legal hurdles

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The OBC Morcha of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) protests against CNT/SPT amendment, farmers' suicide in 2017 Pioneer photo

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to the EWS (Economically After the Hemant Soren Government in its maiden Cabinet meet decided to with-Weaker Section) in the gener al category. While the Scheduled Tribes (ST) get 26 draw all sedition cases regis-tered during the Pathalgadi per cent quota, Scheduled Castes (SCs) get 10 per cent movement and protests against the amendments to and OBCs have 14 per cent Chottanagpur and Santhal Pargana Tenancy (CNT/SPT)

OBCs and SCs, and govern-ment jobs to local people,

while the Congress too had promised an increase in reser-

vation of OBC to 27 per cent. A senior Congress leader

requesting anonymity said, "The decision to increase reser-

vation cap from existing 50 per

and not an easy task. The cab-inet can easily recommend 27

per cent reservation to OBC

reservation. Also the Supreme Court in 1993 ruling by a nine-judge constitution bench, the bar on quotas beyond 50% would need to be overturned by higher bench. The Congress leader claimed that as increasing reservation cap involves lots of constitutional procedure, the government will first go through implementing such The JMM in its manifesto policy decision which doesn't had announced to provide 67 invite technical and constitutional hiccups. per cent reservation to STs,

implemented 10 per cent quota

According to a Congress leader, decision such as reserving 75 per cent jobs in the pri-vate sector for locals, monetary assistance of Rs 5000 and Rs 7000 per month to unem-ployed graduates and post-graduates among others are some of the decisions which the government will try to intro-duce first, but these decisions too involve several glitches.

Also decision such as onetime farm loan waiver of up to Rs 2 lakh and a stringent law to deal with cases of lynching in the state will be introduced first.

For farmers, Kisan Bank would be set up, minimum support price (MSP) for agri-culture produce and fruits would be earmarked, MSP for paddy would be between Rs 2300 and Rs 2700.

Also decision to incorpo-rate Ho (a tribal language) in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution is some of decisions that the government will

## INBRIEF

## S DHARA RECEIVES M VISVESVARYA AWARD

Senior Manager, RDCIS, SAIL, Ranchi, S Dhara, received the prestigious M Visvesvarava Award 2019 at prize distribution ceremony of 34th Indian Engineering Congress held at Novotel and HICC Complex, Hyderabad on December 27. The award was given by President, Institute of Engineers India. The award has been given for the Paper on "Technology Strategy for Improved Safety Management in Steel Industry" authored by S Acharyva, Subhra Dhara, GM Chowdhury and MK Singh from RDCIS, SAIL, Ranchi. The papel discussed the aspects of modern safety management systems, risk analysis and emergency preparedness plan for attaining overall zero accident objective in steel plants. Also latest concept of Behavior Based Safety Management, which talks about correcting human behaviour and culture for averting accidents, was also discussed.



City gears up for grand NY celebrations

#### IDIVYA MODI – PNS

Despite the temperature dropping to below six degrees Celsius in the city, Ranchiites are all set to wel-come the New Year 2020 in a grand way. With ample options of private parties catering to an exclusive crowd to the one's being organised at hotels, the residents are spoiled for

choices. On December 31, Prana Lounge in Harmu is set to wel-come the New Year to popular foot tapping Bollywood music. "A Bollywood Night is being organised with local DJ Avinash who will have the crowd grooving to ever green Hindi songs. The entry charges being levied will include multi cuisine food as well as liquor," said Ashutosh Bajaj Director Prana Lounge. The restaurant will be charging ₹7,000 for couples while single men and women will have to pay ₹4,000 each. The party is expected to start at around 8 pm and con-tinue till about 12:30 am.

Another option for the res-idents of Ranchi to celebrate New Year eve is at The Kavs.



been set up at the venue" said

Ranchi-ites get ready to welcome 2020

Deatrix and Greynite along with a live band Sparsh 2.0 will play some foot tapping music for the crowd. "For the first time Ranchi will witness technpo and psy- electronic trans music. Electronic fireworks are also

planned to usher in the New Year. To limit the crowd, passes are available only through refand priced at ₹7,000 for couples and ₹3,500 for singles which includes food and beverages

the organiser Raj Bhatia. For Another happening desticouples the entry charges are ₹4,500 while for singles it is ₹2800 and for children is ₹900. nation for party animals of Ranchi is The Celebrations in Karamtoli where a New Year One of the premier hotels in the city Capitol Residency is party is being organised for the past four years. The celebraalso organising a New Year Party. At Fluid- the Lounge Bar tions here are likely to begin at 8 pm and Mumbai based DJ Siddharth Rao will be playing Oriental Cuisine

State Cabinet Minister Satyanand Bhokta along with State RJD in-charge JP Narayan Yadav and others during a press conference at party office in Ranchi on , Vinav Murmu I Pionee Monday

Janata Dal (RID) coalition at the helm of the State, newly appointed Minister Satyanand Bhokta said on Monday.

Government of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) which believes only in speech and rationing. Regarding the division of portfolio in the State Government, he said that whichever department he get, he will put in all his efforts and prioritize work.

against them.

RJD's Jharkhand In-Charge Jai Prakash Narayan Yadav was also present on the occasion He said that the BJP will face a similar response of voters in Bihar as it did in Jharkhand. On the question of Nitish

Govt will last 20 years: Bhokta



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Hemant Soren led Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Indian National Congress (INC) and Rashtriya Government will last 20 years

Addressing a press meet at the party head quarter in the State Capital, Bhokta said that the Government will reach every house and village during its tenure. He said that it is not

Mocking the BJP, Bhokta said that the party relied on big guns like Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to defeat the coalition in the State in recently concluded Assembly elections, but the public voted

inclusion of Kumar in the alliance. cent besides 10 percent for upper caste is a policy decision It may be mentioned here that Bhokta along with Hemant Soren took the oath of office on Sunday at Morhabadi Ground in Ranchi. He has been made a Minister from the RJD quota. The RJD, which is part of the

Alliance, he bluntly responded

that there is no question of

from existing 14 per cent in state, but the proposal has to get Grand Alliance, won one seat in the assembly elections. consent of the parliament." The leader claimed increas-"The Government failed in every front. Issues related to ing reservation cap is not an easy task as this year the Chhattisgarh High Court education, health, law and order, employment, basic

stayed the Bhupesh Baghel-led Congress government's deci-sion to increase the OBC quota amenities, suicide cases of farmers, women security and others have remained unadin educational institutions and dressed. The people voted against the BJP as they were government jobs from 14 percent to 27 percent. The reservation to sched-uled categories in Jharkhand is disappointed. We are deter-mined that under the leadercurrently capped at 50 per cent, besides the recentlyship of Hemant Soren the Government will work for the betterment of the people of the

State," said Bhokta. The victory of JMM working president Hemant Soren has given anti-BJP parties across the country a chance to unite. The mega show of opposition also took place at the swearing-in ceremony of CM Hemant Soren on Sunday.

The satraps from east to west and north to south converged on this important occasion. On the pretext of this, the leaders of the anti-BJP parties drew the blueprint of the anti-BIP alliance at the national

should strengthen women safe-

ty mechanism so that Jharkhand

can set an example for the rest

of the country. We need to

make the State a zero rape state.

Prachi, Rural Management

make better economic policies

so that the increasing prices of

basic commodities can be con-

nities for the youth of both urban and rural areas to make

them independent. A State safe for women should be created as

women safety is a major issue in

our society. The Government

should also focus on environ-

ment friendly development.

student, XISS

#### Acts, all eyes are on government's plans to provide 27 cent reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBC). Both Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Congress in their manifesto had announced to provide 27 per cent reservation to OBC.

importance as Congress has been protesting against NRC and CAA. Senior Congressmen including Rahul Gandhi and

protes NRC.

## residents expect development, safety from new eyes of media. The Government

#### DIVYA MODI 🗖 RANCHI

As a new Government comes to power in Jharkhand, Ranchiites have a lot of expecs a new Government comes tation for the next five years. Hopes for a cleaner and a more hygienic surrounding, better infrastructure, more employment opportunities and safety are the popular public demands.

The executive president of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) — Hemant Soren took oath as the 11th Chief Minister (CM) of Jharkhand on December 29 in a glittering ceremony in Morabadi ground. The 44-year-old CM has already started winning hearts in Ranchi with his statement "Give me books instead of bouquets".

#### Shailendra Kumar, a city based husinessman



The new Government should work towards increasing employment opportunities and also for the economic growth of the State. Hemant Soren has shown maturity so far and he should not just limit himself and his party to Jharkhand. In this election, it has become very clear to all the political parties that the public will cast their votes only on the basis of the work done and not on religion or caste. His

first message of asking people to give him books and not bouquets says a lot about him

Amritansh Vats, Iharkhand High Court Advocate



A strong Government has come to power in Jharkhand and that too with a young face like

Hemant Soren. It is a popular belief that only BJP can connect to the youth but this election has shown that a regional party can connect to the young minds as well. The best part about the new CM is that he is not like a conventional CM clad in Kurta-Payjama but someone who is very approachable and con nects to the public in a very different way as he behaves like one among us. This historic decision will mould the way for greater heights which was neglected by the former Chief Minister and

construction of parks giving the city some breathing space is now Jharkhand will strive for a better and brighter future. Asking for books instead of also something which needs to be worked on. The Government bouquets to build a library is a needs to ensure that peace premove which is being appreciatvails in the State. ed by the international media as

Senior citizen RP Shahi

Dr Kiran Mehra, retired Assistant professor Ranchi Women's College The new Government needs to work on developing the infra-structure in the State. Generally the VIP roads are reconstruct ed but what about the other

The new Government should take the opinion of the citizens and consult them for anything which is being planned in the State. The primary Government schools which have been closed should be reopened. The issues

of the para teachers must be resolved. Screening should be done to improve their quality and the matter must be sorted at the earliest.

> Home maker Harbans Kaur Midha



In a State like Jharkhand, elec tions are fought and won quite differently. There are issues pertaining to employment growth, land but as a housewife my heart is wounded by the torture on women witnessed through the

MOU SIGNED BETWEEN NHM AND RANI HOSPITAL In the presence of National Health Mission (NHM), Jharkhand Programme Director, Shailesh Kumar Chaurasia and Director Rani Hospital, Rajesh Kumar a Memorandum of Understanding was signed for a course related to 'Emergency in Pediatrics and basic Neonatology'. In this agreement Jharkhand Government will select the doctor to study the course.

MEGHATABURU: HEC INSTALLS TERTIARY CRUSHING SYSTEM

At Meghataburu, a unit of SAIL Raw Material Division, HEC is executing installation of Tertiary Crushing System of capacity 900 tph with screening facilities to achieve desired iron ore sizes. The part of on production connecting it to the main stream of the existing handling system. On successful installation of this part of conveyor system, approx 30,000T of material has been handled successfully. The next stage for the crushing part is planned in the next couple of days. Being a crucial one, the progress of the project is being reviewed by the Prime Minister's Office. In another development at HMBP Plant of HEC, a part of the fabricated Folding Platform for ISRO has been tested for its successful mechanism. The designers, Production and the Project Team have showed that no matter what, there is no deterrent towards their goals.



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parts of the city? The situation of law and order also needs to be worked on and with so many rape cases being reported, women safety needs to be given priority. Traffic management,

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## JAMSHEDPUR COLLEGE **Properties damaged during polls**

College admin to lodge complaint

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 $P^{\text{eeved over damage of prop}_{\text{erties at the Jamshedpur}}$ Cooperative College that served as strong room during Assembly polls, the college has decided to write to the East Singhbhum deputy commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla complaining about property

damage. Though the college is closed for the winter vacation and will reopen on January 3, some faculty members have reported it to the principal V.K. Singh. For the second time this year the Jamshedpur Cooperative College (JCC) was turned into a strong room and now the damages have been done allegedly by the forces who stayed there.

Nearly 8000 students of Jamshedpur Co-operative College (JCC), arguably one of the oldest colleges of the city, will face trouble with damaged properties.

The college, a constituent unit of Kolhan University, which was established in 1960 on a sprawling 35 acres of land given by Tata Steel has around 8000 students on roll for different streams and 77 faculties,

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is being used by the district administration since 1962 as administration since 1962 as strong rooms for general elec-tions and assembly polls. The College is facing dilemma where to conduct the examinations and classes

An official said that though they took up the matter with the district administration to come up with a solution soon but have received nothing so far. The main building which houses classrooms and offices was taken over by the district administration.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

According to data collected from the archives of the disstations trict administration ever since combined Singhbhum (East

Singhbhum in 1990) Jamshedpur Cooperative College has served as strong room for general elections and assembly elections since 1962. Be it the parliamentary

elections in April 2009, the Assembly polls in November 2009 or the panchayat elections last November and December and the Jamshedpur by-poll in July 2011 the education cradle has had to bear the brunt of hosting polling officials and security personnel for nearly a month and also stocking EVMs for dispatch to different polling

"We always find benches and desks broken. The plastered walls will be half-broken Singhbhum was carved out of

and everything around will be messy. Heavy vehicles used for polling parties is kept at the college ground and after election the ground is damaged and not fit for our use" said Pawan Kumar, a final-year law student

Bent ceiling fans, broken water taps, unclean washrooms and water filled classrooms is what was seen when people visited the college "We are shocked over the

situation and will write a letter to the deputy commissioner apprising him of the damage that has been done. This is a regular story after the college is vacated by the deployed forces after the election counting," said college principal Singh.

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## Cash, jewellery looted from textile shops

### SUBESH NIKHAB

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Camps will be held twice a week — Tuesday and Thursday — across the 21 blocks of Palamu district to

clear all pending dues of the work force here. Cases related

to salary and honorarium of contractual workers, pension-

ers, Sewikas and Sahayikas of Anganwadis would be addressed in these camps.

The camps will be held at panchayat and block levels.

Stating this, Deputy Commissioner of Palamu,

Shantanu Kumar Agrahari said all officials – BDOs, COs, dis-

trict social welfare officer, dis-

rict welfare officer, and assis-

ash and commodities √worth ₹11 lakhs were looted from two textile shops at Bagodih Chowk in Sariya in the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. The incident occurred around 45 km from

Giridih city. Rajnandani Vastralaya and me and my family members and Anjali Vastralaya located in Bagodih Chowk, which were year-old daughter Rajnandani owned by Bunti Saw and Yogendra Saw, were looted on the fateful night, police said.

Around seven robbers

tant director social security -have been asked to expedite payment process of all pending dues.

Biweekly camps to settle dues of work force in Palamu

Agrahari said a similar order has been given to expedite distribution of blankets among the poor as the distribution process, which started in the last week of October, got stuck up following the imposition of the model code of conduct.

He said that blanket distribeat the winter. bution is in full swing. Palamu has got 66,650 blankets but Sources said chief minister Hemant Soren in his very first Agrahari said the administracabinet meeting had directed tion would go for more blan-kets. The DC said that he has asked officials to go round the the DCs to ensure that payment of pending dues is started in all categories of work force beginareas after sunset so that genning from contractual to the uine and needy can be easily para teachers

scaled the walls of the houses of

Banti Saw and Yogendra Saw,

inside the house and fled with

said that there were seven

masked criminals, four of whom had revolvers and the rest had

knives. "The criminals assaulted

also threatened to kill my eight-

thousand in cash and gold and

silver jewelery worth ₹3 lakh and

Later they took out ₹30

and wife Lakshmi" he said

The victim Bunti Kumar

were asleep

shop and ₹1.15 lakh cash, kept

in the locker. Kanchan Devi, wife

of Jogendra Saw said that crim-inals looted ₹70,000 cash, jew-elery worth ₹1 lakh and clothes

worth ₹2 lakh from her shop. These robbers have also threat-

ened the family of dire conse-

quences if the approach the

police. After the information of

the incident, Saria police reached

the spot at around 3 am. The SDPO, Binod Kumar Mahto

said that the incident is being

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investigated.

where the family

cash and durables

identified. As for students of all gov-Soren has also asked the DCs to prepare a dossier on existing vacancies in depart-ments that are to be filled at priernment and private schools DC has ordered the schools to be closed till January 4 but for teachers of the schools – be it ority level. Agrahari said "I have asked government or private – attend-ing work has been made com-

officials to find out about vacan-cies and to fill them up as well." However sources said an obstacle in filling of vacancies pulsorily. DC said COs have been asked to arrange evening fire for the poor and the destitute to is the reservation roster's compliance.

Sources said the outgoing year found sewikas, sahayeekas, para teachers on war path for their wages to be paid on time. DC said that officers have

been informed that their leave will not be granted easily as they have to report to the headquarters.

## **Police cracked** semi burnt woman murder case in Khunti

they also robbed readymade clothes of ₹3 lakh from the PNS RANCHI

> a major breakthrough, In a major breakthrough, Khunti Police cracked an alleged murder case of a woman within a week and arrested two persons on Monday. The police on Wednesday recovered a semicharred body of a woman from suburban Khunti, around 50 Kilometers south of State capital Ranchi. Khunti Superintendent of

Police, Ashutosh Shekhar constituted a special investigation team (SIT) for successful investigation of the case in leader-ship of Khunti, Sub Divisional Police Officer (SDPO), Ashutosh Kumar Mahli. After arrest of two main accused involved in the case Mahli said that there are five named accused in the murder case of Vinita Tirkey, age 26 years and resident of Argora area of the State Capital.

"There was dispute between deceased and accused Firdaus Rashid, age 33 years, a resident of Church Road under Lower Bazar Police Station in the State Capital. Rashid called Tirkey on December 25 night to go somewhere and took the woman along. When they reached Tiriltoli of Khunti District first they had strangle Tirkey then with intention to hide her body they tried to burn it. Then they left the body

in forest area," said Mahli. Elaborating about the detail plan of investigation the SDPO said "When the police started identification of the body then it was found the whereabouts of Tirkey. After that we enquired relatives of Tirkey then we found that Rashid and the woman hatched the conspiracy. During investigation they confessed their involvement in the crime. Search of rest of the accused is going on and very soon police will be able to arrest them."

## Cong Ministers, **MLAs hold protest** march, dharna against CAA

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Punjab Congress on Monday organized a protest march hip

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PR 223027 Lohardaga (19-20)\_D

## <sub>झारखण्ड</sub> सरकार कृषि, पशुपालन एवं सहकारिता विभाग निदेशक, समेति, झारखाण्ड द्वितीय तल, कृषि भवन, काँके रोड, राँची– 834008

कुषि उपादान व्यवसायियों को एक वर्षीय डिप्लोमा कोर्स (DAESI) में नामांकन लेने हेतु आवश्यक सूचना राष्ट्रीय कृषि विस्तार प्रबंध संस्थान (मैनेज), हैदराबाद के पत्रांक– MNG/18/DAESI/37/2019 दिनोंक 10.07. 2019 द्वारा स्वीकृत वर्ष 2019–20 में समेति, झारखण्ड, राँची में कृषि उपादान व्यवसायियों हेतु DAESI (Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers) पाठ्यक्रम संचालित की जानी है।

Agricultural Excension Services for Input Dealers) यांव्यक्रेता जो वैध अनुजापिधारी है नामांकन हेतु आवेदन कर सकते हैं। पाठ्यक्रय में नामांकन हेतु मैनेज, हैदराबाद के वेबसाईट <u>www.manage.gov.in</u> से आवेदन प्राप्त डाऊनलोड किया जा सकता है या कमरा संख्या–211, समेति कार्यालय, द्वितीय तल, कृषि भवन, कौंके रोड, रॉंची से भी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। पूर्ण रूपेण भरा हुआ आवेदन पत्र निबंधित/स्पीडपोस्ट/हाथो–हाथ के माध्यम से ही निदेशक समेति, द्वितीय तल, कृषि भवन, कोंके रोड, रॉंची–834008 को दिनांक 15.01.2020 के अपराहन 5.00 बजे तक प्राप्त कराया जा सकता है। नामांकन

- हेतु कुल अभ्यर्थी की संख्या 80 है। निर्धारित अवधि के बाद प्राप्त आवेदन पर विचारन ही किया जाएगा। आवेदन पत्र के साथ निम्नलिखित आवश्यक कागजात संलग्न करें–
- DAESI पाठ्यक्रम का विहित प्रपन्न में आवेदन पत्र ।
- शैक्षणिक योग्यता का प्रमाण–पत्र की छायाप्रति (अंक–पत्र, मुलप्रमाण–पत्र) अनुज्ञप्ति (License) की छायाप्रति (बीज / उर्वरक / कीटनाशी)
- आधार कार्ड की छायापति।
- फोटो–2 पीस पासपोर्ट साइज। 5.
- रू0 20000 / (बीस हजार रूपया) मात्र का Demand Draft जो DIRECTOR SAMETI के नाम से Payable at Ranchi को देय होगा, संलग्न करना होगा। आवेदन पत्र रह होने या चयन नहीं होने की स्थिति में Demand Draft वापस कर दिया जायेगा।

Demand Draft को छोड़कर सभी दस्तावेज पर आवेदनकर्त्ता द्वारा हस्ताक्षर करना अनिवार्य है। अधिक जानकारी हेतु निदेशक समेति, द्वितीय तल, कृषि भवन, कमरा संख्या–211, काँके रोड, राँची में कार्यालय क्रिकिया जा राज्यान्थ !

Following directive of the Garhwa SP Ashwani Kumar Sinha on Monday, Dhurki police

arrested two people on charge of stealing motorcycles and recovered 3 vehicles from their pos-

Acting on a tip-off, a police team led by thana in-charge Yogendra Kumar raided their house and arrested Dilsaj Raza aged around 22 years, a resident of village Tasrar under Dandai police station area and Ajmer

2 arrested for bike theft Ansari aged about 25 years, hailed from Birbal village under parking at public places or roadside parking. "The accused are allegedly Dhurki police station area. "Both the accused started involved in Garhwa PS case no.

stealing bikes to fund their bad habits," SDPO Banshidhar Nagar 764/19 and one more case of bike theft," Dhurki thana in-charge Ajit Kumar told. Yogendra Kumar said, adding

that the police have recovered all the 3 vehicles. Cases have been SDPO, who supervised the operation, said that the accused duo would use duplicate keys to registered and the accused have steal the two-wheelers from been taken in remand

Name of the work

Estimated Cost (Rs.)

Time of Completion

Date of Publication of

Tender on website

Last date/Time for

submission of bids

Name & address of office

Inviting tender (e-

nt Officer)

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Very Short Tender Notice e-Procurement Notice

Construction of P.C.C.Road &

Guarwall From Devi Mandan to

N.H. 23 Via Main Sarna at Bodo

under Block- Bharno District-

Gumla. Rs. 47.743 Lakh

4 Month

03.01.2020 2.00 PM

09.01.2020 up to 5:00 PM

Executive Engineer

Minor Irrigation Division-Gumla

ali Road Gumla

उपायुक्त–सह–जिला ढण्डाधिकारी का कार्यालय, गिरिडीह Office of the Executive Engineer MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION GUMLA (जिला निर्वाचन शाखा) सूचना Singal bid System Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/GUMLA - F2- 45 / 2019-20

विधानसभा निर्वाचन-2019 के सभी अभ्यर्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि निर्वाचन परिणाम घोशणा की तिथि से 30 दिनों के अन्दर अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा अनुसूची E2, जिसे अभ्यर्थी व्यय-लेखा कोशांग द्वारा उपलब्ध कराया गया है, के साथ संलग्न प्रपत्र भाग (i) से (iv) एवं अनुसूची (1) से (10) तक पूर्ण रुप से भरकर अभ्यर्थी व्यय-लेखा कोशांग को उपलब्ध कराने हेतु निर्देश प्राप्त है। ऐसी स्थिति में यदि किसी मद में Under Statement (न्यूनोक्त राशि) की स्थिति उत्पन्न होती है, तो जिला व्यय अनुवीक्षण समिति (District Expenditure Monitoring Committee) के समक्ष उपस्थित होकर उसका निराकरण किया जाना आवश्यक है। अतः भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के निदेशानसार जिला व्यय अनुवीक्षण समिति (DEMC) की बेठक निम्न तिथि , समय एवम स्थल पर आयोजित की जायेगी :-

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## **#INDIA**SUPPORTSCAA Modi tweets Sadhguru video, launches 10-day outreach drive

#### PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday led the BJP's outreach campaign with

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hashtag #IndiaSupportsCAA to gather support for the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which has sparked violent protests across India in recent weeks. Modi's official website tweeted that the CAA "is about giving citizenship to persecuted refugees and not about taking

anyone's citizenship away". Seeking to mobilise sup-port for the amended citizenship law, other BJP leaders too launched the campaign on

social media to highlight its feasocial media to nighight its rea-tures with Modi posting a video of spiritual guru Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev back-ing the legislation.

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Amid protests, including from Muslims in several parts of the country, the Prime Min-ister has asserted that the law is about giving citizenship to refugees from three countries and not about taking away anyone's citizenship. BJP has announced a 10-day campaign across the country to spread awareness about the CAA and taken on the Opposition for pushing "rumours and fears" around it.

"Do hear this lucid expla-nation of aspects relating to

PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI on Monday con-ducted searches at 17 loca-tions in Jammu & Kashmir at

the premises of senior IAS officers Yasha Mudgal and

Kumar Rajeev Ranjan besides the then District Collectors/District Magistrates of Kupwara, Baramulla, Udhampur, Kishtwar, Shopian,

Rajouri, Doda and Pulwama in

an alleged gun licensing rack-

et busted by the Rajasthan police in 2017.

The move comes two years after the agency registered two

cases on allegations issuance of around two lakh arms licences

to non residents of the erst-

while State. The CBI said incriminating

documents recovered during searches are being scrutinised.

two cases in August last year on

the consent of Jammu and

Kashmir Government and fur-

ther notification from the

The agency had registered

FAKE GUN-LICENSING RACKET



historical context, brilliantly highlights our culture of brotherhood. He also calls out the CAA and more by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev. He provides misinformation by vested

interest #IndiaSupportsCAA," Modi

tweeted. The Twitter handle of Modi's personal website also had a message saying that the CAA is about giving citizenship to persecuted refugees and not about taking anyone's citizen-ship away. The message was posted with the hashtag "India Supports CAA".

It also asked people to share content, graphics and videos from the Prime Minister's NaMo app to show their absolute lie" support for the law, which has triggered protests in different

parts of the country. BJP president and Home Constitution as it makes reli-gion as a ground for citizenship. Minister Amit Shah also posed

Sadhguru's video and said "stop The BIP has asserted that it is believing lies and half truths on CAA". He urged everyone, meant for minorities persecut-ed in three neighbouring counespecially the youth, to watch the video and get a "historical tries due to their faith. Union Minister Prakash perspective on why we need CAA". Javadekar took on the critics.

Opposition and other crit-

who have dubbed the law as Joining the campaign, party's working president JP Nadda quoted from the spiridiscriminatory, and tweeted, "Spread Facts Not Myth: In the last 6 years, 2830 Pakistani, 912 tual leader's remarks to say that "in a very calibrated way some-Afghani & 172 Bangladeshi citizens have been given Indian body sent the message to the minorities that your citizenship citizenship. Many of them are from majority community of is under threat which is an these countries."

He also posted several tweets, highlighting key aspects of the amended law and quotics slammed the CAA, saying it is against India's secular ed Modi's comments that it will not adversely affect any Indian citizen.

## INSHORT TEAM FORMED TO PROBE Newborns Death in Kota

New Delhi: BJP working president JP Nadda on Monday appointed a four-member delegation to investigate death of newborns at a hospital in Kota, Rajasthan. Delegation will visit Kota on Tuesday and review the situation. It has to submit report within three days of the visit

CBI TAKES OVER IIT STUDENT'S DEATH CASE New Delhi: The CBI has taken over the investigation in the case involving the death of Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) student Fathima Latheef. The Special Crime Branch of the agency's Chennai unit reregistered the FIR of the local police on December 27 and took over the investigation in the matter

### OVER 20 PARTIES DIDN'T File Fiscal Report: EC **New Delhi:** In a reply to the Right to Information (RTI), the Election Commission (EC) said that more than 20 registered parties have not filed their annual reports to their receipts of financial donations. The national parties include National Conference (NC), People Democratic Party (PDP)

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). The RTI was filed by a retired Navy Officer. The last date for filing annual reports was October 31, 2019

**RETIRED IAS OFFICER RE-EMPLOYED AS DY EC** New Delhi: Senior IAS officer Umesh Sinha has been reemployed in the Election Commission (EC) as the deputy election commissioner after his retirement on Tuesday. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the reemployment Sinha on a contract basis for one year with effect from January 1, 2020, and up to December 31, 2020, the DoPT order said. Sinha, a 1986 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, was working as the secretary general in the EC. New Delhi: The CBI has carried out searches at eight locations, including the premises of two Income Tax officers based in Bengaluru, in connection with I-Monetary Advisory (IMA) ponzi scam, officials said Monday. The officers are then Deputy Commissioner, Income Tax (Investigation), Saurabh Nayak, and ACIT (Assessment) D Kumar, they said.

in Delhi to begin in 10 days: Puri PNS NEW DELHI

#### The Minister said that the DDA has completed the work on preparing maps of unauthorised colonies in just two months

statement.

Registry of illegal colonies' houses

"The Aam Aadmi Party is

misleading people but the BJP-led Centre has brought laws, he

said in reference to the Parliament passing a bill to give

ownership rights to the resi-dents of unauthorised colonies.

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Accusing the AAP of spread-ing "lies" and misleading people on the issue regularisastart in next 8-10 days to give tion of unauthorised colonies, ownership rights to people. You keep telling lies, and we (Centre) will soon hand over documents of houses to the res-Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday said registry for ownership rights in unauidents of these colonies. You cannot be an obstacle in the thorised colonies will start in the next 8-10 days. Puri said that the Central happiness of Delhiites," Puri tweeted in Hindi.

Government will soon hand over registry to the residents. It is estimated that 40-50 lakh people living in 1731 unauthorised colonies play a vital role in deciding the fate of any political party in every election in the national capital. In 2015, people of unauthorised colonies voted to Arvind Kejriwal to bring changes in the national capital. In 2020, both BJP and AAP is eying on unauthorised colonies vote bank. "They (AAP) are weaving nets of words while registry will

of giving ownership rights to people begun or not? Their (AAP's) strategy is not to ben-efit people, and mislead them instead," Puri said. The minister said that the regularising them.

then public servants in this conspiracy of issuance of statement.

carried out at three places in Kashmir, 11 places in Jammu and one each in Gurugram Centre. After taking over the case in 2018, searches were also (Haryana), Mohali (Punjab) and Noida (Uttar Pradesh), earlier conducted at 11 places including Srinagar, Udhampur

CBI raids 2 babus' premises, 17 locations in J&K

officials said. Besides searching the premises of Mudgal, a 2007-batch IAS officer, and Ranjan, and Jammu at the locations of private gun houses which led to recovery of incriminating documents including issue, renew al of arms licenses, blank applia 2010-batch IAS officer, houses of I Hussain, Mohammed Saleem, Mohammed Junaid cation forms submitted by various licencees, money transac tions of gun dealers with licencees, blank NOC pur-Khan, F C Bhagat, Farooq Ahmed Khan and Jenhagir portedly issued by District Magistrates and other docu-Ahmed Mir were searched, officials said

and-Managing Director of Distribution

ister accused the Kejriwal gov-

ernment of failing to prepare maps of 1,731 colonies in the

past five years and they moved

a court seeking two-year-time

ical parties indulge in politics but if government starts fur-

quently asked questions from DDA website on unauthorised colonies, Kejriwal claimed that

neither central government is

giving ownership rights nor

Corporation Jammu and Ranjan is CEO of Jammu Srinagar Metro Rail Corporation The case was handed over

to the CBI on the basis of a rec-ommendation from Rajasthan Director General of Police O P Galhotra after the anti-terror squad had busted a racket related to the matter. Following this, the two FIRs were lodged

by the agency. The CBI's Chandigarh unit had registered the FIRs for alleged criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy under the Ranbir Penal Code and in violation of Section 3/25 of the Arms Act, besides provisions of the Prevention of Corruption

Act According to Rajasthan Police officials, the Jammu and Kashmir government was informed about the racket in and several letters

unanswered.

## The CRPF on Monday said there was no breach in Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's security during her recent trip to Lucknow. The paramilitary blamed Vadra for violations" by riding pillion on a scooter. The force, which provides armed commandos under the 'Z+' category of VIP security cover to her, said the Congress leader undertook "unscheduled movement without intimation".

Therefore, an advanced security liaison (ASL) could not be conducted, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) said in a statement issued here by

Inspector General (Intelligence and VIP security) P K Singh. addressed to then Chief Secretary B B Vyas remained

by riding pillion on scooter: CRPF PNS NEW DELHI "There was no breach in curity by the official" who

Priyanka violated security protocols

The CRPF on Monday said happens to be the CO of Hazartganj, Abhay Mishra, reads the statement. It said the "only programme" of Priyanka indicated to the

CRPF team for that day was about her visit to the local Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) office for attending a party foundation day event.

The CRPF said it had "con-ducted" an ASL for this event and had intimated it to state authorities.

It alleged that the Congress leader's "personal staff did not communicate" the detailed programme of the day to the Uttar Pradesh Police CO when he came calling at Priyanka's place of stay in Lucknow at about 8 am.

The force said while there was no breach in Priyanka Priyanka's office had written to Singh's office on December 28 Gandhi's security, at least three "security violations" took place with a complaint that a police cir-cle officer (CO) in Lucknow had issued threats to her security per-sonnel and warned of restricting when she chose to ride a twowheeler while on her way to visit her movements on the same day. retired IPS officer S R Darapuri.

"During travelling, the pro-tectee used non-bullet resistant civil vehicle without a personal security officer. The protectee took a lift on Scooty as a pillion rider," it said, adding that as this movement was not planned, the CRPF team could not conduct an ASL which was a breach of security protocol mandated for Priyanka Gandhi.

"Despite the security con-straints, appropriate security cover was provided by the CRPF during the visit," it said. The force added that such

security lapses are communi-cated to the protectee and "advised" for ensuring proper security arrangements.

Privanka, also the Congress general secretary in-charge of UP (East), was in Lucknow on December 27 and December 28 as part of her first visit to the State capital after violent protests against the amended citizenship law and a proposed countrywide implementation of the National Register of Citizens.

## Flipkart to sell items made by women self-help groups

### PNS NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Monday signed an MoU with Delhi Development Authority Flipkart in which products made by women self-help groups formed under the (DDA) has completed the work on preparing maps of unau-thorised colonies in just two months while 35,000 people have registered themselves on Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), will now be available on e-comits website and submitted doc-In another tweet, the Union housing and urban affairs min-

merce platforms. Union Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra said the government would also rope in Amazon to provide a platform for the online sale of SHGs' products. Under the DAY -NULM,

for the same. Earlier on Sunday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said at a press conference that politself-help groups consisting 44 lakh women have been working across the country, a move aimed at making women finannishing wrong information, it is saddening. Citing (FAQ) fre-



cially independent. According to the secretary, 12 lakh people have so far been trained in different skills in the last five years under the mission while around 5.06 lakh people were given funds by the government and they are currently self-employed.

"Today, we have signed an MoU with Flipkart. It aims to directly sell products made by self-help groups through e-commerce portals. We are also likely to ink an MoU with Amazon on January 7 for the same purpose," Mishra told reporters on the sidelines of an

event According to the secretary, 12 lakh people have so far been trained in different skills in the last five years under the mission while around 5.06 lakh people were given funds by the government and they are cur-rently self-employed.

Govt to create 1 lakh tonnes Prices likely to cool of onion buffer stock in 2020 down by Jan end with the domestic supply of new produce from rabi Karnataka by late January. government took several mea-The shipments are underway. The first batch of 790 metric "The issue was discussed in sures to boost the domestic availability including ban on tonnes of onion arrived from exports, stock limits on traders Turkey and Egypt and distrib-uted to Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, besides sale of onion at subsidised rates from its buffer Karnataka amd Telangana. According to agriculture ministry's data, 0.98 lakh stock and imports. Already, the government has exhausted its buffer stock next year," sources said. This year, onion prices fell hectare area is covered under late kharif as against 1.22 lakh of onion which was disposed at hectare in the corresponding period last year. The area a subsidised rate in the local market. Now, it is selling under rabi onion crop, mean-while, is 2.76 lakh hectare as against 2.31 lakh hectare in the imported ones. MMTC, which is importing on behalf of the govern-ment, has contracted about corresponding period last year 45,000 tonnes of onion from (until the first week of Turkey, Afghanistan and Egypt. December this year).

Mudgal is at present CEOments, the agency said in a

"It was also alleged that the Power

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licences to non-residents of J&K in violation of rules, allegedly received gratification," the agency said in a Several documents related to the cases, including bank statements, were recovered during the searches that were

## NITI AAYOG'S SDG INDEX

## Kerala on top, Bihar, Jharkhand, AP worst performers

## PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW

Kerala and Chandigarh retained the top ranks among States and Union Territories even as Bihar turned out to be the worst performer in Niti Aayog's SDG India Index 2019 that evaluates progress on social, economic and environmental parameters.

According to 'SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) India Index 2019', released on Monday, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim have shown maximum improvement, but States like Gujarat have not shown any progress vis-a-vis the 2018

rankings. "Kerala retained its rank as the top State with a score of 70. Chandigarh too maintained its top spot among the UTs with a score of 70. Himachal Pradesh took the second spot while Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana shared the third spot," the report said.



Bihar, Jharkhand and vation. Arunachal Pradesh are worst performing States in this

year's Index for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). 'The United Nations' SDG target of 2030 can never be met without India... We are fully committed to achieving UN's SDG target," Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said at the launch of the report.

Speaking at the event, Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar said southern states have done well in health. "West Bengal (rank 14) has also done well in Niti Aayog's SDG Index 2019, but given the education level(in the state), West Bengal should be in top 3 per-forming states," Kumar added. to eight," it noted.

The Niti Aayog vice chair-man also said Modi govern-With regard to poverty reduction, states which have ment will not leave any stone unturned to make sure India done well include Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Andhra Pradesh achieves SDG Agenda 2030. Meghalaya, Mizoram and According to the report, India's Sikkim. On 'zero hunger' paracomposite score improved from 57 in 2018 to 60 in 2019 with meters, Goa, Mizoram, Kerala Nagaland and Manipur were the front runners, according to major success in water and sanitation, industry and innothe report. The SDG India Index,

launched last year by Niti Aayog with the help of United Nations, However, nutrition and gender continue to be problem areas for India, requiring more focussed approach from the took into account 16 out of 17 goals specified by the United government. The report said while three out of five states in Nations as SDGs. The Index this year ranked states based on the top spots perform equal to or better than the country aver-54 targets spread over 100 indi-cators out of 306 outlined by the age on 12 goals, the other two UN.

The first report, which was launched in 2018 had 13 goals states do the same on 11 goals. "Only three states were placed in the category of Front Runners (with a score in the and 39 indicators. The year 2020 will be the fifth anniverrange 65-99, including both) in 2018 - Himachal Pradesh, sary of the adoption of SDGs by 193 countries at the UN Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. In General Assembly.

2019, five more states joined The SDGs, constituted through an unprecedented con-sultative process, have 17 goals and 169 related targets to be this league - Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Sikkim and Goa, taking the total tally achieved by 2030.

o prevent the repeat of thi I year's onion crisis, the Centre has decided to create a buffer stock of 1 lakh tonnes of the key kitchen staple between March and July in 2020.

PNS NEW DELHI

Top sources said that Cooperative Nafed, which had maintained the buffer stock of onion on behalf of the govern-ment, will continue to do so next year. It will source the rabi (winter) onion crop — which has higher shelf life— between March and July directly from farmers.

The Government had created a buffer stock of 56,000 onnes for the current year but it was not sufficient to contain the prices which are still ruling above Rs 100 per kg in most cities across the country.

The prices are expected to cool down by end of January next year with the domestic supply of new produce from rabi (winter) and late kharif (summer) seasons thereby also giving rise to the possibility of a glut. Sources said the arrival of

imported onions will coincide with the supply of late kharif onions from Maharashtra and Gujarat in the last week of December, as well as the early rabi produce from Rajasthan,

Madhya Pradesh and

detail in the recent meeting of the group of ministers (GoM), headed by Home Minister Amit Shah. It was decided that higher buffer stock of about 1 lakh tonne will be created for

sharply due to 26 per cent fall in kharif and late kharif (summer) production due to late monsoon and later untimely rains in key growing states especially Maharasthra and Karnataka.

To check rising prices, the



## Priyanka communalising CAA protests: UP Dy CM

Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma countered Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on her remarks against Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday and accused her of denigrating Hinduism.

Addressing a Press confer-ence barely two hours after the Congress general secretary made certain remarks against Adityanath, before returning to Adityanath, before returning to New Delhi after winding up a four-day visit to the State capi-tal, Sharma said, "Priyanka Gandhi stands with those who indulged in (anti-CAA) vio-lence." Priyanka hit out at Chief Minister on Monday, saying there was no place for violence or "revenge" in the country.

In a jibe at Adityanath days after he said those who damaged public property dur-ing protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the ensuing violence would be made to pay, the Congress general secretary said saffron denotes Hinduism, a religion that does not advocate violence or "revenge". Hitting back at Congress

general secretary Priyanka Gandhi, Sharma said the clash of religions should not be start-ed for the sake of politics.

"The Congress general sec-retary has accused the saffron



along with the Chief Minister," Sharma alleged. "Yogi ji ne dharam ko dhaaran kiya hai (Yogiji has imbibed a religion). The Hindu religion never teaches to do any harm to anyone. Hindu religion does not speak about insulting any other reli-

pay for the damage caused to public property during protests against the amended citizen-ship law. gion. Hindu religion is very huge **BJP MP slams UP Police**,

**blames its 'negative approach'** Lucknow: Kaushal Kishore, BJP MP from Mohanlalganj in Lucknow, has said the UP Police's negative approach is responsible for the "uncontrolled crime" in the State

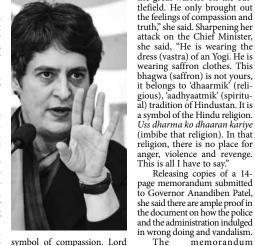
The BJP MP's remark on Twitter comes days after a fish seller and a property dealer were killed in his constituency which lies on the outskirts of Lucknow. "Due to the negative approach of the police, crime has gone uncontrolled in Lucknow. Murder and loot are continuing unabated," he said in a tweet. Kaushal Kishore, while talking to reporters later, said, "If the working of the police is based on extortion, then the fear of police will automatically disappear. They do not even listen to public representatives. This is tarnishing the image of the state Government.

and you are saying that a person (imbibing Hindu religion) is doing such a thing," he said. "You have started a clash of religions for your politics. Please do not do this. This is PTI LUCKNOW

not the question of Hindu and Muslims. It is the question of ongress leader Priyanka Gandhi on Monday hit out India's future and national unity," he added.

at Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Sharma said no one would Yogi Adityanath, saying there is leave saffron for the fear of expletives. "The more you hurl no place for violence or "revenge" in the country. abuses, the more our self-con-fidence will increase," he added. Addressing a Press conference the Congress general secretary To a question, Sharma clar-ified that Adityanath had used the word 'badla' (revenge) to took a dig at Adityanath's ear-lier warning that rioters damaging public property will have to pay and said the saffron denotes Hinduism, a religion convey that vandals will have to that does not advocate violence

or "revenge". Concluding her four-day visit to Lucknow days after statewide violent clashes over the Citizenship Amendment Act, she told mediapersons that her own security was not a big issue. "The question of my secu-rity is not a big one. It is a small question on which there is no need to hold any discussion. I will not raise the issue of security because it is a trivial matter. It has nothing to do with the public," she said, in an apparent reference to her alleged man-handling by the State police. "The issue is the safety of common man in UP," she



Ram was symbol of compassion. Everybody dances in the marriage procession (baraat) of Lord Shiva. There is no place for 'hinsaa' (violence), 'badlaa' (revenge) and 'ranj' (anger) in the country's soul.

gious), 'aadhyaatmik' (spiritu-al) tradition of Hindustan. It is a symbol of the Hindu religion. Uss dharma ko dhaaran kariye (imbibe that religion). In that religion, there is no place for anger, violence and revenge. This is all I have to say." Releasing copies of a 14page memorandum submitted to Governor Anandiben Patel, she said there are ample proof in the document on how the police

the great warrior on the bat-

said the conduct of the UP police has been "patently and the administration indulged in wrong doing and vandalism. The memorandum claimed a total of 23 death occurred in the state in the alleged police excesses during the anti-CAA protests by peo-ple, while the UP Government

the citizens' rights," the mem-orandum said. After the Chief Minister's claims 19 deaths in clashes. There is also a video of police vandalism, police beat-ing up a minor in Kanpur, she

those held in No place for violence, revenge in country: Priyanka anti-CAA protests Lucknow: The Congress party There were numerous examples through which it could be seen that the police

and administration acted on

the Chief Minister's statement

"I think it has happened for the first time in the history that

a CM has given such a statement that revenge will be taken from the public," she said. The properties which have been

confiscated and notices served

also include that of ex-IPS officer SR Darapuri. He prob-ably had used the earnings of his lifetime for his house, and

he has got a notice, because he had uploaded a Facebook post.

Quoting from the memo-randum, the Congress leader

unlawful, destructive of the

rule of law and repressive of honest citizens". "This is unbe-

fitting of a force that is duty

bound to safeguard and protect

that he will take revenge.

will provide legal help to peo-ple facing prosecution for participating in the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act

(CAA) protests, party sources said on Monday. According to the sources, Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi has held a meeting on the matter with lawyers associated with the party. At the meeting, Priyanka Gandhi told the lawyers that the party will provide legal help to those who have been arrested in the peaceful protests and the party stands with the victims. The Congress General

Secretary has been active here in the Uttar Pradesh capital in support of the opposition to the CAA, meeting with the families of those arrested in the protests. In one instance here, Privanka Gandhi even drove a scooty and then walked to reach the home of the family of a victim.

The Congress leader has also alleged that the local police misbehaved with her to curb her movement. The police, however, have denied the alle-gation. The politics is at boil-ing point in the state where the Congress party has taken centrestage in the opposition to the IANS CAA.

#### statement, police and admin-stration appear to have acted in "When Shrikrishna gave sermon to Arjun during the "a manner that is biased, unlawful, and violative of the asserted. "This is the country of fundamental rights of citizens,' the memorandum said. Mahabharat war, he did not said, referring to the contents Lord Krishna — who was the talk about revenge or anger to of memorandum. **NORTH INDIA SHIVERS**

# Jammu records season's coldest night in over decade

### PTI SRINAGAR

The cold wave further tightened its grip across Jammu & Kashmir on Monday with the winter capital, Jammu, recording the season's coldest night in over a decade, while Srinagar shivering at minus 6.5 degrees Celsius.

There was no relief from the bone-chilling cold for the residents of the Union Territory. Jammu recorded the season's coldest night in over a decade as the mercury plummeted to 2.4 degrees Celsius, the mete-orological department said.

It said the city had recorded the coldest night on December 28, 1998, when the mercury had went down to 0.9 degree Celsius followed by 2.3 degrees Celsius on December 31, 2007. Jammu had also recorded a low of 2.4 degrees Celsius on December 27 in 2014.

In Srinagar, the mercury continued its record-breaking spree as the city experienced the coldest night of the season so far at minus 6.5 degrees Celsius on Monday. Dense fog forced cancellation of all morning flights from the Jammu Airport. An official of the Airport Authority of India said all the four morning flights scheduled to operate from the Jammu airport were cancelled due to poor visibility as dense fog engulfed the city.

So far four flights to and fro the Jammu airport were cancelled, while the afternoon flights are likely to get delayed," said. The minimum temperature in Jammu marked a dip of 3.3 degrees compared to the previous night to settle at 2.4 degrees Celsius - five

## SRINAGAR FREEZES AT -6.5°C

Monkeys huddle to keep nemselves warm on a cold winter day in Jammu on Monday

office official said. This lead to the freezing of

the fringes of the Dal Lake and other water bodies as well as water supply lines at several places. The night temperature in Srinagar, which has been witnessing clear skies and some

sunshine during the day, is over four degrees below the normal for this part of the season, the official said. The ski-resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded the low of minus 7.8 degrees Celsius last night — down from the previous night's minus

6.6 degrees Celsius, he said. The night temperature at Pahalgam resort, which also serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath yatra in south Kashmir, settled at a low of minus 10.2 degrees Celsius as against minus 10.4 degrees Celsius on Sunday, the official said

#### **Jaipur shudders** was the coldest recorded place in the valley, he added. The official said Qazigund — the gateway town to the Valley - in at 2nd lowest south Kashmir recorded a low temp in 55 yrs of minus 9.3 degrees Celsius -

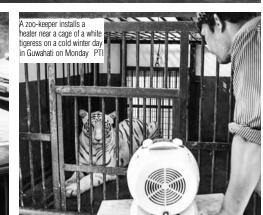
slightly up from minus 9.5 degrees Celsius on Sunday. Jaipur: Jaipur recorded sec-Kokernag town, also in south, recorded a low of minus ond lowest-ever temperature in 55 years at 1.4 degrees Celsius 7.3 degrees Celsius, while as a cold wave continued to sweep Rajasthan, according to weather officials. The State Kupwara, in north, registered the minimum of minus 5.6 capital had registered its low-est ever temperature at 0 degree Celsius on December 13, 1964. For the last four days, the degrees Celsius, the official said. He said Leh town, in the Ladakh Union territory, recorded a low of minus 20.1 degrees Celsius —

down from the previous night's minus 19.0 degrees Celsius. The nearby Drass town froze at a low of minus 28.8 degrees Celsius. Kashmir is temperature has been dipping in state. On Sunday, Mount Abu was the coldest at -3 degrees followed by Jobner at -1.6 degrees. currently under the grip of 'Chillai-Kalan' — the 40-day harshest period of winter when there are most chances of fre-

Sikar and Fatehpur regis tered 0 degree, while Kota shivered at 2.8 degrees, Churu at 1.2 degrees, Vanasthali 1.8 degrees, Jaisalmer 3 degrees and Bundi 2 degrees.

A Kashmiri boatman row his boat as he breaks the frozen surface of water to make way through the Dal Lake in Srinagar on Monday





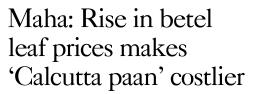
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### PTI AURANGABAD

 $B^{\text{etel}}_{\text{popular}\text{ 'Calcutta paan' has}}$ got costlier in Aurangabad in Maharashtra, leaving a bitter taste in the mouth of patrons.

These leaves come from Medinipur in West Bengal and rates have now touched ₹1,200 for a bundle of 100 against ₹500 till some days ago, paan merchant Mohammed Sharfuddin told PTI. here

A tour of shops showed prices 'Calcutta paan' had gone up from ₹8 to 01 anything between ₹12-20 depending on other ingredients.

"Paan prices had to be increased here be because of the betel

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leaves getting costlier. We have been told cultivation of these leaves has decreased. Sharfuddin, who has been in the business for 54 years, added. He said shops in

Chennai.

Aurangabad sell some 20,000 paan a day and the rise in prices was making people move towards leaves coming in from



## Intense cold wave in UP, Churk witnesses bone-chilling 0.8°C PTI LUCKNOW

hurk in Uttar Pradesh recorded 0.8 degree Celsius as the state continued to reel under cold wave conditions on Monday, according

Cold wave Conclusions of Montay, according to the Meteorological Department. Muzaffarnagar recorded a low of 1 degree Celsius, followed by Kanpur (1.6 degree Celsius), Agra (1.9 degrees Celsius), Jhansi (2.2 degrees Celsius), Varanasi (2.3 degrees Celsius) and Meerut (2.5 degrees Celsius). According to the MeT department, Churk

town in Sonbhadra district was the coldest place in the state recording 0.8 degree Celsius, eight notches below normal.

State capital Lucknow recorded a mini-mum temperature of 6.7 degrees Celsius, one notch below normal, while the maximum temperature recorded was 12.3 degrees Celsius, 10 degrees below normal. The sunshine came as a respite to the city residents.

The weather is most likely to remain dry, and shallow to moderate fog is very likely to occur at few places in the State. Cold day to severe cold day condition is

very likely at a few places in the State, the weatherman said. Dense to very dense fog is very like-ly at isolated places over the State, according to the MeT department.



## POST-ART 370NULLIFICATION -

## **HC** opens jobs for candidates from all over India

### PTI JAMMU

In a first step of its kind, opening the State employment in the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh for candidates from across the country after nullification of Article 370, the Jammu & Kashmir High Court has invited applications from eli-gible candidates from all over India to fill 33 vacancies with it.

The 33 vacant posts of non-gazetted officials include those of senior scale stenographer, junior scale stenograph-er, steno typist, compositor, electrician and driver. The advertisement to fill

the vacancies was issued by the shall be received by the con-

J&K High Court's Registrar General Sanjay Dhar on December 26 with the last date for submission of applications being January 31, 2020. Following nullification of

the Article 370 on August 5, there had been demands from various quarters, especially in the Jammu region and Union Territory of Ladakh, carved out of the erstwhile state of J&K after its bifurcation into two UTs, for a domicile certificate or some legal restrictions on the purchase of land by outsiders as well as their appointments in Government jobs.

"The application forms

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Maharashtra government sug-

gesting necessary amendments

minister Devendra Fadnavis

and submitted a formal letter

However, once Aditya's

these establishments are not in designated residential areas.

The 1.30 am closure deadline

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hours on the eve of January 1,

2020. It remains to be seen as to

what kind of response the new

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will elicit from Mumbaikars.

to relevant laws, Aditya had in February 2015 met then chief

SRINAGAR VI IVA cerned principal district judges of the UTs of J&K and Ladakh

within whose jurisdiction the applicant resides against the

proper receipts duly stamped. "The applicants who do not belong to the UTs of J&K and Ladakh shall submit their application to the Registrar General, J&K High Court,

Jammu" the advertisement read It said the principal district judges of Kashmir province, Bhaderwah, Kishtwar and Ladakh would make necessary arrangements for the receipt of application forms even during the ensuing winter vacation.

"All principal district judges of J&K and Ladakh shall submit the application forms along with the list of can-didates to the office of the

Registrar General, J&K High Court, Jammu by or before February 7, 2020," the adver tisement said.

It said the selection would be made as per J&K Reservation Rules 2005. "The candidates Five political leaders, who had been under preventive detention for the past 148 days, who are having age as on January 1, 2019 not below 18 years and not above 40 years in case of open merit, 43 years in Jammu & Kashmir, officials case of SC/ST/RBA/ALC/OSCs, 42 years in case of physically challenged, 48 years in case of ex-servicemen and 40 years in the National Conference and the PDP were released after the case of candidates in authorities were satisfied that Government service or contractual employees are eligible any agitation or call for any strike for participation in the selection after their release, they said. Those released include process," the notice read.

#### Bhat (National Conference) Yogi: Disability not and Bashir Mir, Zahoor Mir and Yasir Reshi (PDP), the offia hindrance to cials said. Reshi is considered as a rebel PDP leader who had a person's progress openly revolted against then chief minister and PDP patron

Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that disability never hindered a person's progress and his/her talent only needed an opportunity and an able teacher to conquer

some special skills. But one must find a qualified teacher who can recognise the skill and then the individual is sure to succeed. There are many such examples. Eminent scientist Stephen Hawking, who uncovered the mystery of universe, is a great example of this, Yogi said. The chief minister said

In a statement, party's provincial president Davinder Singh Rana expressed hope that other political detenues will also be released soon. facilitate a conducive atmos-

## leaders released after 4 months of detention

Five Kashmiri political

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ive political leaders, who

were released from the MLA

hostel on Monday by the Union

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The National Conference

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On November 25, two

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tic political exercise. "It will help in reaching out to the people at large and bridge the gap between the Government and people besides creating conditions for winning hearts and minds," he said. Many political leaders were picked up from their res-idences on August 5, the day when the Centre announced abrogation of provisions of Article 370 and bifurcation of the state into two union terri-Ladakh and tories lammu & Kashmir.

The two Union Territories came into existence on October 31 this year. The political detenues had been kept at Centaur hotel and shifted to the MLA hostel in third week of November.

As many as 34 political detainees were shifted to the hostel from the hotel, located on the banks of the Dal Lake, as Srinagar reeled under harsh winter conditions and the hotel lacked proper heating arrangement, the officials said.

The chill had taken a toll on the health of the detenues, which included leaders from the the National Conference, the PDP and the People's Conference and prominent social activists - and the security personnel guarding them.

Three former Chief Ministers – Farooq Abdulalh, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti — are also under deten-tion. While senior Abdullah was slapped with the stringent Public Safety Act on September 17 and remains confined to his residence, Omar Abdullah and Mufti are under detention at different locations in the city.

## With ministerial berth, Aditya is a man to watch

### TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Maharashtra Chief Minister and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray never fails to spring surprises. After permitting his son Aditya to contest and win the State Assembly polls from Worli in south-Central Mumbai, Uddhav bit the bullet and became the Chief Minister of the State. Now, he has chosen to induct his son Aditya into his Cabinet unmindful of a possible criticism about the presence of father-son due in the State Cabinet.

If anything, 29-year-old Aditva Thackerav has arrived on the State's political scene. Though there was speculation initially that the Shiv Sena might pitch him for the posts of either the Chief Minister or Deputy Chief Minister's post, Uddhav scotched the speculation a couple of months ago, by saving that he should learn the ropes before becoming either the Chief Minister or a Deputy

Chief Minister. Coming from the family of Thackerays — four generations of whom have been in public life but had never contested an election till Aditya did so in the 2019 State Assembly polls, Uddhav — who will be contesting a State Assembly bypoll in the next couple of months — and junior Thackeray will soon be well-entrenched in electoral

politics. Uddhav's great grandfather Keshav Sitaram Thackeray better known as Prabodhankar Thackeray

—was one of the key fig-ures in the Samyukta Maharashtra move ment who played a key role in the campaign for a linguis-State of Maharashtra, while most popular grandfather Bal Thackeray — a cartoonist-turned politi-- founded Shiv Sena in 1966 He carved a place for himself in Maharashtra politics, but chose to remain a king-

maker than a king. A wildlife photographer-turned-politician — Uddhav himself was a reluctant beginner in public life. Uddhav was anointed by his

late father as the Shiv Sena's national executive president way back in January 2002. He has never contested an election, even though he has established his firm hold over the party set-up during the past 17 years. Nor has his uncle and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Rai Thackeray contested any election.

As much as his chief minister-father Uddhav, the man to be watched in the State politics in the coming days — in his new mantle as a Cabinet Minister either holding the Education or Environment portfolio.

Aditva's rise in the Shiv Sena began nine years ago, when late Thackeray launched the Shiv Sena's youth wing "Yuva Sena" and anointed his grandson Aditya Thackeray as its head in October 2010, two years before he passed away on November 12, 2012. A Bachelor of Arts in

History from Mumbai's elite St. Xavier's College, Aditya has come a long way since his col-lege days. As a third-year Arts student, Aditya had hit head-lines ahead of his anointment as the Yuv Sena chief in 2010, when he forced the Bombay University withdraw Rohinton Mistry's novel Such A Long Journey, prescribed for the sec-

ond year Bachelor of Arts (English) as an optional text book, from the syllabus. Aditya had opposed Mistry's book on

ground that it conthe tained foul language and derogatory references to

the Shiv Sena. The year 2010 proved to be eventful for Aditya. It was in that year the Yuv Sena for the first time swept the M u m b a i University (MU) Senate polls from the Graduates' constituency. Eight years later — in March 2018, the Yuv Sena once

again swept the MU senate by dec-Interestingly, acting on Aditya's proposal, the Mumbai police have for the first time in recent years relaxed bar closing imating the BJP's student outfit Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (AŚVP) Congress-backed NSUI and winning and all the 10 seats.

Kota: Fourteen more infants have died at the JK Lon hospi-tal here in the last five days, tak-Between 2010 and 2019 Aditya has not only estab lished a following of his own ing the number of deaths to 91 inshed a following of his own among the youth in various parts of the state, but he has also learned the ropes of party politics by working in tandem this month at the facility, officials said on Monday. "The 14 infants, including six newborns, died in the periwith his father and party pres-

od between December 25 and December 29 in NICU and PICU units of the hospital," the Aditya has lined up several plans for Mumbai. As a Yuv newly appointed superinten-dent of the hospital, Suresh Sena leader, Aditya had during Dulara, said. Earlier, 77 infants had died till December 24, the previous BJP-Shiv Sena alliance Government, Aditya including 10 within 48 hours on December 23-24, he said. had mooted "Vibrant Nightlife"

It may be recalled that within months after the Sena-On the cause of deaths, Amrit Lal Bairwa, Head of headed Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Department of Pediatrics, said that they are analysing the reaadopted a resolution seeking sons behind the 77 deaths till "Vibrant Nightlife" for Mumbai and sent off a proposal to the December 25.

## Infants' death: Toll climbs to 91 at Kota hospital as 14 more children die, BJP to send Central panel Out of the 14 infants who died later, four succumbed to

severe pneumonia, one to Meningoencephalitis, four to Congenital pneumonia, three to pneumatic septicemia, and one to respiratory disorder, he said.

Rajasthan Medical Education Secretary Vaibhav Galariya said a three-member team comprising Dr Amarjeet Mehta, Dr Rambabu Sharma and Dr Sunil Bhatnagar that is probing the infant deaths will submit its report in two days following which action will be taken.

The BJP, which has targeted the Congress Government in Rajasthan over the child deaths, said it has formed a committee comprising four MPs to look into the matter. PTI

the world. "Every such person has

that the state government would extend all possible support to Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Divyang University to establish it as an example in the country. PNS

## phere for a genuine democra-Isolate BJP on CAA-NRC, says Mamata; BJP hits back

SAUGAR SENGUPTA PURULIA

requesting the latter to put in place the laws that make Mumbai a "live 24/7" city. Mamata Banerjee on Monday called upon all In a series of tweets that he the parties and the non-BJP Chief Ministers to isolate the put out after he met Fadnavis to push his "vibrant Nightlife", Aditya had written: "Tweeps the GOOD News is CM has BJP and unite against the "mis-Citizenship chievous" Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register for Citizens accepted my proposal of nightlife and assured me tht (NRC) which have allegedly necessary amendments to laws by March/August Session".

been designed to throw the non-BJP people out of India. Leading a colourful protest rally at Purulia — backed by tribaldance and drum-beats "I truly believe that this is well-deserved for Mumbai will not only boost the core econ-- which has in the recent past omy but also the ancillary industries like transport...At emerged as astronghold of the the same momentum, Mumbaikars will have a time saffron outfit Banerjee said, "I call upon every one... let us zone at night to chill in soon! I will ensure this happens," a unite and discard CAA and NRC and isolate the BJP?

confidant Aditya had tweeted. Currently, the restaurants Alleging that the BJP leaders were making confusing statements on the CAA and the and bars close down at 1.30 am. NRC she said that the party pro posal gets implemented, these establishments will remain had a hidden agenda behind the enactment of the "misthrough the night - provided

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chievous citizenship law which is a prelude to invoking NRC in the country." She said India had a population of 130 crore out of which the BJP Government wanted to throw out 30 crore

by marking them as foreigners. 'They will give citizenship thun to only those people who follow

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at Purulia bordering Jharkhand.

"They think that after pass ning. Banerjee had earlier ques ing the law they will be able to pursue their hidden agenda. They think that India is their tioned the alleged faulty imple-mentation of NRC in Assam where she alleged about 14 zamindari (fief)which in fact is lakh Bengalis had been robbed not. I must remind them that the of their citizenship. laws are made by the Centre but implemented by the States. As of now most State Governments are led not by the BJP but the other parties who are opposing

the CAA and NRC. "Most State Governments have rejected this law and so from the beginning this law is a failure." Banerjee said, adding she would "not allow the mischievous law to be implemented in Bengal. In fact we have also stopped the work of NPR (National Population Register) which is as discriminatory as the CAA and NRC." She added "this is a protest

to protect a person's democray (democratic rights)," remindng how she had descended on the streets from the very begin-

Meanwhile, even as the Chief Minister staged her sixth protest rally in the State the BIP too embarked on staging counter-rallies backing the CAA. The party staged rallies at Coochbehar in North Bengal where the large procession was led by senior leader Mukul Roy and Baruipur in South 24 Parganas where State BJP president Dilip Ghosh addressed a massive rally but not before being black-flagged by a local

TMC crowd. Ghosh questioning Banerjee's repeated calls to reject the CAA iterated a Chief Minister being an elected per-son had no right to defy and reject central law the way she had been doing.

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## There are pockets in nation where social evils persist: Naidu

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Vice-President M.Venkaiah Naidu on Monday pointed out that though India has made significant strides on the economic and technological fronts, there are pockets in the nation

where social evils persist. "We live in times of turbulence. Increasing cases of dis-crimination based on caste, community and gender are a cause for great concern. "We must not doubt in our

mind that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. The caste system in our coun-try is a vicious cycle," said Naidu while inaugurating the 87th Sivagiri Pilgrimage Meet at the Sivagiri Mutt in Varkala near here.

Sivagiri Mutt is the abode of Sree Narayana Guru and

today it has become the supreme centre of worship for the followers of the Guru. "It is time for us to retro spect and take pragmatic steps We must end all discrimina-tion, we should abolish the caste system. India of the future must be caste-less and class less. It cannot be made by mere Bills. We need political will and administrative skill for making that possible.

"The nation we aim to build must have a place for everyone to reach their full potential and lead fulfilling lives by providing equal opportunities to one and all," added Naidu.

"The movement to dispel the caste system must come within the heart and mind of society. It must be an intellectual revolution, a compassionate rev-

olution, a humanitarian revolution," the Vice President said.

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## Sporting success

As the 2010s come to a close, we should celebrate a great decade for Indian sport and look forward to the 2020s



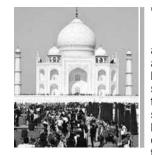
he 2010s began with a bang for Indian sport with its success at the 2011 Cricket World Cup, whose finals were held at the

Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. The 2012 Summer Olympics held in London also saw India's best-ever haul with six medals, albeit we finished without a Gold. Things have been a bit disappointing since then. While the Indian men's cricket team tops the world rankings in Test series, it has faltered at the semi-final stages of the subsequent One-Day International World Cups and has also failed to win a second T20 World Cup to follow up from the 2007 win. However, the seismic impact of the 2007 win was felt in the creation of the Indian Premier League (IPL), which in the past decade has cemented its position as the leading franchise-based T20 tournament in the world. The Indian women's team has also enjoyed great success over the past decade with their appearance in the finals of the International Cricket Council's women's World Cup. But while this decade has cemented the adage that "India is cricket and cricket is India", it has also seen the emergence of new professional leagues that have enjoyed success as well as the rise of new champions in other sports. The premier Kabaddi League is a genuine success story, particularly in a traditionally Indian sport. On the flip side though, India's failure to win both kabaddi Gold medals, particularly in the men's competition at the 2018 Asian Games, can be attributed in part to the arrogance of newly-rich professional players. On the other hand, the emergence of champions like PV Sindhu has been a singularly impressive achievement. Her standing as World Champion must go down as India's greatest sporting success in the past decade. Alongside Sindhu stands boxer Mary Kom, who despite age and motherhood, is still a champion though she ended the decade on a sour note. Dipa Karmakar's heroic feat at the Rio Olympics, too, is noteworthy as was Sushil Kumar's World Championship in 2010, which gave a fillip to wrestling that has been taken forward by the Phogat sisters.

However, not everything was a success. The response to the Indian Super League in football and the Hockey India League was tepid at the very least and miserable at worst. India's reputation in certain sports, particularly weightlifting, has been tarnished, thanks to constant reports of serious doping. That said, drugs are an active problem throughout the world of sports. There have been serious issues with the Government's ambition to clean up Indian sports federations from its political patronage. Much still needs to be done on this front if India is to achieve its potential in the world of sports — football being a particular case in point. India enjoyed some success in the previous decade. After climbing inside the top 100 rankings in the sport, it has seemingly frittered away some of those gains in the last 24 months. Can India finally make a mark in football? The 2020s will show the way. It is likely that an Indian-born player may make it big for a major team in Europe, which could finally crack the market. At the same time, special mention should be given to the "Khelo India" programme and the games that have been ushered under the Narendra Modi administration. A focus on sports under capable Ministers has meant that India is looking forward to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics with a glimmer of hope previously unheard of. So much so that a double-digit haul is on the cards with Indian shooters, pugilists, wrestlers, badminton players and possible track and field athletes such as javelin ace Neeraj Chopra, all being in the race for medals. Expectations are that others will join Abhinav Bindra in the list of individual Indian Gold medallists. As for cricket, India has a packed year coming up. Will India finish the year as reigning ICC Test match champions? Can it make it count in the T20 World Cup to be held in Australia early next year? And where will the IPL and franchise cricket go in the coming months? Can other sports replicate the success of kabaddi? There are many questions that will be asked of Indian sports in the coming decade but we hope that whatever happens, it will only climb to heights never previously achieved.

## No more welcome

Following internet shutdowns, the tourism sector is the latest victim of the Government's high-handedness



he Government may be consistently playing down the countrywide protests over the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC) as a conspiracy of intellectuals to jeopardise its legitimate existence. But with the protests showing no signs of abating — they have now turned into a people's movement over exclusionary and discriminatory policies that breed hatred and disunity — the clampdown on freedom of expression has been severe. So harsh that internet and mobile network shutdowns

have indefinitely become the order of the day. This has elicited strong admonitions and travel advisories against India, impacting our tourism business severely. For example, tour operators in Agra, the home of Taj Mahal, have unofficially reported a loss of about 50 per cent revenue during the holiday season. Nowhere has the clampdown been as draconian as it has been in Uttar Pradesh with over 19 people killed and more than 1,100 arrests. The visitors' count for December has been the most dismal. A paltry 4.5 lakh tourists arrived at Agra's Taj Mahal over the new year weekend, which is down from seven lakh the same month, last year. Tourists from the US, the UK, China, France and Japan are understandably cautious after reports emerged of foreign students being deported for extending moral support to protesters. Internet cafes, a favourite among young travellers to keep folks connected to them back home, are running dry. As the tourists have been dissuaded from travelling to India — in part because the message from New Delhi has been that it will not buckle down and, instead, has sharpened its attack on anti-CAA protesters and tightened the noose of police action — their numbers fell well before November, when the crucial Ayodhya verdict was to be announced by the Supreme Court. The month, which saw a footfall of 6.7 lakh tourists last year, saw only 5.4 lakh tourists this year. Agra alone attracts over 6.5 million tourists every year, generating nearly \$14 million annually from entrance fees. Similar is the story elsewhere. Overall, the hospitality sector has been hit. Assam has already faced a loss of ₹400 crore. Mysuru saw a 20 per cent dip in tourism. Revenues for many hotels, tour operators and guides have plunged with many tourists, both domestic and foreign, either cancelling their trips or cutting them short. This is understandable. Protests are now dragging on into the second month and have shown little signs of abating even as the Government has issued "clarifications." There are plenty of signs of matters turning more violent as both police and marchers up the ante. The larger question, however, is whether the tourism sector will be able to absorb the damage once normalcy returns. For an industry, which the Government pegged as a growth driver even in a slowing economy, this is a bad sign. In this business, perception matters and the *atithi* is certainly not feeling welcome anymore.

# opinion Why we need data

Preparation of a NPR and decennial census is a legitimate activity of the Union Government and the data thrown up by these exercises form the basis for policy-making

**PEOPLE AGAINST** 



ne false propaganda unleashed by some political parties against the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019, has now got extended to the mandated programme to prepare the National Population Register (NPR) and the conduct of the decennial census, which are scheduled for 2020 and 2021. Several opponents of the current establishment in New Delhi have been spreading disinformation about the NPR and the decennial census, both

of which are tools essential for governance. The purpose of the CAA is to provide citizenship to persecuted religious minorities in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, who crossed the borders and came into India before December 31, 2014. This has nothing to do with any Indian citizen, whatever be his or her religion. Nor does it open the flood-gates for migrants because of the deadline fixed in the Act. The NPR and the decennial census are meant to get demographic information and also inputs on the social and economic status of the population in different regions of the country. Neither of these exercises is aimed at disenfranchising anybody.

The NPR exercise was formulated and introduced by the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) in 2010, to collect demographic and biometric information about individuals. Here, enumerators go door-to-door and gather particulars about "usual residents" — individuals residing at a given place for the preceding six months. It is, therefore, strange to find that the Congress, the very initiator of this idea, is now opposing it and is doing so with such vehemence that it all looks like a theatrical act.

The census in India is primarily a head count and has been rightly described as the largest administrative and statistical exercise in the world. Three million individuals will be deployed to collect the data and for the first time, the enumerators will be using a mobile app and other modern applications to collect and collate data from the field. The decennial census is being conduct-

ed in India since 1892 without a break and this is an important exercise from a nation al point of view because it tells us about the demographic changes that have taken place at the national and local level in the preceding 10 years. Both these surveys provide pol-icy-makers critical data that enables them to formulate national programmes, especially with regard to basic amenities to the lessadvantaged sections of society.

As stated by the Government, the census is the biggest source of primary data at the village, town and ward level, providing microlevel data on various parameters, which includes housing, education, economic activ-ity, literacy, migration, fertility, language, religion, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. Preparation of a NPR and decennial cen-

sus is a legitimate activity of the Union Government and the data thrown up by these exercises form the basis for policy-making not just at the federal level but at the State, diswas, therefore, shocking to see someone like Arundhati Roy exhort citizens to provide fake names and addresses to the enumerators so as to render the entire exercise infructuous. Media reports indicate that she even suggested that the people provide "7, Race Course Road" the address of the Prime Minister at one time - as their residential address. Even more preposterous was her suggestion that the Narendra Modi Government, which got a

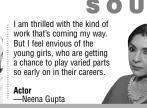
trict and *taluk* levels as well. It

massive mandate from the peo-ple in May 2019 to govern till 2024, not be allowed to continue in office. Her attempt to paralyse the working of the Union Government in regard to collection of population data and to curtail the tenure of a dulyelected Government constitutes subversion of the Constitution. Tolerance of such subversive

activities is inimical to national unity and integrity and we should not allow a small minority of dissenters to disrupt governance and democratic traditions in this manner

Further, the propaganda that the enumeration undertaken for the NPR must be resisted because it is against the Muslim minori-ty in India, is totally baseless. It pears as if some people are afraid of the truth.

Data is critical for a number of reasons. For example, the



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believe that the Muslims are the only minority in India. Nothing can be farther from the truth. The Hindus in India constitute just HOUSING, around 80 per cent of the popu-lation, which means in actual EDUCATION, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, LITERACY, stitute a minority in six of the 28 **MIGRATION** States in the country and in a few Union Territories, as do the FERTILITY, Christians (except in some Sta LANGUAGE in the North-east), the Sikhs (except in Punjab), the Buddhists, the Jains and the Parsis. The RELIGION, Muslim population in India has risen from 35 million at the SCHEDULED CASTES AND time of Independence to around 175 million at this point in time. SCHEDULED TRIBES

adherents of Islam, must, therefore, guard against the false nar-rative of this minuscule minority of pseudo-secularists and should not allow themselves to be persuaded to oppose the NPR or the census. India will become ungovernable if such

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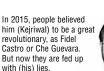
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tendencies emerge. (The writer is an author specialising in democracy studies. Views expressed are personal.)

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Constitution will make it clear that the intention of the founding fathers was to accord the same kind of protection to both and linguistic minorities. These schemes relate to education, employment, skilling and finanreligious and linguistic minorities and the State would be the unit to determine who is a minority ment. The scope and range of these schemes depend on demo-graphics and a decadal head majority Haryana (as this writer is) gets as much protection as say, Mohammed Iqbal, in Hindu-

majority Haryana as per these Constitutional provisions. Therefore, if pseudo-secular-ists oppose population data collection and census, which is a and taluk levels. legitimate Government activity in Pseudo-secularists seem to all nations across the world, the presumption will be that they are afraid of the numbers that will crop up. The steep rise in the Muslim population in India over the decades and the huge difference between the decadal growth rates of Muslims vis-a-vis the Hindus, Christians, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis, will nail the lie

numbers, they would be about one billion of the 1.33 billion population. But the Hindus conthat Muslims are persecuted in India

Further, we have the linguistic minorities, who are at par with religious minorities as per our Constitution. A reading of

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## **Environment's cause**

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**Spiritual leader** 

Sir — Air passengers have their ticket details verified by security personnel at the departure gates of the airport. Upon producing valid identification proof and an e-ticket, passengers can proceed to the check-in counters. Being allowed to produce e-tickets on electronic devices such as smartphones and tablets has helped save paper. Otherwise, tonnes of paper get wasted when people take printouts of tickets. However, owing to a lack of awareness, many passengers still rely on printouts instead of just producing soft copies.

To prevent unnecessary paper usage, airline carriers should provide incentives to passengers who use soft copies of tickets instead of paper-based ones. Organisations such as the Center for Asia Pacific Aviation, the International Civil Aviation Organisation, the Airports Council International and the International Air Transport Association should extensively promote the use of paperless tickets for domestic travel. This will go a long way in protecting the environment.

Varun Dambal Bengaluru

Government must shun authoritarian ways he Modi Government has shown itself to be arrogant, arbitrary and adamant with its decision to update the National Population Register (NPR) in the teeth of sustained protests against Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC). The tearing hurry with which the Government is pushing ahead with its agenda concerning citizenship casts suspicion on its motives. Nobody is so naive to believe that NPR is not a precursor to NRC. The fact that NPR will serve as the database for NRC is plain to see. The reason for gathering data on date and place of birth of parents and last place of res-

idence from respondents in the proposed house-to-house enumeration is not far to seek or beyond com-CAA to treat Muslim refugees at par with refugees of other prehension. The UPA-era NPR, with its emphasis on "residency" and the present modified version of NPR with its emphasis on "citizenship", cannot be brack-eted together. Needless to say "additions of three or four columns" can make all the difference.

Fears over the enumeration exercises are not unfounded, NRC or NPR, in conjunction with CAA, will lead to a humanitarian catastrophe of enormous proportions. If the Government is to convince people of its bona fide intentions and bridge the trust deficit, it has to amend

## **Identity** at stake

Sir — Army chief Bipin Rawat's recent comments on anti-CAA protesters have rightly been seen by many military veterans and

security experts as "overtly political." Though such kind of remarks are common in Pakistan, it is almost unheard of in our country.

The political nature of the armed forces is indeed a necesnicate directly or indirectly to the

sary safeguard against military coups. The Indian Army has always followed Article 21 of the Army Act, which says no person subject to the Act "shall publish in any form whatever or commu-

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Press any matter in relation to a political question or on a service subject or containing any service information." The Army must preserve its identity.

Sujit De Kolkata

### **Cheap tactics**

It is unfortunate that the Uttar Pradesh police allegedly manhandled Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who was on her way to pay a visit to retired IPS officer SR Darapuri at his residence. As the police tried to stop her vehicle from moving further, Priyanka hood-winked the police by riding pillion on a two-wheeler and reached her destination. While the police's act is condemnable, the traffic police issued the owner of the two-wheeler a challan of ₹6,000 because the two were riding without a helmet. This appears to be a revenge action by the police and

is definitely in cheap taste. Tharcius S Fernando Chennai

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religious persuasions. Sad to say, the Government remains unmoved by the distress of a 14-month-old breastfed child separated from his parents jailed for taking part in the anti-CAA protests. The parents of the child exemplify true patriotism. "Civil disobedience with a smile" on Gandhian lines appears to be the only option now left for the people to bring the Government to its senses and persuade it to abandon its policy of divide and rule and pull the country back from the brink G David Milton



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The judiciary and the executive cannot be at loggerheads in a welfare State as it would make citizens jittery and lose faith in the system



he kind of storm which the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019 has kicked up is, perhaps, unprecedented as it deals with the subject of future citizenship and not the current. The matter is now resting the opinion of the Supreme Court (SC) for its con-

stitutional validity, which will hear 59 petitions filed in opposition of the law on January 22, 2020. It would be interesting to note whether the views of the judiciary and the executive would converge on an issue as sensitive as this one. In the case of Ayodhya, the apex court's verdict has established well that law cannot be detached from the interests of the people it serves. There was a raging debate whether the Ayodhya verdict was based on credible and admissible evidence or was it influenced by the faith and belief of the majority? Irrespective, the verdict was peacefully accepted by all the factions, not necessarily for its veracity but for bringing to end a painful impasse. What

is clearly visible and undebatable is that it brought peace finally. There would be peace if two conditions are fulfilled. One, the interests of the larger sections of the people must be put above all else. To punish a few guilty, we cannot make the masses suffer along with them. Second, there cannot be a chasm between the views of the executive and the judiciary, which would otherwise make citizens jittery and lose faith in the system altogether. Imagine being brought up by two warring parents.

This ethos of acting in public interest and going along with the views of the executive must now be extended to end pain in other areas as well. Take livelihoods as an example, where the case of Goans has been hanging for far too long. Goa was the only State where mining rights were granted to its citizens by the Portuguese Government in perpetuity, but were eventually revoked by the Indian Government Ever since the apex court abruptly cancelled 88 mining leases in the State on February 7, 2018, life has come to a grinding, tragic halt for mining dependents in the State. This is now no longer just an economic crisis — which is severely debilitating in its own right — but a grave human crisis as well. Such is the situation that the Goa Government has requested a review of the ban by the SC, which is also pending. Jobs and livelihoods disappearing overnight as a result of judicial intervention is painful, particularly at a time when India is going through the worst employment crisis in the last 40 years. According to the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the country's employment reached the lowest rate in 2017-2018.

Earlier, in 2012, the SC cancelled 122 spectrum licences in response to a PIL filed by a host of activists and to answer the question whether the Government had a right to distribute natural resources in a manner that was not "fair and transparent." This affected 5.3 crore telephone connections. It was alleged that the exchequer lost ₹1.76 lakh crore in revenue and a few private telecom players were the beneficiaries. This case was highlighted as among the top 10 abuses of power by *Time* magazine. The verdict shook the country, changed the contours of a developing telecom industry, made new telecom operators wrap up their business and gave the reins of the sector into the hands of a few business groups.

In a reversal in 2017, a special court in New Delhi acquitted all the accused in the 2G spectrum case citing that the CBI could not find any evidence against the accused in seven years. As per the judgment, "Some people created a scam by artfully arranging a few selected facts and exaggerating things beyond recognition to astronomical levels." The matter now rests with the Delhi High Court on basis of appeals filed by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate. The key question is as to why the case could not have been tried without cancelling the licences? The court should have allowed business to continue, while the case would have carried on. By invoking closure of business, the court caused collateral damage to the industry, the economy and most importantly to the livelihoods of people employed by the companies that had to close shop.

Studies have established that India's Maoist movement is deeply rooted in socio-economic conditions prevalent in parts of India with large tribal populations. It has mostly affected areas where there is a conflict between the State and the populace on the economic derivation of forest produce and mining such as in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand and agriculture in parts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. Such aggressive posturing by citizens has huge direct and indirect costs. The purpose of the law is to create a conducive environment for the citizens of the State. However, sometimes, like in the Goa mining ban and the spectrum case, the law and its interpretation has spelled doom for citizens and businesses. This cannot become a precedent and must be addressed immediately. Situations like these need more complex solutions, just like the CAA. It is simplistic to penalise lakhs of people for the actions of the few with the stroke of a pen, and it is certainly not done.

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# A defining year

In 2019, a reformist Government was brought back to power and that, too, with a huge majority. This shows how electoral preferences are guided by economic expectations



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ince the early 1990s, there has been a sense Soforting 1991 brought with regards to India's econom-ic progress. The process of liberalisation dur-ing 1991 brought with it a sense of hope regard ing a dramatic turnaround in the country's eco-nomic fortunes. While the nation's growth did accelerate from the 1980s onwards, however, it wasn't comparable to other emerging economies, including China. The first decade of the 21st century was

believed to be India's time as it had a Government that was looking at the next generation of eco-nomic reforms. These transformations happened and the country witnessed the first serious privatisation of several public sector enterprises (PSEs) along with a drastic reduction in small savings rates. India's macroeconomic situation was stable and gradually growth started to increase along with its investment rates. This growth continued till 2007, after which it start-ed to lose steam due to lack of economic reforms and then the 2008 crisis hit the country along with the rest of the world.

While many thought the impact of the 2008 crisis wasn't as much on India as elsewhere, the reasons behind this were the policy instruments which were deployed to address the risks that emerged. These instruments, combined with a lack of reforms and an entitlement-based regime brought a fresh macroeconomic challenge in the

second decade of the 21st century. Two decades have elapsed and India is yet to justify the sense of optimism that prevailed at the start of the century. But to be fair, the sec-ond decade wasn't that bad considering that India's growth in 2014, 2015 and 2016 was fairly decent even when one ignores the fact that it witnessed two successive droughts in 2014 and 2015. The country's macroeconomic situation has improved significantly since 2014 and the Government has undertaken several reforms that will have long-term growth implications such as the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA).

Despite these reforms, growth slowed towards the end of 2018 and throughout the first half of 2019. This has led people to question whether the third decade will be any different from the previous two decades. However, there are compelling reasons that point at how this time, it will be different. For starters, the current slowdown is not because of any inherent struc-tural factors but is a direct outcome of the financial sector stress which spread over from banks to Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs). The reasons behind the build-up of this stress are more to do with reckless lending during the first decade of the century as the attempt to fix it start ed only post the introduction of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Act.

As the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest Financial Stability Report suggests, the Public Sector Banks' (PSBs) Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) may increase by September 2020 and this poses fresh concerns regarding the ability of the PSBs to take prudent lending decisions. The recent spike in NPAs could also be because of the high cost of capital compared to the moderation in inflation, which has artificially kept the real



rates at one of the highest levels in the world.

Clearly, India's got a problem on the monetary side, which needs to be rectified if it is aiming to grow at seven per cent or more. Some progress has been made on this by the RBI, however, it continues to be conservative and the longer it takes for it to recognise the extent of the problem, the more prolonged the bottom of the U.

Irrespective of these short-term challenges, the outlook for economic growth for the country in the mediumterm is completely positive as some of the current supply-side issues will get resolved and India will witness a growth of 5.0-5.4 per cent in the third quarter (Q3) of the current Financial Year (FY) followed by a 6.2-6.6 per cent growth in the fourth quarter (Q4) of the current FY. India will end the decade with a medest growth rate however the with a modest growth rate; however, the country will begin it with a seven per cent or higher growth rate in the FY 2020.21 2020-21.

The question is whether this rate will be sustained throughout the decade or not. There is a reasonable belief that India will sustain a seven per cent growth this decade and it may even attain an eight per cent or high growth rate towards the end of the decade as it witnesses a steady revival of investments as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). This improvement will be a direct product of some of the painful reforms that were undertaken in the past, which will unleash the nation's productive potential. The recent corporate tax cut would result in steady improvements in cor-porate sector balance sheets, which will result in fresh investments from 2022

will further augment productivity. There's also talk of a GST overhaul

which may happen during the next cou-ple of years. This, when combined with land, labour and agricultural reforms, will be critical to unlocking India's productive potential. Demographics, too, favour India as it has the world's largest workforce which will act as a check in wage costs, thereby giving it a compet-itive edge over other emerging market economies for the next two decades. All of this is essential to experience the kind of transformation that several of the country's peers experienced during the 1980s and 1990s.

Of course, fresh reforms will be required — but they are already on the agenda of the Government as the labour codes are coming into effect. Many of these reforms will be aided by the fact that there's a mandate of 303, which enables the Government to take decisions that would be extremely difficult to push for in a divided Parliament. Global conditions, too, seem to be

conducive for India as Boris Johnson's election in the United Kingdom (UK) will end uncertainty regarding Brexit. He has expressed his willingness to enter into a trade agreement with India and the nation should be closing trade deals with the UK, Europe and the US to further integrate itself into global trade

Global economic growth is also likely to recover in 2020, which means that external factors will be conducive for India's growth, provided it can address some of its domestic constraints. The year 2019 goes down in Indian economic history for many reasons. For starters, it marks the first time in the history of India where a reformist Government was brought back into power and that, too, with a

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huge majority. This shows how electoral preferences are maturing in India.

The outcome of the election made it possible to take three significant economic decisions. First was the merger of 10 PSBs into four. This is likely consolidate the sector and improve its efficiency over a period. It also opens up interesting possibilities for future privatisation of some of these big four banks as there's no need for having four big PSBs, especially at a time when the nation has already pumped in ₹3 trillion into them without any positive outcome so far.

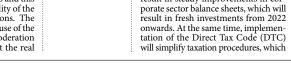
The second was to do with the corporate tax cut, which was promised in the previous tenure. Indeed, many consider it just a tax cut, however, it is a deep structural reform that will have long-term positive implications for financial stability and financing of investments. More importantly, it illus-trates a shift in thinking of taxmen, who now recognise that tax revenues can increase at lower rates due to improvements in tax compliance.

The third decision was of privati-sation of several firms, including BPCL. This is a bold move as it signals a staunch commitment to the phrase that "the Government has no business to be in business."

This move has signalled to the world that India is finally opening greater space for private players in its economy, which has hit all the right notes. Indeed, a lot of economic progress was made in 2019 and some of it could be because of the slowdown. However, 2019 will mark a structural break for India as we enter into a decade which will certainly belong to the country's entrepreneurs and its economic ambitions.

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## 2020 must be about implementation

There should be a 20 per cent increase in funding for health by States, the Centre and Urban Local Bodies. Inter-departmental coordination is also needed for stronger implementation linkage between health, water and sanitation and nutrition-related initiatives



CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA

egislations or related deliberations were arguably the high-light for India's health sector in 2019. The Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019; the National Medical Commission (NMC) Act and the Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act were passed by the Parliament. The Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill is being considered by the select committee of the Rajva Sabha and a draft Bill to protect doctors and health care providers from assault is also under consideration.

The health sub-committee of the Fifteenth Finance Commission made recommendations to enact the right to health in India by 2022 and to shift "health" into the concurrent list.

A few States, namely Raiasthan Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, deliberated about enacting the right to health legislation. During the year, public health experts argued that the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, announced in 2018, had put health higher on the political agenda and nearly six States started a variant of Mohalla Clinics (neighbourhood clinics) to increase the provision of free primary health care services. There were a few negative devel-

opments as well. Violent attacks on doctors, health care providers and facilities were reported from different parts of the country, followed by protests and strikes by the medical fraternity. In the summer of 2019,

encephalitis deaths were reported from Muzaffarpur in Bihar. The experts were once again divided on the cause of this and consequently, the children of the nation are still waiting for scientific and long-term

from recurring.

solutions to prevent such tragedies

In the last quarter, poor air qual-ity returned to affect the health of the eople in many districts of north people in many districts of norm India and all policymakers did was to question the proven evidence on the impact of air pollution on peo-ple. Hence, it is clear that there are many issues that need to be addressed in this crucial sector.

Legislative approach in health works: The Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act, which has hiked the penalties for traffic violations, has the potential to improve health, as nearly one in every 10 pre-ventable deaths occurred due to road accidents. After the Mental Healthcare Act of 2017, mental health services in India received a boost at the implementation level as the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority directed

companies to include mental health care services in their insurance package as one in every seven people have one or other mental health care needs.

Though the Bill to protect doctors and health care workers could not develop a consensus, it is also

true that preventing such attacks requires more than just a legislative approach. Improving the quality of health services, preventing com-mercialisation of health services and changing health-seeking behaviour to get early care is the need of the hour. A realistic expectation from health services needs to be developed and the "market-based belief" that every health condition is treatable, needs to be addressed. In health services, the outcomes are completely unpredictable and even the best of the treatment and advanced care may not save a per-son, while another person with a similar health condition may quickrecover with basic health interventions.

Kerala averted Nipah virus outbreaks: Learning from the expe-rience of 2018, the Kerala Government acted swiftly when a new case of Nipah was reported in 2019. With effective surveillance, early identification, effective containment/isolation and case manage ment, an epidemic was averted. This highlights the need for a

stronger and effective surveillance system across all Indian States to tackle emerging disease threats.

What to expect in 2020: In the last two years, India has seen a lot of focus on policy formulation, leg-islation and other broader health issues. However, in 2020, policymakers would do well to rapidly scaleand allocate more resources for the health and wellness centres, a vital component of the Ayushman Bharat programme.

States must also give additional priority to adopting community clinics for urban settings. The coun-try also needs to follow a focussed approach to integrate preventive and promotive health interventions with overall wellness initiatives and linkage with AYUSH. The Government must shift

focus from making isolated health facilities functional to a group of amenities in entire planning units, i.e. blocks in rural areas and entire corporation planning units, func-

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funding for health by States, the Centre as well as by Urban Local Bodies. Inter-departmental coordi-nation is also needed for stronger

implementation linkage between health, water and sanitation and nutrition-related initiatives.

Taxation on "demerit goods" such as tobacco products should be further increased to global recommendation of tax being 70 per cent of the product price. Beverages sweetened with sugar,

including fruit juices, must be taxed as demerit goods at higher rates. And last but not the least, healthy behaviour should be encouraged at all levels, especially in schools and colleges, with ban on sale of "junk food" near schools and colleges.

In short, for the health sector, 2020 should be a year of implementing policies, improving provision of a broad range of health services as per the needs of the people, State Governments taking the lead in health provision to make a healthy India

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## TOO MUCH PATRONAGE

If Boris Johnson wants to break up the elites, he should reform the honours system. The 2004 select committee report contains a blueprint on honours which should be revived. Its ideas include simplification, clearer criteria, scrapping knighthoods and damehoods, no automatic awards and an end to the word "empire" in honours. Such a system would not preclude a knighthood for Iain Duncan Smith, But he would have to take his chances with the rest. (The Guardian editorial)



## **'AI might be forced to shut down in 6 months'**

Struggling Air India might be forced to shut down by June next year unless it finds a buyer as "piecemeal" arrange-ments cannot be sustained for long, according to a senior airline official.

Amid continuing uncer-tainty over the fate of the national carrier, the official said there is also need for funds to restart operations of 12 grounded narrow-body planes. The airline has a debt burden of around ₹60,000 crore and the Government is still working on the modalities for

the disinvestment. Sounding alarm bells, the official said Air India might well go Jet Airways way if a prospective buyer does not come on board by June next year.

the debt-ridden airline to fend for itself by refusing to inject funds any more amid its privatisation plans, the airline is "some how" keeping it afloat with peace meal arrangements, which are unlikely to sustain for long, the official said.

As per the government, it has infused funds to the tune of ₹30,520.21 crore in the flag carrier from financial year 2011-12 till December this year. Under the turnaround plan approved by the UPA regime in 2012, the airline was to get financial assistance of ₹30,000 crore over

a 10-year period. "We had sought ₹2,400 crore sovereign guarantee to mop up funds for meeting operational requirement. But the government has provided guarantee only for ₹500 crore. "We are some how manag-



books and parked in the speing the operations at present and at best we can sustain this situcial purpose vehicle, Air India ation till June. If a buyer does Asset Holding Ltd. Air India not come by that time, we will spokesperson was not available have to shut shop," said the offi-cial on condition of anonymifor comments. The Air India Specific ty. After more than 25 years of flying, full service carrier Jet Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) has approved re-ini-

Airways shuttered operations in April due to cash crunch. tiation of process for the the government's 100 per cent stake sale in Air India along with Air India Express and the carrier's stake in joint venture AISATS. In 2018-19, Air India's net loss is provisionally estimated to be ₹8,556.35 crore. Besides, it has a total debt The Government is likely to

of ₹60,000 crore, half of which issue Expression of Interest has already taken out of the (EoI) for the stake sale in the

## fourth quarter of the fiscal

According to the official, it would take "at least" six months to complete the transaction in the eventuality of an investor coming on board, provided the sale process kick starts early next month. At the same time, the offi-

cial did not sound very hopeful of the government getting an investor in such an "economic situation," which has also affected the domestic aviation industry. Domestic air traffic, which

is one of the parameters for gauging the health of the industry, grew only 3.86 per cent in the January-November period of the year as against an impressive 18.60 per cent growth in 2018. Response to the recent road shows in Singapore and London for Air India disinvestment was reportedly

The official said that cur-rently 12 narrow-body Airbus A320 planes are on the ground for want of engine replacement and are unlikely to be back in operations in the immediate

future. "We need at least \$150 million (about ₹1,100 crore) to get new engines for these 12 planes. With adequate funds not available even for normal operations, it looks difficult we will get funds for engine replacement and make these planes operational any soon," the official said.

However, the official said that seven of the eight widebody planes, which were grounded for engine and other engineering related issues, are back in operations. The eighth one is expected to start flying soon

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## LIC PAYS ₹2,610.74 CRORE DIVIDEND TO GOVT



New Delhi: MR Kumar, Chairman, LIC of India, on Monday presented the dividend cheque of 2,610.74 crore to Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, as the Government of India's share of the surplus arising out of LIC's actuarial valuation as at 31.3.2019. During the fiscal 2018-19, LIC generated a total valuation surplus of ₹53,214.41 Crore, registering a growth of around 9.9 per cent over the previous year. This is for the first time in LIC's history that valuation surplus has crossed ₹50.000 Crore.

Rajiv Kumar, Secretary (Finance), Debasish Panda, Special Secretary (Insurance & FI) were present along with officials from Life Insurance Corporation of India, TC Suseel Kumar, MD, Vipin Anand, MD, Mukesh Kumar Gupta, MD and Raj Kumar, MD. LIC has completed 63 years since its incorporation and now manages Assets worth more than ₹31.11 lakh Crore. It had annual income of ₹5.61 lakh Crore and achieved the highest ever first year premium Income of ₹1, 42.191.69 corore in the year 2018-19. During the year 2018-19, it has paid 2 crore 59 lakh claims for an amount of ₹1.63 lakh crore. LIC's market share is 76.28 per cent in number of policies and 71 per cent in first year premium as on 30th November 2019.

### **CLW ORGANISES EVENT ON 70 GLORIOUS YEARS**



Chittaranjan: A two-day inter unit competition was organised by Chittaranjan Locomotive Works Bharat Scout and Guide District Unit from 29 December to 30 December 2019 by members of Scouts and Guides, Rovers and Rangers to commemorate the completion of "70 glorious years" of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW). The program concluded on Monday. Ram Prakash, PCEE, CLW visited various camps set up by the teams as a chief guest on this occasion, More than one hundred and fifty comprising both senior and junior members took part in the program organised at Sout Den of Rail City. On this occasion, camp construction, their skills and structural development and capacity were demonstrated by the members.

## Market ends steady in a see-saw trade; investors long for fresh cues

#### PTI MUMBAI

Benchmark indices closed on a flat note after a topsyturvy session on Monday, with participants fence-sitting in absence of further cues ahead

of year-end holidays. At the closing bell, the BSE benchmark Sensex was 17.14 points, or 0.04 per cent, lower at 41,558. The 30-share gauge swung between a high of 41,714.73 and low of 41,453.38 in a highly volatile session.

The broader NSE Nifty, however, closed 10.05 points, or 0.08 per cent, higher at 12,255.85. The 50-share index too faced bouts of volatility during the day. ICICI Bank was the top loser in the Sensex pack, shedding 0.99 per cent, followed by SBI, TCS, HUL, Asian Paints and Axis Bank.

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Govt will give 5G

all operators: Prasad

On the other hand, Nestle India, Hero MotoCorp, Mahindra and Mahindra, Bharti Airtel and Tata Steel were among the gainers. Sectorally, BSE IT, bankex, finance, teck and oil and gas indices closed in the red. While, BSE auto, metal,

telecom, industrial and basic materials were among the prominent gainers. In the broader market, BSE

midcap and smallcap indices outperformed benchmarks, rallying up to 0.75 per cent. "Market was range-bound,

premium valuation and lack of fresh triggers influenced investors to take cautious approach on heavyweights. But reasonable valuation of mid and small caps attracted inflows leading to outperformance in the broad market. We expect

this polarised valuation not to sustain, there could be shift of money from the overvalued large caps to midcaps in 2020, Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said.

Globally, bourses in Shanghai and Hong Kong ended higher, while those in Tokyo and Seoul settled in the red. Stock exchanges in Europe

started on a negative note. There was hardly any sig

nificant news flow on the domestic front, however, in the coming days the focus will remain on monthly numbers from auto companies and on the GDP numbers, analysts commented. On the currency front, the

rupee was 4 paise higher at 71.34 against the US dollar.

## deficit target in FY20; need for fiscal stimulus rises: Report TI 🔳 NEW DELHI The government has set a

Govt might breach fiscal

drop in the revenue mobilisa-

tion and expected additional

According to Dun & Bradstreet's Economy Forecast,

the need for fiscal stimulus has

expenditure by tl Government, says a report.

3.3 per cent fiscal deficit target The Government might breach the fiscal deficit tar-get this financial year amid for the current fiscal.

Singh further added that PTI MUMBAI given the resources constraints No MDR charges on trans-actions through RuPay cards and UPI payments will kill the digital payments indus-tions the Council of increase in fiscal deficit might

lead to crowding out of private investments. According to the report, corporate liabilities are already higher. The balance-sheets of corporates, Government, banks and households remain constrained or weak and revenue

collection will play an impor-"Revenue collection will thus be important for the government to implement a fiscal stimulus. To do that, tax reforms are needed. GST

in July. dues to vendors

expected to improve ease of "We hope that 2020 would

Purwar added.

crore have been released to our outstanding to creditors is ₹10,000 crore, he added.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one female namely Nawal Devi W/o Sh. Mukesh R/o H. No. 124, Birshan Pana Village-Salahapur, Majra, Delhi, has been missing since 20.11.2019 from the area of P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi. In this regard, a case DD No. 10A dated 21.12.2019 has been registered at P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi. The description of the missing female is as

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reduction in GST (Goods and tax as possible. ESOPs are one of the best options for startups at their early stages," Saluja said. Further fees charged by Services Tax) rates on AIF (alternate investment fund) management fees; and tax ben-

fund manager of AIF domiciled in India is liable to 18 per cent Start-ups need talented orkforce and ESOPs are one GST as it qualifies as a taxable supply. Sources said that reducskilled people as giving just high cash payout add to the tion in GST rates will help India to become an investment hub.

Startup India initiative of the government aims at fostering entrepreneurship and promoting innovation by creating an ecosystem that is conducive should be less tax on ESOPs. "It should attract as little to growth of budding entrepreneurs.

## **PAN-Aadhaar linking deadline** extended till March, 2020: CBDT

## PTI NEW DELHI

efits on ESOPs, they said.

of the best options to attract

burden on cash-starved enter-

prises, industry players said. Tiger Global-backed tea

cafe chain Chaayos founder

Nitin Saluja said that there

for startups in Budget

The due date for linking of The last date for the mandaextended till March next year.

### India will not bar any equip-ment suppliers, such as China's Huawei, in the upcom-ing trials for 5G, with Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Monday saying the govern-This implies that all operament will allocate airwaves to all telecom service providers for

conducting trials of super-fast speed 5G networks. Huawei rivals western equipment makers, such as Ericsson, and is banned in the US. Many countries, however, have allowed telecom service providers to use Chinese gears. And now, India has also indi-

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

cated its unwillingness to keep any company out of 5G trials. The government has decided to give 5G spectrum for tri-als to all operators in the coun-try, Prasad said on Monday on the sidelines of a telecom event.

tors, backed by equipment ven-dors they have decided to partner with, will be able to partic-ipate in the upcoming 5G trials in the country, and the stance is expected to spell a relief for

Chinese gear maker Huawei. "The age of 5G is coming ... We have taken a decision to give 5G spectrum for trials to all the players," Prasad said.

General Public is hereby informed that a

girl namely Sita @ Ishani D/o Sh. Lal Babu R/o H No. T-160, Indra Colony,

Phatak No.07, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi has

been missing/kidnapped since

14.12.2019. In this regard a DD No. 30A dated 15.12.2019 has been

lodged at PS, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi

The description of missing/kidnapped girl

## four codes on wages, industri-al relations, social security and occupational safety, health and

level.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION General public is hereby informed that Aram Greh, Nabi Karim, Paharganj,

increased even as the government finances remain "strained". "We expect that the drop in tant role. the revenue mobilisation of the government and likelihood of additional expenditure by the government might breach the fiscal deficit target in FY20,"

the

## Move. After a meeting with bankers last Saturday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had asked them not to charge MDR on payments via RuPay, UPI from January should be simplified further, and direct tax collections

with a view to driving digital payments. The move will apply to all companies with a turnover of should increase," Singh said. **₹1,700 crore in** 

## ₹50 crore or more. Merchant Discount Rate is the fee paid by a merchant to a bank for accepting digital payments. The move is part of the Budget announcement Govt may provide tax incentives

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he Government is expectd to provide tax incentives

cleared ₹1,700 crore of vendors dues, its CMD P K Purwar said

on Monday. The corporation has also made salary payment to its employees for November,

"Payments worth ₹1,700 vendors and contractors of BSNL," he said. Overall, the

"Employee salaries for November too have been released," he said adding that monthly wage cost stood at about ₹800 crore.

L tory linking of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar has been

between the two biggest glob-al economies, a media report

said on Monday. "Washington has sent an

invitation and Beijing has accepted it," Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post

quoted a Chinese official as saying. The Chinese delegation,

headed by Liu, which would

leave on Saturday is expected to

However, neither side has

of

PAN with Aadhaar as specified under sub-section 2 of section 139AA of the Income-tax Act. 1961 has been extended from December 31, 2019 to March

Tuesday, December 31.

one unknown dead body of male, Age 55 years, Height 5'6", Complexion Shallow, Round Face, Thin Built, Wearing Green checkdar colour shirt and grey colour pant was found dead at TTE Rest House Gate, Near Sainik

2020 to be a 'year of spectrum for trials to reforms', says Gangwar PTI 🔳 NEW DELHI working conditions. These are

s many as 44 central labour doing business and safeguard A s many as 44 central labour laws are most likely to be subsumed under four labour interest of workers. codes in 2020, making it a year of reforms as the Government

be an year of labour reforms. The four codes would be a realworks to bolster investments ity in 2020. The codes would and tackle slowdown blues. safeguard the interest of work-Besides, the Union Labour ers and employers. We have tried to strike a balance between workers' as well employees' rights," Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar told Ministry is mulling launching a "Santusht" portal next month for effective implementation of labour laws at the grass-root

PTI. Entering 2020, the gov The labour reforms assume ernment hopes that India would be able to implement all significance in view of an over six-year-low gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 4.5 per cent in the second quarter of this fiscal.

Dun & Bradstreet India Chief Economist Arun Singh said. With four labour codes.

**BSNL** clears

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State-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) has

to start-ups in the forthcoming budget to support the growth of budding entrepreneurs, sources said. The Department

for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has suggested several measures to the finance ministry for startups in the budget. The recommendations include extension of tax incentives to incubators supported under Atal Innovation Mission;

Height: 4'11", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black Pant and Carate Colour Jacket and Black Shoes in feet. If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers. Website: http://cbi.nic.in e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph:: 011-24388638/24368641 SHO	No. 91-A dated 21.11.19 U/S 174 Cr.PC has been lodged at PS Nabi Karim, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital Mortuary for 72 hours for identification. Any person having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned. SHO	local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing female then please inform P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi at following Tel No. / e- mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 Sd/- S.H.O.	China's top negotiator to visit US to sign phase one deal to ease trade war says report
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### **PROCLAMATION REQUIRING** THE APPEARENCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

#### (See Section 82 Cr. PC) Whereas complaint has been made before me that accu person accused Manoi Kumar S/o Ct. Lal Bhadur R/o Vill. Tulsipur, Mora, PS: Nawab Ganj, Gonda, U.P. Also At: Ashok Kumar, Bamk Street, Village: Prahlad Pur, Bangar, Delhi has committed the offence in a FIR No. 472/2000 u/s 279/304 IPC PS Shalimar Bagh Delhi and it has been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Manoi Kumar could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Manoj Kumai has absconded (or are concealing himself to avoid the service o the said warrants). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person Manoi Kumar of FIR No. 472/2000 u/s 279/304 IPC PS Shalimar Bagh Delhi is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on or before 22 02 00200 By order Ms. Pooja Aggarwal Metropolitan Magistrate

DP/9630/NW/19

## General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Ayush, S/o Vijay Sharma, R/o: Ashiyana Children Home, Delhi, Age: 12 years, Height: 4',6" Complexion: Fair, Face: Round,

Wearing: Brown colour Check Shirt & Brown Dark colour Pant and Black colour Shoes in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of

PS Alipur, since 05.12.2019. In this regard a case vides FIR No. 462/19 u/s 363 IPC, dated 05.12.2019 has been registered at P.S. Alipur, Delhi.

ncere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned

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SEARCH FOR MISSING PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE **APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED** 

DP/3008/OD/19(Court Matter)

## See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Prem Chand, S/o Chote Lal, R/o Kh, No. 616, Sultanpur Mehrauli, Delhi also at: Village Jeda, Post Eka, Distt Firozabad (UP) has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 804/15 u/s 279 IPC. PS Paschim Vihar East, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Prem Chand cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Prem Chand has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Prem Chand of FIR No 804/15 u/s 279 IPC, PS Paschim Vihar East, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 05.02.2020.

#### stay "a few days" in the US, the By Order report said. Sh. Puneet Nagpal Metropolitan Magistrate officially confirmed the trip. China's Ministry o Room No. 268, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Tis Hazari Court. Delhi Commerce was not immedi-

China's Vice-Premier Liu He, who is also the chief deal during Liu's trip would mark a point of truce in the ongoing bitter trade war negotiator for trade talks with the US, will lead a delegation to between the world's two biggest Washington this weekend, dureconomies. On December 13, China and the US have agreed ing which he is expected to sign a phase one deal to significantly de-escalate the trade war

on the text of a phase one eco-nomic and trade agreement to end the 18-month-long bruising trade war.

According to an official statement, both the sides have agreed to complete their necessary procedures, including legal review, translation and proofreading, as soon as pos-sible and discuss the detailed arrangements for officially signing the agreement. Chinese Vice Commerce

Minister Wang Shouwen had announced that a breakthrough in the trade negotiations has been reached for a phase-one deal



## **Image**This

Researchers have used ensemble methods based on deep learning 3D analysis networks to answer the global MRI prevision challenge for children. They made predictions for both the fluid intelligence level and the target variable independent from age, gender, brain size or MRI scanner used



Innovations like real-time diagnosis, remote patient monitoring and better availability of medical devices can help the country stay on top, says NIKHILESH TIWARI



# **TECH TO RESCU**

edical devices and equipment form a significantly essential part of healthcare delivery. Constant innovation and technological advancement in the field of medical devices is crucial to ensure the goal of universal healthcare. Medical devices are essential for accurate and timely diagnosis, safe and effective prevention, quality treatment as well as rehabilita-tion. World Health Organisation recog-nises that the achievement of healthrelated development goals is dependent on proper manufacturing, regulation, planning, assessment, acquisition, man-agement and use of quality medical devices.

The medical devices sector consist of a wide array of tools and equipment that help clinical practitioners deliver quality healthcare effectively and save crucial lives. Medical devices consists of diagnostics imaging, IV diagnostics, consumables, patient aids, equipments and instruments, ortho and prosthetics, dental products and other devices such as patient monitors, oxygenarators and ECG.

Each of these categories is crucial to quality healthcare delivery. The Indian medical devices market is expected to grow to \$50 billion by 2025. India is currently the fourth largest medical devices market in Asia after Japan, China and South Korea.

MEDICAL DEVICES & ROLE Constant improvement and technological advancement in the field of medical devices and equipment has helped doctors improve clinical outcomes and quality of healthcare delivery. Increase use of digital technology is driving a new revolution in the medical devices sector with greater focus on

improving delivery, user experience and bringing down healthcare costs. Here is a breakdown of areas where constant innovation in medical devices industry is helping India achieve better health outcomes:

pioneer

### **DIAGNOSIS IN REAL TIME**

Thanks to innovation and technological advancement, real time diagnostic tools have emerged as an important element in fighting infectious diseases. Classical detection methods such as culture and immunoassays offer accurate results but the time taken in obtaining results is often crucial time lost in treatment is often crucial time lost in treatment.

Rapid detection tools are expect-ed to play a significant role in ensuring better treatment of communicable dis-eases such as TB.

Overall, improvement in technolo-gy has also improved the accuracy of screening. Portable/point-of-care devices are other important category that have made it possible to improve diagnostic mechanisms at primary healthcare level, provide care at home and resulted in improved health out-comes and patient satisfaction. Pointof-care testing allows the patient get his diagnoses in a doctor's clinic, at a health camp, an ambulance or event at home as these are portable devices that can be easily transported and offer a reliable alternative to laboratory testing in places where hospitals and labs are in short supply. It also improves the access to qual

ity healthcare in underserved and remote regions, while also making it possible for patients to avail treatment outside traditional healthcare facilities.

**REDUCING HEALTHCARE COSTS** Technological advancements in the While

■ Nine out of ten people breathe pollut

considered by WHO as the greatest envi-ronmental risk to health. Microscopic

pollutants in the air can penetrate respiratory and circulatory systems, damag-ing the lungs, heart and brain, killing 7

million people prematurely every year from diseases such as cancer, stroke, heart

Noncommunicable diseases, like

Diabetes, cancer and heart disease, are

collectively responsible for over 70 per cent of all deaths worldwide, or 41 mil-

lion people. This includes 15 million peo-

ple dying prematurely, aged between 30

The world will face another influen

za pandemic — the only thing we don't

know is when it will hit and how severe

great news as it turns out napping could actually be

good for your health.

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technological advancements in the devices sector are expected to play a critical role in improving healthcare outcomes, it is important that appropriate measures are initiated to ensure greater affordability and

accessibility



devices and equipment sector also plays a significant role in reducing healthcare costs which is critical to make

healthcare services more affordable to the masses in India. Newage surgical equipment has enabled doctors to treat highly complex and critical cases, and reduce the length of extended hospital stays. For example, advancements in laproscopic surgery have increasingly made it possible to perform procedures such as angiogra-

phy stenting and spine surgery easily with improved outcomes and reduced length of hospital stays. This has tremendously helped in lowering costs of treatment of treatment.

of treatment. Similarly, with the onset of the era of remote monitoring and devices to help better manage chronic diseases, the overall healthcare costs are bound to come down over a period of time.

## **REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING**

Remote monitoring is the new buzzword in the medical devices sector. With rise in incidence of chronic dis-eases and an increasingly ageing population, there has been a rise in demand for medical devices and tools that can nonitor patients continuously, more effectively and reduce the need to visit clinics and hospitals. A growing interest in IoT-driven healthcare services and wearable med-

ical devices is an emerging trend of our times. Using cloud based platforms these devices can alert doctors of important changes in vital signs in a patient. These advancements in health screening devices have enabled patients to monitor their health conditions at home, reducing the need for hospital visits and bringing down the pressure on the over-burdened healthcare centers.

**BOOSTING LOCAL MANUFACTURING** 

While technological advancements in the devices sector are expected to play a critical role in improving healthcare outcomes, it is important that appropriate measures are initiated to ensure greater affordability and accessibility. In a nutshell, improving the ecosystem governing the sector is the need of the hour.

This includes improving regulatory mechanisms, quality testing as well as incentivising innovation in the sector. Also important is the need to create a more congenial tax environment. GST on medical devices currently stands at 12 per cent. On the other hand, customs duty is low. This tax policy negatively impacts indigenous production and supports imports, which is counter intuitive to the Make in India initiative. Notably imports constitute 75 per cent of the industry sales of medical devices in the country while local manufacturers country while local manufacturers mostly produce products in the lower end of the value chain. The government must consider revising its tax policy for devices to lower the GST while increasing the customs duty to help local manufacturers gain a larger share of the market. This will also help them manufacture products at more affordable costs.

The Make in India initiative presents a platform for the sector to revisit the operating model, identify key impera-tives for growth and explore possibilities for creating a step change in the medical devices sector. This in turn, allows Indian manufactures to provide affordable options for crucial equip-ments such as CT scans, catheters, dialysis equipments and many more. The writer is Founder & Director, ColMed

## Best & worst of it

Following a diet to lose weight is popular. 2019 saw some that worked and others that didn't. Here's a list



Mediterranean Diet

The World Report ranked the Mediterranean diet No 1 in overall diet in 2019. The diet is rich in whole vegetables, fresh fruits, whole grains, fatty fish, olive oil, nuts, legumes, and some red wine and dairy. The diet's focuses on choosing whole, plant-based foods over those you might find in a vending machine that may make you to stick with it.

Besides the benefit of weight loss, there are various other health benefits associated with opting Mediterranean diet. It also supports heart and brain health

health. Intermittent fasting This diet is a popular way to lose weight for those who want to shed kilos faster. It involves not eating for prolonged period. Some people fast for two days out of the week — 5:2, which involves eating very little on fast days, while others set themselves a specific eating time like 16 hours fasting and eight hours feeding. There is aridness to the this dist each blue more heads

There is evidence that this diet can help people lose weight however it is not for everyone. One has to understand ones needs and schedule to

know if what will work, since the eating pattern is puts restrictions on when you can eat and when you can't. There is tendency to overeat or binge eat. While the above two diets found favour with many

people abroad and in India, two diets while worked won-ders found disfavour. Keto Diet

This diet caught the attention of the Indian public with almost everyone wanting to lose weight swearing by this diet plan. However, there's a lack of research to prove that this diet is safe in the long run. The diet involves eating high-fat, moderate-protein, and low-carbs diet. This can be a challenge if one is following a diet without medical supervision. The downside is the minute you are off the diet, one is likely to gain back all the weight lost.

The health benefits of this diet for Type II Diabetes, certain types of cancer and Alzheimer's and its long-term effect is lacking. The diet restricts foods that help fight cancer and heart disease, like whole grains and

legumes. There are many in which one can follow this diet, however not all of them are healthy. For example if the diet involves eating a lot of spinach and kale, people generally eat bacon and eggs. **Atkins diet** 

This diet was popular among those wanting to lose weight a few decades back. It involved eating a low-carb diet. the original low-carb diet, made popular decades

ago. The diet involves eating high-fat, high-protein, with low-carb vegetables like leafy greens. This kick-starts the weight loss. Slowly one can add more nuts, low-carb vegetables and small amounts of fruit back to the diet.

Do not eat fruit, bread, pasta, grains, starchy veg-etables, or dairy products other than cheese, cream or butter. And do not eat nuts or seeds in the first two weeks. Foods that combine protein and carbohydrates, such as chickpeas, kidney beans, and other legumes are also not permitted at this time.

> chemotherapy v — the reluct cine nesitanc refusal to vaccinate despite the availabil ity of vaccines — threatens to reverse progress made in tackling vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccination is one of the most cost-effective ways of avoiding disease — it currently prevents two-three million deaths a year, and a further 1.5 million could be avoided if global coverage of vaccinations improved. Dengue, a mosquito-borne disease that causes flu-like symptoms and can be lethal and kill up to 20 per cent of those with servers dengue built with severe dengue, has been a growing threat for decades. An estimated 40 per cent of the world is at risk of dengue fever, and there are around 390 million infections a year. WHO's Dengue control strategy aims to reduce deaths by 50 per cent by 2020.

## Mushrooms for memory

A team from the Department of Psychological Medicine and Department of Biochemistry at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine at the National University of Singapore (NUS) has found that seniors who consume more than two standard portions of mushrooms weekly may have 50 per cent reduced odds of having mild cognitive impairment

(MCI). The six-year study, which was conducted from 2011 to 2017, collected data from more than 600 Chinese seniors over the age of 60 living in Singapore. The research was carried out with support from the Life Sciences Institute and the Mind Science Centre at NUS, as well as the Singapore Ministry of Health's National Medical Research Council. The results

were published

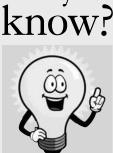
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An international team led by Professor Jerome Estaquier from Universite Laval's Faculty of Medicine and the CHU de Quebec-Universite Laval Research Centre may have discovered where in the body HIV takes refuge during antiretroviral treatment. Research conducted using an animal model indicates that the virus may hide in lymph nodes in the spleen and gut. The researchers believe those lymph nodes are the staging ground from which the virus prepares to relaunch the infection afte treatment has stopped, according to the study published in Mucosal Immunology from publisher Nature Research

## Challenges 2019

potential pandemic strains: 153 institutions in 114 countries are involved in global surveillance and

response. More than 1.6 billion peo ple (22% of the global population) live in places where protracted crises (through a combination of challenges such as drought, famine, conflict, and population displace-ment) and weak health services leave them without access to basic care. Fragile settings exist in almost all regions of the world, and these are where half of the key targets in the sustainable

If you love a midday snooze, then we have some Snooze time

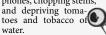
> often they took naps for five years, with their sleeping risk of a heart attack by almost half. patterns and general health being tracked by researchers. The results — published in the journal *Heart*, found A study car-ried out in Switzerland used data for 3,462 people living in Lausanne, who that those who napped once or twice a week were 48 per cent less likely to experience were aged 35 to

these health issues, even The group were when other factors were told to record how taken into account.

■ WHO is constantly monitoring the development goals, including on child and maternal health, remains unmet. The development of antibiotics, antivirals and antimalarials are some of modern medicine's greatest suc-cesses. Now, time with these drugs is running out. Antimicrobial resistance — the ability of bacteria, parasites, viruses and fungi to resist these medicines - threatens to send us back to a time when we were unable to easily treat infections such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, gonorrhoea, and salmonellosis. The inability to prevent infections could seriously compromise surgery and procedures such as

## What we learnt

■ A study from Tel Aviv University suggests that plants make ultrasonic screams when harmed. Their experiments involved micro-phones, chopping stems,



 Forensic investigators from Nevada presented the case of a man whose sperm only contained DNA from his bone marrow donor. While donor DNA is commonly found in the recip-ient's cheek, lip, and tongue cells, this is one of the first times where it may be passed on.





## **HK Police: Protesters** US strikes on Iran-backed militia in Iraq, Syria killed 25 inciting youth crime

#### AP HONG KONG

Hong Kong police on Monday accused activists in the long-running pro-democracy movement of inciting minors to commit crimes. The claim Monday comes

two days before a planned New Year's Day march that is expected to attract tens of thousands of participants.

Chief police spokesman Kwok Ka-chuen told reporters that the force was in close contact with the organizers of the Jan. 1 event, but would not tolerate threats to public safety.

Kwok also said young peo-ple had been motivated to commit criminal acts during the protests, including drop ping objects from the upper stories of apartment buildings.

It wasn't clear whether those actions were directly tied to any specific demonstration. "Over the weekend, during our arrest operation, we arrested a large number of youngsters and are very alarmed that some



sent to China for trial.

criminals incite youngsters to commit crimes," Kwok said, adding that some of the violence had been inspired by the children's teachers.

Children as young as 12 to be sent to mainland China have been among the nearly 7,000 people arrested during to stand trial. demands have since expanded to include universal suffrage the protests, which have drawn and an investigation into broad support and were originally sparked by now-discard-ed legislation that would have alleged police abuses, and have frequently broken out into pitched battles between the two sides. allowed citizens of the semiautonomous Chinese city to be

the message that the US will not tolerate actions by Iran that jeopardize American lives. The US military said "precision defensive strikes" were The movement started in conducted against five sites of Kataeb Hezbollah, or opposition to a now-shelved Kataeb Hezbonan, A Hezbollah Brigades in Iraq proposed law that would have allowed suspects in Hong Kong and Syria. "Our battle with America and its mercenaries is now open to all possibilities," Kataeb Hezbollah said in a statement Protesters

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ravens.

An Iranian-backed militia Asaid on Monday that the death toll from US military strikes in Iraq and Syria against

its fighters has risen to 25, vow-

ing to exact revenge for the

aggression of evil American

Baghdad came a day after US Defense Secretary Mark Esper

said Washington had carried

out military strikes targeting

the Iranian-backed Iraqi mili-tia blamed for a rocket attack

that killed an American con-

Pompeo said the strikes send

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tractor in Iraq last week.

The announcement in

around midnight Sunday. "We have no alternative today other than confrontation and there is nothing that will prevent us from responding to this crime."

The US blames the militia for a rocket barrage on Friday that killed a US defense contractor at a military compound near Kirkuk, in northern Iraq. Officials said as many as 30

rockets were fired in that attack. Iraq's Hezbollah Brigades, a separate force from the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, operates under the umbrella of the state-sanc-tioned militias known collectively as the Popular Mobilization Forces. Many of them are supported by Iran. The Popular Mobilization

Forces said Sunday that the US strikes killed at least 19 of Kataeb Hezbollah's members. Rataeb Hezbollah s members. But Kataeb Hezbollah spokesman Mohammed Mohieh told The Associated Press on Monday that the death

toll rose to 25. At least 51 militiamen were wounded and some of them were serious condition, he said, adding that the militia group's commanders would decide on the retaliation.

In Tehran, foreign ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi condemned the US strikes against Kataeb Hezbollah as an "obvious case of terrorism" and accused Washington of ignoring Iraq's sovereignty. Lebanon's Iran-backed

Hezbollah also blasted the "brutal American aggression," saying those who took the Kataeb Hezbollah is led by Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, on decision to carry out the attack will soon discover how stupid this criminal decision was.

Iran said Monday that the United States has shown its

"support for terrorism" by car-

rying out air strikes on forces in Iraq that have dealt blows against the Islamic State group.

tractor two days earlier.

AP MOSCOW

of Iraq's most powerful men. He once battled US troops and is now the deputy head of the Popular Mobilization Forces.

## Iran says US strikes on Iraq show its 'support for terrorism' AFP TEHRAN

spokesman Abbas Mousavi

said, referring to IS. "With these attacks, America has shown its firm support for terrorism and its neglect for the independence and sovereignty of countries and it must accept conse quences for its illegal act," he

The Pentagon said on Sunday that it targeted an Iransaid in a statement. The spokesman said the presence of foreign forces in the linked militant group in west-ern Iraq and eastern Syria in response to a barrage of rock-ets that killed a US civilian conregion was the cause of insecurity and tensions.

"America must put an end to its occupying presence," said Mousavi.

"These attacks have once again proved America's false claims in fighting Daesh... As the United States has targeted US-Iran tensions have soared since Washington pulled out of a landmark nuclear the positions of forces that over the years have inflicted agreement with Tehran last year and began reimposing heavy blows to Daesh terrorists,<sup>"</sup> Iran's government crippling sanctions.

Two dead in Texas church shooting; shooter killed

A gunman pulled out a shot-gun and opened fire on worshippers at a church during Sunday service in Texas, killing two persons before being shot by an armed member of the

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congregation, the authorities said. The shooting took place at about 11:50 am (local time), during the morning service on Sunday. The service was being live-streamed on social

media According to the authorities, the gunman pulled out a shotgun at the West Freeway Church of Christ in White Settlement, a

suburb of Fort Worth, and begun firing. The two churchgoers who

were shot, died later in a hos-pital, police said. Video footage showed the gunman stand up and speak to a man nearby, who gestured at another parishioner. The gunman then fired at the man he gestured toward.

### Taliban say have 'no ceasefire plans' in Afghanistan Putin thanks Trump for helping foil terrorist acts

### AFP 🔳 KABUL

The Taliban on the denied agreeing to any he Taliban on Monday ceasefire in Afghanistan after rumours swirled of a potential deal that would see a reduction in fighting after more than 18 years of war.

The statement from the insurgents comes as local and international forces brace for another bloody winter amid renewed US-Taliban talks, after President Donald Trump called off the negotiations earlier this year over insurgent attacks. "In the past few days, some

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media have been releasing untrue reports about a cease fire... The fact is that, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has no ceasefire plans," the Taliban said, after multiple

media reports, including a story in the Wall Street Journal, suggested the group was on the verge of announcing some type of temporary truce.

The US and the Afghan government in Kabul have long called for a ceasefire with the Taliban, including during the year of negotiations between Washington and the militants that were abruptly called off by on a "pause".

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Trump in September. Afghanistan, potentially even before a deal between However, the insurgents have repeatedly stated that any Washington and the Taliban is potential truce will only be cemented. ironed out after American troops withdraw from the

Deadly bouts of fighting continue however, with tens of country. The US-Taliban talks, held thousands of Afghan security forces killed since they inherited combat operations from NATO at the end of 2014. mainly in Doha, were aimed at allowing Washington to begin withdrawing troops in return

Earlier Monday, in northfor various security guarantees. They were on the brink of ern Afghanistan's Jowzjan province, the Taliban killed at a deal when Trump abandoned the effort in September, citing least 13 Afghan security forces during a raid on a pro-government militia position, according to a provincial Taliban violence. Negotiations have since restarted in Doha, but were earlier this month put spokesman

Every day Afghan civilians Trump is looking to slash also continue to bear the brunt the troop presence in of the bloody conflict.

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARENCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

### (See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accus person namely Sandeep Kumar S/o Suraj Kumar R/o X-480, Camp No.1, Nangloi, Delhi have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in a FIR No. 76/13, u/s 377/509/34 IPC & 4 POCSO Act PS Nangloi, Delhi and it have been returned to a warrants of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Sandeep Kumar could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sandeep Kumar have absconded (or are concealing themself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused persons Sandeep Kumar of FIR No. 76/13, u/s 377/509/34 IPC & 4 POCSO Act PS Nangloi, Delhi is required to appear in the court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.01.2020.

By order Dr. Archana Sinha ASJ-06 (West), Special Court Under POCSO Act, Room No. 209, DP/3013/OD/19 2nd floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one female namely Gulabo Devi W/o Lt.Sh. Rama Nand R/o H. No. C-43/9, Jhuggi Ambedkar Basti, Faiz Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi, has been missing from her residence. In this regard, a case DD No. 13A dated 31.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. DBG Road, Delhi. The description of the missing

female is as under.

GULABO DEVI

## in Russia AP MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke with President Donald Trump on Sunday to thank him for information that Putin said helped Russia foil

terrorist attacks over the New Year's holiday, the Kremlin said. Putin thanked Trump "for information transmitted through the special services that helped prevent the com-pletion of terrorist acts in Russia," the Kremlin said in a brief statement posted on its

selling crude oil abroad.

in danger of 'falling apart'

Tran's nuclear deal with world powers is in danger of "falling apart" without the compliance of ing, this important achievement of international diplomacy... Is in danger of falling apart," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said, adding that "colleagues the United States and the European Union, Russia's foreign minister warned Monday after meeting with his Iranian counterpart in Moscow. from the European Union" not fully complying with the agreement either. In response to the US sanctions, Iran has pres-

The 2015 deal between Iran and Britain, China, France, sured the European signatories to find a way to limit the impact Germany Russia and the United States lifted sanctions on Iran in exchange for limits on its nuclear program. The U.S. Withdrew on the Iranian economy. Tehran has slowly inched toward ceasing its own complifrom the accord last year and imposed crippling economic sanctions that block Iran from

"Because of the destructive line that Washington keeps tow-

Russia warns Iran nuclear deal

country began new operations at a heavy water nuclear reactor. Iran's moves have been condemned by Western gov-ernments as unwelcome and escalating tensions in the region, while Russia and China have

repeatedly blamed the US. After meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif on Monday, Lavrov said Russia would demand full compliance from both the U.S. And the EU, in which case Iran would be able to return to fulfilling its obliga-tions in accordance with the deal. Otherwise the agreement

Pyongyang has been demanding the easing of inter-national sanctions imposed

over its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes, while Washington is insisting it takes

more tangible steps towards

giving them up. The North has not so far specified the "new way" it would

adopt if the US does not offer

fresh concessions by the end of

the year, and Kim is expected to make it clearer on Wednesday.

This month China and

ance with the terms of the deal. should be considered "no longer Last week, for example, the existing," he said.

All eyes on 'new way' in Kim's New Year speech

## AFP SEOUL

website.

North Korean leader Kim "offensive measures" to strengthen security ahead of a Year speech that could flesh out the nuclear-armed nation's threat to seek a "new way" forward after the expiration of its year-end deadline for US sanctions relief. Kim's latest comments,

made during a meeting of top ruling party officials in Pyongyang, came amid con-cerns that the North could formally close down dialogue with Washington and resume nuclear and long-range missile

AP ANKARA

Addressing the officials,



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un speaks during a Workers' Party meeting in Pyongyang, North Korea

Kim stressed the need "to take positive and offensive measures for fully ensuring the sovereignty and security of the country," the state news agency KCNA reported Monday.

AP Nuclear talks between the North and the US have been largely stalled since the collapse of a February summit between Kim and US President Donald

Trump in Hanoi

Russia — the North's biggest economic partners — proposed loosening UN sanctions against Pyongyang, and analysts say Kim is likely to seek to exploit rivalries between Washington,

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## Huma teaches Dave dance moves

Actor HUMA QURESHI has promised her Army Of The Dead co-star Dave Bautista to get him to India to do a film and taught him some Bollywood moves on superstar Shah Rukh Khan and Kareena Kapoor Khan's song Chammak Challo. "My brother used to try these

"My brother used to try these deadly wrestling moves called chokeslams and Batista bombs on me. My co-star is a gentleman called Dave Bautista," Huma said.

She added, "When Saqib (Saleem) got to know, he wanted me to ask Bautista about his finishing move — the Batista Bomb and I did. Dave also mentioned that he loves Indian films and he wants to do a Hindi film. I promised him we will get him to India to do a film. I have even showed him some dancing videos and made him practice some Bollywood moves.



'I come from a very middleclass background and even today, I hold on to those

values very strongly. My biggest advantage is that I'm not afraid of failure. And when you're not afraid of it, you can do whatever you want because you've seen failure and success in the same measure. So, failure really doesn't affect me.'

—John Abraham



VIRAT KOHLI and ANUSHKA SHARMA are in Switzerland these days to usher New Year and they spot Varun Dhawan and girlfriend Natasha Dalal.

A selfie of the two couples has been taking rounds on social media. Sharing the photo, Varun captioned, "Mountain *ke dost.*" Not just Virat and Anushka,

Varun also bumped into Karisma and Kareena Kapoor in Switzerland recently.

Super in love: Meghan



With people becoming more cognisant of the fact that the garments' industry is the second-highest environmental polluter, 2020 will take us back to the pre-Industrial Revolution production and consumption patterns, says craft and textile revivalist MADHU JAIN

that we went back to the pre-industrial Revolution production and consumption patterns. Let us take inspiration from our 2,000 year old textiles tradition and legacy. What we urgently need to do is to go back to how our forefathers operated. At that time, mankind was in sync with nature and clothes were organic and plant-based. Each region had its own distinctive signature textile. Cotton, flax, hemp, jute, sheep wool and so on were the go-to choices. These textiles were derived from one's natural surroundings and suited the region's climate and aesthetics.

I'm happy to note that in recent years, sustainable fashion — where the entire production process, from sourcing natural yarns to manufacturing the end product — is gaining momentum. My label was launched 33 wasses are

My label was launched 33 years ago keeping the same values and principles in mind. Being ahead of the curve in environmental responsibility has been a hallmark of our textiles, notably our 100 per cent biodegradable bamboo clothing and, the first in the world, bamboo silk *ikkat* textile.

throw" concept. However, now that more and more people in the fashion world are cognisant of the fact that the garments industry is the second-highest environmental polluter, it is high time



'Let us take inspiration from our 2,000-year-old textiles tradition and

legacy. What we urgently need to do is to go back to how our forefathers operated' cular economy, there is a conscious effort to reduce over production, on the one hand, and reuse materials in production processes, on the other, thus diverting tons of textile waste from landfills.

As for fashion choices of 2020, remember that Indian colours work well on our skin tones. So there will be more of burnt orange, fuchsia, indigo, ivory, vermilion red, *kesari* yellow, *rani* pink, and the eternal favourite, white. With winters having well and truly set in, layering will be back and will keep the people toasty. Classic Indian jackets have a tremendous potential as they can be worn short, mid-thigh or long to suit one's body type. *Chogas*, the long, loose garment of Turkish origin, if cut expertly, can be extremely slimming and can add height. In terms of motifs, if you like them bold, don't shy away from vibrant weaves that offer a high contrast. But if you prefer something more subdued, a white-on-white on weave can be equally eye catching. And finally, keep the stoles handy. It is one of the most versatile fashion accessories which will continue to flatter any outfit. Team it up with a small clutch or an Indian potpie or

*batua*, jewelled sandals or embroidered *jutis*, and you will be good to go. Happy 2020!

## Entertainment of the year

Here's a look at the trends of how Indians had out-of-the-home experiences in 2019

A swe bid adieu to 2019, we look at the Atrends in entertainment choices of Indians with BookMyShow introducing millions of its users to newer out-of-home experiences.

shion is not defined just by a one-

off choice or what one wears to an event. It's more about the everyday sartorial choices that we make. This year,

besides the sea of animal prints on everything from jackets to pants, tops, handbags and footwear, athleisure scored big.

From Bolly and Hollywood stars sport-

ing leggings and yoga pants to men giving at humbs up to their Lululemon ABC pants, comfort ruled 2019. I have always

been a believer in easy-wear clothes that are fuss-free and this trend signalled a

relaxing in the otherwise almost-draconian dress codes dictated by top-drawer

design houses. For 2020, I'd personally root for fash-

ion that is more environmentally con-

scious. Slow fashion, which is focussed on revisiting design, production, and consumption patterns, including recycling of clothes through the simple expe-

dient of reusing and refashioning one's wardrobe, should become the norm,

rather than the exception. Another reason that slow fashion gets my thumbs-

up is that it follows the principles of fair treatment of producers, in this case, the weavers, as well as in causing the least

damage to our planet. With the advent of factory-based

production post the industrial revolution, the concept of fast fashion was

born. Production processes were speeded up, to churn out yardage after

yardage of man-made, synthetic fabrics. Prices dropped, and consumption zoomed. Thus was born the "use-and-

experiences. The online booking app hosted over 1,880 films across languages on its platform in 2019. The Marvel craze took over India as Avengers: Endgame broke all records to sell over 8.6 million tickets to become the highest-selling Hollywood film on our platform. This was followed by Uri - The Surgical Strike, with over 5.7 million tickets sold for the film.

FILM TRENDS While the demand for Hindi fil





### Singer **MEGHAN TRAINOR** says she feels "super in love" with her husband **Daryl Sabara**.

She got married to Sabara on December 22 last year. "It's so good. It's very romantic right now, we're super in love," said Meghan about her married

life. She recently spent a lot of time in the UK, where she joined the judging panel of The Voice. She also revealed that her mother and brother had accompanied Darryl to the UK. Meghan said. "My mother is here. My dad didn't make this short trip because it's too hard on his body but he's waiting for us back at home. They're my everything. WW older brother is my videographer. They all take care of me and it's great.'

While the demand for Hindi films grew by 12 per cent from the last year, movie buffs booked an average of 2.6 tickets per transaction. The top-rated regional language films were in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada and Marathi, whereas the demand for English and Hindi films rose at 45 per cent and 25 per cent respectively. Hindi versions of regional films like *Saaho, Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy* and *KGF* have matched up to the primary language's success at the box office. The uptake for English language films increased significantly by 56 per cent vis-à-vis last year. The Avengers series retained the top spot among English language films, wherein *Avengers: Infinity War* led the race in 2018, *Avengers: Endgame* shattered all ceilings in 2019.

Looking at the genres, about 30 per cent of the top 10 films (as per number of tickets sold on the app) were based on reallife stories and incidents. The trends also pointed towards an interest in Assamese films, which grew five times to match the increase in the number of users who chose the app to watch these films and rated them on the platform. And action films witnessed a growth

And action films witnessed a growth of 45 per cent, becoming the most preferred genre followed by drama and comedv.

edy. While actors Hrithik Roshan and Ranveer Singh ruled the top 10 Hindi film bucket with two films each to their credit, Akshay Kumar with 9.2 million tickets and Ayushmann Khurrana with 6.3 million tickets overall had a great year with three films each.

#### SALE OF TICKETS

The year also saw an 89 per cent rise in the number of screens occupied by the widest circulated films as compared to the previous year. The advance ticket sales grew by 11 per cent on the app in 2019, which is just shy of 20 million tickets with 11 per cent of the tickets being booked before the release. Following this, over 45 films crossed the one million ticket sales mark on BookMyShow. Just three per cent of the total tickets were booked in the last 30 minutes before a film's show time.

## TRENDS AS PER TIME AND LOCATION

While Sunday evening was the most preferred show time for movie-goers, Hyderabad was home to the maximum  $\Rightarrow$  Chhichhore

number of film lovers, which was followed by Mumbai and Bengaluru. Hyderabad moved from fourth position in 2018 to outnumber its peers and lead the charts in 2019. Kochi also witnessed a 56 per cent increase in the number of people using the app to watch films as compared to 2018.

### **TOP 10 SOLD FILMS**

☆Avengers: Endgame ☆URI - The Surgical Strike ☆Kabir Singh

☆Saaho ☆War ☆The Lion King ☆Mission Mangal ☆Simmba ☆Gully Boy Lauv is warm and humble: Akasa

Singer Akasa Singh says American singer-songwriter Lauv is warm and humble beyond being talented.

Akasa, popular bring takincut Akasa, popular for singing foottapping numbers like *Kheech Meri Photo* and *Thug Ranjha*, got a chance to work with Lauv on song *Dil Na Jaaneya* from film *Good Newwz*. Composed by Rochak Kohli and Lauv, the song is sung by Rochak, Lauv and Akasa. The lyrics are by Gurpreet Saini, Ari Leff and Michael Pollack and music is produced by Lauv, Johnny Simpson and Rochak.

"Rochak Kohli has always been one of the dream producers that I have wanted to work with because all his melodies are magical. Gurpreet called me to dub a song for Rochak, they played me the song and the first thing that came into my head was finally I get to sing a slow, romantic song," Akasa said.

"They hinted of the possibility of Lauv being a part of the song but nothing was confirmed. Coincidentally, I had met and interviewed Lauv early this year when he

had come to play in Mumbai for Fly Music Festival. I even went to the concert because I have always been a huge fan of his work and his talent. This collaboration with Rochak and Lauv was like a far-fetched dream for me but is one the things ticked off my bucket list," she said.

Looking back at her experience of working on the song, Akasa said, "My aim was to just dub and do my best. After the dub there was no conversation about it and one day I just wake up to a post by Lauv and the rest is history! It's been a fantastic feeling. People have been texting me non-stop, appreciating this side of my voice in *Dil Na Jaaneya* which is so different to *Naagin* or *Aithey Aa*." On working with Lauv, she said, "I think Lauv brings so much energy and passion to the song and he is in ford: one of the nicrest people I have

On working with Lauv, she said, "I think Lauv brings so much energy and passion to the song and he is in fact, one of the nicest people I have met from the global music industry till date. He is warm and humble beyond being very talented. I feel blessed to be ending 2019 on such a positive note."

—IANS



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# ECHOES OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT

Artist SEEMA KOHLI brings yoginis alive amid the greens of Sunder Nursery, says Uma Nair



he Sunder Nursery has brought alive the 64 sandstone *yoginis* and larger-than-life sculptures by artist and performer Seema Kohli.

LOTUS POND AS SITE Chief architect and CEO of the Agha Khan Trust for Culture, Ratish Nanda, picked out the lotus pond as the right site for the *yoginis* to rest at. With one stroke, the became the confluence of cultures and thereby spoke to us about the essence of a pure spir-

The Trust has been rehabilitating existing parks and creating new spaces for over 20 years with the objective of demonstrating that these green spaces can be catalysts for positive econom-ic, social and cultural change. The Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC) focusses on the physical, social, cultural and economic revitalisation of communities in the developing world.

### **64 SANDSTONE YOGINIS**

The landscape design of the Sunder Nursery has become a plush stage for Kohli's sculptures. When you look at them under the tree and then see the *yoginis*, you know that the amalgamation of art and landscape aims to enhance the historic charac-ter. It provides a connection with a truly urban scale as it derives inspiration from the traditional Indian con-

Scarlet shackles sit peacefully on display in front of a sad, gray backdrop. The now rusted leg irons once locked human ankles during 18th century voyages from Africa to some European port, then to the Americas.

Who the shackles held remain who the shackes hed remain a mystery. But as a citizen of the United States, I've likely broken bread with a descendant of the woman forced to wear this instrument. Maybe my uncle fought alongside her kin in a war. Or it's possible one of her distant relatives is now be my relative.

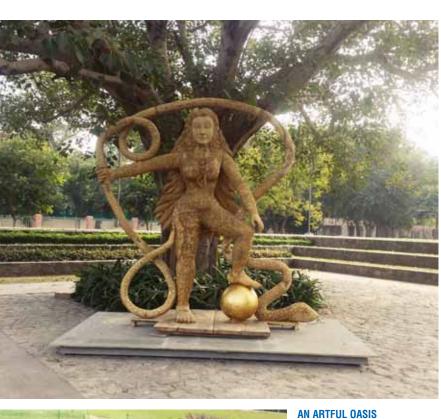
These are the thoughts I entertain recently while walking through the reflective International Slavery Museum in Liverpool, England. Founded in 2007 on the bicentenary of the abolition of the British slave trade, the museum sits just a short walk from the dry docks where slave ted out in the 1700s. (And it's close by the The Beatles Story, the world's largest permanent exhibition purely devoted to the hometown band.) Once a major slaving port, Liverpool grew thanks to merchants' financial ties to the enslavement of people to the Americas. Today, the building tells the story of the enslavement of people from Africa and how this British city benefited from human bondage The Liverpool location reclaims a space once connected to worldwide human suffering and is similar to O Mercado de Escravos — the slavery cept of congruency between nature garden and utility, coupled with envionmental conservation.

Kohli has been working with antiquity for the past 15 years. She began creating the *yoginis* first as zinc plates and then translated them into sandstone sculptures with the help of artisans. The temples of the *chausath* (64) *yoginis*, are strewn across the heart of India, in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. In more ways than one, it is the enigmatic aura that keeps us glued to the imagery as we think of the feminine power in a world that has turned a blind eye to the protection of women and abused the feminine body for its own lust.

### **FROM THE EARTH**

*The Tree of Life* sculpture and other ones in bronze and wood are a heady mix of haute history and the power of yogic stances. The placement of the sculptures under the salient tree speaks of the age of regalia. Perhaps in terms of language and grammar, the idea of creating a sculptural park of a precious architectural heritage becomes impor-

and intercent and the first of a new trend. The bronze and the large wooden sculptures echo the pulse of the past and the present. We think of the eter-nal power of the human mind and hands, the skills of building with the elements of the earth and re-energis-





ing the traditions of passing on the knowledge of restoration methods with appropriate technologies and materials. Conservation of ideas spring forth when you see the balance and

harmony of the feminine yogic sculptures sitting in peace and utter calm. You also think of the zenith in the dictionary of building traditions, techniques and human heritage.

that we have one more space to exhibit and sculptures will get a new lease of life at the Sunder Nursery.

museum in Lagos, Portugal, where the European slave trade began. But Liverpool's museum is much larger, more interactive, and more ambitious without being exploitative.

Over the years, Kohli has worked

on the philosophy and the wisdom of the Hiranyagarbha/The Golden Womb, Tree of Life and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. This show is an exten-sion of research in the art of illustra-

tive patterns. The sculptures blend well into the expanse of greenery where ear-

garden as a sculpture court.

tence. This exhibition also tells Delhi

**FEMININE FIGURES** 

sible," states Kohli.

Inside, visitors immediately are taken on a meditative experience focusing on Africa before European contact. You are greeted by quotes of American abolitionists and civil rights leaders etched into stone walls before you see traditional masks from present-day Sierra Leone and Mali. There are vibrant textiles from Ghana, intricate headdresses from Cameroon and samples of Igbo wall painting from Nigeria. You can listen to samples of drum signals from the Republic of Congo or a Mbuti hunting song. The messages are clear: before enslavement, Africa was a diverse and complex continent with long and religious traditi Next, visitors are whisked toward a room tackling enslave-ment and the brutal Middle Passage. Racial ideologies and Europe's unfamiliarity with the cultures of Africa sparked the slave trade which grew once European powers expanded to the Americas, the museum tells us. In this room, details of the voyage of the ship Essex are reconstructed. That's a slave ship that left Liverpool on June 13, 1783, just nine years after the American Declaration of



## Amalgamation of creativity

In the sixth edition of Vision'20, a few artists bring out the visual aspects of life on their canvas

An amalgamation of nature, movement, human activity, a manifestation of the artists, their experience and observation of their surroundings are intertwined for the sixth edition of

twined for the sixth edition of the group exhibition Vision'20. The contributing artists Ajay Ghose, Biswapati Maity, Gautam Pramanik, Jyoti Prasad Mallick, Karna Puri, Manoj Sarkar, Rabindranath Choudbury Saroi Basu Subrata Choudhury, Saroj Basu, Subrata Biswas, Tapas Basu, Tirthankar Biswas and Tilok Mandal have interwoven these ideas and developed them further.

Rabindranath Chaudhury one of the senior contributing artists whose work has been colacrusts whose work has been col-lected by various institutions across the globe says, "In my current series, I am experi-menting with colours, forms, textures, and perspectives to uncover the deepest crevices of the human psyche. Nature always haunts me and unleashes my mind a profound thrill with all her beautiful things."

lier there was dust and rubble. Offering a contemporary stage to a design inspired by historic Indian myth and In the exhibition, one can sacred literature becomes an important statement in the signal for art events find unity in Ajoy Ghosh's excel-lent intertwining of nature with in modern moorings of Delhi. The Sunder Nursery gardens enhance the mythology or, in the meditative vibes of Karna Puri. While the arrival point on the edge of the lotus pond. The glimpse of the sculptures paintings of Tilak Mondal teach the world tenacity through becomes a testimony to the power and poetry that can be brought alive in a womanhood, Tapas Basu's works are an amazing example of finding peace in the beauty of nature and contemporary soci-ety. As Manoj Sarkar takes you "The translation of an ancient form, specially feminine, in terms of the goddesses and figures of the past makes art more universal and accesthrough an adventure of many aspects of human life, Thirthankar Biswas' will make you live through the moment of the topic in his canvas. As an artist, Kohli is both engrossed and deeply driven by an instinct. Her sculptures embody the compassion of many avatars of exis-

Tapas Basu's work reflect an expression of the inner world with eclectic colours. The award-winning artist says, "My work is inspired by the beauty of nature and contemporary society, where life is captured in a symbolic, yet surrealistic

portion, visitors encounter shackles and chains used in forts and cas-tles along the African coast to hold humans before their horrific jour-ney. A small replica of a slave boat illustrates how captives were tossed into small compartments. Next to the ship are 18th-century whips and branding irons. Yes, these were used

used. Then, there was resistance, lib-eration, and the long fight for civil rights. Surprising, I walked into an area dedicated to the African American heroes from Harriet American heroes from Harriet Tubman to the Rev Martin Luther King Jr and Malcolm X. US news footage from the 1950s and 1960s illustrates how the descendants of those who crossed the Middle Passage had to fight for human rights and against violence amid white supremacy — the ideology that launched racialised slavery in

approach through colours and

Along with them are dis played Biswapati Maity and his feminism, Gautam Pramanik and his colours, Jyoti Prasad Mallik painting humble lives, Rabindranath Choudhury, Saroj Basu and Subhrata Biswas who create a different world with their works. All of these critically acclaimed artists bring out the visual aspects of life on their canvas, overwhelming us into an epitome of non-visual feelings.

Most of the artists con-tributing to this exhibition have been inspired by Nature, and everything that surrounds us. Biswapati Maity says, "Although Nature is the main inspiration of my paintings, I am heavily influ-enced by human figures and its behavior. In my paintings, human figures come out in a very natural way. Sometimes it can be a full figure and some times it may be only the face."

Nature is a dominant theme for most artists, it's beauty and the magical colours can draw anyone to itself, however, as Tirthankar Biswas explains, sometimes inspirations are real-istic and sometimes semi-realistic, "The common denomina-tor in my paintings is a moment, movement and force. It can be a sixer from an energetic cricketer, it can be an escaping deer from an approaching tiger, it can be an out-posted hut from a flash flood or it can be a swing-ing head of palm tree with monsoon wind. The variation of the medium is also just like my subject. I use from diluted ink to pencil, pastel, charcoal, acrylic and oil colour depend upon the demand of the subject. The recent works belong to the semi-realistic category with the medium of oil on canvas." (The exhibition will be held

from January 3 to 9.)

day slavery in partnership with Liverpool charity City Hearts. The project links current human traf-

project links current numan traf-ficking to the story out of the Middle Passage. In the US, journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones has sparked conver-sations about the legacy of slavery in that nation's history with her interactive 1619 Project in The New York Timee the common the New York Times. It examines the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved people from West Africa on the present-day America's eastern shore. The project chal-lenges readers to consider how their own lives have been shaped by the legacy of slavery and it is help-ing inspire activists in places like Albuquerque, New Mexico, to push for their own museum of black his-

tory. Walking by an installation of former slave and abolitionist Equiano, young black women discussing the 1619 Project and how they didn't understand the criticism it faced for trying to reshape a narrative in the U S. As we left the Equiano sculpture, we stopped at a display of a 1920-era Ku Klux Klan robe and hood from Port Jervis, New York. The outfit that was once used to ter-rorise blacks and Catholics stared back down at us. We were silent. But I could feel we were relieved the glass case surrounding it protected us. We were safe for now. But were we?



A museum in Liverpool aims to confront the painful legacy of slavery





During the Middle Passage

Independence.

tos of the Civil Rights struggles in the United Kingdom from London's "Keep Britain White Rally" in 1960 to the Toxteth Riot of 1981 in Liverpool over allegations of police harassment.

The museum ends with a space for changing exhibits related to the themes around modern-day slavery. During my visit in November, I encountered an exhibition called "Am I not a woman and a sister" a moving image installation by England-based artist Elizabeth Kwant. She co-created the project with female survivors of modern-

—AP

On the 157th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand, LeRythme Music Academy organises 14th Annual Cultural Conclave — The Youth Festival-

Colours of India. It will showcase performances by Padma Bhushan vocal maestro Begum Parween Sultana, tabla maestro Ustad

Akram Khan, Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee Rajendra Prasanna, Bharatnatyam by Padmabhushan Saroja Vaidya Nathan and contemporary dance Legend Santosh Nair. WHEN: January 4 TIME: 5:30 pm onwards : January 4 TIME: 5:30 pm onward: E: Kamani Auditorium, Copernicus Marg, Mandi House

**A**<sup>rtist</sup> Anindita

Kishore presents her solo exhibitor My world of art. As a contemporary enamelist, she has been practicing enamelin



since the last 20 years. And now she has developed her individual style with a preference for employing thick and thin metal foils, wires and crystals as a technique to express herself. WHEN: January 8 to 14 TIME: 11 am to 7 pm E: Vivanta by Taj, Dwarka, Sector 21.

Akshita Wason, Gallery Sree Arts, presents her solo exhibition Under a White Cloud. Her work are an attempt to highlight the current environmental realities and incite human emotions, WHEN January 4 TIME: 5 pm WHERE: Galerie Romain Rolland, Alliance Française De Delhi, 72 Lodhi Estate.

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WATCH



Gallery Latitude 28 presents an exhibition of new Gworks by Baroda-based artist Sudipta Das. Through collections and assemblages of her new-iconic doll-like paper sculptures, Das dives into personal history and family narratives to explore themes of exile, refuge and temporariness of life. WHEN: Till January 17 V Gallery Latitude 28.

**A**lekhya, an exhibition of painting and sculpture showcases a magnificent union of different genres of fine arts ranging from artist Nidhi's vibrantly coloured canvases brought to life through the delicate water colour wash technique artist Ganesh Prasad Sahu's fine oil painting with etching on paper and the exquisite



mirror work and paintings of the Buddha articulated by artist Mohit Bharadwaj. WHEN: Till January 2 TIME. 11 am to 7 pm WHERE: AIFACS Gallery, Rafi Marg, Sansad Marg.



# **Red's 'brilliant' 2019 just a building block for Klopp**

AFP LONDON

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp insists the European champions must build on a "brilliant" 2019 to turn a 13-point lead at the top of the table into a first Premier League title in 30 years

Klopp's men were not at their flowing best and needed the help of two VAR reviews to continue their relentless march towards the title with a 1-0 win over Wolves on Sunday.

Liverpool have now won 18 of their first 19 league games of the season and lost just once in the calendar year in the league, on top of winning the Champions League, Club World Cup and UEFA Super Cup. "2019 was brilliant but it's not impor-

tant because we count seasons, not years, so the 2019/20 season is not over,"

"We are halfway there, we still have 19 games to play and probably 18 or 19 of them will be like this tonight, for different reasons.

"Who cares about points in December? We just created a basis which we will work with from now on, that's all."

#### FUMING AT VAR

Wolves were angry even before the VAR controversies as the Premier League Christmas scheduling meant they trav-elled to Anfield just 45 hours after a

thrilling 3-2 win over Manchester City. In the match they were left fuming at the two calls that went against them in quick succession towards the end of the first half.

Mane swept home his 14th goal of the season from Lallana's knockdown with his shoulder and referee Anthony Taylor's initial decision was overturned

However, Wolves were unhappy that another claim for handball against Virgil van Dijk earlier in the move was not

West Ham turn

 $\mathbf{S}$  truggling West Ham said they had appoint-d David Moyes as manager for the sec-

ond time in a bid to safeguard their place in

the Premier League. Moyes, whose career has never recovered

from a deeply unsuccessful spell as Manchester United boss in 2013-14, succeeds

Manuel Pellegrini, who was sacked after a 2

1 defeat to Leicester on Saturday that left the Hammers just one point above the relegation

to Moyes for

second time

AFP LONDON



Liverpool's Sadio Mane, 2nd right, celebrates after scoring the opening goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Wolverhampton Wanderers at Anfield Stadium

Vikas makes Indian squad for Olympic Qualifiers PTI BENGALURU

Accomplished comeback-man Vikas Krishan (69kg) claimed a slot in the Indian men's boxing squad for next year's Olympic qualifiers after winning his final trial bout along with two others here on Monday. The former world champi

onships and Asian Games medal-winner, who competed in the middleweight 75kg category for a long time, is back to the 69kg division after recovering from a back injury

sustained during his short undefeat-ed stint in the professional circuit. The 26-year-old, already a two-time Olympian, out-punched national medallist Duryodhan Singh Negi in a unanimous decision in the trial finals.

Also making the squad for the Asia/Oceania zone qualifiers, scheduled from February 3 to 14 in China, were Commonwealth Games medal-winning duo of



Gaurav Solanki (57kg) and Naman Tanwar (91kg). While Solanki defeated Mohammed Hussamuddin, Tanwar edged past Naveen Kumar. Both the bouts were split verdicts

On Sunday, Asian silver-medallist Ashish Kumar (75kg), veteran Satish kumar (+91kg) and Sachin Kumar (81kg) booked their places in the squad Ashish defeated reigning

national champion and South Asian Games Gold-medallist Ankit Khatana in a unanimous verdict. Satish, a Commonwealth and

Asian Games medallist, booked his berth with a split verdict tri-

his berth with a spiit verdict tri-umph over Narender. Sachin claimed the 81kg spot with a victo-ry over Brijesh Yadav. Amit Panghal (52kg) and Manish Kaushik (63kg) have already claimed their place in the team after winning medals at the team after winning medals at the world championships in September. While Panghal claimed a pathbreaking silver, Kaushik brought home a Bronze, fulfilling the crite-

ria for selection set by the Boxing Federation of India. Indian squad for Asia-Oceania Olympic Qualifiers: Amit Panghal

he added.

Zareen had approached Rijiju with an

open letter when the

Boxing Federation of India

(BFI) flip-flopped on a stated policy and announced direct selec-

tion of Mary Kom for the Olympic qualifiers.

of the matter at that time

citing the Olympic charter.

Rijiju had steered clear

(52kg), Gaurav Solanki (57kg). Manish Kaushik (63 kg), Vikas Krishan (69kg), Ashish Kumar (75kg), Sachin Kumar (81kg), Naman Tanwar (91kg), Satish Kumar (+91kg).

Wolves' frustration was compound ed in first-half stoppage time when Pedro Neto's equaliser was ruled out.

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Jonny was adjudged to be offside by the tiniest of margins in the build-up to add to a number of Premier League goals over the past two days ruled out for the most marginal of offside calls. "Anfield is amazing but they were cel-abrating a pap goal. It down't make

ebrating a non-goal. It doesn't make sense. The referee should sustain his deci-sion," said Wolves boss Nuno Espirito

Santo. "The VAR referee is miles away taking decisions on a lot of things happen-ing here. Who is inside the game? Who feels the intensity and the flow? The referee here."

Nuno was booked among the Wolves protestations, but the Portuguese coach's decision to start with top scorer Raul Jimenez and Adama Traore on the bench meant he had weapons up his sleeve come the second half.

Traore's pace was unleashed on the hour mark and Jimenez followed shortly after, but only after Diogo Jota's fierce strike forced Alisson Becker into a smart

The visitors had lost just once in their previous 14 league games to move into contention for a top-four finish and they did not go down without a fight in the final stages. "If it would be easy to win that num-

ber of games a lot more teams would have done it," added Klopp.

"It is not easy and you have to fight with all you have. Sometimes we have more and sometimes less and the boys do that all the time, so I couldn't be more proud of what they did again. To get that result over the line is just impressive." Jimenez had the best chance to claim

an equaliser, but was denied by a block from Joe Gomez before Joao Moutinho, Romain Saiss, Ruben Vinagre and Traore all fired off target.

## CITY EASE PAST ADES Bl PTI I NEW DELHI

Manchester City shrugged from defeat at Wolves to beat Sheffield United 2-0 on Sunday thanks to second-half strikes from Sergio Aguero and Kevin de Bruyne.

City boss Pep Guardiola had lambasted the scheduling that saw the English champions kick off less than 48 hours after

Fatigue seemed to get the better of City in the first half as the Blades enjoyed the better of the chances and had a Lys Mousset goal ruled out after a

VAR review for offside. However, the greater individual quality at Guardiola's dis-posal decided the game as De Bruyne teed up Aguero to smash into the roof of the net seven minutes after the break.

De Bruyne then rounded off another excellent display by scoring the second himself with a fine finish eight minutes from time to inflict United's first defeat away from home for nearly a year and bring City back to within 14 points of runaway Premier League leaders Liverpool. "Today I understood why

Sheffield United are in the place they're in the table," said to beat Guardiola.

"In the first half we had problems, we changed some things and the second half was

'You always know when you comes to grounds like Manchester City you have to take your opportunities, and

e a r l y November West Ham's manager David Moves AP and will be tasked with doing the same for a second time. both the six-time world champion and her promis-

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Ham to safety that

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"It's fabulous to be back," said Moyes in a club statement on Sunday. "I'm feeling very proud that I'm back here Vest Ham. But I think more importantly

shouts from the side line

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju on Monday said not much should be made Slaven Bilic was dismissed in of the "ugly spat" that marred the trial bout between M C Mary Kom and Nikhat Zareen and the country is proud of

ing challenger.



## Kiren Rijiju 🚳 @KirenRijiju

Too much of issues are created on this! Mary Kom is a legend who has achieved what no other boxer

playing the majority of Friday's Kevin De Bruyne celebrates after scoring 3-2 defeat at Molineux with 10 men.

his side's second goal fired home. City were furious because they thought Aguero had been fouled in the build-up but, while their complaints were brushed

aside by referee Chris Kavanagh, VAR came to their aid by ruling Mousset was marginally off-

"If the Mousset goal was not offside, it would have been very difficult for us," added Guardiola. "In the second half we put more players closer to Sergio, and we passed the ball with more quality."

It was a let-off for City but they were caught out by a long ball again soon after as Oliver Norwood picked out Mousset, who was onside this time but could only shoot into the sidenetting with just Claudio Bravo

I'll be looking to see what I can do and what I can make improvements to.

"I do believe that the squad of players I've got here is a better squad of players than when I took over before, so I am looking forward to working with them." The West Ham hierarchy were keen to

make a swift appointment following Pellegrini's sacking ahead of Wednesday's crucial clash with fellow strugglers Bournemouth at the London Stadium

"David proved in his short time with the club that he was capable of getting results and we believe that he will start moving the club in the right direction once again," said West Ham's co-chairman David Sullivan.

"We are delighted to welcome David back he knows the club well and he built strong relationships during that time which will be crucial for the work that needs to be done going forward."

Moves won nine and drew 10 of his 31 previous games in charge of the club. He made his name in 11 successful years at Everton, but was sacked after less than a year as Alex Ferguson's successor at Manchester United.

Moyes also struggled in short spells at Real Sociedad and Sunderland before taking the West Ham job first time round on a shortterm contract.

He was not offered a new deal despite comfortably keeping the club up by finishing 13th.

However, West Ham's ambitious appointment of former Real Madrid and Manchester City boss Pellegrini did not pay off as the Chilean was let go on Saturday after a run of seven defeats in nine Premier League matches.

defe Mary Kom Zareen 9-1 in the trials held on Saturday to make the squad for Olympic Qualifiers in China in February. The bout was marred by acrimony as the two boxers didn't shake hands after the contest and Mary Kom ignored an attempted hug by Zareen.

"Mary Kom is a legend who has achieved what no other boxer has ever achieved in the World Amateur Boxing. Nikhat Zareen is an amazing boxer who has the poten-tial to follow the footsteps of Mary Kom. India is proud of both of them.

japan's Nishikori plays a return shot

has ever achieved in the World Amateur Boxing. Nikhat Zareen is an amazing boxer who has the potential to follow the footsteps of Mary Kom. India is proud of both of them. Period ...

Period," Rijiju tweeted. "...Passions & emotions are the souls of Sports! The only point to

bear in mind is, in profesit's the nation. The ugly spate (sic) shouldn't have sional sports, the players & money matter more adverse effects on players whereas in amateur sports while representing India

aturday, Mary Kom said she was upset about being dragged into the selection controversy as the call on selection was not hers to take.

The Manipuri icon defended her refusal to exchange post-bout pleas-antries with Zareen, saying that the former junior world champion will get her respect only if she "herself shows respect to others".

23-year-old The Zareen said she expected better from the senior boxer and felt hurt when her attempt at sharing a hug was rebuffed.

much, much better."

Despite claiming that the crowded Christmas scheduling showed the Premier League and broadcasters "don't care" about player welfare. Guardiola made just three changes to the side that started against Wolves.

City's sluggish start should have punished by the visitors with Mousset particularly wasteful.

The Frenchman spurned a glorious early chance to put United ahead when he get on the end of a floated Callum Robinson cross but headed wide.

United thought they had claimed the lead on 29 minutes when Mousset raced onto a long ball from John Fleck and

Blades boss Chris Wilder.

"The first goal is the gamechanger. We were in the game and then we had to open up to try to get back into it and a world-class player finishes us off in the last ten minutes."

The lack of a clinical finisher has been the only thing hold-ing back Wilder's men, who sit eighth in the table, on their already impressive return to the Premier League and they got a lesson in taking their chances from City's all-time record scorer soon after the break.

De Bruyne picked out Aguero with a fine through ball and the Argentine blasted high past Henderson from a narrow angle.



## Nishikori pulls out of new ATP up

### AFP PERTH

Japanese star Kei Nishikori pulled out of ne inaugural ATP Cup Monday as he continues to struggle with an elbow injury that has kept him out since the US Open.

#### slipped to 13, said he was a statement.

disappointed not to be representing his country in Perth at the team event starting on January 3

"Today, together with my team, we have made this decision as I am still not 100 percent The former world ready to compete at the

ATP/Twitter number four, who has highest level," he said in Nishikori's elbow needed surgery in October and it is unclear vhether he will be fit for the Australian Open when the first Grand Slam of the year begins at Melbourne Park on

event after Britain's Andy

will replace him as the Murray pulled out over top-ranked player in Japan's ATP Cup team. the weekend with a pelvic injury and Roger Federer opted not to play. The innovative team Yasutaka Uchiyama also withdrew from the event earlier this week.

championship, from January 3-12, offers \$15 with Toshihide Matsui million in prize money and a maximum of 750 singles and 250 doubles taking his place. Nishikori's absence is another blow for the ATP rankings points.

It will see 24 nations split into six groups, with eight teams emerging from the round-robin stage to compete in the knockout phase. Sydney will host the

finals, along with group games which will also be held in Brisbane and Perth.

January 20.

Yoshihito Nishioka



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## Kohli maintains top spo in ICC Test ranking



#### PTI 📕 DUBAI

ndian captain Virat Kohli will end the year at the top of the ICC Test ranking chart for batsmen but five-day

chart for batsmen but five-day specialist Cheteshwar Pujara slipped a place to fifth. With 928 points, Kohli is way ahead of second-placed Australian maestro Steve Smith (911) and New Zealand's inspi-rational skipper Kane Williamson (822), while Australia's Marnus Labuschagne, who has amassed Australia's Marnus Labuschagne, who has amassed 1,085 runs in 11 Tests this year, improved a place to grab the fourth spot.

Pujara was placed fifth with 791 points, while Ajinkya Rahane was joint seventh with Rabada (832).

759 points. With his enterprising against England in the Test, Quinton de Kock not set up his team's win, but shot into the top of the la rankings release on Monda In bowling, India's l pacer Jasprit Bumrah, return

from an injury layoff, rema from an injury layoft, remai static at sixth position with points, while spin Ravichandran Ashwin ( points) and seamer Mohami Shami (771) were ninth tenth respectively in the or Australian pace speach Australian pace spearh Pat Cummins was at the to

the standings with 902 po ahead of Neil Wagner (859) South African paceman Ka

## Ponting picks Kohli as captain of his Test team

#### PTI MELBOURNE

Former Australian captain Ricky Ponting on Monday picked India skipper Virat Kohli to lead his all-star Test team of the decade, which fea-tured four English players.

Ponting's Test team of the 2010s doesn't feature any other Indian apart from Kohli, who is currently ranked No.1 in both ICC Test and ODI rankings for batsmen.

The Englishmen in his team include all-rounder Ben Stokes, batsman Alastair Cook, and the pace duo of Stuart Broad and James Anderson. Among the

Australians he has opted Steve Smith and Day Warner along with spin Nathan Lyon.

"Everyone's picking tea of the decade so I thought join in the fun," Ponting wr on his twitter handle.

"This would be my T team of the 2010's: Day Warner, Alastair Cook, Ka Williamson, Steve Smi Virat Kohli (c), Kum Sangakkarra (wk), B Stokes, Dale Steyn, Nath Lyon, Stuart Broad, Jan Anderson."

Kohli was also nan captain of the Test XI of decade by Cricket Austral official news website.

## Rahane, Shaw to pla against Karnataka

#### PTI MUMBAI

Test specialist Ajinkya Rahane and young prodigy Prithvi will turn up for Mumbai in their Ranji Trophy game a heavyweights Karnataka.

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The two were named in the 15-member squad annound the associationon its website on

Monday.

The game will be played at the Bandra Kurla Complex from January 3.

Both Shaw and Rahane played the previous games against Baroda and Railways.

Shaw had hit a blazing double hundred against Baroda in the lung-opener but faltered in both the essays against Railways at Wankhede Stadium.

Rahane also had a horrendous time with the bat against Railways. Mumbai had won the game

against Baroda while lost to Railways by 10 wickets.

Rahane, who has played 63 Prithvi Shaw plays a shot in Tests, will be playing consecutive Domestic tournamen Ranji games after a long time. Shreyas Iyer and Shivam Dube, who were criticized hear

not playing the last Ranji games, have been not named in the as they are away on India duty. Pacer Shardul Thakur, who is also away on India duty, h

named in the squad either. Meanwhile, young batsman Sarfaraz Khanhas

includedinthesquad. This could possibly be the last game Shaw plays for the

being as he then heads to New Zealand with the India A sq Mumbai squad: Suryakumar Yadav (Captain) Aditya Taro

Captain) Ajinkya Rahane, Prithvi Shaw, Sarfaraz Khan, Shu Ranjane, Akash Parkar, Siddhesh Lad, Shams Mulani, Vinayak Shashank Attarde, Royston Dias, Tushar Deshpande, Deepak andEknath Kerkar.